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Ahoy. My second year is coming to its end. Here we are, the fall of 2013. Sailing has been pretty good; rain has been no issue this year. Winds have been kind. I looked back at my newsletter article from 2012, not much different to say - "Thank You to all members that have helped or attended events this year. My job as Commodore is easy with your help. We have a few more events remaining so get out your sailing gear, polish your winches and set your sails for some fall sailing. "



2013 for me has been fun. The officers have made events easy and more a hand-off for me. For members, events have been planned with member participation an up or down count of skippers and family showing to help. Cruisers have had their Full Moon sails and Raft Up, Water Cannon events and the ever-popular Sail

& Learns. Got ideas for 2014, pass on a quick note to Captain Bill. Racing has been a constant weekend event. Flying Scots, Thistles and our mix of Portsmouth boats have enjoyed doing the 3-race events. Any member can always come in to race and try your hand at roundin' the marks. Skippers always can use a crew. This year we have seen a good mix and even some new faces. Warren and I enjoyed a weekend of skippering a very fast Thistle, Dan's #2940. It was different being in a smaller boat with spinnaker work, etc.

Look over the newsletter and website with events remaining for 2013. The Annual Banquet is in November. The format is new - maybe a Sunday brunch can help members and family make this one a banquet to try. Check out the news and format within this newsletter.

A few more weekends remain, a few more months until 2013 is over. Help end the year on a high.

P.S. Sailing does not need to end after October. Have you considered getting in to sailing a Victoria radio-controlled boat? It is one way to extend your sailing time. Best thing is you can not go down with a sinking ship!! How many Vic's



Nockamixon Sail Club 2013 Autumn Banquet

Saturday - November 2nd, 2013

11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

William Penn Inn

Rt. 202 & Sumneytown Pike

Join us to welcome Autumn and celebrate another fun and adventurous sailing season!

BANQUET BRUNCH MENU

COLD SELECTIONS

Assorted fresh bagels, pastries and breakfast breads, Philadelphia sticky buns, cream cheese, whipped butter, assorted preserves, Assorted tropical fresh fruit display presented with assorted melons, pineapple slices, red & green grapes and seasonal berries, Smoked salmon, gravlax, smoked whitefish, peppered mackerel, whitefish salad, country chicken salad, black bean & roasted corn salad, French green bean salad, Mozzarella, grape tomatoes & fresh basil salad, deviled eggs, bowls of spinach and assorted greens, cucumbers, tomatoes, assorted condiments & Inn-made salad dressings

HOT SELECTIONS

Belgian waffles & French toast with blueberry and maple syrups, peaches, bananas Foster chocolate sauce, strawberries, candied walnuts & whipped cream, Farm-fresh scrambled eggs, Capon Florentine with wilted spinach, roasted red peppers and Muenster cheese, Tilapia Piccata, Fillets of tilapia lightly egg-washed and gently sautéed; accompanied by a savory lemon caper butter sauce, Beef Stroganoff, Tri-colored tortellini Alfredo with a pesto drizzle, crisp bacon, sausage links, home-fried potatoes, Rice Pilaf with Brunoise Vegetables, stir-fry vegetable medley

DESSERTS

Tiramisu-filled Chocolate Cups Chocolate-dipped Strawberries, Fruit Tarts Pecan and Honey bars, Lemon Squares Cannoli, Miniature Mousse Parfait Miniature Cheesecakes, Crème Caramel, and seasonal Inn-baked cakes & cookies

BEVERAGES

Coffee, Tea, Decaffeinated Coffee, Assorted Juices

The cost per person for the event is as follows:

2013 NSC Members (18 and older)	\$25.00
Children	\$10.00
Non-Member Adults (18 and older)	\$30.00
Non-Member Children	\$12.00



**Organized by
Vice-Commodore
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Steelman Triathlon on August 11th, 2013 - by Ralph Hall



5AM - Waking up in the marina

The 9th annual Steelman Triathlon was held at Lake Nockamixon to help the Make a Wish Foundation grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich their lives with hope, strength and joy.

Nockamixon Sail Club sailors have played an important role in the extensive safety support network every year by anchoring along the swim course, spotting swimmers who need support, and cheering all the swimmers on! The 2013 Steelman was no exception – eight NSC crews arrived (or awoke from an on-board night) to the sight of a beautiful sunrise, well ahead of the 6 am meeting at the ramps. The boats then headed to their marks to drop anchor and be ready for the race. Fred Goldberg and Theo Petron each hosted an attractive young lifeguard, ready to dive in for a rescue, but none were needed; Brian Scarborough, Marty Oczki, George and Linda Little, Albrecht Schall and Craig Tourtellott earned their day-glo Steelman T-shirts with hot coffee, flags and a few yawns, while Ralph and Norma Hall coordinated the NSC efforts from the NSC chase boat. Cooperation and coordination among the many groups that enjoy the park on a regular basis are essential to the safety and enjoyment of over 1200 entrants in the Steelman. The NSC boats complement the orange inflatables to provide VERY visible course marks to show the way for the swimmers, and the kayakers and Haycock Fire Company Dive / Rescue volunteers work “in close” to keep swimmers on course and provide rest opportunities and rescue, as needed.



5:40 AM – NSC crews - instructions, shirts, and a donut – let's get out on the water!

Everybody into the pool(?)

Continued: Steelman Triathlon on August 11th, 2013 - by Ralph Hall



First swimmer to the first turn



Theo in his hammock - sweet gig

Racers left the shore in continuous heats of about 100 people each; all those arms hitting the water in the quiet of the early morning is truly inspiring. The major task for the NSC boats was to “watch the caps” and make sure no one was steering off course (a few seemed to be planning to do the swim version of the ULDB) or in trouble. If someone appeared to be having difficulty, we alerted the kayakers to check up close that the swimmer was alright. It was great teamwork, and the entire swim event was pleasantly uneventful.

Best part of all? After the swim finished at 9:00, a few of us sailors raised the hook, hoisted the sails and headed out on the lake – not much wind, but having the entire lake to ourselves for a few hours was the perfect end to a well-spent morning. Come out and join us next August!



Lots of on-water support!

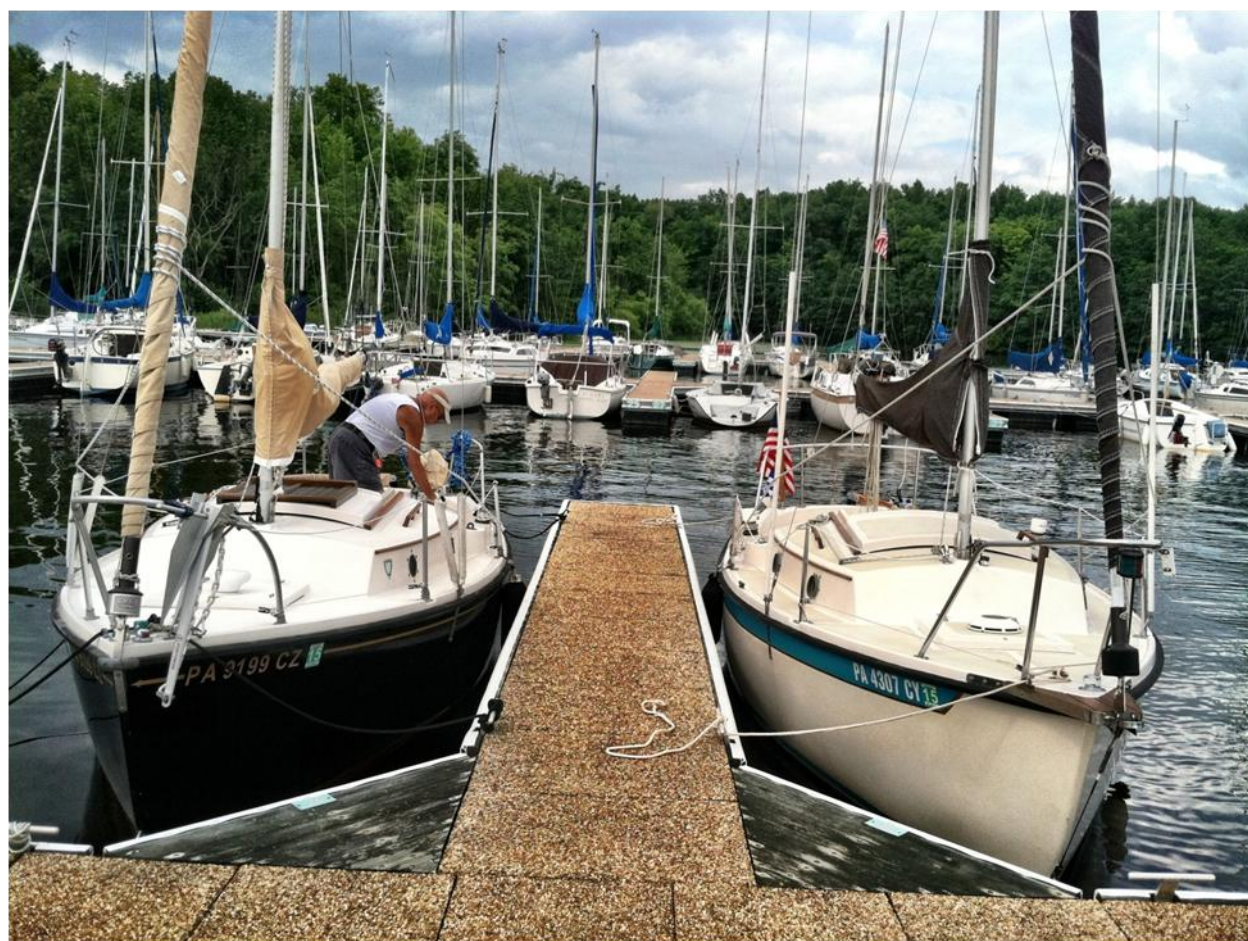


NSC boats show the way!

COM PAC Fleet Report - by Ralph Erickson, Com Pac Fleet Captain

At least one or two Com Pac Fleet members have been involved in most of the club cruising activities during the sailing season this year, and on most weekends you can see several of the many Com Pacs sailing on the lake! Our fleet continues to grow, with the recent additions of Bill & Beverly Turner Clark and Matt & Melissa Neibauer, who both sail Com Pac 19's on the lake! Com Pac Fleet members are also sailing other waters this summer, with Bill Pfanstiel, NSC Rear Commodore of Cruising, sailing in the Nockamixon Sailing School's annual Chesapeake Flotilla; Eric and Kathy Heck sailing their Island Packet 38 on the Chesapeake; Brian Lynch & Rebecca Laudenberger sailing their Cape Dory 25D on Lake Champlain; and Ralph Erickson sailing on his cousin's Island Packet 29 on the Chesapeake. At least two fleet members, Gil Weiss and Ralph Erickson, have switched to electric motors to power their yachts, purchasing Torqeedo Traveler 1003 motors, and finding them excellent alternatives to problem prone gasoline engines. These electric motors have been spotted at the lake on many other boats, and they seem to be getting very popular!

Our next Fleet activity will be a Com Pac Fleet Flotilla on the lake at 3pm on September 28 (rain date September 29).



Picture of Gil Weiss's (left) and Ralph Erickson's Com Pac 19's docked side by side at the marina

The 2013 Thistle National Championship Report— by Craig Smith (#818 & #740)

There were three teams from the Nockamixon Thistle Fleet who attended the 2013 Thistle National Championship in Sandusky Ohio. They were Dan Reasoner (#4000), with Luke Reasoner and Caroline Gates as crew, Craig Smith (#818) with Peter Lalli and Kerrie Seberg as crew, and the only “All Nockamixon” team of Adam Ankers (1811), with Peyton Ankers and Danielle Reasoner as crew. The regatta was held on August 3rd to August 9th at the Sandusky Sailing Club, in Sandusky Ohio. All the racing was held on the Sandusky Bay, which is a part of Lake Erie.

There were many memorable things about this regatta, but probably the most impressive was that there were 109 boats that competed in the event. Of those, 54 boats had 2 or more family members on them, and about 30% of the competitors were under 30 years of age! Some other things that were memorable were; sailing past the Cedar Point Amusement park on the way to the race course, enjoying their evening light show from “tent city” at the club, riding the roller coasters at Cedar Point



with discounted tickets, the high speed ferry to “Put In Bay”, visiting the “watering holes” at “Put in Bay” with the local Ohio sailors (they sure know how to have fun!), and several trips to Toft’s for ice cream (YUM!)

All three Nockamixon teams decided to camp at the club, as did more than half of the competitors. This greatly improved the camaraderie among the fleet members as well as with other Thistlers.



The regatta started on Saturday with a measurement and registration day, but this day also featured the Woman’s and Junior’s National Championship. Peyton, Kerrie and Danielle were one of the 12 women’s teams to compete. Although they started well in race one, and were near the front of the fleet on the first leg, they missed some of the puffs as the wind died, and finished in 7th place. The wind died completely after the race and the rest of the racing was canceled.

Continued: **The 2013 Thistle National Championship Report—** by Craig Smith (#818 & #740)

Sunday featured more measurement, boat tuning in the parking lot, and catching up with old (and new) Thistle friends. In the afternoon, the practice race was held in nice moderate winds on the Sandusky bay.

The official Championship regatta started on Monday. There was one race held on Monday in a dying breeze, and two on Tuesday in moderate winds. After Tuesday's racing, the fleet was split into two divisions. The top 45 boats were placed in the Championship Division and the remaining 64 in the President's Division. At the cut, Dan was the only Nockamixon boat to make the Championship Division, with scores of 17, 22, and 21 (out of 54 in each race).

Racing on Wednesday was cancelled because of predicted thunderstorms, but the weather was beautiful in the afternoon after the storms passed. Many Nockamixon folks decided to take a ferry to South Bass Island and experience "Put-in Bay", a hotbed of one design sailing on Lake Erie. It turned out to be more fun and raucous than any of us could have imagined!!! (When can we go back??)

Three races were scheduled on Thursday because of the lost racing on Wednesday. Conditions were beautiful with winds in the 8 to 12 knot range from the north. Dan, in the championship division, did not have his best day with finishes of 28, 32, and 38, but he ended up in a great series of photographs at the jibe mark that ended up on the Sailing World web site!



Craig and Adam duked it out in the Presidents division. Craig had a pretty good day with scores of 18, 3

and 5, which put him in 3rd place at the time. Adam had a good first race with a 16th place finish, but broke his boom in race two, so had to head in early. Friday's racing started out nice in about 8 knots of wind, but it died about half way through the racing. Both fleets finished in near drifter conditions which mixed up the scores quite a bit. You would think that the Nockamixon teams would excel in those conditions (since we see it so often) but that was not the case. Dan pulled off a 39th place in his division, where Craig got a 22 and Adam a 43 in theirs. In the end, Dan finished in 42nd place in the Championship Division. Craig finished in 6th and Adam in 43rd in the President's Division.

But this week was about much more than the sailboat racing. It was about having fun with friends and family, with a little bit of sailing thrown in. To that end, our goals were met!

The 2014 Thistle National Championship will be held at the US Sailing facility in Sheboygan Wisconsin on July 26th to August 1st. It is not too early to make plans to attend Thistle Nationals next summer. It promises to be another great regatta!

Flying Scots are Flying - by Phil Scheetz, Flying Scot Fleet Captain

It's been a great year for the Flying Scot Fleet. While we have had smaller turnouts for our racing days, we have had some great fun and success.

The fleet had a good turnout at the Flying Scot Wife Husbands at Deep Creek. Randy and Debbie Blough, Glenn and Dorothy Wesley, and Phil and Jill Scheetz represented Fleet 163 on June 29 and 30. John and Ginnie Mangan of NSC and now Riverton Yacht Club and Dave and Kristen Peterson of HSC also sailed with us at Deep Creek.

The Wesley's won the Challenger division, and the Scheetz's were 5th in Challenger. Congratulation to Glenn and Dorothy!



The NAC at Lake Norman featured two fleet boats, the Noones and the Mandells. Sam Mandell came in a strong third in the Junior Nationals, while his dad Mike, with Sam as crew came in 6th in the Challenger Division.

The Flying Scot Fleet Picnic at the Evelev's once again proved the Evelev's are the champions of our fleet in the hospitality division. They both schooled us on Bocce as well, and fun was had by all, in a beautiful setting.



Here's a report from the Wesley's on the September Atlantic Coast Championships: The 2013 Flying Scot Atlantic Coast Championships (ACC) were held at Toms River Yacht Club (TRYC), a mere 2 hours from Lake Nockamixon. Despite the short distance only Dorothy and I represented Fleet 163. It was a two day regatta held on the weekend of September 14. We sailed in the Challenger division.

The first day was forecast for moderate winds diminishing during the day. Instead we started with moderate winds *increasing* to whitecaps by the third race. The TRYC Commodore later told us "it's never like that here".

Continued: **Flying Scots are Flying** - by Phil Scheetz, Flying Scot Fleet Captain



Championship and Challenger fleets started together. As the winds increased it became impossible to locate the others in the Challenger fleet unless they were close by. The result was by the end of racing we had no clue where we stood in the standings. It turns out we were second in the division by one point to Greg Shaffer from Deep Creek.

The next day the winds had moderated. The first race was our best of the weekend. We had a good start just to leeward of the hysteria at the committee boat. We rounded the first windward mark in the upper half of the fleet, had a good set and picked off a few boats by the gate. The second windward leg saw the course shift to lake conditions: spotty and shifty. We were able to round the windward mark in fifth, just ahead of Harry Carpenter! We finished in sixth overall and at the top of the Challenger division. We were then tied with Greg.

The last race was a tight one between the two of us. We had the edge at the start and he kept battling back. By the last few tacks to the finish we were able to cross him, tack and cover until the finish, nosing him out by around a foot. That was fun! (Glenn is being modest, they won the Challenger division!)

Phil Scheetz, Fleet Captain, Fleet 163



PAST TREASURER'S NOTES

It's been some work, but a pleasure being involved in the Club as Treasurer for the past four years. I have seen the Club grow in its' membership and enjoyed working with other Fleet Council Members, whom should all be applauded for their efforts and hours of volunteerism. The financial status of the Club is sound, and the pencil and eraser have officially been passed on to Tom Smith who is looking forward to being more involved in the Club.

See you on the water...

Marsha Cooper



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The membership year is January 1st through December 31st. Dues are payable by March 1st and any member's dues in arrears by March 31 shall have their membership privileges rescinded and all rights, title and interest in and to all the property and assets of NSC shall cease.

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Capital Fund <input type="checkbox"/>	Contributions are applied to the "Capital Fund" of the club and are always welcome. A contribution by non-members of \$15 or more will include a (1) one-year subscription to <i>The Compass</i> newsletter.	\$ _____ Contribution Amount
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