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Fleets Ready for The **ULDB** Party of the year, 2007

Vice Commodore, Diane Paxton, today, announced final plans for NSC's Family party of the year. The great Up the Lake, Down and Back race and giant picnic will be held Saturday August 4th., 2007 with an all Club racing start off Marina Point to round a mark set by Rear Commodore Tourtellott at the western end of the lake and back to the "grandstand" finish in front of the NSC tent and commissary area.

This race/party is the summer's crown jewel of the NSC social scene. Food, Food, and Food see Diane's insert for details, times and what you can bring to the party.

August 4, 2007

Cruising Fleet adopts Turkey Vulture as Fleet Mascot

An unconfirmed report from an unreliable source, seems to indicate a bold move by the newly elected Fleet Captain, Mike Brown, will result in the NSC Cruising Fleet ratifying a measure to use the image of the North American Turkey Vulture as its identifying symbol.

Dissenters of the selection question the legality of such a move given the bird's preferred status with the U.S. Department of the Interior. Dick and Judy Sanders (ODay 222) have been know to



voice the opinion 'Hey, no amnesty for Turkey Vultures'.

Kas Breslin, shown here readying Argo for spring launch was misquoted as saying "Hey, seems like a good fit to me but, what do I know; I'm wearing pink boots".



When contacted by *Compass* staff, other members of the fleet were non-committal. Gwen Jacobs, skipper of; For Whom The Belle Tolls was thought to have said 'I don't need no stinking wind indicator, the Belle goes where she wants'. See Mike Brown's report page 5

NSC Growing by Leaps and Bounds

Commodore Michael J. Noone Welcomes new members in record numbers.

Please join me in welcoming the following new Cruising Members to NSC:

James and Belinda-Lee Black, who sail a Santana 2023A; Jeffrey and Diane Blodgett, who sail a Flying Scot; Reg Harmon, who sails a Hobie 16; Eric Joseph, who sails an O'Day Javelin; Maureen Mastroieni, who sails a Sunfish and crews on an O'Day Mariner; Mark and Anne Miller, who sail a Hunter 216; Joan Niles, who sails an O'Day 19; Carlos and Jeannie Rojas, who sail a Hunter 23; Sandy and Liz Sciulli, who sail an RK-21; Nick and Antoinette Soos, who sail a MacGregor 22; Jim and Virginia Thompson, who sail a MacGregor 22; Mike and Doris Thompson, who sail a Capri 18; John Valovich, who was the major helper at the 2007 mast raising days; Jim and Sue Wetherhold, who sail a Precision 165; and Dawn Wilkes and Andy Gounaris, who sail a Vandestadt Siren. We now have well over 60 Members in the Cruising Fleet!!

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Summer 2007**Upcoming Events**

- ▶ ULDB August 4, 2007
- ▶ Invitational and Buccaneer Regatta, Cruising Event August 18, 2007
- ▶ Cruising Event August 25, 2007
- ▶ Club Sunday, all Fleets August 26, 2007
- ▶ Invitational Regatta, Canoe Regatta

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Impulse 21—Bob Weeks
Thistle—Dan Reasoner
Catalina 22 -- Ron Nimitz

**By
Mike Noone**

The 2007 Sailing Season at NSC is proving to be most successful ever with many events scheduled for our greatly-expanded Cruising Fleet, and for the many enthusiastic members of our one-design Racing Fleets. In the first "Invitational Regatta" of 2007 there were 9 boats racing, and in the second, there were 21 boats racing!! Our Club Membership continues to grow and this issue is being mailed to over 140 sailing families!! We have now exceeded the "60 member" level in the Cruising Fleet alone – thanks to the enthusiastic leadership of Mike Brown, Cruising Fleet Captain, and the recruiting skills of Diane Paxton, NSC Vice Commodore.

The Cruising Fleet has developed a fantastic Calendar of events for a greatly expanded program in 2007. Remember, Cruising events are open to all NSC Members and provide lots of "Fun" sailing experiences. Check out the Calendar on the NSC web site for Raft-Ups, Secret Message Rally's, Team Cruises, Full Moon Sails, Flag Parades, etc. The highlight of the season, so far, was the "Bird Watching Cruise" or "Bruise" which, despite cool windy weather, 9 sailors participated, and held a fine picnic afterwards. This promises to be a much bigger event in the Fall (September 16).

Neither snow nor ice could keep the NSC sailors from the "Spring Warm-Up" on St Patrick's Day!! 80 sailors had a great time, and the Fleet Meetings were productive in making plans for the season. Thanks to Vice Commodore, Diane Paxton for the successful arrangements, and for the great Sailboat Cake!!



The next BIG Social and "Racing" Event of the Season is the Famous, Annual, "ULDB" Race and Picnic to be held on Saturday, August 4. Please plan to attend – every year this event grows in popularity – last year over 60 sailors participated!! Full details are included later. Friendly competition, Awards for all participants, and plenty of food, are the hallmarks of the ULDB – don't miss this one!!

Success of sailing events is very dependent on the weather, and several NSC events in 2007 have been affected, and sometimes modified, as a result of the weather. The "Man Overboard" training provided by Phil Ehlinger was attended by 20 sailors sheltered from the heat under the Tent on the rigging lot. The winds proved too high for the first scheduled "Raft-Up" of 2007, so over 30 sailors had a great "Dry-Raft" on land! Clouds also prevented the first scheduled "Stargazing Cruise" and this will be rescheduled around another

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new moon. The First “Full-Moon” cruise also suffered from clouds and cool conditions – but three boats sailed and enjoyed the calm on the Lake after dark. An early race day “enjoyed” very high winds – and a few Hobie Cats, 2 Flying Scots, and a Santana 2023R, had some great rides. Some other dates have been drifters – but “on average” the conditions at the Lake are perfect for sailing!!!

The spirit of the Club was seen in high gear on the “Mast Raising and Launch Assistance” days in early May. Cruising Fleet Captain, Mike Brown, assisted by John Valovich, and an enthusiastic team, safely raised over two dozen masts, and helped get many boats safely to their docks. Another team of many hands made “light work” of the assembly and installation of the new Club Shed at the

Park. This shed has proved very convenient -- the Club equipment and supplies are now readily available for Members to use at Club functions at the Lake.



Shed Installers— Under worked, Over Paid

“Participation” is the key to the success of any organization. NSC is your Club, and the Club can only be as good, and as active, as its membership --that means YOU!! Your

Club Officers, and Fleet Captains, made great plans for the 2007 Season, BUT, the results of these plans are only be as good as the level of participation from YOU the Members!!

Special Thanks go to Cruising Member, John Eckert, who volunteered to maintain the NSC web site – check out the Photo’s of the Week, and of the Month! Also, Thanks to Dan Reasoner, who accepted the position a Chairman of the Training and Education Committee. Dan is now set up to provide sailing lessons to NSC Members, and has been very busy on the Lake. Contact Dan if you would like some help with your sailing skills – a general training session for learning “Sail Trim” is set for July 21 on the rigging lot. Check it out.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS continued from first page

Thanks to the following Members who “Upgraded” their membership from Friend to Cruising: Walter Hutt, who sails a beautifully restored Flying Scot; and Sergio Vera, who sails an O’Day 20.

Please welcome Daniel Ebbert as a new Racing Member.

Please also welcome the following as new Friends of the Club: James Dickson, who sails an O’Day Javelin; David and Susan Giffen, who sail a Thistle; Mike Leibensperger, available to Crew; and Caroline Wigmore, who Crews on a Thistle.

Please welcome all of these new and “upgrading” Members to the Club when you see them at the Lake and at Club events.

———— Mike Noone, Commodore

Rear Commodore News - Craig Tourtellott

GENERAL RACING - 2007 is going by with fair winds, great sailing days and high levels of friendly competition. The racing calendar is full of dates for any skipper to choose from and come out for a day of racing on Lake Nockamixon. To date, we have many series started with none completed.

FROST-BITE Series - The springtime started with our second year of a Frost-Bite series. This series takes the summer off and will be completed in November. Have no fear, November is very far away. Eleven skippers have tempted the cold waters and raced in April this year.

CLUB FLEET - The Club fleet has a few dates completed for the Sunday and Saturday series. The mix of boats for these two series has narrowed this year but competition is still around to make the series. The Saturday series has only three boats in the run but the Sunday series is seeing 10 skippers mix it up.

NSC CHAMPIONSHIP Series - The Club Championship series has one date completed, May 19th. After the newsletter is published we will have a second date on the books - June 16th. The series is too early to see a leader but the points based on the one regatta shows M & B Noone, on Hi-Noone, in the lead with 5 points.

VICTOR JACZUN INVITATIONAL REGATTA - June 16th was our annual Victor Jaczun Invitational Regatta. As many know Victor Jaczun was our visionary leader that saw the future of a local lake and started our great organization back in the 1970's. We had 10 skippers compete in the one day regatta with Paul Prozzillo serving as our expert Race Committee chair for the day. Awards were handed out at day's end. We have many more invitational dates - June 16th, July 28th, Aug 18th and Sept 22nd.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SAILING - Our Wednesday Evening Sailing still holds on to being a premier event for NSC. Many skippers and crew take time off from their working schedule to be on the lake on Wednesday evenings. The sailing takes about 12 to 30 minutes per course. The boats sail simple, two-buoy courses that start and finish in the marina area. We also get many cruising members to watch and sail the even breezes. To mix it up the scoring for the sailed courses is computed each week with different handicaps. The handicap is more a performance value than a book value from the Portsmouth System. What this does is help bring the leaders and trailers closer together each week. The sailing is also very different each week - some courses have great running starts, long reaches and finishing beats and many combinations of all of the above. If anything, we all sail to have fun. The event is taken serious by a few but not by all. If anything the skippers get to relax mid-week and try out their spinnaker skills, etc. Come on out, if you can, and enjoy this event each week.

EVENTS COMING UP in 2007

ULDB - The ULDB stands for what? Why do we do the ULDB? Is this a race? Is this one of the best attended events for NSC? Which side of the course do you sail? Do you have the answers to these questions? This annual event takes our members from the water to the shore, a real Surf & Turf event. The day starts with fellowship and friendly meetings in the parking area as trailering boats are rigged. Marina sailors clean up and open the cabin for a bit of fresh air. Our social leader, Diane P, Vice Commodore, will be coordinating the picnic gear and tents while our race committee for the day will be placing marks on the lake for the long run up towards the Lake House Point. Are you ready for some sailing?

The ULDB is our "Up-the-Lake-Down-and-Back" race. This is a race and a nice long cruise up the lake, Westward, and back to the marina. It can be about a 6-mile course. Last year we had twenty skippers complete the course. Phil Elhinger and his sons completed the course in about 72 minutes on board the Thistle. It is a fun event. Come on out for the race and picnic on August 4th, Saturday. Enjoy a little Surf & Turf, my treat.

Buccaneer Regatta - Check out the calendar for the annual regatta for the Buccaneer 18 Class. It will follow the Buccaneer 18 North American Sailing Championships, July 16-20, 2007. This is the second time Canada has hosted the Championships. Maybe one of our skippers will have great news to bring back from our Canadian neighbors.

American Canoe Association National Championships - American Canoe - 5 Meter (C Class) and ACA Class races to be held at NSC on September 22 and 23rd. The Mallison and the Zuk Trophies will be handed out. Sailors with open canoes with those rigs will come from Ohio, New York, and New England to compete.

NSC Burgees are missing! - Have you seen our missing NSC burgees? We know they are out there but none are seen flying from member's boats. Do you have a NSC burgee? Well let's make it a point to fly it, even while racing. If the windage is too great and will hurt your boat speed maybe we need to discuss this point. Let's make the burgee an image to be seen.

Rear Commodore News-Continued

Basic Rules Question - When you break a rule but no other competitor or race official protests you, you are not required to take a penalty. **T F** This was taken from an article "**How Well Do You Know the New 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing?** by **David Dellenbaugh**. Your answer should have been "False." You break a rule you serve the penalty.

What is a 720? Based on Racing Rules of Sailing - A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a penalty at the time of the incident. Her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty unless the sailing instructions specify the use of the Scoring Penalty or some other penalty. However, if she caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.

How Do I Do a 720? Two-Turns Penalty - After getting well clear of other boats as soon after the incident as possible, a boat takes a Two-Turns Penalty by promptly making two turns in the same direction, including two tacks and two gybes. When a boat takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall sail completely to the course side of the line before finishing.

If you have broken a rule or are being protested do you want to do a 720 or go to a protest meeting after the racing and await the final decision? Try taking the turns, it resolves the issue with minimal hurt. Unless you really think you are RIGHT!?. Also, remember the Two-Turns Penalty must be done as soon after the incident as possible. A skipper can not wait to do a 720 just before finishing anymore, if ever, if the incident occurred earlier in the race. See you on the water_/_)



Thistle Fleet #176 Report Tim Theisan, Fleet Correspondent

Now that the 2007 season is well underway, Thistle Fleet 176 members are making their presence felt at local, regional, and national events. On shore, the fleet is again working toward increasing the numbers of trained crew through yet another year of Crew-U (thanks to Dan, Craig, and Warren), and helping out new skippers by getting boats race ready.



Three Nockamixon Thistle Skippers traveled in March to St. Petersburg Fl. for the 69 boat, 2007 Thistle Midwinters East Regatta. Those skippers were Warren Rosen, Craig Smith, and current fleet champion Dan Reasoner, sporting his brand new Thistle 4000, which was christened in a special ceremony. Two other Fleet 176 skippers, Joe Raynock and Jim Trinisewski, went as crew. The week was the usual mix of high-level racing and social events, with racing every day and temperatures in the 80's. Craig finished in 18th place, Dan in 26th and Warren in 51st.



Also back in March, soon after Midwinters, six fleet 176 members traveled to the home of Bill Wentzel, new fleet 176 member, and helped him rig and renovate his new boat. Bill was a "Crew U" participant two years ago, with his son Andrew. Their boat was in need of much of it's rigging, including vang, all spinnaker hardward, hiking straps, and cunningham. After 9 hours, a break for awesome chili, and a few brews, it was done! Those who showed up to help were:

Thistle Report Continued

Dan Reasoner, Tim Theisen, Craig Smith, Jim Trinisewski, Craig Priniski, and Pam Knight. We hope to do this again for other new skippers who join us.



April 28 2007

Great Turnout for First Fleet Race Day!

The first fleet race day for 2007 at Lake Nockamixon was a great success with 8 thistles showing up to shake off the “rust”. Craig Smith won the day with 3 firsts in his newly acquired wooden thistle 818. The racing was tight in the middle of the fleet, but Paul Prozillo rose to the top, and finished the day in second place. Joe and Patty Raynock decided to test the water, and

reports said that it wasn't too cold. The skippers that showed were. Smith, Reasoner, Prozillo, Benson, Raynock, Theisen, Rosen and Korchak.

May 12, 2007

Another Good Turnout for Fleet Racing.

Another 8 thistles showed up for fleet racing on the second fleet race day. We were joined by new fleet skipper, Clay Mathias, fresh home from college at St Mary's. A Thistle Crew U class was run by Dan Reasoner. Unfortunately, the winds were not cooperative and repeatedly changed direction 180 degrees. We were able to squeeze in three races and Brent and Barbara Benson won the day, with Dan Reasoner a close second.



PA Biology Teacher of the Year, Patty Raynock, sails her Thistle

May 20 2007

Reasoner Places Second in Kitchin Regatta

Dan Reasoner, showing off his new Thistle 4000, finished second at the Jeff Kitchin Memorial Regatta, held at Lake Hopatcong on May 19-20. The Nockamixon Thistle Fleet was well represented with Craig Smith finishing 4th, 4 points behind Dan. The social scene was awesome, with a great dinner on Saturday night and many Thistles getting caught up with long time friends

May 26, 2007

Another Great Turnout for Fleet Racing!

Nine Thistles showed up for Fleet Racing on Saturday, including newcomer from Marlton NJ, Mike Levy (166), who sailed with his 5 and 7 year old boys. The winds were from 2 to 10, with some huge holes on the race course that resulted in bunching of boats at the marks. Craig Smith won the day, even after not racing the 3rd race (his 7 year old crew had enough after 2 races). Warren Rosen won the 3 way tie breaker for second place. He, Brent Benson, and Paul Prozillo all had 11 points. The most fun of the day was to see Joe Raynock jumping up and down on his seat after winning the third race. Fleet Captain, Dan Reasoner, was unable to join us today because he was in Atlanta Georgia, sailing in the Thistle Class's “Dixie Regatta”. Rumor has it that their Saturday Night Disco Party was AMAZING!

Cruising Fleet Summer Newsletter

Are you really a racer or a cruiser?

As the new cruising fleet captain I have been pondering just what it means to be a cruiser on a lake where there is really nowhere to go except for the dam. Although I have not come up with a definitive definition, I have developed a list of ten lighthearted questions that may help everyone understand if you are likely a cruiser or probably a racer.

1.) Do you remove all the extra sails from your cabin or cuddy in order to eliminate any excess weight that might put your boat out of balance and possibly slow you down? Then you are probably a racer.

2.) Do you keep your entire sail inventory on board just in case you might need them and balance the excess weight of the boat by filling up a cooler of suds and putting it in the back of the boat? Then you are likely a cruiser.



3.) Would you rather have bamboo shoots put underneath your fingernails than paint the bottom of your sailboat for fear that the weight of the paint might slow your sailboat down? Then you are probably a racer.

4.) Do you think it a waste of time and effort to lift up your motor out of the water while sailing because you know, it just has to be put back in the water anyway? Then you are likely a cruiser.

5.) Just prior to a sail are you tempted to jump in the water to wipe off the bottom of your boat so you might be able to sail a little faster? Then you are probably a racer.

6.) Do you determine if you had a good day on your sailboat by whether or not you hit anything or did any damage that day? Then you are likely a cruiser.



7.) Do you judge the quality of your sailing experience by whether or not you were able to sail faster than anyone else? Then you are probably a racer.

8.) When you are taking the boat in and out of your slip and in close quarters do you feel the most valuable invention of mankind is a telescoping boat hook so you can keep from running into those damn rudders sticking out? Then you are probably a cruiser.



9.) Would you rather die than have anyone see your sailboat with the fenders still attached to the side while sailing? Then you are probably a racer.

10.) Would you rather have a raft up with your friends than win the club fleet series?

Then you are likely a cruiser my friends.

Michael Brown
Cruising Fleet Captain



Ya Gotta Love The Way We Sail These Things!

Flying Scot Fleet # 163 Report

Mike Noone, Secretary, FS # 5468

Flying Scot 50th Anniversary, and the 20th Anniversary of Fleet # 163.

The Flying Scot Fleet continues to celebrate 2007 as the 50th Anniversary of the design of this great sailboat. 2007 is also the 20th year of the Charter of the Flying Scot Fleet at Lake Nockamixon. The record participation of Flying Scots in Fleet and Club events, and the continued growth of the Fleet – currently 37 paid-up members, both Racers and Cruisers – has greatly increased the level of competition, and the level of fun, within the Fleet. 14 Flying Scot skippers participated in the “Challenge of the Lakes” at Spruce Run on June 10, and 12 Flying Scots participated in the NSC Regatta on June 16, and over 20 boats are expected in the “Sail your Scot Celebration Day” at the Lake on July 14.

3 Fleet boats attended the 2007 Flying Scot NAC’s and sailed with over 100 other Scots!! (Results not available at Press Time). Flying Scot # 1, built exactly 50 years ago, also competed in this year’s North American Championship, skippered by Harry Carpenter, President of Flying Scot Inc., this fine old boat has never previously competed in a North American Championship event.

So far in 2007, there have been 24 Fleet # 163 Races, and 9 different skippers have won races –Ambrose, Balas, Berger, Cohen, Mathias, Morrison, Noone, Rittenburg, and Scheetz -- also, 13 different skippers have won “top 3” positions. Altogether, 26 Scots have participated in the Fleet racing, so far, in 2007 – if only we could get them all on the water at the same time!!!! This is going to be the most competitive year for the Fleet since it was established in 1987. As many as 6 Flying Scots have participated in the Wednesday Night sailing, and Flying Scot sailors are frequently found at the Club socials at the Country Place!!

Anyone who would like to experience sailing in a Flying Scot should contact me (or any other Fleet Member). Because of their great popularity, Flying Scots have a high resale value and sell very quickly -- Fleet # 163 tries to keep track of used boats on the local market. Check out more details of Flying Scot Fleet # 163 on the NSC web site, and use the links on the Flying Scot pages to get more information about the builder, Flying Scot Inc., the FSSA, and the great Flying Scot sailboat.