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## Catalina 22 Fleet Actively Growing by Dave Stadler

Our Catalina 22 fleet is really starting to “gel” and gain an identity as a group. I will just point out two key areas of activity.

First, we are getting to know each other better. We have begun to meet on the first Thursday night of each month. Our preference is to meet in a member home but we use the Lake or a diner as a backup site. Our meeting includes pot luck food and drinks (of course), a short business meeting using a “running agenda” of items we are working on from month to month and then a short educational topic or discussion. So far we have watched a biographical sailing video and a video on Catalina 22 rigging. In July we will discuss coastal navigation. Future meetings will be devoted to boat maintenance, sailing tactics, cruising areas, weather and storm stories, etc. Rich Brenborg is our Membership/Social leader.

Second, we have a new fleet flag. The flag was designed by Jim Thompson, our Secretary/Treasurer and produced by Ron Nimitz, Fleet Measurer. They are well worth \$20 as they are hand stitched and colorful. We have only a couple left before we must reorder.

While our events are geared toward Catalina 22 most

of the information would be of broader interest. The Club has a vision to start fleets for other boats (such as Hunter or Precision) but until then we welcome anyone to join us!

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 trailored or moored depending on your needs and interests. In short it is the perfect boat!”



### U.L.D.B. July 26

*Don't miss the U.L.D.B. Put the enclosed flyer on your refrigerator!*

*Food, Fun...oh yea, sailing too.*

*Bring the family and relax.*

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### Racing Fleet Reports

*Portsmouth, Flying Scot,*

*Impulse, Thistle inside.*

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### More Cruising than...

*2008 is shaping up as a banner year for cruising activities at the Lake, see inside!*

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## Commodore's Comments Dan Reasoner

### **Commodore's Comments: Summer 2008**

The 2008 sailing season is off to a terrific start with a ton of activities to participate in each week. Indeed, there are racing and cruising activities planned every weekend from now through mid-October except for the two weekends when the State Park is hosting triathlons. Actually, one of the triathlon organizers wants our help for safety of the swimmers. In addition, there is Wednesday evening casual racing and the Chesapeake Bay Cruise! Without doubt, our calendar is really packed full of opportunities to get out and enjoy our sport of sailing.

It is great to see the Club Officers and Fleet Captains all providing a great environment for competitive and casual sailing at the lake. Participation is excellent this year and I encourage you all to join in and take advantage of what our Club offers. Also, don't hesitate to get involved and lend a hand... just ask your Fleet Captain how you could help.

Notifications of NSC events are published in the Racing and Cruising Calendars and weekly notes with details are provided via our NSCPA email message board. Communication is very important in our organization. Besides word-of-mouth, we have three main communication forums:

- 1) This Compass Newsletter
- 2) Our NSC Public Website
- 3) The Yahoo! Group NSCPA private website and message board.

If you have difficulties accessing any of these communication forums, please contact me or your Fleet Captain directly... and get connected.

At almost every event, you will find that we set-up our "portable club house" tents either near Dock-A, or on the far side of the large rigging parking lot. It is gratifying to take a little time and gather after our events to get to know each other a little better, socialize and share experiences of the day. As a result, for each event bring along your lawn chairs, favorite beverages and maybe a tasty hors-doeuvre or snack to share.

As you know, sailors like to help other sailors with advice, tips and tricks. Although most of us are quite knowledgeable, I bet there are a few things we all could still learn or just be reminded of. Thus, during our get-togethers don't be timid about asking others on any sailing subject matter items. Likely, someone in the group knows the answer and can help. Also, listed on the calendars are a number of impressive education activities mostly organized by the Cruising Fleet. Yet, the racers should not shy away from these learning activities either.

So at this time, with two-thirds of the sailing season remaining, I see that "the cup is not even half full yet" and a great deal more of good times will be experienced at Lake Nockamixon this year.

Dan Reasoner – NSC Commodore

# ***“Up the Lake, Down and Back”***



## ***Nockamixon Sail Club Annual ULDB and Picnic Saturday July 26 11 AM***

***Ahoy! Mark your calendar now for Saturday July 26 for our club's largest summer event of the season!! Last year 90 members attended!!***

The ***ULDB*** is a ***“fun family race”*** (Portsmouth handicaps, winner is on corrected time). The entire club is invited to participate in the regatta! We encourage our Cruising Fleet members to join the ***“fun”*** family regatta!! Detail of the regatta registration will be arranged by our Rear Commodore, Craig Tortellott. I've been told that the Cruising Fleet will be given a head start!! The race starts off at the Marina point, at 11:00 am sharp, sailing west past Swan Cove, (about a mile and a half), around the mark and then back to the finish line for a great picnic under the club tents!

This year we will have two very large club tents! We will be serving a catered lunch after the race of Pulled Pork with your choice of sauce, Kielbasa & Kraut, Sausage w/roasted pepper & onions, Bake Beans, Pasta Parmesan Salad, Red Skin Potato Salad prepared by Blooming Glen Catering. Cold bottles of water and soda will also be provided! Members are requested to bring an appetizer, or a summer salad or a dessert to share.

Best news of all; this event is ***“Free”*** to the ***Racing and Cruising Fleet members!*** Friends of the club and non members will be charged \$10 per adult and \$5 per young adults under 12 years.

Since the meal is being catered please let me know how many family members will be attending by **July 19th!**

Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs, appetites and family for a ***“fun”*** sailing picnic celebration at ***Lake Nockamixon!***

Please RSVP: [dianejpaxton@yahoo.com](mailto:dianejpaxton@yahoo.com) by July 19th

See everyone at the ***ULDB!***  
***Diane Paxton***  
Vice Commodore

## Rear Commodore's Report Craig Tortellot

Racing has been pretty good for 2008. We completed our April Frost Bite race dates, started our Championship series with our Invitational regatta dates and held Saturday and Sunday series racing. The Wednesday Night Sailing for 2008 has been light this year but we many dates left on the calendar.

Check out the racing for our NSC fleets - Portsmouth Fleet, Flying Scot Fleet, Thistle Fleet and Impulse 21 Fleet. The May Invitational regattas are posted on the website.

### May Invitational

<u>Skipper</u>	<u>Boat</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Pos</u>
Reasoner	Thistle	Green	3	1
Mangan	Impulse 21	Warp Drive	6	2
Theisen	Thistle	Over Easy	12	3

### Victor Jaczun Invitational Regatta

<u>Skipper</u>	<u>Boat</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Pos</u>
Reasoner	Thistle	Green	4	1
Smith	Thistle	Dan-E Boy	6	2
Mangan	Impulse 21	Warp Drive	15	3

Have you been out on your go-fast machine in 2008? If not, think about how the summer breezes could cool your temperature while the heat of racing will warm up your competitive spirits. We have a full racing calendar with Saturday and Sunday race dates. Check it out and come out.

Upcoming Events:                      Invitational Regatta, July 12th  
    Up-the-Lake Down-and-Back Event, July 26th  
    Invitational Regatta, August 23rd

Have you talked with Cruising members of NSC? The Cruising Fleet under the guidance of Mike Brown is having a year to remember a year of growth. Look for the NSC sticker and say "Ahoy.

## NSC Welcomes New Members!

### New Racing Members

Adam & Peyton Ankers are excited about racing Thistle #1811  
Jacqui Richie is learning to race her O'day "Freedom" on Dock G  
Randy & Debbie Blough will be racing their Flying Scot #1954

### New Crusing Members

Tom & Beth Ann Siteman has a nice Hunter 23 "Hakuna Matata" on Dock M  
Bill Hall & Cindy Gorman with an O'day 222 on Dock H  
Gil and Carole Weiss enjoy their Com Pac 19 "Suo Gan" on Dock L  
Robert Thompson & Patti Staboleski have a Precision 18 on Dock E  
Paul & Karen Poloniewicz maintains a Precison 18 on Dock G  
Charles & Lenette Wilde keep their Catalina 22 "Happy Daze" on Dock M  
Scott & Laura Krupa on the Hunter "Blew Heron" on Dock K  
Gary & Kelly Carney are getting to know thier Hunter 19 "Irish Luck" on Dock F  
Maddie Lavage has a Sunfish that she drysails  
Marsha Cooper has been active with her O'day 22 "Konanoai" Dock L

### New Friend Members

John Swahn has been crewing a lot on various boats  
Steve Mink is connected with the Liberty Sailing School and the Liberty Sails & Canvas Loft



## Thistle Fleet 176 Report Tim Theisen

### Thistle Fleet, Hot Competition and a Great District Regatta!

After four races in Thistle fleet 176 schedule for 2008, familiar names are again at the top of the results chart, with Dan Reasoner and Craig Smith finishing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively in all events, and the Bensons and Paul Prozillo neck-and-neck for 3<sup>rd</sup>. May 31 saw six boats and only one race due to heavy rain and thunderstorms. June 7 had nine boats at the start.

The real fun is in the middle of the fleet where we are seeing very close racing this season with every mark rounding being contested by multiple boats and finishing order left up in the air until well into the final leg, sometimes with only a few seconds separation at the line. Here's warning to the RC that they need to be on their toes when the Thistles are racing.

The big news this year is Fleet 176 hosted a very exciting Thistle NJ District Championship at Lake Nockamixon June 14-15 that saw a total of six races over the two days. A total of 19 boats participated, including a record 12 skippers from Fleet 176. Reasoner (4<sup>th</sup>) and Smith (5<sup>th</sup>) delivered the best performances for the Nockamixon Thistle Fleet. Day 1 saw light winds and long spinnaker runs that tended to favor boats with underweight crews. This changed on Day 2 to a constant wind of 8-12 over four laps of a short course that stressed good crew and helm work at the marks. The Fleet wishes to express their gratitude to all NSC members who volunteered time to make this event a success.



Thistles Blast Off on June 6. Dan, are you over early?

## Flying Scot Fleet 163 Report Captain Clueless (GB)

Summer solstice finds the Flying Scot Fleet multiplying faster than a culture of ameba in a hot petri dish. Treasurer Len Evelev reports record applications for new associates bringing the total to 43 able bodied sailors. Able bodied being a relative term. Which reminds me; Kudos to Mike and Brenda for traveling the farthest land mile distance (ever) to not score Sterling Points in a Wife Husband event. Lake Nockamixon to Lake Hefner, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; never put the boat in the water in 1,400 miles EACH WAY. Ouch!!! That's going to leave a mark.

Several of the longstanding membership have called for stricter standards for Fleet inclusion and have recommended a short test and an internship period prior to full acceptance. Paying dues will get you on Mike's E-mail list but 10 bucks doesn't get you on the First Team Bocce Gentlemen vs. Lady's annual shoot out squad. The men haven't won in three years so there might be some space on the guy's team this year. Stand by for further info.....

Racing has been a big part of Fleet activities but, Mike's rig set-up sessions, the Secretary's report, North Sails' seminar, the Blue Angels' Cruise, Women's Skills Clinic and the Spring Warm-up are all contributing factors to the ongoing success of this fleet. Keep up the good work and let it rock and roll.

The following racing report was **submitted by Greg Morrison** and gives us a great look at the highly competitive Flying Scot Fleet: Scot Fleet racing in 2008 has exemplified everything we look for in a one-design class: close racing, many different skippers in contention for top finishes, and strong competition tempered by good sportsmanship. The number of different winners we have had so far this year is indicative of the quality of the racing. Out of 4 Saturday races so far we have had 3 different skippers win (Cohen, Morrison, Scheetz). With 5 Sunday races in the books we have had 4 different winners (Rittenburg, Tourtellot, Mandell, Noone). We have had 6

Regatta races and 5 different skippers have won (Scheetz, Noone, Morrison, Rittenburg, Mandell). Overall 7 different skippers have crossed the line first, and many others have been hot on their transoms for good finishes. Competition for the yearly series awards is already tight and looks to remain so right up through the last race. Participation in general has been strong with 9 skippers competing in at least one race in our Saturday and Sunday series, and 10 skippers competing thus far in our Regatta series. **Greg**

The Flying Scot NAC is taking place at Tom's River Yacht Club from July 20-23. Seven fleet boats are signed up: Noone, Scheetz, Evelev, Mandell, Berger, Mathias, Balas. Can we hit 10?

That's it from Captain Clueless and don't forget Boy and Girls Don't let those pesky racing rules get in the way of your good time.



## Impulse 21 Fleet Report Warren Mangan Impulse #149

*Impulse 21 fleet*, 7 boats on M dock.

Next race days 7/12, 8/23, 9/20, 9/27, 10/12, 10/18.

We have had some good sailing so far this season. We had good fleet racing on May 10th with 4 boats racing all 3 races. Results were well mixed up among the fleet. We have struggled a little getting 4 boat on the line on our other race days.

We are planning a one day regatta I am Proposing Saturday September 27th as we should have good wind and a separate start. Please check you schedule and let me know if this works or another day would be better.

2 boats have added solar ventilators to the sloping transom area. So far this has really helped with keeping the interior dry including sails and gear. Should work on other boats to.

Impulse 21 For Sale .

If your interested in joining the Impulse 21 fleet I can find you what ever kind of boat your might like from a top notch fully rigged boat to a basic boat. I run the Impulse 21 discussion list on Yahoo and can help you find the right boat locally or across the country.

Come try an Impulse 21 today.

The Flying Scot Fleet has been enjoying tight competition in 2008.

Morrison, Wesley, Evelev, Berger, Rittenberg and Mandell finish a tight race on June 6.



Scheetz photo



Nockamixon Sail Club



Logo



# New for 2008

Great Prices, Great Value...  
This is not a fundraiser...  
Show Your Colors!

See Dan Reasoner to  
order NSC apparel.

- ▶ Caps...Navy or White - *Burgee on Front and "Nockamixon Sail Club" embroidered arched around back opening*
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- ▶ Personalization: add your name, boat's name, number or whatever you like...

Any Questions? Contact Dan Reasoner  
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Also, in NSCPA Files, and distributed via email.



## Cruising Fleet goes one up on the airwaves

Cruising Fleet one-ups Racing Fleet!

The cruising fleet will emphasize the use of VHF radios at all cruising fleet events this season. VHF radios are not required by law for the size of vessels on Lake Nockamixon, but use of VHF radios are recommended so you can communicate with other vessels, obtain weather information, get help in an emergency, know if someone needs assistance, or just for fun. For years the NSC racing fleet has used channel 68 to communicate. Mike Brown, Cruising Fleet Captain has announced that the cruising fleet


will one-up the racing fleet and use channel 69 for its communications. If you are trying to remember the channel to use just think one-up from the channel the racers use. Being able to talk to each other on our vessels should make it more fun and safer for everyone so if you do not already have a VHF please get one, and if you do have a VHF radio please use it. Please also note that there is a presentation available on the cruising page of the NSC website that can be downloaded for free which describes proper use of VHF radios on Lake Nockamixon.

Don't forget the  
**U.L.D.B.**  
July 26, 11 AM



### Mystery Scot Sailor Shows Up!

A serious competitor has appeared at the lake, sailing a One Design, and a Flying Scot, no less. We understand that he hasn't mumbled the words "Portsmouth rating" since scrubbing the mossy One Design. Can you identify him?

  
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## NSC Cruising Fleet events draw a crowd! by Mike Brown

### Cruising Fleet Update

The state of the cruising fleet has never been better. Participation in Cruising Fleet events has increased dramatically due to the Cruising Fleet calendar offering our members overwhelming value in terms of social interaction with other sailors, opportunities to learn in numerous skills seminars, expansion of the Catalina 22 fleet, and numerous fun events that allow our members to combine social interaction with building skill and confidence on the water.

At the time of this writing, the most popular events thus far have been the Bird Watching Cruise; Meet Your Neighbor Day, where we visited each other's sailboats; Introduction to Racing for cruisers; Summer Sailstice/Picture Day, where our members celebrated the first day of the summer by getting pictures taken of their sailboats on the water; skills training on VHF radio; and the Rules of the Road training seminar, where a dozen members actually showed up in the rain to learn about the Rules.

Upcoming events that are expected to be very popular include Sail Trim skills training, the first full moon sleepover event, day time water raft up, tennis ball event, Lines and Knots skills training, Nockamixon Odyssey Cruise, Man Overboard training, Unraces, Flag parades, and other events. Please see the cruising

fleet calendar on the NSC website to get the schedule for these and other events.

For the first time, the cruising fleet has emphasized use of VHF radios at all events and this has increase enjoyment and safety for all. Interest in the first NSC Chesapeake Bay charter trip has been tremendous and continues to expand. We have also improved the value of members visiting the cruising fleet page of the NSC website by posting a series of documents on the cruising fleet page for free download that improve knowledge of seamanship on Lake Nockamixon for our members. Please see separate articles located on other pages of this Compass describing VHF (Cruising Fleet one-ups Racing Fleet), the Chesapeake Bay trip update, and a list of the documents available for free on the cruising fleet page.

We are looking for even more participation in all cruising fleet events as word gets out that they are fun and educational. If you have not joined us yet for a cruising fleet event, I hope you will check your calendars and meet-up with us on the water.

Happy sailing!

Mike Brown  
Cruising Fleet Captain

## NSC Chesapeake Bay Charter Trip continues to expand

Currently the NSC has six 35-38 foot sailing vessels reserved from Haven Charters for September 5, 6, and 7. According to Mike Brown, Cruising Fleet Captain, 25 NSC members and friends have already committed to go on the first six vessels. In addition to the six chartered vessels many NSC members plan to join up with the NSC flotilla on their own vessel. Please notify us if you wish to meet up with us on your vessel so slip space can be arranged near our chartered vessels. If you have interest in going on the first NSC Chesapeake Bay Charter from Rock Hall, MD to Annapolis and back, please contact Mike Brown as soon as possible to get additional details. It may still be possible to get an additional vessel or you may be able to get on a list as an alternate in case someone can't go.

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# Nockamixon Sail Club

## ULDB, July 29, 2008

Don't forget, the ULDB and PICNIC is coming July 26 to Lake Nockamixon!

It's free to Racing and Cruising members of the Club! Diane has arranged some great food, with pulled pork sandwiches.

This is probably the most fun race of the season.

See details inside the newsletter, on Page 3. Put the flyer on your fridge and be there. Better yet bring your boat, and your family, and your appetite, All the fun people will be there.

Don't forget to RSVP to Diane Paxton by July 19.



**Renew Your NSC Membership today!**

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