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General Club Meeting
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By Gil Weiss and Sharon and John Martis

Many members of NSC chartered boats to embark on a big adventure originating in Newport, Rhode Island. Captain Mike Brown has been doing a fantastic job arranging these trips the past four years. The previous trips have all been on Chesapeake Bay, but this time the venue changed to Newport.

Mike arranged for 4 beautiful 42 foot Beneteau's. Ralph Erickson captained Endless Summer with his sons and Gil Weiss and his sons. Bill Pfanstiel captained Summer Breeze with friends Frank Savini, Sharon and John Martis and Laurine Valenti. Dave Stadler captained Summer Magic with Jamie, and Greg and Judy Morrison and Bob Gordon. Captain Mike Brown sailed on Summer Dream with Mike Freund and Mike's son, Bob, Tom Callis and Tom Smith.

We all arrived at Fort Adams State Park in Newport on Thursday afternoon. Our four Beneteau 42' boats were on mooring balls in the harbor next to this historic site. We had to use a launch service to take our luggage and supplies to each boat. We also took the dinghies for each boat from the dock out to the boats. This all got complicated as a large area of heavy rain moved in during our transition to the boats. Upon arriving at our boats we found the charter company had left all the hatches open which allowed the rain to get the boat interiors, including the bunks. WET!!!



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Bareboat Charter from Newport to Block Island on Sept. 29 – Oct. 2, 2011— (continued)

While we unpacked and dried things out as best we could, the rain went away to leave us with a beautiful sunset in a scenic setting. Friday morning was partly cloudy with an increasing breeze as we set out for our sail to Block Island. This trip was a bit challenging as the winds built up to 17 to 28 MPH and we had several hours of 6 – 8 foot swells. We arrived at BI in late afternoon and everyone was happy to motor into the serenity of the Great Salt Pond where Champlin's Marina and Resort Hotel was located. Everyone had a successful docking experience in our home away from Lake Nockamixon. Overall our sailboats handled this trip well, but each of the four boats had at least one sea sick crew member.



Champlin's Marina Resort @ Block Island



Motoring Out of Newport

Bareboat Charter from Newport to Block Island on Sept. 29 – Oct. 2, 2011— (continued)

After taking showers at the shore facilities, we enjoyed dinner at The Oar Restaurant and the Finn's Seafood Restaurant, both of which had great ocean views. Saturday was partly cloudy with light winds. The day became sunny and quite warm. Some boats decided to do some blue water sailing and the other boats enjoyed the scenery, restaurants, shops and friendly people on Block Island. Some bicycled or motor biked around the island and then many of us wound up celebrating Octoberfest at the Po People's Pub.



At The Oar Restaurant , Block Island



Gil at North Lighthouse, Block Island

Sunday began partly cloudy as we got an early start for the return trip. It turned out to be our best sailing day with favorable winds and reasonable seas for much of the trip. There were rain squalls all around us but we were lucky and had no rain. As we motored back into beautiful Newport Harbor the sun came out. We witnessed many sailboats of all shapes and sizes sailing and racing around the busy harbor. Unfortunately, due to the long ride home, we had to leave this wonderful place.



Saturday at Dawn From "Endless Dawn", Block Is.

This trip north to a new venue was a good learning experience for all of us. Navigation was easy and we all handled our boats in a professional manner. This says a lot for what we have learned from these bareboat charters and I think that all would agree that we drove home feeling very satisfied about how everyone handled each situation that presented itself in a variety of conditions. It would be nice to plan another sail from Newport but for maybe a week or so. This would allow us to also get up towards Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, or other wonderful New England locations. Special thanks to Captain Mike for providing all of us with the opportunity to expand our sailing horizons and experience as crew, navigator and being captain of a large yacht on open water. We have not only learned to handle different types of sailboats in the 36 – 42 foot range under a variety of conditions, but to understand and use the various systems on these craft. (The images with the vibrant orange skies were taken by Adam Erickson) Happy Sailing !!!

Bareboat Charter from Newport to Block Island on Sept. 29 – Oct. 2, 2011— (continued)



Sailing back to Newport on Sunday From Block Island

(Article photography by Gil Weiss and Adam Erickson as displayed on Face Book)

Commodore's Comments - George Balas—Autumn 2011

Another Nockamixon sailing year is about to go into the record books and Sailors are getting out to the Lake for those last Autumn excursions. It was a busy year for the Club and it was peppered with some of the most unpredictable weather I have ever seen. From the early Frostbite Series to Moonlight sails to the Lady's Dam Race and finishing with the fall Frostbiting series; we were beset with cold, rain and lack of wind. Just another day at the beach but, it's winding down and, we are looking forward to a run of bright Autumn sky, cold, clear and with a leaf blowing breeze to carry us through the winter bringing us back next year refreshed and invigorated.

I've been talking with Vice Commodore Prozzillo about the Awards Banquet to be held November 12th, in the ballroom of the Doylestown Moose. Paul assures me that this years menu (and venue) will, again, be spectacular and he hopes to have record breaking attendance. Elsewhere, in this issue, the Vice Commodore will detail his menu and plan for the Banquet but, at this time I can assure you; Goose will not be the entrée.

By the time you read this, we will be well into the haul out and retrieval evolution which is just one of the many Club functions necessary for the smooth and orderly maintenance of NSC. Throughout the year many of you have worked tirelessly to promote the greater interest of the Club and, I thank you for that effort. It has always been my contention that the Fall Banquet is a celebration for those who have proven their sailing skill and an affirmation of the effort all of the Members put into this organization. Well Done, and I'll see you at the Banquet for your trophy.

George Balas

Commodore, Nockamixon Sail Club

Launch & Haul Out Captains – Sharon and John Martis

This is a tough article to write – I hate the thought of taking the boats out of the water for the year. None the less – it's that time of the year. We'll be at the lake on the on the 29th and 30th from 9:00AM to 2:00PM with our ladders and tools. This year the club is purchasing a pressure washer so we will have that set up and ready as well. As with the launch process we need as many volunteers to help with the haul out process as possible, if you can devote some time we'll be grateful (and provide some food!!). Based on last year we could also use another pressure washer if anyone has one that they would be willing to lend. We'll bring some hoses and a splitter for the faucet.

We will also be available to help anyone that wants to haul out on the weekend of the 22nd, but are not planning to have fixed hours. If anyone needs help on the 22nd or the 23rd, please send us a note (jmartis@aol.com or shar1023@comcast.net) and we will be glad to come up with the washer and help you get the process ready for the winter.

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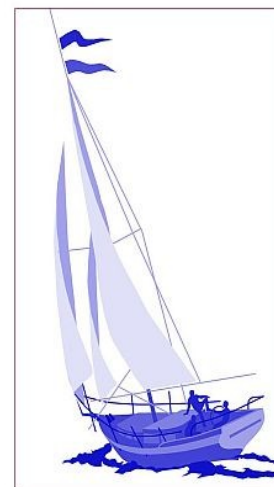
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A very nice NSC Tote Bag and Bottle was handed out at this year's ULDB Regatta Picnic (One set per family membership). Please contact Diane Paxton at dianejpaxton@yahoo.com if you did not receive your NSC Tote Bag and Bottle. Need an extra bag? The NSC Bag/Bottle is only \$5.00 a set. Our NSC bag is the perfect size for toting all of your supplies to your sailboat and back home!



Precision Fleet Report – Sharon and John Martis

Well it's been a great season for the Precision Fleet. I don't think we were ever on the lake with less than three other members of the fleet out sailing. The Precision Fleet also had a great time at the 2011 ULDB! You can see from the results below that the Precision boats took 6 of the top 15 finishes in the Cruising division. If you missed this year's event, please be sure to join us next year. A good time was had by all.

GO PRECISION FLEET!!!

2011 ULDB - Race Results - Cruising Division					
Name	Yacht	D-PN	Corr. Time	Place	Boat Name
Carr	Precision 16.5	103.9	52.86	1	Sketta
Johnson	Precision 23	97.0	56.98	3	Non member – Breezin
Martis	Precision 23	97.0	61.68	5	Tanqueray
Jacobs	Precision 21	100.0	77.28	10	For Whom the Belle Toils
Pascoe	Precision 21	100.0	79.40	13	Anemone II
Thompson	Precision 18	101.0	83.17	15	Laid Back

Park Rules on Overnight Usage and Seeping on boats

There has recently been some confusion over the rules at the park, I would like to clarify this especially if you are new to the club.

Overnight usage of your boat is restricted to being moored at your assigned slip in the marina only.

This would include sleeping on board which as long as an adult is onboard and all the usual rules of the park are observed you may do. But you may not sleep on your boat overnight while it is anchored in another part of the lake.

Doing this would be like camping on the land which is not permitted within the park.

This has always been the rule and is the same state wide in all waters which are under the PA code of the Fish and Boat Commission and also the specific rules of Nockamixon State Park.

However night sailing or active fishing is allowed if you have the proper lights, lookouts etc. The lake is open 24 hours for these types of allowed use.

There is expanded information on the club web site under the FAQ section.

Any questions please contact me at nsailclub@aol.com or the park office.

Warren Mangan, NSC Park liaison



2011 Awards Banquet and General Meeting

Saturday, November 12th

at the

Banquet Hall of the Doylestown Moose Lodge

127 East State Street, Doylestown Pa 18901

\$25.00 per NSC Member

(Membership dues cover a portion of the banquet cost)

\$30.00 per Patrons of the club and non-members

Please send your reservation: paulth3453@yahoo.com

Please mail your check (made out to Nockamixon Sail Club) to:

Paul Prozzillo, 320 Pennington Way, Perkasio Pa 18944

Cash Bar to open at 5, Dinner at 6, Awards to follow.

(See Next Page for Menu and Details !)

2011 Awards Banquet and General Meeting

Appetizers

Chilled Grilled Vegetable Tray
Cajun Pork Egg Rolls

Entree

Homemade Chicken BBQ
Homemade Brisket
Sliced Grilled Flank Steak
w/ mini Kaiser rolls

Sides

Grilled Vegetables
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Large Garden Salad
w/ two salad dressings

Dessert, Coffee and Tea During the awards. There will also be a few door prizes and giveaways!

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***Flying Scot Fleet Report* Mike Noone, Fleet Mechanic, # 5850.**

Photo Source: Mike Noone

The Nockamixon Flying Scot Fleet has had some great competition at the Lake in 2011 despite the record number of races that were cancelled due to bad weather !! Away from our Lake, the Fleet has also been very well represented at distant FSSA Regattas and has certainly put the name of Nockamixon on the National map by winning Awards at most of these events. The travel year started with one Fleet Team attending the Midwinters Championships in Florida in March, then two Fleet Teams competed at the Challenge of the Lakes in New Jersey in May, two Fleet Teams raced at the Summer Solstice in Maryland in June, and, in a very busy July, five Fleet Teams competed at the National Championships in Connecticut, two Teams attended the Sandy Douglass Memorial Regatta in Maryland, one Team attended the Wife-Husband Championships in Wisconsin, and two Teams attended the Avalon Cup Regatta in New Jersey. Three Fleet Teams competed in the Atlantic Coast Championships in Virginia in September, and four Fleet Teams participated in the GNY District Championships in New Jersey in October -- a record year for Fleet travel and participation in National Events. The Fleet "Sterling Travel Trophy" that Commodore George Balas designed as a way to encourage our Fleet to participate in distant regattas has clearly stimulated Fleet travel in 2011.

At the 2011 FSSA NAC's our 5-boat fleet was only exceeded by the host club -- and a total of 74 Flying Scots participated. Three of the five Nockamixon Teams won NAC Awards -- how about that !! A fourth Team won the coveted Final White Jerseys as overall winners of the "Fleet # 163 Tour de Westport" and the fifth Team got a special Lighthouse Award at the Fleet picnic !!



"Super Senior" Len congratulates the "Youngest Junior" as they both hold their Awards of West Marine storage bags -- both of them sailed in all of the races !!



Sam Mandell receives the Award for his 3rd Place finish in the FSSA Junior NAC's from Regatta Chairperson, Melanie Dunham, and FSSA President, Charles Buffington, as Crew (& Dad) Mike looks on proudly.

Flying Scot Fleet Report Mike Noone, Fleet Mechanic, # 5850 (continued)

The Nockamixon Teams of "Team Baucom" with Rich and Betsy, and "Team Wesley" with Glenn and Dorothy, were both attending their First NAC. While our Fleet Captain, Mike Mandell, led "Team Mandell" with son Sam as Crew into their 3rd NAC. "Team Scheetz" with Phil (also 3rd NAC) at the helm had the wisdom of Len Evelev (2nd NAC) as Crew, while Mike and Brenda "Team Noone" were at their 6th NAC.

Sam Mandell set the Fleet on the path to success by taking Third Place in the NAC Junior Division -- GREAT JOB, Sam -- sailing with dad (our Fleet Captain) Mike, as Crew. Sam won the last race of the Juniors and shows great promise for an overall win in a future event !! Mike and Brenda Noone, won Third Place in the NAC Senior Division -- making it 2 major NAC Awards for the Nockamixon Fleet !! Len Evelev, who sailed as Crew for Phil Scheetz earned a special NAC Award as the "most mature, experienced, (and most senior !!)" competitor in the event -- Great Job, Len !!!

The tradition of the Yellow Jerseys for the Fleet Winners of each "Stage" of the NAC's was established in Toms River in 2008 by our Ex-Fleet Captain, and current NSC Commodore, George Balas. In the 2011 "Tour de Westport" our current Fleet Captain, Mike Mandell, procured some great "Yellow NAC Jerseys" and our Treasurer, Len Evelev, obtained the "White Jerseys" for the overall "Tour" winning Team. Three different Teams won Stages at this year's Tour, and we got great Fleet visibility by having the presentations made during the NAC evening events.



Team Baucom, Rich and Betsy, are presented with their Yellow Jerseys as Winners of Stage 2 of the "Tour de Westport." As a result of their exceptional performance on the "Heavy Air" day, Team Baucom were the overall winners of the Tour de Westport and were presented with the "White" jerseys at the final Awards Ceremony under the Regatta Tent.

Team Noone gained the first Stage Win for the first day of NAC racing as a result of Brenda's fine spinnaker work in the moderate breezes of 5 to 10. Brian Hayes, of North Sails, the general Master of Ceremonies for this event, made the announcement of the Nockamixon "Yellow Jersey" contest at the Clam Bake and Lobster Dinner & Picnic which was held on the nearby beautiful Sprite Island -- great publicity for our Fleet !! Team Baucom won the Yellow Jerseys for the second Stage Win on day 2, with some fantastic sailing, with power upwind, and careful control downwind, in some very heavy breezes !! Rich and Betsy sailed to scores of 11th and 10th -- the most consistent day of any NSC boat.

Team Mandell were the Winners of Stage 3 with a fantastic performance to gain a 2nd Place Finish in the final race -- the highest finish of any Nockamixon Team. This follows a 3rd Place for the Mandell's in a race at the 2010 NAC's, so can we expect a 1st Place at the 2012 NAC's ??!!! Fleet # 163 has certainly continued the tradition, and raised the bar for the next big FSSA event -- the 2012 NAC's anyone ???

Flying Scot Fleet Report Mike Noone, Fleet Mechanic, # 5850. (continued)

The Fleet # 163 Team of Brenda and Mike Noone, traveled to the FSSA "Wife-Husband" Regatta in Delavan Lake; WI. The 20-boat Fleet of both Champions and Challengers combined for single starts at this year's W-H, which allowed the Nockamixon Team to "mix-it-up" with some very good Scot sailors and chase them around the course. Team Noone sailed as well as we have ever done -- and Won the Challenger Division -- so next year they have to move up and race with the "Hot-Shots" !! The breezes for the W-H were good and built each day for the second race to around 12 knots with some higher puffs and significant shifts. Unlike some of the local racing, if the breeze is not at least 4 knots the FSSA sanctioned races cannot be started ! Delavan Lake had significant powerboat traffic and the "waves" were often greater that we experienced on Long Island Sound, and were totally random in frequency and direction !! Thankfully, we do not have water skis and PWC's on Lake Nockamixon. Another Great Regatta with some more great learning experiences.



Brenda and Mike lead the Fleet across the sparkling waters of Lake Delavan, Wisconsin at the Wife-Husband Championships.



Fleet Captain Mike Mandell recognizes Brenda and Mike Noone with their Awards for winning the 2011 FSSA "Wife-Husband" Challenger Division at the Regatta on Delavan Lake Wisconsin -- the Burgee from the infamous Oklahoma City YC "W-H" Regatta is visible over Brenda's shoulder !!!



Nockamixon Sail Club is well promoted on the transom of the Noone's Flying Scot at the Atlantic Coast Championships in Virginia ! Photo by Phil Caramanica.

The Annual Flying Scot Fleet Picnic, Bocce Tournament, and Wine Tasting was hosted in August by Len and Helen Evelev at their home on the Delaware River. 30 Flying Scot sailors had a great time, with great food, and fine wines !! Highlights this year were some special Awards from Fleet Captain, Mike Mandell, and some fine wines for the "Tasting" from Len. Of course, the men believe that the major highlight in 2011 is the fact that they WON the Annual "Ladies vs Gentlemen" Bocce Tournament !!!!! The pictures tell the story !!



Len and Helen entertain former Fleet Champions, and former Fleet Captain, Fred and Joanna Molden on the deck over the Delaware River surrounded by the Burgees of the Clubs that have hosted Fleet 163 sailors over the years -- there are now 27 of them !!!



Sue tries hard to save the game for the Ladies as Mike and Aaron assess the Style Points.



Matt Cohen proudly displays his "Purple Heart" Trophy for bravery in action at the Lake alongside the grill which is loaded with tasty ribs being cooked for the hungry sailors who enjoyed a great party at the Lake after racing was abandoned for lack of wind in September !!



Tent Full of Sailors at ULDB Race Event



The "Guest of Honor"



ULDB Article Written by Craig Tourtellott for the Bucks County News Herald

On Saturday, Nockamixon Sail Club (NSC) hosted its annual Up-the-Lake Down-and-Back (ULDB) Regatta and Picnic. The local sailing club with over 100 members from the local area runs the event. This is the 20th anniversary running of the event. The heat this weekend made the event one of the warmest in the event's history. Skippers and crew onboard the racing sloops provide visitors to the lake a view of sailboats and white sails from shore to shore. A few of the boats displayed their bright colored spinnaker sails downwind adding a perfect backdrop for photos of the events. The club also hosted a pig roast afterwards with sailing awards to the top skippers in the racing and cruising classes.

The race goes from the marina area, starting at 11:00 am, up to the Lake House Point about 3 miles up the lake. The sailors round marks and complete the course in about 1 to 2 hours. This year the race committee was Greg and Judy Morrison, club Flying Scot sailors. The cruising class was lead by Steve Carr of Pipersville, PA around the marks. The cruising class start was followed by the racing class boats. Boats within this class are Thistles, Flying Scots, Lightnings, J-24, Corsair, Santana 2023R and Impulse 21's. Each skipper was positioned to win the class. The start was crowded but soon the race was won by local skipper, Rick Fadeley of Quakertown, PA.

The Nockamixon Sail Club was founded in 1974 by Victor Jaczun of Hilltown. The club hosts races each weekend and regattas each month during the months of May through October. Social and educational events are schedule year round. The sail club offers free sailing workshops. For more information about the Nockamixon Sail Club and details about membership, visit www.nockamixonsailclub.org.



Seagull Flying Under a Rainbow at Lake Nockamixon September 29, 2011 Photo by Diane Paxton



**NSC Hosts the Flying Scot Challenge of the Lakes in very light winds on October 9 !
Is there any room at this Mark ?? Photo by Diane Paxton.**

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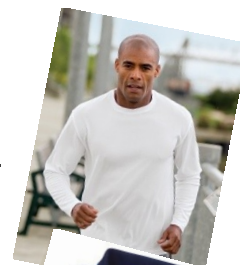
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NSC Thistle Fleet #176

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By Dan Reasoner

The Thistle Fleet has been quite active this year racing at Lake Nockamixon and attending regattas elsewhere. In addition, there have been a number of crew training activities involving some "parking lot sailing" and boat tuning activities.

At the ULDB, the Thistle Fleet put in a nice showing against the other racers, with three Thistlers, Dan Reasoner, Warren Rosen and Craig Smith, in the top five places. Also, in the NSC Cup Championship Regatta Series, it looks like it will be a tight race between Paul Prozillo and Dan Reasoner. Paul and Dan have each won two invitational regattas. However, it might come down to the number of races that will be a deciding factor for the overall Cup Series winner.

We all look forward to some nice fall weather sailing and hope to see you all at the awards banquet in November.

NSC Welcomes our New Members! (who have joined between June 25th - Sept 2011)

New Cruising Members

Linda Hutchings, Interested in Crewing

Brad Kurlancheek, Wayfarer, B-39

Ed & Linda Milkewicz, Hunter 24

George & Judy Mott, O'Day 222, Chickadee

Wendy Pecorella, Interested in Crewing

Geoffrey & Nona Weston, O'Day 222, N-22

New Racing Member

Bill D'Arey, San Juan 21, #519, J-19 (also crews with Matt Cohen on his Flying Scot)

PLEASE, welcome all of our New Members when you see them at the lake and at our Sail Club Events!

Diane Paxton, Membership Secretary



NSC Quartermaster: Tim Theisen cruising at the ULDB

Captain Mike Brown and Crew's Circumnavigation of the Delmarva Peninsula

Editorial by [Gil Weiss](#) - Posted on our NSC website on 10 October 2011

As some of you know, Captain Mike Brown and a crew of four NSC members (Bill Pfanstiel, Ralph Erickson, Kevin Docherty and Ralph Hall) set sail last Saturday (October 8th) morning for a week long circumnavigation of the Delmarva Peninsula including a stop in Norfolk, VA. They are sailing Mike's 39' Pearson, Gallivant. The itinerary is as follows: On day one they will sail to entrance of the C & D canal and then spend the night under anchor. This may be the easiest day. They depart the next morning will be underway until they round Cape Charles. They will initially motor through the C & D canal and then sail south continuously until rounding Cape Charles. This is a distance of approximately 200 nm. Sailing 24 hours a day and maintaining 3-4 knots minimum they can complete the journey from the C & D canal to Cape Charles in 50-66 hours. If you add in the 4-5 hours it will take to get through the C & D this means they would round the cape in 2-3 days of continuous sailing/motoring if weather and winds are favorable. Once they round Cape Charles it will be time to find a slip so they can get some much needed rest. As they move up the Chesapeake Bay they will sail just during the day by getting up early and sail late. The plan is to make the trip in seven days and return to Rock Hall, MD late Friday, October 14th.

Day 1, Saturday, October 8, 2011 - The Gallivant made it to the Bohemia River where they anchored for the night. They cooked spaghetti and shrimp.

Day 2, Sunday - The men made it through the C&D Canal. Hardtack and Gruel

Day 3, Monday - The men rounded Cape May, having come out of Delaware Bay, into the Atlantic Ocean where they sailed for 36 continuous hours

Day 4, Tuesday - Rest, showers and restaurant food at Cape Charles- on the tip of the Delmarva Peninsula. (Across the bay from Norfolk, VA)

Day 5, Wednesday - Left Cape Charles in rain and wind to begin sailing up the Chesapeake. More hard tacks and gruel.

Day 6, Thursday -Ralph reported the crew in good spirits this morning as they set out for the Solomon Islands in a 15 MPH wind. He said they were all "hooked onto the boat".

Day 7, Friday - Leaving the Solomons for a "continuous sail" to Rock Hall to end this epic voyage.

Go to our Nockamixon Sail Club website to check out the rest of the pictures under Gil Weiss's blog "Captain Mike Brown and Crew's Circumnavigation of the Delmarva Peninsula."



Photos: Ralph Erickson



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