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NSC Holds Offshore Passage Event with Tom Tursi

Nockamixon Sail Club held it's second annual Mid-Winter Event on February 21st. This event is fast becoming the main event of our winter calendar. This year's event was attended by almost 90 people and featured Captain Tom Tursi of the Maryland School of Sailing and Seamanship. Tom gave a presentation on Preparing for Your First Offshore Passage. For most in the audience who have dreamed of going offshore, Tom did a great job of making it both practical enough to encourage us to give it a try and scary enough to keep us safe. Tom brought to bear a wealth of experience gained in over 50,000 miles of sailing the world's oceans and yet the enthusiasm of a young man attempting his first crossing.



The venue was outstanding. Courtesy of the Campbell Insurance Agency and our own Jim

Thompson we were treated to a comfortable meeting room and the opportunity to tour the classic car museum before and after the presentation. Laurine Valenti did a great job maintaining the guest list. After the event several fleets retired to their favorite local watering hole for more discussion of sailing, winter vacations and the idea of going offshore.

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Commodore's Comments Dan Reasoner

I must say that our 2nd Annual NSC MidWinter Event was a terrific success. Thanks again to the organizers: Dave Stadler, Jim Thompson and Laurine Valenti. At this event, Tom Tursi shared very interesting experiences and practical suggestions regarding offshore sailing. Now that we've had two of these great events, does anybody have a good suggestion for next year's 3rd Annual NSC MidWinter Event?

As you can see on the NSC Racing and Cruising Calendars that are included in this Compass Newsletter, we start in April and then for over seven full months, there are many tremendous opportunities to participate in various activities with the members of the NSC. Keep these calendars handy, sign-up for or just show-up at the events and be an active member of the NSC. Indeed, get your money's worth out of your boat, dock fees, dues, permits, etc. and enjoy the NSC events at Lake Nockamixon.

A Call for Help: The club continues to grow at a fast pace and we need people to help manage our operations. We especially need to provide assistance for our Communications Officer – Phil Scheetz and our Quartermaster Officer – Paul Prozzillo. Please contact Phil and Paul directly or contact me to discuss how you might be able to lend a hand with any project.

Don't forget our three NSC Communication Forums:

- 1) This Compass Newsletter
- 2) Our NSC Public Website on the Internet
- 3) The Yahoo! Group "NSCPA" private website and email message board

If you have any difficulties accessing these three NSC Communication Forums, please contact me or your Fleet Captain to get connected.

I am again really looking forward to the camaraderie we share within the NSC during each sailing season at Lake Nockamixon. Be sure to look for and gather at our "portable clubhouse" tents that are set-up at each event as a location to share our experiences. We have a solid organization to support our activities and with a little good weather it's natural to just have some good fun at Lake Nockamixon.

Dan



Vice Commodore's Report Diane Paxton

Our first club event of the 2009 sailing season was a great success! Eighty seven members attended the Spring Warm Up! Everyone enjoyed reconnecting with their sailing member friends and meeting our new members. We even had four young sailors join our event, Carter Craig, Megan Korn, Maximilian and Ferdinand Schall!

We had a busy fun night! During dinner we played a friendly competitive nautical crossword game by Fleet tables. The Portsmouth Fleet table was the lucky winners, each received a nautical lantern. Over the course of the evening we gave away over 25 door prizes. Our long distance door prize went to Ken Van Camp who lives in Stroudsburg!

After a delicious Italian meal our Commodore Dan Reasoner introduced our NSC Officers. Each Officer introduced their team members and spoke of their plans for the upcoming season.

After our club meeting, our young sailors eagerly waited for our Pond Fleet Captains Warren and Denise to begin the sailboat races. Over 25 members built and decorated their Styrofoam sailboats for several fun competitive races. The first place winner was Laurine Valenti, the second place winner was Maximilian Schall and the third place winner was Chris Lord!

Finally I would like to thank the members who help me with this event, Warren and Denise Mangan, Paul Prozzillo, Marlene and Dan Reasoner, Brenda Noone, Laurine Valenti, Ralph and Norma Hall and Gary and Robin Bonner.

The success of this event belongs to our members! We have a great group of members who enjoy hanging out together. It doesn't take much to keep us happy...good friends, plenty of food and refreshments!

Be sure to mark your calendars for our next huge social event! July 25th is our ULDB fun race and picnic event! We are planning a Hawaiian Luau with a pig roast! If you would like to help with this event please let me know....we always have a great time!! See everyone very soon at the lake!

Diane Paxton



Diane rewards future NSC sailors



Impulse 21gp Fleet **I21gp**

We are currently the smallest racing fleet in the Club but still have plenty of racing on Saturdays and Sundays. through out the season. We are planning a one day regatta on the 27th of September but will change it to suite fleet members schedules if we can find a date better for us all. What about in the Spring? The renamed Portsmouth Fleet is our racing home if we cant get 3 boats on the start line for an official Impulse race.

Impulse 21's For sale, anybody interested in joining the fleet should contact me as I know where boats can be bought very reasonably for such a fun boat to sail. Also It is one of the few boats at the lake with a swim platform!

Warren Mangan **I 21gp Fleet Captain**

Warren Ibaugh - NSC Honorary Member



The title alone says more than I could write about Warren. It is an honor just to know and call him a friend. Warren and I go back just a few years. In the very early years of NSC we had a fleet of International 470's from Vanguard. Warren sailed his with his crew on the trap with the spinnaker full. He moved up to a Volant from Vanguard beat up his crew on this boat and later moved into his black beauty "Hawk." Black beauty was his prize J-22. Warren wiped the boat clean each race morning, rigged the lines (he took most controls off to safely store below - this is where I got the habit) and adjusted the standing rigging on his weather forecast. No he was not serious about racing, at all. One race day he had a small incident that took a bite out of the rail. Within his landing at the dock there was his wife, called to drive to the lake, with his tools and epoxy in hand to fix it now! Warren was never a serious sailor. If you wanted to know the winner for the day he would tell you, if you wanted to know who was second, he just said, "they were first loser." First was it. No, not serious, never. I shared a story at the banquet of when Warren Mangan and I sailed with Warren on Lake George in a J-22 regatta. Lake George was a lake the Ibaugh's enjoyed. The yacht club was beautiful. Cedar shakes on the roof,

clear clean water and a boat lift about 30 feet off the water (what a drop). Warren asked that his crew wear blue blazers, khaki's, white shirt and shoes to the dinner. Warren and I did as directed, but no socks! Our skipper non-too happy, looked at his keel with a big smile, Warren and I knew our fate. Lake George is a clear water lake. At night the club's under water lights showed off every underwater detail even the J-22 keels. Just to finish, the regatta was not won by "Hawk," but crew and skipper had a blast. I ramble on and could tell more about Warren, but the simple fact is NSC had a gift when Warren was here, served as the Rear Commodore of Racing, sailed and competed; every one enjoyed his smile and the look over his glasses as he talked about things of the moment. What NSC did by making Warren a NSC Honorary member was a true gift exchange, and I am sure there is no real value we could ever place on this gift. It was my pleasure to introduce Warren at the Annual Awards Meeting and to share his gifts of sailing that I knew and know about Mr. Ibaugh.

Warren Ibaugh NSC Honorary member, 2008.

Thistlers Fly, Borrow, Assemble, Sail, Reassemble, Sail, Smile!

This February Craig Smith and I flew to San Diego for the Mid Winters West Regatta at the Mission Bay Yacht Club. After what seemed to be an endless cold winter, we were looking forward to some warm weather and good sailing on the Pacific Ocean. We arrived to find great weather for sailing but, the boat had yet to arrive. Craig had arranged to borrow a boat from a friend in Phoenix, AZ who in turn, asked another friend to trailer the boat to Mission Bay. The boat arrived just hours before the start of the first race. It was not rigged and had not been sailed in years. What is most notable about our situation, is every thistler there dropped what they were doing to help us get the boat ready. We borrowed parts, line, and a spinnaker pole. With everyone's help we managed to get ready on time and headed for the race course. We were the last off the dock and set sail for the Pacific Ocean in our pieced together, faded red boat. After 200 yards and two tack's, the forestay ripped out off the stem and the only thing holding the mast up was the jib. We limped back to the dock, found some bolts and a drill, fixed it and headed out to sea again. Craig skippered two good races but we just could not get the boat right. The next day we found the boat was 20 pounds light and the mast was not fully assembled. It seemed like anything that could go wrong with the boat, did. We would start every morning fixing what we broke the day before. With all

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Rear Commodore of Racing Report Craig Tortellott

Winter months have been busy for the Rear Commodore of Racing (RCR). The February fleet council meeting completed the racing forms for 2009. Within this Compass we have published the new 2009 Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for racing at NSC. In most part the format is the same as 2008. Highlighting the changes for 2009 - we have new Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS); NSC will continue to use Portsmouth D-PN's for all regattas and NSC events using ratings for scoring; guest are to pay \$5 to race on non-regatta days (up to 5 days); Sunday racing will start at 12:00 noon; NSC will be hosting a Frostbite series; changes to the SI's is no longer allowed at the skippers meeting; marks "A", "B", "C" will be rounded to port; the starting/finishing pins have been replaced with buoys; and the Portsmouth fleet gets a separate start with less than four boats. Simple enough? Copies are available to members and guests on the website and on the Yahoo site. The 2009 Racing Calendar is posted showing the fleet series and our Invitational Regatta dates. Get out the magnet and post it on the frig'.

The hottest topic in the list above is the NSC Frostbite series which will start in April. In the past this fell

under the Portsmouth fleet. It has been defined in our NSC Bylaws to be an open series to all NSC racers. There will be a single start for skippers that register and show for a cool day of racing. This year there are five race days for this series. Come out and race with your 'Frostbiting' sailors.

There are many forms that apply to our racing at NSC. All are available to members to review, download and print. The forms are on our website and on our Yahoo site under files. Race committee duty guides are there and should be read before your RC duty weekend. The RC roster will be there for you to check out or sign up for a race day in 2009. Remember we can only sail if skippers volunteer to serve on RC. We each need to do our turn. The racing members are always looking for helpers which could be friends, family and even our general membership of non-racing members. If you have a camera that is a plus - take pictures to post on the web.

From your RCR - Let's get it ready and meet on the water!

Craig

NSC Welcomes New Members

New Racing Members

Aaron, Marvin & Ben Weilerstein sail a Flying Scot #4161 "Ding Bang" located on A Dock
Steve Carr will be racing his Precision 16.5 that he keeps on B Dock
Bob & Lucy Korn are new to the Thistle Fleet with boat #1079
George & Linda Balas are back with their Flying Scot #1892 "Silver Girl"

New Cruising Members

Bill & Dolores Sproule will be cruising their Precision 21 "Foyfin" on L Dock
Carolyn Wigmore expects to continue actively crewing
John Ivankovits & Amy O'Brien have no boat listed yet
Jim & Cindi Roberts are considering getting a boat
Tony & Tammi Nastasee sail a Seafarer 23 "Freudian Sloop" located on N Dock
Tom & Jayna Nelson expects to do some crewing
Rob & Donna Stevens don't have a boat listed yet
Paul & Marianne LeMenagar have a Catalina 22 "Voyager II" on J Dock
Frank & Cheri Savini sail a CRI Aquarius #1667 "Mon Cheri" which is kept on K Dock
William & Marjorie Pfanstiel have a Compac 23 "Sunpuddles" on L Dock & an AMF MiniFish
David Cotter sails a Catalina #160 which he keeps on B Dock
David Bright & Carolyn Moore-Bright cruise on a Chrysler "Ship of Fools" located on I Dock
Fred & Holly Albrecht have a Flying Scot #3029
Mike & Lenore Scharf also sail a Flying Scot #4961
Tom & Marie Tursi will likely be welcomed aboard anybody's boat

Flying Scot Fleet 163 Report Mike Noone FS 5468

Fleet # 163 is All Set for a Great Sailing Season in 2009 :

Flying Scot Fleet # 163 is all set for another great season of highly competitive racing, pleasurable casual cruising, and great social camaraderie in 2009. The Fleet Calendar is finalized and shows all of the FSSA events, the 7th Annual "Challenge of the Lakes" Series, and, of course, the 3 major Racing Series at NSC. The Fleet has made some big plans to attend the FSSA "Wife-Husband" Championships and has established a new race series, and training seminar, to prepare the teams for this National event. We have added Rob Wilkinson, as Social Director, to the Fleet Officer Team for 2009, and are looking forward to some fabulous social activities and casual sailing experiences. The Fleet continues to be the largest One-Design Fleet in NSC -- over 20 Members, so far!!



Fleet Measurer and new Scot fleet members discuss boat details at Warm-Up.

The Fleet "formally" elected Fleet Officers, approved the Fleet Calendar and Supplemental Sailing Instructions, and discussed the Wife-Husband project -- with plans for "Nine boats in '09" -- at the Annual Fleet Meeting held during the NSC Spring Warm-Up. Fleet Captain George Balas also presented the "Sterling Trophy" to Mike & Brenda Noone for their 2008 travel experiences. The enthusiastic attendees -- 25 Flying Scot sailors, friends and crew -- and the great camaraderie and conversation, set the stage for the coming season.



Fleet Captain George, presents the Sterling Trophy to Brenda and Mike.



Past Fleet Captain, Ben, with youngest Fleet member, Carter at Warm-Up.

Editors Note: There are two brand new Flying Scots in our club in 2009. We will devise a suitably embarrassing ceremony for these lucky members with their shiny new craft... The measurer will be checking these boats very closely for any irregularities, like excess shine. These members may try to stealthily sail their craft without anyone noticing the 5846 and 5850 on their sails...we are onto them...

Also I have managed to recruit Susie Minton to do another skills clinic on May 31, This year we will focus on skipper and crew teamwork and skills development. This is brought to the club by the Scot Fleet, but any One Design crew can join as we prepare for the Flying Scot Wife Husband regatta. Contact Phil Scheetz for details.

Thistle Fleet 176 Report Craig Smith

NSC Skippers Attend Thistle Midwinters East – Craig Smith

The 2009 Thistle Midwinters EAST Regatta was held on March 1 to March 6 at the St Petersburg Yacht Club, St Petersburg, FL. Of the 44 entries, there were 3 teams from the Nockamixon Thistle Fleet who attended the event. They were NSC Commodore Dan Reasoner, Thistle Class President Craig Smith, and NJ Thistle District Governor Jim Trinisewski. Dan decided to go at the last minute, and was able to put together a team of his daughter, Danielle, and a Thistle Skipper from Chicago, Mike Gillian. Craig crew was Mike McBride, a Connecticut Thistle skipper, and Kat Mahaney, from NYC. Jim's crew was Chris Getschow from Ohio, and Peter Brown.

There were 9 races sailed over the 5 days in winds from 5 to 18 knots. Two races were held on Monday, 3 on Tuesday, 3 on Wednesday, and 1 on Thursday. There was no wind on Friday, although the fleet went out into Tampa Bay to attempt a final race. Although winds were in the 10-18 knot range on Monday (with higher gusts), temperatures were around 60 degrees, which is quite cold for Florida in March. Dan Reasoner caught a gust on the second reach that capsized his boat. He finished the race, but did not sail race 2 due to the cold water and fear of hypothermia. On his way back to the club, he picked up two other Thistlers who were struggling with their capsized boat. One of these sailors was Thistle builder, Doug Labor. They were also in danger of hypothermia, and Dan realized they needed assistance. Unfortunately, the added crew weight in Dan's boat caused water to come in the transom flaps, which were opened after the capsize. Dan ended up beaching his boat to insure the safety of boat and crew. The race committee found them and assisted getting all sailors back to the club safely. They were all warm and dry by the time the rest of the fleet hit the docks. In all, there were about a dozen capsizes on Monday, including several other talented teams.

Tuesday brought warmer temperatures and a little less wind, but still 10 to 15 knots. This allowed the race committee to complete 3 races and still get us on shore by 4PM. Dan finished in the top 10 in 2 of those races and Craig finished 8th in one. Wednesday brought similar wonderful condition, and the race committee rattled off 3 more races.

Dan finished 5th in race 7 after being in the top 10 throughout the race. Craig finished in the top 10 in all 3 races, including a first place finish in race 8. In that race, he was near the back of the fleet at the 1st windward mark, but was the first boat to jibe to port after the rounding. Fortunately, he ended up with a favorable shift and more pressure which gave him a nice lead by the time he got to the leeward mark. Craig held the lead for the remaining 4 legs and got the "gun" for the win!

Thursday's winds were predicted to be in the 5 to 10 knot range, but with the high pressure system descending on Florida, the winds were likely to drop by the end of the day. The race committee was able to get one race off in the morning. Dan Reasoner got a great shift on the right side of the course and ended up first at the windward mark. He was in the top 5 for the entire race until the very end. At that point, Craig, who had dug back from 14th at the windward mark, just took him out at the finish. A second race was started on Thursday, but the wind died during the run and the race was cancelled.

In the end, Craig Smith and crew finished in 5th place for the regatta, with top 10 finishes in 6 of the 9 races. Dan ended up in a respectable 16th place, especially after his capsize in race 1, and a DNS in race 2. Jim Trinisewski ended up in 42nd place after being tagged with 3 OCS's in races 4, 5, and 7. I guess he has learned how to be aggressive on the starting line!

Greg Fisher won the regatta, followed by Greg Griffin (2nd), Skip Dieball (3rd), and Robby Brown (4th).



Catalina 22 Fleet Report Dave Stadler

Catalina 22 fleet keeps the fires burning all winter...

The Catalina 22 fleet has continued to meet during the winter for social time. In January we met at Chuck and Lenette Wilde's home in Coopersburg for a great pulled pork meal and a discussion of sailing the Virgin Islands and obtaining ASA sailing certification.

In February we had a Saturday activity devoted to learning about and practicing keel maintenance. Rich Brenenborg led the event and we removed the swing keel from my boat, the newly renamed Miss Zuri. Later we had grilled bratwurst to celebrate the successful project. Attached are a couple of pictures of the event. Shown standing next to the boat are Laurine Valenti and Bill Scholl. Also in February we helped to host the NSC Mid-Winter event featuring Tom Tursi.

In April and May we will continue with our monthly meetings on the first Thursday night of each month. We always have a good time, good food and learn something new. If you would like to join us please let me know.

Spring is just around the bend at this point so as I always say, "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 trailered or moored depending on your needs and interests. In short it is the perfect boat!"

Dave Stadler

"Catalina 22 Swing Keel Checkup is unique to the Catalina 22 (or any swing keel boat) that you have to take it loose and check the pin, etc. to be sure it does not fall off in the water. It will sink the boat if that happens." Dave

Sounds like good advice. And yes the boat fits into the garage. Hard to believe!



Thistles West Cont'd from page 4

that being said, we had good sailing every day, had a great time every night with thistlers from across the county. At the end of the weekend I think we learned that any sailing is good sailing, it's just a little better when you know your boat.

Paul Prozzillo

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Cruising Fleet announces two Chesapeake Bay Bareboat Charter Events

The NSC Cruising Fleet has announced that This is to announced two bareboat charter cruises on the Chesapeake Bay in 2009.

The first Cruise will be a repeat of what we tried to do last year only this time we have decided to not have tropical storm Hanna come with us. We will arrive in Rock Hall, MD on Friday, August 7 in the late afternoon. We will use Friday evening to settle in, provision the boat, and sleep on board. On Saturday, August 8 we will sail from Rock Hall to Annapolis and then return on Sunday, August 9th. We will have dinner in Rock Hall on Friday and in Annapolis on Saturday.

The second cruise will be from Rock Hall, MD to Saint Michael's and return to Rock Hall via the Kent Narrows. We will arrive in Rock Hall on Friday September 11 in the late afternoon. We will use Friday evening to settle in, provision the boat, and sleep on board. On Saturday, September 12 we will sail from Rock Hall to Saint Michael's and then return to Rock Hall on Sunday, September 13 via the Kent

Narrows. We will have dinner in Rock Hall on Friday and in Saint Michael's on Saturday.

Like last year we plan to charter several 35-36 foot vessels and keep the number on board each vessel to four per vessel. The actual price depends on which vessels are available and discounts to be negotiated but I estimate the cost to be around \$275 for each person plus expenses for food and some out on pocket expenses for refueling and pump out. In order to negotiate the best deal for us I need to have an idea of how many of our members plan to go on each bareboat charter cruise.

Please contact Captain Mike Brown CaptainMike@NockamixonSailingSchool.com if you are interested in either or both Chesapeake Bay cruises and how many spaces you will likely require. Please do not send a check at this time. Captain Mike will send out an e-mail with actual prices after reserving specific vessels for both Chesapeake Bay bareboat charter trips.

NSC plans to go the British Virgin Islands in 2010

A committee is being formed to plan the first NSC bareboat trip to the British Virgin Islands in 2010. The timing for the trip would likely be in either April, May, or February, 2010 since this is the best time to go in terms of weather and winds. The trip will likely include flying to Tortola and then sailing for a week to various locations including Jost Van Dyke and Virgin Gorda. If you would like to be involved in the committee to plan the first NSC trip to the British Virgin Islands or just want to see any communications regarding the BVI trip, please contact Captain Mike Brown at captainMike@NockamixonSailingSchool.com.

Dave Stadler receives 2008 "Cruiser of the Year" trophy



2008 Cruiser of the Year Trophy Winner

At the fall awards banquet Dave Stadler received the Cruiser of the Year trophy. Rear Commodore-Cruising, Mike Brown presented the perpetual trophy to Dave for his excellent participation in cruising fleet events, his sailing ability, and his many contributions to the club in terms of volunteer efforts.

Dave and Jamie Stadler receive their award.

2008 NSC Cruising Fleet Survey Results

I wish to thank the twenty-eight members who responded to the survey. Our members seem happy in general with the current list of cruising events. There were practically no poor ratings and many simply replied that they were all good and that our events are the type of events that a sailing club should be offering. Based on this response it is likely that we will offer much the same events in 2009. I do anticipate that we will offer more raft ups and sleep over events on the water in 2009 and a few other new events to keep things fresh.

There were several suggestions for better coordination of cruising and racing fleet schedules so those members who want to do both racing and cruising events can participate in both. We will try to better coordinate the schedule in 2009 so cruising and racing events do not always occur on the same day.

There was also interest expressed in the cruising fleet scheduling some events on Sundays instead of always on Saturdays so we will schedule some events on Sundays in 2009.

There was strong interest in more educational programs similar to past skills seminars such as Rules of the Road, knot tying, etc. The survey results contained almost no poor rating of proposed skills events and almost all seemed to be of interest. Look for far more skills seminars in 2009.

There was almost universal interest in the club going back to the Chesapeake Bay for a charter boat trip in 2009. We will definitely be going back to the Chesapeake Bay in 2009 so get ready for another blue margarita party on the Chesapeake Bay only this time without a hurricane.

Going to other bodies of water other than the Chesapeake Bay got mixed reviews. The British Virgin Islands got mostly favorable reviews but some were not interested due to the high cost and some wondered if this was really something the NSC should be doing and if perhaps those who want to go should just link up on their own. There was also mixed opinions on when a trip to the BVIs should happen with some preferring the summer when it is less expensive and some preferring the winter with no hurricanes. There were also some suggestions for going to other exotic places including Greece, the Bahamas, the Great Lakes, Coastal Maine or Vermont, and one suggestion for the club to go on a schooner trip in Maine. There were also several suggestions for trailer sailing events on other bodies of water such as the Finger Lakes in NY. In general there is definite interest in one or more trips to the Chesapeake Bay in 2009, possible interest in a trip to the BVIs, and possible interest in some kind of a trailer sailor trip to some location that is drivable in the northeastern US. I will have to think further about the results of the survey before deciding if we will go to the BVIs or some other location(s).

We will use the results from the survey in developing the 2009 NSC cruising fleet calendar. Please be watching for the 2009 Cruising Fleet calendar which will be published soon.

Mike Brown
Rear Commodore-Cruising

NSC Cruising Fleet reorganizes and seeks more volunteers

The Cruising Fleet has reorganized itself into Individual Fleets by vessel type and also by Event type. Please find below a list of the cruising Fleet Captains for individual fleets and also the Event Captains who run on the water events.

Fleet captains:

Dave Stadler, Catalina 22 Fleet
Bill Hall- O'Day Fleet Captain
Ralph Hall- Mariner Fleet Captain
Diane Paxton- Hunter Fleet Captain

Event Captains:

Jim Thompson-Raft-up Captain
Jim Flynn- Fun Race Captain
Dave Stadler- Haul-out/Launch Captain

We are looking to establish additional fleets especially a Precision Fleet. We are also looking for one additional Event captain to lead cruises to the lake House, Dam, and other locations on the Lake.

If you would like to volunteer to be Fleet Captain or Event Captain please contact Captain Mike.

Where are the small boats? by Phil Scheetz

The Nockamixon Sail Club has a long tradition of racing in two or three person boats. Lightnings, Buccaneers, Impulses, Flying Scots and Thistles race and have good turnouts nearly every weekend. I have often asked myself, where are the small singlehanded board boats, like Sunfish, Minifish, and the like? Where are the Lasers, and where are the kids?



Participation by kids, or Junior Sailors, is key to the future success of the club. You will see a few examples of kids who have been successful racing with their parents in Flying Scots on the back cover. We have also had very successful family racing in Thistles.

I feel strongly that we should explore the idea that the club create a singlehanded program for kids of all ages. These boats can be a great addition, bringing new members to the club. A key component of the program needs to be a place to store small boats that can be wheeled or carried to the water without a vehicle. This means having racks, or an area where hand dollies can be stored. These boats can be stored very close together, as they don't need to be accessible to be towed by a car.

Let me hear what you think.

Phil Scheetz

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Flying Scots, shown below, and Thistles, shown to the right at the 2009 MidWinters East have strong followings at NSC.





CALENDAR 2009

NSC CRUISING FLEETS

The Home of Sailing at Lake Nockamixon



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APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
SATURDAY 4	SATURDAY 2	SATURDAY 6 Safety Equipment Training	SATURDAY 4 12:00 Noon July 4th Flag Parade	SATURDAY 1 Sail Controls Training Squirt Gun/Water Canon Fun Race II Event	SATURDAY 5 Chicken Fun Race Event Night Sailing Training	SATURDAY 3 Cruise to the Lake House II	SUNDAY 1
SUNDAY 5	SUNDAY 3	Bird Watching Cruise Full Moon Cruise Raft up ☼	SUNDAY 5	Water Raft up SUNDAY 2	SUNDAY 6 Raftup and Sleepover MONDAY 7 12:00 noon Labor Day Flag Parade	Full Moon Cruise Raft up ☼ SUNDAY 4	
SATURDAY 11 How to Launch a Sailboat Training Launch and Mast Raising Assistance SUNDAY 12	SATURDAY 9 SUNDAY 10	SATURDAY 13 SUNDAY 14 How to Tune your Mast Training Cruise to the Lake House I	SATURDAY 11 SUNDAY 12 Sail Trim Skills Training First Dam Cruise	FRIDAY 7 Chesapeake Bay SATURDAY 8 Chesapeake Bay SUNDAY 9 Chesapeake Bay Rock Hall to Annapolis	FRIDAY 11 Chesapeake Bay SATURDAY 12 Chesapeake Bay SUNDAY 13 Chesapeake Bay Rock Hall to St. Michael's/Kent Narrows	SATURDAY 10 SUNDAY 11 Nockamixon Odyssey Cruise	SATURDAY 7 How to Haul-Out a Sailboat Seminar Haul Out and Mast Assistance SUNDAY 8
SATURDAY 18 SUNDAY 19	SATURDAY 16 Launch and mast raising assistance Introduction to Racing Training SUNDAY 17	SATURDAY 20 SUNDAY 21 Rules of the Road Training Tennis Ball I Fun Race Event	SATURDAY 18 SUNDAY 19 VHF Training Squirt Gun/Water Canon Fun Race Event	SATURDAY 15 Tennis Ball II Fun Race Event SUNDAY 16	SATURDAY 19 Emergencies on a Small Sailboat Training Cruise to Lake House and Raftup SUNDAY 20	SATURDAY 17 Fall Colors Cruise I SUNDAY 18	SATURDAY 14 Haul-Out and Mast Assistance Awards Banquet SUNDAY 15 Haul-Out and Mast Assistance
SATURDAY 25 SUNDAY 26	SATURDAY 23 Launch and Mast Raising Assistance Sail with a Racer Day SUNDAY 24 MONDAY 25 Memorial Day	SATURDAY 27 Knot Tying Training Summer Sailstice Picture Day SUNDAY 28	SATURDAY 25 ULDB Invitational Event and Picnic SUNDAY 26	SATURDAY 22 SUNDAY 23 How to Fly a Spinnaker Training Ladies Race	SATURDAY 26 How to Read Telltales Training SUNDAY 27 Second Dam Cruise	SATURDAY 24 SUNDAY 25 Fall Colors Cruise II	SATURDAY 21 Haul-Out and Mast Assistance SUNDAY 22 Haul-Out and Mast Assistance
	SATURDAY 30 NSC Swap Meet Meet Your Neighbor Day SUNDAY 31			SATURDAY 29 SUNDAY 30 Crew Overboard Training Crew Overboard Fun Race Event		SATURDAY 31	SATURDAY 28 SUNDAY 29

- **Weekly E-Mail Messages**, from the **NSCPA group email** will be sent including weather forecasts, start times, and details regarding each event.
- **Skills Events** (Rules of the Road, Introduction to Racing, Man Overboard Training, Sail Trim Training, and Lines and Knots training, etc) are open to all NSC members (Racers and Cruisers).
- **Invitational Regatta** race start times and format information is located on the Racing Calendar.

FLEET CONTACTS:

Rear Commodore	Mike Brown	215-499-0335
Catalina 22	Dave Stadler	215-622-8971
Hunter	Diane Paxton	215-257-6541
O'Day	Bill Hall	215-520-8645
Mariner	Ralph Hall	215-643-3986
Raft-ups	Jim Thompson	215-794-0296
Fun Races	Jim Flynn	610-721-5460
Launch/Haulout	Dave Stadler	215-622-8971

INVITATIONAL REGATTAS:

May Invitational	9 th May
Victor Jaczun Regatta	23 rd May
June Invitational	20 th June
July Invitational	11 th July
ULBD Event and Summer Picnic	25 th July
August Invitational	29 th August
September Invitational	19 th September
October Invitational	3 rd October

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RACING CALENDAR 2009

APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
SATURDAY 4th Launch Committee Boats	SATURDAY 2nd NSC Frostbite Series	SATURDAY 6th Saturday Series Portsmouth Fleet Thistle Fleet	SATURDAY 4th	SATURDAY 1st Saturday Series Portsmouth Fleet Impulse 21 Fleet Flying Scot Sat#2	SATURDAY 5th	SATURDAY 3rd NSC Invitational Regatta Championship Series Flying Scot Sun#4	SATURDAY 7th Haul Out Committee Boat
SATURDAY 11th	SATURDAY 9th NSC Invitational Regatta Championship Series Thistle Fleet Flying Scot Reg#1 Impulse 21 Fleet	SATURDAY 13th	SATURDAY 11th NSC Invitational Regatta Championship Series Thistle Fleet Flying Scot Reg#3 Impulse 21 Fleet	SATURDAY 8th Lehigh Valley Steelman Triathlon	SUNDAY 13th EnduraSport Olympic Triathlon (Sept 12)	SATURDAY 10th Saturday Series Portsmouth Fleet Flying Scot Sat#4 Impulse 21 Fleet (Champion makeup)	SATURDAY 14th NSC Awards Banquet
SATURDAY 18th NSC Frostbite Series Impulse 21 Fleet	SUNDAY 17th Sunday Series Portsmouth Fleet Flying Scot Sun#1 Flying Scot W-H#1 Impulse 21 Fleet	SATURDAY 20th	SUNDAY 19th Sunday Series Portsmouth Fleet Impulse 21 Fleet	SUNDAY 16th	SATURDAY 19th NSC Invitational Regatta Championship Series Flying Scot Sun#3 Impulse 21 Fleet Challenge of Lakes	SUNDAY 18th Sunday Series Portsmouth Fleet Thistle Fleet Flying Scot make up (Champion makeup)	SATURDAY 21st
SUNDAY 26th NSC Frostbite Series Impulse 21 Fleet	SATURDAY 23rd Victor Jaczun Regatta Championship Series Flying Scot Reg#2	SUNDAY 28th NSC Invitational Regatta Championship Series Thistle Fleet Flying Scot Snu#2 Impulse 21 Fleet Portsmouth Fleet	SATURDAY 25th NSC ULDB Invitational Event and Picnic	SATURDAY 22nd Saturday Series Portsmouth Fleet Thistle Fleet Flying Scot Sat#3	SATURDAY 26th Saturday Series Thistle Fleet ACA Regatta SUNDAY 27th Sunday Series Portsmouth Fleet Impulse 21 Fleet ACA Regatta	SATURDAY 24th NSC Frostbite Series Impulse 21 Fleet (Champion makeup)	SATURDAY 28th Haul Out Support Boat
	SATURDAY 30th Saturday Series Portsmouth Fleet Thistle Fleet Flying Scot Sat#1 Flying Scot W-H#2 Challenge of Lakes			SATURDAY 29th NSC Invitational Regatta Championship Series Flying Scot Reg#4 Impulse 21 Fleet		SATURDAY 31st NSC Frostbite Series	

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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	11:00 am	12:00 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. NSC 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 July ULDB event is our Up-the-Lake-Down-and-Back Event.

NSC Fleet Contacts:

Portsmouth Fleet, Gary Bonner	610-287-5390
One Design Fleets	
Flying Scot Fleet, George Balas	215-534-4916
Thistle Fleet, Paul Prozzillo	267-261-5475
Impulse 21 Fleet, Warren Mangan	610-584-1511

NSC Invitational REGATTAS

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NSC NOTICE OF RACE - 2009

- 1 RULES.** Racing at Nockamixon Sail Club (NSC) will be governed by the current *rules* as defined in *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 NSC racing members and to guests of NSC racing members. The skipper of each entry will 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' ratings 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 at the next meeting of the council and shall apply for the sailing season, or until US Sailing issues new ratings.
- 5 FEES.** Invitational Regattas shall have a registration fee of \$10. Fees shall be waived for NSC racing members who are also members of US Sailing, unless changed by the Notice of Race for the event. Guests shall pay a \$5 guest fee on non-regatta race days. Guest registration is limited to five (5) race days in a season.
- 7 SCHEDULE.** The schedule of races will be published in the NSC newsletter, on the NSC website and available at the skippers meeting. 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 is 11:00am. Warning Signal for the any fleet will not be made after 3:00pm. **Sunday Schedule** - The scheduled time for the skippers meeting is 11:00am and the Warning Signal for the first fleet is 12:00pm. Warning Signal for the any fleet will not be made after 4:00pm. **NSC Championship "Cup"** - The series will be seven (7) race days which will include all Invitational Regattas (see NSC By-Laws). **NSC Frostbite** - The Series will be up to six (6) race days in the Spring & Fall (see NSC By-Laws).
- 9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.** The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be published in the NSC Newsletter, on the NSC website and available at the skippers meeting.
- 10 VENUE.** NSC racing will take place on the main body of Lake Nockamixon but well clear of the marina and launch area and well clear of "Hobie Alley."
- 11 THE COURSES.** The Racing Course Card shows location of racing area, visual signals, diagrams of courses, and general locations of marks.
- 13 SCORING.** Low Point System of Appendix A will apply. RRS A9 will apply for 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 shall be awarded points equal to their average score for races they complete in that series (R/C score). **NSC Championship "Cup"** - 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 Invitational Regattas. Fleet prizes shall be awarded at the discretion of the fleet. To qualify for NSC racing prizes, except for Invitational Regattas, the skipper of the boat must be a NSC racing member and must have served R/C duty at least once during the season. **NSC Championship "Cup"** - A trophy will be awarded to the series winner. **NSC Frostbite** - Trophies will be awarded to the top three series winners.
- 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 in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after 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.
- SECTIONS 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 14-18 and 22 of RRS Appendix K "Notice of Race Guide" are RESERVED**

NSC SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - 2009

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.

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 class/fleet flag for NSC events will be the NSC burgee on a white background flag.

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

8 THE COURSES. Courses for each race will be selected by the RC and shall be windward-leeward (W), triangles (T), 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 using Racing Course Signal Boards no later than the Warning Signal.

9 MARKS. Marks will be yellow buoys, lettered "A" "B" & "C", which shall be rounded to port. Additional marks may be used for Invitational Regattas and, if used, will be described during the skippers meeting. The starting and finishing marks will be orange/red buoys, and the R/C boat. The order for rounding marks will be displayed using the Racing Course Signal Boards on the R/C boat (see Racing Course Card).

11 THE START. Races will be started by using rule 26 with the Warning Signal, a class/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) fleet boats shall be required for a separate fleet start, except for the Portsmouth fleet which may have a separate fleet start with less than four (4) boats. For multiple fleet 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 the port-end starting mark. **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 starboard-end finishing mark. **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 class/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 finishing 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 (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS. For racing at NSC rule 61.1(a)(2) does not apply. This changes rule 61.1. R/C members 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 personal flotation device for each crewmember and one throwable flotation device. Personal flotation device(s) **must** be worn when the Code Signal "Y" is flown on the race committee (R/C) boat. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the R/C as soon as possible.

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

27 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY. See: Notice of Race, Section 20, Disclaimer of Liability

SECTIONS 3, 4, 10, 12, 14, 19-25, and 28 of RRS Appendix L "Sailing Instructions Guide" are RESERVED

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