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## NSC Launches Largest U.L.D.B. Ever by Warren Mangan

WOW!

*What a fabulous ULBD picnic and Regatta we had yesterday!*

*Our thanks must go to Diane Paxton our Vice Commodore who organized the wonderful event and with so many people signing up later for the event she was able to get plenty of food for all with a really simple buffet system so there was almost no time waiting in line and we all got to eat together! There was nothing lacking for us all. Thank you and well done to Diane!*

*And to top it all off Diane managed to arrange a great weather and a great race with Perfect winds for all the 50 boats out on the water! The most ever for a Nockamixon Sail Club event!*

*Thank you Diane a really great event!*

Warren

This was a quote from the NSCPA. I think it says it all about a very well organized event. By the way, there was even a race that day.

First Cruiser	Bill Hall
Second Cruiser	Phil Ehlinger
First Racer	Craig Smith
Second Racer	Brent Benson



Great article written up in The Intelligencer

### Awards Banquet and Annual Meeting Nov 8

*The Annual Awards Banquet and meeting will be held Nov 8 at Revivals. Come on out and see all your racing and cruising friends. It may be your last chance before the spring thaw...*

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### Racing Fleet Reports

*Thistle and Longwinded  
Flying Scot reports inside.*

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### Cruise, Cruiser, Cruising

*2008 is a banner year for the cruising fleet. Check out the Chesapeake Cruise that could turn racers to cruisers...*

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## Commodore's Comments Dan Reasoner

### Commodore's Comments: Fall 2008

By the time you read these comments, we'll have about one more month remaining of the 2008 sailing season. Indeed, it has been a gratifying sailing season! As expected, I spent a lot of time sailing this year, either at our lake or at regattas elsewhere. While talking with people at the various sailing clubs we visited, I realize that we really do have a remarkable program going for us at the Nockamixon Sail Club. We have well attended organized competitive racing events almost every weekend from the beginning of April through the end of October. What's more unique about the NSC, is the large number of excellent cruising and educational programs that have grown in number since the Club expanded membership about five years ago. It is truly an impressive opportunity for us to have the quantity and quality of fun gatherings available to us at Lake Nockamixon.

For next year, there has been some talk about improvements in our calendar of activities. However, unlike our Presidential Candidates, I don't believe there is need for a lot of "change" at the NSC. Still, there will be some fine-tuning over the winter to keep our good thing going for next year. Please don't hesitate to provide suggestions to the officers of the Club regarding enhancements of our activities.

In this newsletter is an announcement for the 2008 Fall Awards Banquet and General Meeting. Without a doubt, this is one of our Club's premier events of the year. Diane Paxton is planning to have a magnificent occasion and I hope you all are planning to attend this get-together on November eighth.

During the General Meeting we will have our annual Election of Officers and Admiralty. Also during the "off season", we will seek people to be involved as Functional Assistants, Event Captains and Fleet Captains. We are working on ways to share the workload, so people are not overloaded. It would be terrific to have many people proactively "raise their hand" and volunteer to help out. If you're interested in lending a hand, just talk with any officer of the Club. Volunteers will be needed, thus if someone asks you to provide assistance, please give it a try.

With the 2008 sailing season coming to a close... good luck getting in your last days on the water and I hope you have no problems buttoning-up your boat for the winter.

Dan Reasoner – NSC Commodore



Dan shows the fleet the way on June 6. Our fearless leader in 2940.



*You are cordially invited to attend*

**2008 Nockamixon Sail Club  
Awards Banquet and General Meeting**

**Saturday, November 8th, 2008 at “*Revivals Restaurant*”**  
4 South Ridge Road (Route 563) Perkasio PA 18944

**\$30.00 per Racing and Cruising Members**  
(membership dues covers a portion of the banquet cost)  
**\$40.00 per Friends of the club and non-members**

**Deadline for reservations is November 1<sup>st</sup>**

Please send your reservation: [dianejpaxton@yahoo.com](mailto:dianejpaxton@yahoo.com)  
Please mail your check (made out to Nockamixon Sail Club) to:  
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<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Cash Bar</b>
<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Buffet Dinner</b>

**Buffet Menu:**

- *Dinner Entrees: Roasted Pork Loin, Chicken Cordon Bleu*
- *Seafood Entrée: Baked Fillet of Salmon (topped w/lemon butter)*
- *Pasta Entrée: Stuffed Shells w/ricotta cheese*
- *Oven-roasted red bliss potatoes*
- *Vegetable (Chef's choice of seasonal vegetable)*

**Dinner includes: *House Salad and Chocolate Mousse dessert***

**✦ AWARDS PRESENTATION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DINNER ✦**

*A brief General Meeting, and Election of Officers for 2009, will be held during the evening in accordance with the By-Laws of the Club. We hope to see you there; this will be our last event for 2008!*

*Diane Paxton - Vice Commodore*

## Catalina 22 Fleet Report Dave Stadler

It has been a really good summer for our Catalina 22 fleet. There continue to be a lot of Catalina 22s at the Lake, there is a definite “buzz” about our fleet and the number of new members active in our fleet is growing as a result. Our monthly fleet meetings have really been a success. It has provided opportunity for us to get to know each other, learn some new things about our boats and gain agreement around our plans for the fleet. And we still have several cruising activities left before we end for the season.

Our fleet meetings are open to anyone – you do not have to own a Catalina or be a member of the sailing club. However, the focus of our activities and discussions is most relevant to the Catalina 22. We encourage our members to join both the sailing club and the Catalina 22 national organization. This year we agreed upon a \$5 annual dues for the fleet just to cover the cost of membership mailings, etc. Our fleet officers, including Membership/Social officer Rich Brenenborg, have all been very active in recruiting new members.

We meet the first Thursday of each month for dinner, a brief business agenda and an educational topic. So far, our fleet meetings have covered rigging tuning, navigation and other topics of general sailing interest. We have steadily added a couple of new folks every time we meet so our biggest problem looking ahead may be facilities and name tags – good problems to have!

Our beautiful fleet flags have been proudly displayed on our boats at the Lake. I have received many compliments. The flag was designed by Jim Thompson, our Secretary/Treasurer and produced by Ron Nimitz, Fleet Measurer. Ron Nimitz and I co-authored an article that was published in Main Brace – that Catalina 22 national magazine – the article included pictures of several of our officers and our new fleet flags.

And in the midst of all the other stuff we have done a lot of sailing this year. We have had Catalina 22 representation in virtually every cruising event, flag parade, and other on-the-water activity at the Lake this season. We had limited participation in any racing events but perhaps we will get some enthusiasm in that area next year. A goal for next year will definitely be to have some Catalina-specific events and do them on weekends to offer options for folks who would like to be more involved but travel or work evenings during the week.

In closing, “the Catalina 22 is a great boat for cruising or racing whether at Lake Nockamixon or the Chesapeake Bay, for day sailing or an overnighter and it can be trailored or moored depending on your needs and interests. In short it is the perfect boat!”

Dave Stadler

## NSC Welcomes New Members!

### New Racing Members

Brian & Julie Snader (friends of Paul P's) has a Lido 14

### New Cruising Members

Ralph & Patricia Erickson have a Com Pac 19 “Patricia Lee” on Dock H

Lani Ache has an O'Day Mariner on C Dock

Al Kukitz shares the O'Day Mariner on C Dock with Lani

Michael and Lois Wing have an O'Day 192 “Jenni Lynn” that they trailer

### New Friend Members

Christina Deutsch is interested in learning how to sail

Karen Allen is looking to get back into sailing

Ross & Ben Campbell have an O'Day Javelin and are looking for another boat

Rose Reisser wants to learn about the sport of sailing

***Welcome to the club!***



## Thistle Fleet 176 Report Craig Smith

The second half of the 2008 sailing season was a great one for the Nockamixon Thistle Fleet. Eight boats competed on the July 5<sup>th</sup> race day, and 10 boats for the August 17<sup>th</sup> racing. The fleet has averaged over 8 boats per day through the 8 race days so far in 2008. That is an awesome average. Congratulations, and thanks to all who participated.

One of the joys of the Thistle Class is the great local and national regatta circuit. There were some terrific regattas that had Nockamixon Fleet participation this summer. First, 5 Nockamixon Thistles competed in the Atlantic Coast Championship at Sayville Yacht Club on July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The highest finishing fleet boat was Craig Smith in 818 - Dan E Boy. He finished in 8<sup>th</sup> place out of the 27 boats. Winds were pretty heavy for the weekend, and many boats, including Dan Reasoner, decided to "test the waters". Craig and Dan also attended Thistle Nationals in Pensacola Florida the first week in August. Dan had a great showing by finishing 15<sup>th</sup> overall, winning race 2 (division 2), and taking home the Valla Trophy for the highest finishing "All Family Team" (with Ben and Danielle as crew). Paul Prozzillo and Craig Smith attended the Crab Regatta on Labor Day weekend in Annapolis. Paul finished 5<sup>th</sup> out of the 16 boats who participated. Way to go Paul!!!

For a treat, here is an excerpt from Dan Reasoner's article on the race that he won at Nationals. This will be published, in it's entirety, in the Thistle Class Association newsletter, the Bagpipe.

### *"2008 Thistle Nationals*

#### *Race 2 Division 2*

*by Danielle, Ben and Dan Reasoner in "Red" #4000*

*For the start of Race Two Division Two ("R2-D2"), the wind lightened a little down to 8-10mph, yet the southerly direction remained the same from Race One(s) just previously sailed. We didn't have a good start near the crowded Committee Boat. Yet, after ducking a number of starboard tackers, we found ourselves with clear air heading out to the right-hand side of the course along with a handful of other boats all on port tack. We wanted to protect the right side anyway, so we were happy with our position. Still as we continued right, we became increasing nervous, due to the majority of the fleet being drawn in the opposite direction toward the left-hand side of the course all on starboard tack. Likely, this attraction was because the leaders of Race One(s) worked the left-hand side of the course.*

*However, we wanted to stick to our plan, plus our compass was saying "Good 25" and a respectable sailor, Scott Griffin #3997, was on a parallel course just above us, so we decided to wait for a signal before tacking over toward the left. After a while, Scott tacked providing the indication we were looking for. We were just about to follow Scott, when Bruce McCutcheon #3973 tacked to make his move toward the left. Prior to tacking, Bruce was sailing in front and to leeward of us and we didn't want to tack right on top of Bruce, so we continued another 50 yards or so and tacked just as the compass was indicating a header.*

*Sure enough, now the compass was saying "Good 10" on starboard tack! We continued consolidating noticing that Craig Smith #818 was digging back on port tack to the right along with Bruce McCutcheon. Hmmm... do they know something? At the time, we were looking good with both Scott Griffin and Dave Hudson #3947 now on starboard tack with us, yet they were quite a ways to leeward and the rest of the fleet way beyond them. he jib sheet as we were rounding the mark..."*

Tune into the Bagpipe for the rest of the article or check our [fleet web site](http://home.comcast.net/~thistlefleet176/) at <http://home.comcast.net/~thistlefleet176/>

## Flying Scot Fleet 163 Report Mike Noone

### Flying Scot Fleet # 163 goes to the 2008 NAC's – with their “Yellow Jerseys”!

Fleet # 163 made history this year as SEVEN Boats competed in the 2008 Flying Scot North American Championship's hosted by Toms River Yacht Club and sailed on Barnegat Bay! In some first class competition, it was clear that the torch has now been passed to a new generation of sailors -- Mike and Sam Mandell, with help from Annapolis “Hot-Shot” Dave Lauser, proved to be the best boat in Fleet # 163. Our Fleet Captain, George Balas, developed the concept of awarding “Yellow Jerseys” for the “Daily Winners” from our Fleet -- in the tradition of the Tour de France cycling races which were taking place at the same time as the event. A member of the Mandell Team proudly wore a Yellow Jersey on every day of the Regatta. Fleet # 163 finished with 3 boats in the “top-ten” of the Challenger Division, another record, and the Fleet included one 4th, and three 5th place individual race finishes!



**The Championship Fleet Starts as the Challengers watch the action at the 2008 NAC's.**

The 2008 NAC's proved, as usual for FSSA events, to be a great learning and racing experience for all of the seven Fleet # 163 boats. Participating in an event of this caliber, with professional race management, nationally accredited race officers, square lines, fair courses, in great breezes, is an opportunity not to be missed. The emergency radio system also worked efficiently for one of our boats -- more later!

Our Fleet enjoyed some great competition as we formed over a third of the competitors in the 20-boat Challenger Fleet, and fully 10% of the 70 boat total at the event! Phil Berger was sailing in his “home” waters with his brother as Crew. Len and Helen Evelev, with ex-NSC Commodore, Vince Wright, as Crew, were sailing in their first NAC's. George Balas, with Scott Cass as Crew, were also in their first NAC's and enjoyed some exciting sailing as the winds picked up on days 2 and 3. Mike Mandell, with son Sam and Dave Lauser as Crew, sailing in their first NAC's -- also in their first year in a Flying Scot -- showed the rest of us “how it should be done.” Phil Scheetz, sailing in his second NAC but this time with Tom McGrath as Crew, sailed with good speed and great spinnaker work. Will Mathias, also sailing his second NAC, but this time with son Clay and NSC Thistle Champion, Craig Smith, as third Crew, showed the most “potential” and came on strong as the wind built. Brenda and Mike Noone have sailed several NAC's -- but this was the most memorable for the camaraderie amongst the Fleet boats, and an interesting incident the ended their final race!



**“Team Evelev” sets off across the Toms River Harbor to the racecourse.**

In the first race, in a gentle breeze of 6 - 8, Mike and Brenda took the boat end and sailed in clear air on the right side, and led the Fleet to the first mark. They passed a couple of boats on each of the downwind legs with Brenda's spinnaker magic, and finished the race in 5th place -- their highest finish on the week!! The other Fleet boats did not appear to enjoy the light air, and were getting used to the new sailing environment. Mike Mandell showed that he was set for a good week by finishing in 9th place -- second in the Fleet -- with Phil Scheetz in 12th place -- 3rd in the Fleet.

In the second race, Will Mathias had a great start and set the pace for the Fleet for the first 3 legs of the course. Mike N decided that the Mathias Team must see something good on the left side of the course so he followed them into battle on the left side, and eventually gained a slight lead in the shifts. HOWEVER, the winds were stronger on the right side where Mike Mandell and Phil Scheetz made greater speed and finished 8th and 13th respectively, while, coming from the left, Mike N finished 15th and Will 16th!



The highlight of the second race was the great speed of George and Scott on the first windward leg. They got the shifts correct, and were the first Fleet Boat to reach the Windward Mark. Unfortunately, they embraced the Mark (#?!) and were the last Fleet boat to leave the Mark! Yes, there was current on Barnegat Bay -- it is never like that here!! -- (a result of the left-over swells from the recent tropical storm). Several boats found themselves "off course" in the tide -- in different directions at different points on the course! George and Scott obviously found the tide, and after waving to the Fleet as it passed by (at least I think that is what they were doing??) they traded places with Len and Helen on the day, and Phil Berger hoped for more typical breezes for the next races. Fleet Captain, George Balas, presented the "Yellow Jersey" for the winner of the First Day of our Fleet "Tour" to Mike Mandell who led the Fleet with 2 single-digit finishes.

**Mike Mandell in the first of the Yellow Jerseys won by "Team Mandell" with Sam and Dave ready to go for more!**

The second day saw the sea breeze develop, as predicted, to 16 to 18, and the Fleet experienced some great racing. Three races were completed in a building breeze because the forecast for the next day was uncertain. The three-men crew of Team Mandell and Team Mathias, began to show superior boat speed, while Phil and Tom sailed the conditions in perfect form with great spinnaker work. In Race 3, Mike Mandell gained a 5th place overall to lead the Fleet, with Phil and Tom in 8th, and Mike and Brenda in 11th. The winds peaked in Race 4 and Mike and Brenda showed some very unusual spinnaker work -- fortunately not caught on camera. The spinnaker can make a

very good cover for the jib -- however, it makes it impossible to use either the jib or the spinnaker, and almost impossible to lower the sails!! The last leg of race 4 was done "wing on wing" because of the mess -- 14th place!



**"Team Scheetz," Phil and Tom, showing great form as they surge downwind and overtake the wounded Hi-Noone -- in Cruising photo-taking mode!**



**The Berger Family also flying downwind and overtaking Hi-Noone -- great photo ops, but I would much rather have been flying with them!**

**And there goes the fast "Team Mandell" as more of the Fleet passes us by!**



**Rub a Dub Dub -- Three Men in a ..... Fast Flying Scot!**

"Team Mathias," Will, Clay, and Craig, got in the "groove" in race 4 and flew across the course making no mistakes, and finished in 4th place overall -- the highest finish of a Fleet boat in the Regatta!! Mike, Sam and Dave also showed great speed and consistency with another single-digit finish -- this time 6th. Phil and Tom also reveled in the

conditions and took 10th place. Race 5 again proved ideal conditions for Will who led the Fleet with a 6th place, followed very closely this time by Phil and Tom in 7th, (their best finish of the Regatta) with the consistent Mandell Crew in 9th. As a result, Team Mandell gained the "Yellow Jersey" for the second day in a row, this time worn by Sam!





## Scot Fleet dominates in Compass Content, NAC Cont'd

Race 6 was held on the last day, and the sea breeze again developed to 16 to 18 at race start, but moderated during the race. Mike and Brenda had their best race yet -- until disaster struck at the second windward mark, where, after a gybe to set spinnaker, the main halyard broke, and the mainsail dropped into the water! The Noone's watched the Fleet sail away as they were "rescued" by a patrol boat and were first boat back to the dock! (21st place).



**Fleet Captain, George Balas and Scott Cass going upwind with great speed in Race 6.**

The Mandell crew showed that they came to race, and ended Race 6 with another 5th place overall -- Great Sailing. The "torch has truly been passed" to a new generation of Fleet # 163 sailors!! Mike and Brenda, Len and Helen, and George and Scott, tried very hard to follow the younger folks, however, it was Mike, Sam and Dave, with Phil and Tom chasing hard, and Will, Clay and Craig, closing at the finish, showing that the Fleet is in good shape for the future!! At the Final Awards Ceremony, Dave Lauser was the proud wearer of the "Yellow Jersey" for the third day of the event, and the

third day in a row for the Mandell team!!! Team Mandell finished 6th overall in a very competitive Challenger Fleet. Phil and Tom finished 9th overall, while Will, Clay, and Craig, finished 10th.

### **Fleet # 163 Winners and their Trophies at the 2008 NAC's (Clay Mathias and Craig Smith not present).**

Phil Berger and George Balas had their best races of the Regatta in the last race -- maybe we do need a five-day event to get them into their stride!! Len and Helen opted out of the "heavy-air" races, but enjoyed the parties and the camaraderie of the event. Despite the spinnaker mishaps and broken halyard, Mike and Brenda finished 13th, the Berger's finished 15th, George and Scott 18th, and Len, Helen, and Vince, were 19th. Next year can we see 10 Fleet # 163 boats at the NAC's in Wisconsin?

To see more photos and results go to:  
[www.fssa.com/ht/race/race-results-nac-08.htm](http://www.fssa.com/ht/race/race-results-nac-08.htm)



## **2008 Nockamixon Sail Club Awards Banquet and General Meeting**

**Saturday, November 8th, 2008  
"Revivals Restaurant"**

***R.S.V.P to Diane Paxton***

### **Help Wanted**

The NSC has opportunities for you to become more involved in the success of the club.

**Banquet, Warm Up and ULDB volunteers** to assist the Vice Commodore with logistics and general assistance for 2009 social events. Volunteer with Diane Paxton.

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Ken Van Camp and crew on Minerva. Beautiful sailing on the Chesapeake Bay!

### Chesapeake Bay Cruisers overcome Hanna! by Mike Brown

Tropical Storm Hanna tried but it couldn't stop the first NSC Chesapeake Bay Cruise. Seventeen NSC members sailed from Rock Hall, MD to the Bay Bridge in the Annapolis area and back on four sailing vessels chartered from Haven Charters.

You can see many pictures like the one above on the NSCPA web site. Although sailing plans for Saturday were cancelled due to the storm, Sunday provided nearly perfect sailing conditions with 10-15 MPH winds and clear skies. On Saturday many drove to St. Michael's to see the sites and returned to Rock Hall in the evening after the storm was over just in time for the Blue Margarita party that was enjoyed by all.

The two 35 foot and two 36 foot sailing vessels chartered by NSC members sailed wonderfully. Our captains and crews all performed extremely well and are looking forward to chartering again in the Chesapeake Bay and other waters. Be sure and respond to the survey that will be distributed in the fall when we decide where to charter next season.

## Cruising Fleet Update by Mike Brown

2008 was a great season for the NSC cruising fleet. Highlights include the introduction of Unraces, which proved to be very popular especially the tennis ball Unrace and the water cannon/squirt gun Unrace. These fun Unraces will be expanded in 2009.

2008 also included the NSC cruising fleet's first Charter Boat trip to the Chesapeake Bay. Please see a separate article in the Compass describing the Chesapeake Bay cruise that was enjoyed by all who went. Nighttime sailing really got popular in 2008 due to our combining of Moon light sails with raft up events. It turned out that our members really enjoy rafting up on the water in no name cove after a quiet sail under the full moon. What could be more fun and we will continue the full moon raftups in 2009.

In 2008 we greatly expanded our free training seminars to include Rules of the Road, Knots and Lines training, and use of VHF radios. These training seminars were very well attended by our members and will be continued and expanded further in 2009.

2008 was also the year where the Catalina 22 fleet really came into its own and we hope to start new Fleets of Hunters, Precisions, O'Days, and other fleets in 2009.

Depending on when this is published there may still be some events left for 2008. Don't miss the fall colors cruise in mid November when you can sail one last time with your sail club friends on our last on the water event and see the beautiful fall colors around the lake. Please also plan to help on our three weekends where the NSC will offer haul out and mast lowering assistance to our members. Please be looking for the fall survey that will be coming out by e-mail sometime prior to the awards banquet. I hope all of you will carefully complete the survey since this is the document that we use to decide on events for the 2009 calendar. Finally I wish to thank everyone who participated in our events in 2008.

Happy sailing.

Mike Brown, Cruising Fleet Captain



Haven Harbor, Rock Hall, MD



Norma Hall takes the wheel

## Proposed Constitution Revisions to be Submitted for Approval at the General Meeting on November 8, 2008

Proposed revisions to the Constitution were discussed and approved by the Fleet Council at a meeting on 09/22/08, follow-up e-mail discussion and ballot, and in a meeting on 10/13/08. The proposed revisions will be presented for approval by the Membership at the General Meeting to be held during the Awards Banquet on November 8, 2008. In accordance with the Constitution, the proposed revisions are being published in this issue of the COMPASS allowing Membership review in advance of the General Meeting. The current Constitution is located on the public NSC website.

### Rationale for the proposed revisions is as follows

#### **Article II. MEMBERSHIP**

The word "Friends" has been deleted. The original intention of the Friends membership was to accommodate individuals that moved from the area and/or were not active, yet still wanted to receive Club communications. Most current "Friends" will become patrons.

#### **Article IV. OFFICERS**

A new Officer Title has been added, "Rear-Commodore of Cruising," to reflect the significant activities of the Cruising Membership and the need to recognize the importance of NSC cruising activities by having an "Officer" position.

The title of Rear Commodore has been changed to "Rear Commodore of Racing" to distinguish between the two Rear Commodores.

The title "Purser" has been changed to the more appropriate title of "Treasurer."

#### **Article VII. FLEET COUNCIL**

Section 2 of the current Article VII, FLEET COUNCIL, has been moved to become a new Section 6 of Article IV, OFFICERS with no change in wording. This move clarifies that the Section applies only to NSC Officers and not to other members of the Fleet Council.

#### **Article V. ADMIRALTY**

The number of Members in Section 1 has been changed to two (2) each from the Active Racing and Active Cruising Membership. This reflects the importance of both types of Memberships to the success of the NSC.

Section 2 is changed to reflect the need for proportionate election.

The word "Racing" has been removed from Section 6 to allow any elected member to be the Chairperson of the Admiralty.

#### **Article VIII. STANDING COMMITTEES**

The title of the Committee in Section 1 (d) is changed from "Newsletter" to "Communications" to reflect the importance of all forms of communication. The title of the Committee in Section 1 (f) is changed from "Ships Stores" to "NSC Property" to provide clarity. The titles of the Officers in the parentheses are changed to reflect the changes in the revision above.

The change in the number of Article VI(c) is a correction of a misprint in the current document.

### Below are the proposed revised sections

#### **ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

The membership of NSC shall consist of Active Racing Members, Active Cruising Members and Honorary Members who are all expected to promote the objectives of NSC and to assist in the activities and operation of NSC when called upon by the Officers.

#### **ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS**

**Section 1.** The Officers of NSC shall consist of a Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Rear Commodore of Racing, Rear Commodore of Cruising, Quartermaster, Treasurer, Communications Officer, and Membership Secretary.

**Section 6.** No NSC Member shall hold more than one (1) elected office in the Club at the same time.

#### **ARTICLE V. ADMIRALTY**

##### **Section 1.**

The NSC Admiralty shall consist of two (2) Members elected from the Active Racing Membership and two (2) Members from the Active Cruising Membership, and one (1) appointed Member from each NSC Fleet. The previous Commodore shall be an Ex-Officio, Voting Member of the Admiralty for the year following the term served as Commodore.

##### **Section 2.**

Members of the Admiralty shall be elected, and installed, at the November General Meeting and shall serve for two (2) years or until their successors are duly elected. Two (2) Members, one Racing and one Cruising, shall be elected each year so that the terms of each are staggered.

##### **Section 6.**


The Chairperson of the Admiralty, who shall be one (1) of the four (4) elected Members, shall be elected by the Members of the Admiralty.

#### **ARTICLE VIII. STANDING COMMITTEES**

##### **Section 1.**

The Standing Committees of NSC may consist of the following: (a) Education & Training, (b) Fund Raising, (c) Membership, (d) Communications, (e) Racing, (f) NSC Property, (g) Social, and (h) Web Site.

(The Budget Committee shall consist of the Treasurer, acting as Chairman, the Commodore, the Quartermaster, the Membership Secretary, and two of the Elected members of the Admiralty who shall be appointed by the Commodore as provided for in Article VI (c) of the By-Laws.)



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