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North "Sail Trim Seminar" for NSC Members and Friends

Almost 70 sailors, from both NSC and nearby Sailing Clubs, took the opportunity to "learn from the best" at the recent North Sails "Sail Trim" Seminar. We were honored to have Greg Fisher and Allan Terhune, of North Sails One-Design, share some of their considerable expertise in sailing efficiently, and fast, in any design of boat. The attendees were primarily from the NSC Racing Fleets -- Flying Scot, Thistle, Lightning, and Impulse 21 -- but there were also Cruisers from the Catalina 22 Fleet and several other boats. The presentations, and the explanations of sail trim, and boat speed, were relevant to any type of boat.

Both Greg and Allan have received praise and numerous awards for their support of One-Design sailing in the US. Greg was presented with the "One-Design Service" Award from US Sailing in 2007 for distinguished service and exceptional dedication in the promotion of one-design sailing and Class organization. Many of us have had the benefit of listening to, and watching, Greg over the years, and his talk to the NSC group was, as usual, full of wisdom and helpful advice that will surely raise the level of the competition at NSC in 2008.

Allan received the "One-Design Leadership" Award from US Sailing in 2007 for successfully creating the revolutionary Lightning Class boat grant program, designed to help young sailors experience the high level of competition offered in the Class. Four teams of young sailors each received a boat, insurance, and substantial regatta expense reimbursement. Allan is the current APS "Sailor of the Month." Between them, Greg and Allan have been successful in several one-design classes at



Greg and Allan fill in the gaps...

the Worlds, National, and Regional level. Allan won his first major Flying Scot Districts Regatta at the age of 13, at his home Club at Toms River, and will be a formidable competitor when the Scots return to Toms River for their NAC's later this year. We were indeed honored to have them share their great sailing experiences with us as we plan for the 2008 sailing season at Nockamixon.

Dave Stadler, Captain of our Catalina 22 Fleet, made the arrangements for us to meet at the GMAC facility -- which significantly "raised the bar" for the quality of the location for NSC events. Special thanks to Dave for his support of the Club. Thanks also to our Vice Commodore, Diane Paxton, for handling

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Commodore's Comments Dan Reasoner

On a sunny day with a steady breeze, it's a special pleasure to be sailing alone on the lake enjoying nature and the elements. Everyone should take time and get out sailing alone. Yet, it becomes additionally fulfilling to share the experience with others, either on the water or once you return to shore. Without a doubt, sailors always have interesting stories to tell. Camaraderie, communication and sharing among organized sailors with this common interest in sailing are goals of our club. I believe we have solid foundations to fulfill this.

As they say in show business, "...it's hard to follow a good act". Indeed, Past Commodore Mike Noone and others did a fantastic job over several years at the helm of the NSC and I only hope we can continue in that same tradition of providing a great organization to share our sailing interests. I see no need for course corrections and only expect to offer some fine tuning to make our experience with the NSC more enjoyable.

Communication away from the Lake is important in an organization like the NSC. We want to stay in touch with the membership, yet everyone communicates differently. Besides "word-of-mouth", we have three communication tools to share information. There are a number of subtle improvements in each tool.

The quarterly publications of the Compass Newsletter are now managed by Phil Scheetz, and soon, John Eckert our NSC webmaster will activate our upgraded public website, hopefully by the time you are reading this. Check-out our new look on the internet.

Also, we expanded the use of our private Yahoo! Group "NSCPA". In the past, the NSCPA existed mostly for email announcements and online discussions. We are adding dynamic information to the NSCPA site, promoting other functions and tightening-up security of the site. Among the new information is a Database titled NSC Member List. Please access the NSCPA site, add and edit your information to be shared with members. Also, please review the NSCPA Guidelines, which were distributed via email and also reside in the Files section.

Another example is the expanded offerings of NSC Apparel this year. We added new items and sizes. In particular, the ladies will be happy with new choices. Please see the apparel announcement later in this newsletter. You can be sure these are impressive items at terrific prices. The NSC is providing these items at our cost and we are getting a nice discount from the supplier, SPS Graphics.

The Racing and especially the Cruising programs are growing this year with more on and off the water events. The enclosed calendars are evidence of this. In retrospect, the nicest improvement about the NSC that I've observed over the years is the on-shore activities before and after events. Crew training, boat tuning, instructional seminars, boat work help and just good social gatherings all make experiences with the NSC more rewarding. It's interesting that, our "portable clubhouse" has helped with this greatly. If I'm not there to set-up one of our tents, then please take it upon yourself do so. Indeed, our "clubhouse" becomes the focal place for our camaraderie to thrive. So please look for the NSC tents at each lake event.

With our solid foundations in place, activities at the lake should all be pleasurable. Please show-up to take advantage of the Club's offerings and don't be shy about lending a hand to help the organizers.

Dan



Nockamixon Sail Club

Starting our 34th Year

2008 Spring Warm-Up Banquet

March 29 6:30 pm

**Quakertown Firehouse Banquet Room
1319 Park Avenue, Quakertown PA**



The Spring Warm-Up is where we revive the membership after our long winters sleep. Saturday night, the 29th of March at 6:30pm is the big kick off. Come out and party with the best sailors in the Delaware Valley! The Spring Warm-Up is a party not to be missed!!!

Advance Reservation is required, please see details below.

Join us for a buffet dinner at the Quakertown Firehouse Banquet Room. C&C Catering will be serving: Baked Ziti, Italian Meatballs, Sausage & Peppers, Stringbean Almondine, Potato Croquettes, Tossed Salad, Party Rolls and Chocolate/Vanilla Cake. Beverages included: beer, assorted wines, variety of sodas and juices. Mixers are available, provide your own liquor.

The Best News of all... It's Affordable, plus we don't have to cook, bring anything or clean-up, just show up and enjoy! The cost is \$25.00 per person for NSC Racing and Cruising Members: Free for all children under 10, \$15 for young adults (16 & under), and \$20 for those between 16-21, and \$30 for adult NSC Friend members and for non-members.

During the evening the Racing and Cruising Fleets will meet separately for their "official/short/informal" meetings to discuss the 2008 Club Calendar and elect Fleet Officers.

We have also resurrected the NSC Sailboat Racing Portable Lake! During the evening join your fellow sailing club members for a "fun" race on the NSC Racing Portable Lake with one of our NSC pre-cut Styrofoam Designed Sailboats!

This is our club's first social event of the 2008 Sailing Season! The Spring Warm-Up is a "fun" social opportunity for all of our members to reconnect, meet our new members, share our sailing stories and celebrate our upcoming 2008 Sailing Season!

Advance Registration Required: Please email your reservation to dianeJpaxton@yahoo.com, before **March 22nd**. Make checks **payable to Nockamixon Sail Club** and mail to Nockamixon Sail Club, PO Box 133, Telford, PA 18969. **Payment is due before March 24th!**

See you at our 2008 Spring Warm-Up!

Diane Paxton

NSC Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore's Report Craig Tortellot

What was once "club" now "Portsmouth"

Water issues in the South, the Southwest, and other locations force sailing clubs and marinas to move to what was deeper water. We should be thankful that the water levels in Lake Nockamixon are at normal or above normal levels. We have not had the hard freeze, but ice has formed this winter on the lake. Cold temperature and ice have hindered the RC Victoria boats from sailing over the winter. Our 2008 racing program is ready - are you ready? Your boat may need the annual spring cleaning and pre-season checklist of things to do. I can only suggest you need to do them sooner than later. Do not let the spring growth of your lawns interfere with getting that 'yacht' ready to race once again. Our winter-time Fleet Council meetings have been very productive under our new leadership group. The council meets in January and February to get ready for the new year. Within this newsletter you will find the new 2008 Notice of Race (NOR) and Sailing Instructions (SI). The new copy will be available on race days in a two-sided, larger font format for us 'old mugs.' Other new forms will be available for you on race days or you can download them from our NSCpa group site or website. The racing calendar is also within this newsletter. Fleets have chosen their schedules from this calendar. Post it on the 'Refrig' so that you do not miss a date in 2008.

This winter the Fleet Council discussed and voted on a minor change to our Fleets.

The NSC Fleets have been regrouped:

- Portsmouth Fleet
- One-Design Fleets
- Cruising Fleets

The Club Fleet has been renamed to Portsmouth Fleet. The Portsmouth Fleet is our group of Racing Members that do not fit within our One-Design Fleets - Thistle Fleet, Flying Scot Fleet and Impulse 21 Fleet. The Portsmouth Fleet sails and is scored using US Sailing and US Sailing Portsmouth Yardstick ratings. You can get a good explanation of Portsmouth ratings on the US Sailing website: <http://www.ussailing.org/portsmouth/howto.asp>. Our One-Design Fleets continue to help our racing program. Our local fleets are very strong in their support to their organizations. Our Thistle sailors and Scot sailors are very active at the national level within their class. Our Impulse 21 Fleet is the premier group of the class and the strong leader in the use of the Grand Prix rig. They have a very active Yahoo Group for fleet news. NSC reaches beyond the shores of Lake Nockamixon. So 2008 is here, where are you? I will see you on the water.

Craig

Communications Rant Phil Scheetz

Happy 2008 to all the Cruisers and Racers of Nockamixon Sail Club! I have taken over as communications officer from George Balas, who did a great job. I can only hope to do half the job he did. Now that George has more time to negotiate with the turkey vultures, he is working on convincing them to take roost on the wet slip masts this year and stop breaking the windex's off the dry slip boats.

I have one wish for my new role. BREVITY.

This is a packed COMPASS, with expanded NSC apparel, new official Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, 2008 Racing and Cruising Calendars. All the officers and fleet reporters had extra words that built up inside them all winter and the result is a 14 page Compass!

BREVITY is the only thing we can do, to keep the club from going bankrupt on excess postage and printing for the Compass! If you would prefer to receive your Compass, by email, in color, let me, or Dan Reasoner know. Better yet, send money, in the form of membership renewal! If your email service has a limit on the size of an attachment, you may need to have it adjusted. For example this Compass, as a PDF is about 11 MB.

Keep the articles and great photos coming for the next Compass. I thank everyone for the enthusiastic and verbose welcome to my role as communications officer!

Phil Scheetz

Flying Scot Fleet 163 Report Mike Noone FS 5468

Flying Scot Fleet on a roll

Flying Scot Fleet # 163 at Lake Nockamixon enters 2008 “on a roll” following the record-breaking year of the 20th Anniversary of the Fleet in 2007. The enthusiasm level is high, the Fleet continues to grow, and several boats will be equipped with new sails for the new season. Two cruising boats from 2007 have been converted to racers for 2008 and, in January, we gained our first new racing member for the year. One of the Fleet goals for 2008 will be to increase the Fleet Membership in NSC – we had 25 in 2007 – and to get 15 or more boats on the start line – we had 12 several times in 2007!! The Annual Meeting of the Fleet will take place at the Warm-Up event, and we expect some new Fleet Officers and some new ideas for Flying Scot sailing events in 2008.

The 2008 Fleet Racing Schedule is similar to 2007 with 3 “Series” – “Saturday” with 5 dates; “Sunday” with 5 dates, and “Regatta” with 6 dates. A Series of 4 dates is set for the 6th Annual “Challenge of the Lakes” between the Flying Scot Fleets at NSC and HSC, Spruce Run, NJ. We had 19 boats participating in the “Challenge of the Lakes” in 2007 and we intend to target over 20 for 2008. The best 9 race scores count in any Series so there are lots of opportunities for many boats to challenge for the Awards. Frequent sailors will get more chances to “throw-out” their worst scores!!

A “check your rig” day is scheduled for May 3 when all Flying Scot Fleet boats can get their boats and rigs checked by the Fleet Officers. Come and get your mast rake checked and adjusted if necessary, and have your rig tension adjusted to match your sails. We plan to follow the rig set-up and tuning guide recommended and discussed in detail by Flying Scot Champion sailors, Greg Fisher and Allan Terhune, at their recent seminar for NSC sailors. Other dates for rig tuning may be set depending on the demand. Fleet events for 2008 will also include a local “Wife-Husband” regatta, several “tune-up” cruises on non race dates, and Fleet social events. The Flying Scot National Championships are again being sailed within easy driving distance of Nockamixon in 2008 – at Toms River, NJ in July – and we expect to see a record turnout of at least 6 boats from our Fleet. The Atlantic Coast Championships are also scheduled nearby on the Chesapeake in September, and another record participation from Fleet # 163 is expected. Fleet # 163 should again help to keep Nockamixon Sail Club visible on the National sailing scene.

2008 will be another record year for Flying Scots at Lake Nockamixon.

Mike



Fleet # 163 sailors enjoy time with champion sailors, Greg Fisher and Marc Eagan during the 2007 Flying Scot National Championships in Deltaville, VA.

From Left:
Brenda Noone
Laura Brochet
Phil Scheetz
Will Mathias
Megan Mathias
Mike Noone
Greg Fisher
Mark Eagan

Thistle Fleet 176 Report Dan Reasoner

Thistle Fleet is Moving Fast in 2008

The news this winter from Thistle Fleet #176 is extending greetings to new members Adam & Peyton Ankers, Caroline Wigmore, junior skipper Clay Mathais, and welcome back from a short hiatus longtime member Jim Trinisewski. Sad to say that Phil Ehlinger sold his Thistle and has moved on to a larger boat. The Ankers will be sailing their new to them wooden hull boat #1811 obtained from Rochester, NY. In other boat related news, Craig Smith's "Dan E Boy", also a woodier Thistle #818 approaching legend status, needed to undergo winter repairs to replace a bit of rot along the keelson, but Craig reports that all worked out well.

In 2008, the Thistle Fleet will focus on getting more skippers to qualify for the Fleet Championship Trophy. Qualification requires that sailors compete in one half of the season's total Thistle Fleet Race Day contests. Other news is that the Lake Nockamixon Sail Club will be hosting the 2008 Thistle Districts in June 14th and 15th.

Finally, Fleet #176 is again being well represented at Thistle Mid-Winters in St. Petersburg Florida, March 1-7. Skippers and Crew traveling to the event are Jim T., and Dan Reasoner (crew Paul Prozzillo and Beth Reasoner). Craig S. will also make the trip, but in a change of pace, Craig will crew for another skipper, Mike McBride. As in past years, Mid-Winters will provide a great mix of on and off water events. The Coach TCA program is



Craig Smith
and Crew in
"Dan E Boy"

run by some of the best sailors in the country and attendees benefit by learning go fast tips from the "rock stars". This year there are plans to attach GPS units to many boats to review actual performance as a part of the program.

Dan

Impulse 21 Fleet Report Warren Mangan Impulse #149



Welcome to new fleet members Albrecht and Christina Schall and their Impulse. They will be able to come to the course with a well-sorted boat in great shape! Albrecht is also an experienced lake keel boat sailor so we should have some great races.

If you're ready to step up to the exciting world of Impulse sailing we have one very well-sorted boat available that has had almost no expense spared to keep it in top form, including a brand new suit of fast Benson sails. Details available on the NSC web site or from me.

We have 11 race days scheduled this year including many dates on Invitational regatta days. This way we can support the Club fleet (renamed Portsmouth) racing. Like last year when we have 3 boat on the start line it will count towards our series scoring. 4 boats and we can have a separate start, so make sure you let other fleet members if you are planning to race on Impulse race days.

Three Impulses have been in the fix up shop getting important foil and hull repairs done over winter so they can concentrate on above the waterline tuning knowing the only problems you have are the ones you can see. Smart moves! Let me know if you have any tuning issues advice and help is always at hand in the Impulse fleet.

See you at the warm up!

Warren #149

Catalina 22 Fleet Report Dave Stadler

Catalina 22 fleet ramps it up!

In the past few years Our Catalina 22 Fleet has chosen to piggyback on an excellent selection of cruising fleet events. This year we plan to focus on more events targeted specifically on Catalina 22 owners. To that end we are focusing on three things.

First, we have a new group of energized fleet officers. Ron Nimitz has agreed to serve as Fleet Measurer, Jim Thompson as Secretary/Treasurer and Rich Brenenburg as Membership/Social officer. They will be seeking volunteers in various areas.

Next we need to get to work on adding new members. Our priority is to connect with Catalina 22 owners at the Lake, convince the Park to give us a list of Catalina owners and check the Catalina 22 national organization for additional prospects. We will probably place a small article in the Main Brace, the national

Catalina magazine, to attract other locals. We would also like to survey of members and prospective members to find out what they expect from the fleet.

Finally, we plan some Catalina 22 events. This depends on what we hear that people would like to do but probably includes a cruising event and a technical event on rigging, etc. in addition to cruising and racing events already scheduled.

So if you own a Catalina 22 or are considering buying one, please contact us. The Catalina 22 is a great boat for cruising or racing, whether Nockamixon or the Chesapeake, for day sailing or overnight and can be trailered or moored depending on your needs and interests. In short it is the perfect boat!

Dave Stadler



Nockamixon Sail Club



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- ▶ Personalization: add your name, boat's name, number or whatever you like...

Samples available at Spring Warm Up

Any Questions? Contact Dan Reasoner
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Cruising Fleet announces Chesapeake Bay Bareboat Charter Event

By Mike Brown

The NSC cruising fleet has announced the first NSC bareboat charter event on the Chesapeake Bay to take place on September 5, 6, and 7. This event has already been announced via e-mail and plans are well under way.

The NSC Cruising Fleet has arranged for members to charter two to four 31-36 foot sailboats through Haven Charters, Rock Hall, MD www.havencharters.com. The tentative schedule for the weekend is as follows:

Friday Sept. 5: Arrive at Haven Charters in Rock Hall, MD around 6:00 PM. Move our stuff on-board, have dinner at a restaurant in Rock Hall, and sleep on-board with the boat still in the slip.

Saturday Sept. 6: Get checkout of boat from Haven Charters personnel at 8:00 AM and then sail approximately 13 miles from Rock Hall to Annapolis, MD. Depending on wind might also be able to make side trip to the screw pile lighthouse, located approximately 3-4 miles south of Annapolis. Have dinner in beautiful Annapolis and sleep on-board.

Sunday Sept. 7: Sail from Annapolis back to Rock Hall arriving no later than 3:45 PM so we can pump out and refuel in time for deadline of 5:00 PM for turning in boats. Return to our homes Sunday evening.

The price for this fantastic sailing adventure is estimated to be \$250-\$325 per person plus food and drinks. Many members have already responded that they are interested.

We also want to invite any NSC members who already have sailboats on the Chesapeake or members who might want to trailer their boats down to the Chesapeake, to join up with us for part or our entire cruise. If you would like to have a slip near ours in Port Annapolis please let me know so I can make a reservation for the number of slips needed.

If you are interested or want more information and have not contacted Mike Brown, Cruising Fleet Captain, please let him know of your interest as soon as possible via mgba@voicenet.com.

Jim Thompson to receive 2007 "Cruiser of the Year" trophy



Jim hikes out "cruising style"

Jim Thompson was selected to be the first "Cruiser of the Year" trophy winner at the awards banquet in the fall of 2007 but the club did not have the trophy at that time. Mike Brown, Cruising fleet Captain has announced that the club has obtained a perpetual trophy for "Cruiser of the Year" and that Jim Thompson's name has been inscribed as the first winner. Jim will be given the trophy for "Cruiser of the Year" at the spring warm up and keep the trophy until the awards banquet in the fall when the winner for 2008 "Cruiser of the Year" will be announced. The purpose of the trophy is to recognize participation, volunteer efforts, and excellent seamanship among cruising fleet members. Congratulations to Jim Thompson on being the first winner of the "Cruiser of the Year" trophy.

NSC Cruising Fleet plans many new Cruising Events for 2008

Local legend has it that, in the Lenni Lenape language that Nockamixon means “at the place of soft soil”. If you check out the new Nockamixon Sail Club 2008 cruising calendar you may discover that to Lake Nockamixon sailors, Nockamixon may just as well translate to “great cruising”. Please find below a description of the exciting new cruising events and a few additional comments.

We have expanded the launch and mast raising assistance in the spring and expanded the haul out and mast lowering assistance in the fall.

We have scheduled four Unrace events, which will be casual racing where repartee and having fun are the only rules, except that we may make any members of the racing fleet who might participate, sail backwards. (Just kidding, I think.) These Unrace events are open to both racers and cruisers. Each Unrace will have a different flavor to be announced by the Cruising Fleet Captain.

You too could be a real racer after participating in the Introduction to racing for cruisers skills event. This year we have expanded the Skills Training Events to include racing for cruisers and the following: Rules of the Road on Lake Nockamixon, Man Overboard Training, Sail Trim Training, and Lines and Knots (Marlinspike) training.

Meet your neighbor day: Our sailboats may not be huge but we intend to invite a large crowd of NSC members and party on our boats in order to get to know each other better. This event will be a progressive dock party where we will go to one boat for appetizers, another for deserts, etc.

We will have a picture day where you can get your picture taken on your sailboat while sailing past the pontoon boat. Bikinis are allowed but please no Speedos.

We will have a day where you can sail with a Racer where cruisers will invite racers to sail with us on our cruising sailboats and get some pointers in sail trim.

So and so slept here signs may soon be common on Nockamixon sailboats since we have added raft ups and sleepovers to the Full Moon Cruise events.

After reading an article about a family that caste off on a courageous global sailing adventure we came up with the Nockamixon Odyssey Cruise. This sail around the entire lake may not be global but it is at least a circumnavigation and anyone finishing will get my respect and a red cup award.

We will have our Raft Up events later in the day so members can raft-up in the late afternoon/early evening after a day of sailing. Tennis anyone! We have added a fun Tennis Ball Event but don't bring your rackets. Details will be announced later.

You could find yourself sailing with other NSC members on the Chesapeake Bay and having dinner in beautiful Annapolis if you participate in the first NSC bareboat charter on the Chesapeake Bay during the weekend of September 5-7.

We have added a Fall Colors cruise in mid October so members can enjoy the beauty of Lake Nockamixon from their sailboats, once the leaves turn color.

Finally let me say that the translation of the Lenni Lanape language is very difficult and I know from bitter experience that what the Lenni Lenape really meant when they said “Nockamixon” was be careful where you step in marina parking lot or you will be in land of soft bird poop.

Happy trails,

Mike Brown
Cruising Fleet Captain

North “Sail Trim Seminar” continued from first page

the registration and logistics for the event – and arranging for the high class “snacks” which everyone enjoyed. It will be tough to match that under the tents at the Lake!! Thanks Diane!

Additional thanks go to our Flying Scot Cruising Member, Art Hart, who loaned one of his fine model sailboats – a 50 inch Soling – for use in the Seminar Demonstrations. Art worked on the model to be sure that all of the sail controls were working correctly for the event. Art was unable to attend, but we all benefited from having his boat as a nautical backdrop to the discussions at the event – and it sailed well in the breeze from the fan!! Thanks Art!!



CALENDAR 2008

NSC CRUISING FLEET

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APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
SATURDAY 5 SUNDAY 6	SATURDAY 3 Launch and mast raising assistance SUNDAY 4 Launch and mast raising assistance	SUNDAY 1	FRIDAY 4 12:00 noon July 4th Flag Parade	SATURDAY 2 Water Raft up SUNDAY 3	MONDAY 1 12:00 noon Labor Day Flag Parade	SATURDAY 4 No Name Cruise III SUNDAY 5	SATURDAY 1 SUNDAY 2
SATURDAY 12 SUNDAY 13	SATURDAY 10 No activity SUNDAY 11	SATURDAY 7 Introduction to Racing SUNDAY 8	SATURDAY 5 Sail Trim Skills Event Cruise to the Dam SUNDAY 6	SATURDAY 9 SUNDAY 10 Steelman Triathlon	FRIDAY 5 Chesapeake Bay SATURDAY 6 Chesapeake Bay SUNDAY 7 Chesapeake Bay Charter Event	SATURDAY 11 Fall Colors Cruise SUNDAY 12	SATURDAY 8 SUNDAY 9
SATURDAY 19 SUNDAY 20	SATURDAY 17 Launch and mast raising assistance SUNDAY 18 Launch and mast raising assistance	SATURDAY 14 Meet Your Neighbor Day SUNDAY 15	SATURDAY 12 Man Overboard Skills Event Unrace II SUNDAY 13	SATURDAY 16 Tennis Ball Event Full Moon Cruise Raft up ☼ SUNDAY 17	SATURDAY 13 Unrace IV SUNDAY 14 Full Moon Cruise ☼	SATURDAY 18 SUNDAY 19	SATURDAY 15 Haul out and Mast Assistance SUNDAY 16 Haul out and Mast Assistance
SATURDAY 26 SUNDAY 27	SATURDAY 24 Bird watching Cruise SUNDAY 25	SATURDAY 21 Summer Sailstice Picture Day SUNDAY 22	SATURDAY 19 Full Moon Cruise Sleepover ☼ SUNDAY 20	SATURDAY 23 Nockamixon Odyssey Cruise SUNDAY 24	SATURDAY No Name Cruise I SUNDAY	SATURDAY 25 SUNDAY 26	SATURDAY 22 Haul out and Mast Assistance SUNDAY 23 Haul out and Mast Assistance
	SATURDAY 31 Rules of the Road Skills Event Unrace I	SATURDAY 28 Sail with a Racer SUNDAY 29	SATURDAY 26 ULDB Invitational Event and Picnic SUNDAY 27	SATURDAY 30 Lines and Knots Skills Event Unrace III SUNDAY 31	SATURDAY 27 No Name Cruise II SUNDAY 28		SATURDAY 29 Haul out and Mast Assistance SUNDAY 30 Haul out and Mast Assistance

FULL MOON SAILS (☼ symbol)

- **Weekly E-Mail Messages**, from the **NSCPA group email**, or directly from the Cruising Fleet Captain, will include weather forecasts, start times, and details regarding each event.
- **Skippers Meeting** for Cruising Fleet Events are **generally** held at PIER "A" of the Marina.
- **Flag Parades** depart from the Marina AT **12 noon** and end with a Raft-UP or Picnic (depending on the weather).
- **Full Moon Sailing** will take place on the *Best Weather Day* during the "Full Moon" weekend to be announced by Cruising Fleet Captain.
- **Skills Events** (Rules of the Road, Introduction to Racing, Man Overboard Training, Sail Trim Training, and Lines and Knots training) will be open to all NSC members (Racers and Cruisers).
- **No Name Cruises** are optional cruising events at end of the season and are dependent on weather and level of interest.
- **Invitational Regatta** race start times and format information is located on the Racing Calendar.

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INVITATIONAL REGATTAS

May Invitational	10 th May
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RACING CALENDAR ON OTHER SIDE



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2008

APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
SATURDAY 5th Launch Committee Boats	SATURDAY 3rd Frost-Bite Series Portsmouth Fleet	SATURDAY 7th Saturday Series Portsmouth Fleet Flying Scot Fleet Thistle Fleet Impulse 21 Fleet		SATURDAY 2nd Saturday Series Portsmouth Fleet Flying Scot Fleet			SATURDAY 1st Haul Out Committee Boat
SATURDAY 12th Frost-Bite Series Portsmouth Fleet	SATURDAY 10th Invitational Regatta Championship Series Portsmouth Fleet Flying Scot Fleet Impulse 21 Fleet	SATURDAY 14 & 15 Thistle Districts 2-Day Regatta	SATURDAY 5th Saturday Series Portsmouth Fleet Flying Scot Fleet Thistle Fleet	SATURDAY 9th Lehigh Valley Steelman Triathlon	SATURDAY 6th EnduraSport Olympic Triathlon	SATURDAY 4th Invitational Regatta Championship Series Portsmouth Fleet Flying Scot Fleet	SATURDAY 8th
SATURDAY 19th Frost-Bite Series Portsmouth Fleet Impulse 21 Fleet	SUNDAY 18th Sunday Series Portsmouth Fleet Flying Scot Fleet	SUNDAY 22nd Sunday Series Portsmouth Fleet Flying Scot Fleet	SATURDAY 12th Invitational Regatta Championship Series Portsmouth Fleet Flying Scot Fleet Impulse 21 Fleet	SUNDAY 17th Sunday Series Portsmouth Fleet Flying Scot Fleet Thistle Fleet	SUNDAY 14th Sunday Series Portsmouth Fleet Flying Scot Fleet Thistle Fleet	SUNDAY 12th Sunday Series Portsmouth Fleet Flying Scot Fleet Impulse 21 Fleet	SATURDAY 15th
SATURDAY 26th Frost-Bite Series Portsmouth Fleet	SATURDAY 24th Victor Jaczun Regatta Championship Series Portsmouth Fleet Flying Scot Fleet Impulse 21 Fleet	SATURDAY 28th Invitational Regatta Championship Series Portsmouth Fleet Flying Scot Fleet Impulse 21 Fleet	SUNDAY 20th Club Sunday Portsmouth Fleet Flying Scot Fleet	SATURDAY 23th Invitational Regatta Championship Series Portsmouth Fleet Flying Scot Fleet Impulse 21 Fleet	SATURDAY 20th Invitational Regatta Championship Series Portsmouth Fleet Flying Scot Fleet Impulse 21 Fleet	SATURDAY 18th Frost-Bite Series Portsmouth Fleet Impulse 21 Fleet	SATURDAY 22nd
	SATURDAY 31st Saturday Series Portsmouth Fleet Flying Scot Fleet Thistle Fleet		SATURDAY 26th ULDB Invitational Event and Picnic	SATURDAY 30th Saturday Series Portsmouth Fleet Flying Scot Fleet Thistle Fleet	SATURDAY 27th Saturday Series Portsmouth Fleet Flying Scot Fleet Thistle Fleet Impulse 21 Fleet	SATURDAY 25th Frost-Bite Series Portsmouth Fleet	SATURDAY 29th Haul Out Support Boat

The racing calendar starts in April and runs through November. The club has several fleets - one design, cruising and one fleet based on US Sailing Portsmouth yardstick handicapping. The one design fleets are Flying Scot, Thistle and Impulse 21.

	Skippers Meeting	Warning Signal First Race/Class	No Warning Signal After
SATURDAY	10:00 am	11:00 am	3:00 pm
SUNDAY	11:30 am	12:30 pm	4:00 pm

Nockamixon Sail Club hosts one day regattas throughout the year. The May regatta has been named the Victor Jaczun Regatta in honor of our founding father of the club. Invitational regattas allow for club members and visitors to race in a one day event and receive awards afterwards. The events use a single start for all competitors. The US Sailing Portsmouth yardsticks allow for handicapping the boats to an even playing field. The August event is our Up-the-Lake-Down-and-Back Event or ULDB.

NSC Fleet Contacts:

Portsmouth Fleet, Craig Tourtellott	215-257-9355
One Design Fleets	
Flying Scot Fleet, Mike Noone	610-687-3847
Thistle Fleet, Dan Reasoner	215-997-7680
Impulse 21 Fleet, Warren Mangan	610-584-1511
Cruising Fleet, Mike Brown	215-499-0335
Catalina Fleet, Dave Stadler	215-716-0358

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NOTICE of RACE

1 RULES. Racing at Nockamixon Sail Club (NSC) will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), US Sailing Prescriptions, and the rules of the one-design fleets competing, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions.

NSC sailors are guests at the State Park and are privileged to race at the lake. A Pennsylvania State Park boat launch permit must be affixed to all boats. All boats on the Lake that are not racing with NSC shall be considered obstructions and must be treated courteously in accordance with the boating "Rules of the Road". All State Park and Pennsylvania Fish Commission Regulations shall be observed.

3 ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY. NSC racing is open to all Racing members and to guests of Racing members. The skipper of each entry must complete the registration form, submit any required entry fee for the event and have paid fleet dues, if applicable, at the skippers meeting or to the Race Committee (R/C) on the water before their Warning Signal. The registered skipper shall be the helmsperson of the boat except for temporary assistance of duration up to one leg of the course (or as provided for by fleet rules).

Events using Portsmouth Yardstick ratings will use 'D-PN' rating without wind factors. Any non-class or non-standard boat shall declare modifications and equipment to the NSC Racing Committee on a NSC Yacht Registration Form. The NSC Racing Committee shall determine and record the rating or rating adjustments for non-class or non-standard boats. These ratings shall be approved by the NSC Fleet Council and shall apply for the sailing season, or until US Sailing issues new 'D-PN' ratings.

5 FEES. Invitational Regattas shall have a registration fee of \$10. The Fee shall be waived for Racing members who are also members of US Sailing, unless changed by the Notice of Race for the event. Guests shall pay a \$5 fee to the Club for each day that they race, excluding Invitational Regattas.

7 SCHEDULE. The schedule of races will be as published in the NSC newsletter. A minimum of five (5) race days will be scheduled for all NSC racing series. The maximum number of races that may be run on any given day is three, "back-to-back."

Saturday Schedule The scheduled time for the skippers meeting is 10:00am and the Warning Signal for the first fleet will be 11:00am. Warning Signal for the first fleet will not be made after 3:00pm.

Sunday Schedule The scheduled time for the skippers meeting is 11:30am and the Warning Signal for the first fleet will be 12:30pm. Warning Signal for the first fleet will not be made after 4:00pm.

NSC Perpetual Championship "Cup" Series The series will be seven (7) race days and will include all Invitational Regattas as stated in the By-Laws of the Club.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS. The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be as published in the NSC newsletter.

10 VENUE. NSC racing will take place on the main body of Lake Nockamixon but clear of the marina and launch area and clear of "Hobie Alley."

11 THE COURSES. The Racing Course Card shows the location of racing areas, diagrams of courses, and general locations of marks.

13 SCORING. Appendix A will apply (using A4 for Racing Events and A9 for Racing Series). Skippers qualify for Portsmouth Fleet scoring only when they start with the Portsmouth Fleet. Twelve (12) races are required to be completed to constitute a Portsmouth Fleet racing series. Credit in finishing points will be given by the R/C to any boat that loses time, or places, while assisting a boat in distress -- whether or not the distressed boat is racing with NSC. Skippers serving R/C duty for a race within a Series (R/C score) shall be awarded points equal to their average score for races they complete in that Series.

NSC Perpetual Championship "Cup" Series The series requires fifteen (15) races to be completed to constitute the event. The series scoring system shall be the total of the best fifteen (15) scores in the series, and shall not include more than three (3) R/C scores.

19 PRIZES. Prizes will be awarded to the first three (3) finishers for open invitational regattas and Portsmouth Fleet series. Fleet prizes shall be awarded at the discretion of the fleet. To qualify for any NSC racing prizes, except for open invitational regattas, the skipper of the boat must be a Racing member of NSC and must have served R/C duty at least once during the season.

NSC Perpetual Championship "Cup" Series A trophy will be awarded to the series winner.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors sailing at NSC are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By sailing at NSC, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation to the fullest extent permitted by law.

21 INSURANCE. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance. The liability coverage shall be adequate for racing at NSC.



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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES. See: Notice of Race, Section 1, Rules.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS. Notices to competitors may be provided by the Race Committee (R/C) during the skippers meeting or on the water before, or between, races. See also Nockamixon Sail Club (NSC) Notice of Race.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be announced during the skippers meeting on the day of the event and recorded on the race forms for the day.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES. See: Notice of Race, Section 7, Schedule.

6 CLASS FLAGS. Class/fleet flags will be as provided by the fleet. The Portsmouth Fleet flag will be the NSC burgee on a white background flag.

7 RACING AREAS. The Racing Course Card shows the location of racing areas, diagrams of courses, and general location of marks.

8 THE COURSES. Courses shall be triangles (T), windward-leeward (W) courses, or combinations of these courses (e.g. TW, TTT, TWT, W, etc.) as shown on the Racing Course Card. The course length shall be chosen such that the lead boat finishes in approximately forty (40) minutes. The course shall be displayed on the R/C boat Racing Course Signal Board no later than the warning signal.

9 MARKS. Marks will be yellow buoys lettered "A" "B" & "C". Additional marks may be used for Invitational Regattas and, if used, will be described during the skippers meeting. The start and finish marks will be white pin-type marks, flying the NSC burgee, and the R/C boat. The order for rounding of marks will be displayed on the Racing Course Signal Board on the R/C boat. "Red or Green" panels on the Racing Course Signal Board will indicate port or starboard rounding (see Racing Course Card).

11 THE START. Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal, a fleet flag with one sound, given five (5) minutes before the starting signal. The preparatory signal will be a Blue-White-Blue flag (see Racing Course Card). Four (4) registered boats, present in the starting area, shall be required to start a race. Four (4) boats shall be required for a fleet start. For multiple starts, a rolling five-minute (5) timing sequence will be used whenever possible to minimize delay between races. The starting line will be between the nearest signal mast on the R/C boat at the starboard end of the line and a start mark at the port end of the line.

After starting and rounding the first mark, a boat shall not cross the starting line until all fleets have started correctly (fleet, postponement or general/ individual recall flag is not being displayed).

In the event of a general recall, in multiple-start sequences, the offending fleet shall re-start at the end of the sequence after all the other fleets have started correctly. This changes rule 29.2. A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored as Did Not Start (DNS). This changes rule A4.

13 THE FINISH. A finishing line, separate from the starting line, shall be set. The finishing line will be between the nearest signal mast on the R/C boat at the port end of the line and the finish mark at the starboard end of the line.

After starting, a boat shall not cross the finishing line unless finishing.

When a course is shortened by the R/C displaying the flag S with two sounds (optionally with fleet flag for multiple fleet starts), boats shall go to the next mark of the course (as defined by the lead boat, in a fleet), round the mark and then finish at the finish line, bounded by the R/C boat and the finish mark, from the direction of the last mark (definition of finish RRS). This changes rule 32.2.

15 TIME LIMITS. If no boat, in a fleet, has rounded the first mark within thirty (30) minutes, or fails to finish the race within ninety (90) minutes, the race for the fleet will be abandoned. Boats, in a fleet, failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes after the first boat in that fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.

16 PROTESTS. For racing at NSC rule 61.1(a)(2) does not apply. This changes rule 61.1. An R/C member intending to protest a boat will attempt to hail "Protest" to that boat. The R/C may penalize boats under rule 67 for violations of rule 42. Protests shall be written on a US Sailing Protest Form, available from the R/C, and shall be presented to the R/C within thirty minutes of their return to the dock. Protests shall be heard on the R/C boat in the order they were received. Competitors should, whenever possible, resolve protests on the water using rule 44.2.

17 SCORING. See: Notice of Race, Section 13, Scoring.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS. It shall be the sole responsibility of each boat to decide whether or not to start or to continue to race. Competitors are solely responsible for their own safety. Each boat must carry a Coast Guard-approved life jacket for each crewmember and one throwable floatation device. Life jackets must be worn when the Code Signal "Y" is flown on the race committee (R/C) boat.

26 PRIZES. See: Notice of Race, Section 19, Prizes.

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SECTIONS 4, 10, 12, 14, 19-25, and 28 of RRS Appendix L "Sailing Instructions Guide" are RESERVED

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NSC Welcomes New Members!

New Racing Members

Jim Trinisewski is back this year racing his Thistle #3456

Randy & Debbie Blough have a Flying Scot #1954

New Cruising Members

Ken & Mary Ellen Van Camp with a Laser #154251

Todd & Cathleen Kilpatrick, Victoria 10 "DUO"

Paul Brooks, Designer's Choice on C-Dock

William & Patricia Bucsi have a Starwind 19 on D-Dock

Bob & Winnie Blalock, Lightning #13453 on I-Dock

New Friend Members

Tom & Jayna Nelson are not too far from the lake and hope to be crewing a lot.

Spring Warm Up, March 29, 2008

Don't forget, the Spring Warm Up is coming March 29 to Quakertown!

25 bucks gets you some great food with those sailing friends that you haven't seen all winter. I know you're tempted to wax your bottom that weekend, but send Diane some money and come eat and celebrate the beginning of the season.

Don't forget, the fleets will elect officers, so be there, or risk your fleet electing you to something unsavory... Warm up with friends and race styrofoam boats. Kids (and adults) welcome.

See details inside the newsletter, and send Diane some money. All the fun people will be there.

Renew Your NSC Membership today!

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