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Nockamixon Sail Club Burgee Flies to Victory – Newport to Block Island

A Nockamixon Sail Club cruiser/racer team entered the annual Newport to Block Island Memorial Day Regatta and took honors of First in Class and as the first monohull to finish.

Having selected the most prepared of Jim Black and Phil Ehlinger's twin boats for this year's entry, Jim's *Ciao Béa!* maneuvered to start in this annual Newport Yacht Club no spinnaker, pursuit race to Block Island. Being the smallest boat in the regatta having the lowest rating, we were first over the starting line at the appointed time – 9:00 AM. Our narrative follows:

We left Newport astern on a fair tide and a light, following breeze. Phil's strategy was to take advantage of published tidal currents and sail the shortest distance to Block. Downwind with wind from the NE, apparent wind dropped to zero while flags abeam on the bank streamed along our direction. Our speed over the ground was good, and we sported all sail area with the help of an old Lightning spinnaker pole on the jib and Phil's son Jacob on the foredeck to gybe on the slightest wind shift.

We watched our successors cross the starting line in turn behind and some began to slowly close on us. And, while we favored the rhumbline, we watched the fleet of 30 other boats favor the east while one Pearson 30 was catching us farther west – he wing-and-wing with a long whisker pole on a large genoa.

As we left the Narragansett Bay and entered Block Island Sound, the breeze strengthened and swung more from the east. On a broad reach, we began to play the waves and take advantage of puffs of



wind to head deeper downwind while keeping all possible speed between the puffs. These we had to balance against the reality of the ebb tide over the north reef on Block Island, with the waters of Long Island Sound that move over it at more than two knots.

The wind had strengthened, and we watched our speed through the water increase above hull speed to 7.5 knots - our theoretical hull speed is just 6.08 knots. With a full 400 lb. water ballast tank to windward, Phil and I enjoyed the ride sitting on the cockpit seats as comfortably as if in port.

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ULDB, Luau or Regatta?

The 2009 U.L.D.B. Regatta is coming up on July 25. Is it a race, a party or a picnic? Race, Cruise, Eat? You decide. Just be there!

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Commodore's Comments Dan Reasoner

The 2009 sailing season is off to an excellent start, in great part due to the fabulous weather we've been having on the weekends. 90F in April! There are racing and cruising events planned for almost every weekend from now through mid-October. In addition, there is Wednesday evening casual racing and two Chesapeake Bay Cruises planned! Participation is excellent this year and I encourage you to join-in often 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 to help.

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

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

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

At almost every event, we set-up our "portable club house" tents somewhere around the large rigging parking lot. It is enjoyable to take time and gather after our on-the-water events to get to know each other better, socialize and share experiences of the day. Don't hesitate to bring along your lawn chairs, favorite beverages and maybe a tasty hors-d'oeuvre to share.

The Club Officers, Fleet Captains and Event Captains are all providing this great environment for sailing and socializing at Lake Nockamixon. I have asked our Admiralty to begin working on a list of candidates for next year's NSC Fleet Council. Please be open and listen to how you might serve our club. Also, don't hesitate to contact me if you want to get more involved at the organization level.

Again, so far this year we've had over two months of great sailing and let's hope the remainder of the season is equally as spectacular. I'll see you on the water!

Dan



“Up the Lake, Down and Back”



Annual ULDB Regatta and Hawaiian Luau Pig Roast Picnic Saturday July 25th



Nockamixon Sail Club members!

Join your fellow members for our largest summer event!

The entire club is invited to participate in our fun family regatta and picnic! Hawaiian attire is encouraged! Everyone will receive a colorful lei!



The ULDB regatta registration and skipper's meeting will be held at 10:00am under the club tents. Our Rear Commodore of Racing, Craig Tourtellott will review the details of the ULDB regatta. The ULDB Regatta begins on the water at 11:00 am. The starting line is off of the marina point, sailing west past Swan Cove, (about a mile and a half), around the mark and then back to the finish line. (The Cruising Fleets will start first, followed by the racing fleets!)



After the ULDB regatta join us under our club tents at 1:00pm for a Hawaiian Luau Pig Roast picnic! We will be serving buffet style, a whole roasted pig, (carver on site), Red Skin Potato Salad, Baked Beans, and Coleslaw 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. Over 130 members attended last's year ULDB!***

This event is ***“Free”*** to every ***Racing and Cruising Fleet “family” member!*** The cost for Patrons of NSC and non members (or non-member crew) is \$10 per person (16 yrs and older), \$5 per non members (under 16 years), Free for non member children under 10 years.

Since the picnic is catered please let me know how many family members (or non members) will be attending the picnic by **July 18th!** **RSVP: dianejpaxton@yahoo.com**

Please bring your lawn chairs, appetites and family to our “fun” ULDB Hawaiian Luau regatta picnic celebration at our beautiful Lake Nockamixon!

Please let me know if you are able to help; the success of this event relies on our volunteers!!

See everyone at the ULDB! Aloha!

Diane Paxton, Vice Commodore

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Block Island, continued

All the while, we checked the fleet behind. The boats that had once begun to close were left behind when we began to plane. But, at the same time, the fleet behind was so far upwind to the east that we felt compelled to take out the printed race instructions to see if we had made an error in going to the wrong side of the island! We were headed to the right place and very much in the lead - Phil's strategy was paying off.

After the nine-mile crossing, we saw our speed surge still higher once we cleared the north reef in the flat water there. We were seeing speeds closer to 8 knots sustained, while we fought against a two-knot, foul current. Behind, our stern smoothed out a broad, flat trough of *Ciao Béa!* in her groove, heading for the finish, Phil and I alternating at the helm, large carbon-fabric sails bearing down upon us from behind, and 31 boats converging upon a simultaneous finish at the inlet to Great Salt Pond.

Multihulls, starting more than an hour behind us, were then fast approaching and it wasn't much before the finish that some were racing by - water spraying over exposed crews in multi-colored foulies. One multi passed very near us just a minute before the finish, the wind at its strongest yet during the day. Our speed was so high approaching the finish that, in advance, we furled the jib and dropped the outboard to help slow down and increase the chances that we would keep it all under control with the narrow channel and convergence of boats, combined with the impressive reality that we were still carrying our full main in that strong breeze.

We crossed the finish line 1st in our class, fourth overall and as the first monohull among 31 boats - the NSC burgee flying from the flag halyard: elapsed time 4 hours, 4 minutes, 45 seconds. We celebrated our success ashore - all eleven - three crew and eight support crew with a well-earned Block Island holiday!

After two years of modifications with the development of a new rig and sails, combined with a moveable water ballast system, Jim and Phil have developed two unique, lightweight, shoal draft, high-performance trailerables from Santana 2023As to enjoy lake and coastal cruising. Optimized for light air conditions of inland lakes and the Chesapeake Bay, the sail plan was designed for commonplace 5-8 knots, while underwater foils were developed to handle rougher seas and still allow gunk-holing. Fixed and moveable water ballast systems were incorporated to allow single-handed balancing of sail forces and easy trailering. Still, the boats continue to feature cutty cabins with galleys, privies, accommodations for four and are a joy to sail.

Jim Black
Ciao Béa!
Santana 2023A
M-29



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Catalina 22 Fleet Report Dave Stadler

The Catalina 22 fleet mailing list has grown to about 35 names as we keep meeting folks at the Lake who own our favorite boat. We added a lot of names to our list from our efforts to participate in the mast raising/launch assistance efforts at the Lake. We continue to meet monthly and participate in all NSC events, mostly cruising.

Our biggest news is our new fleet patch. The patch was designed and produced by Rich Brenenborg. It can be sewn on shirts, hats, bags or whatever.

Sailing season is in full swing 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 trailored or moored depending on your needs and interests. In short it is the perfect boat!"

Dave Stadler



NSC Welcomes New Members

New Racing Members

Rick and Dana Antrobus are meticulously refurbishing a wooden Thistle #1333
Frederick "Fritz" Goetz long time Thistle racer from NJ joins us in Thistle #3177
Richard Baucom & Betsy Kirchner will be out there on Flying Scot #5862

New Cruising Members

Michael & Lois Wing have an O'Day 192 #19 named "Jenni Lyn I"
Andrew Brainard & Jordan Vaughn are learning their crewing techniques with the racers
Michelle & Justin Genzlinger have Catalina 27 at Lake Wallenpaupack and enjoy the NSC
John Frankenfield has a HobieCat 16se #111482
Bill & Melinda Nyman sail a West White Potter 16 kept on Dock C-8
David & Cynthia Velasco and family have a Venture of Newport 23 TIKI located on L-5
Paul Harrsch & Greg Kritz and family have a Starwind 19 RIFF RAFT docked at H-37
Jennifer Whitbeck & Ed Mastetsky and family enjoy a Celebrity and just got a wet slip!
Joe & Cheryl Baker and family own a Catalina 22 floating at Dock L-33
Gary & Jane Thundercliffe and family sail a Catalina Capri LA MOUETTE on Dock I-14
Karen Lowe and family is looking to learn more about sailing
Thomas & Mary Sclafani and Family have a 245 Seidelmann on located on Dock N-39
Justin Tuerk is learning to sail and looking for a boat
Thomas & Pamela King and family have an O'Day CHAZ-E on kept on Dock D-36
Marty & Jeanne McLean and family have a Mariner PROXIMUS on C-Dock & a J Sailor
Joe & Kathy Meyer got a nice deal on a Compac 24 SYMPLICITY now kept on K-38
Paul & Rachel Strauss have a Galilee-15 being restored and will be on the water soon
Rich & Jane Cope are back in the NSC with their Seafarer SONNET on Dock N-38
Michael & Donna Banks travel with a Luger Sea Breeze NAMASTE waiting for a wet slip
Kenneth & Denise Smith sail a Catalina 22 #12963 SPIRIT secured at dock N-15

Flying Scot Fleet 163 Report Mike Noone FS 5850

Fleet # 163 continues to prosper in 2009: Flying Scot Fleet # 163 has already set new records for Fleet growth and participation in 2009 – and the season is still young! Three brand new boats, # 5846, 5850, and 5862, have joined the Fleet and are all sailing on the Lake. We now have 8 Flying Scot Cruising Members of NSC and 18 Racing Members of NSC – so far in 2009. Flying Scot Fleet # 163 has over 30 Members in total for 2009, and over 50 sailors on the weekly e-mail “Report” mailings.

The “Challenge of the Lakes” Racing Series between Flying Scot Fleets # 163 at Nockamixon and # 184 at Hunterdon sailing Club, is off to a great start for the 7 th Annual Series with 18 skippers participating at NSC on May 30, and 16 boats competing at HSC on June 7. So far, 24 different boats have competed in this Series and 10 boats have had “Top 3” Scores. The Series resumes with two more Regattas in August.



Participants in the Challenge of the Lakes Regatta at NSC on May 30 proudly show their Awards – everyone is a “Winner” at the Challenge of the Lakes.

The Challenge of the Lakes Regatta at Spruce Run on June 7 was also the NJYRA Championship Regatta and boats from NSC, HSC, and Monmouth Boat Club, all competed to be the “Jersey” Champion for 2009 – including our “Wife-Husband” Teams. After a very competitive event, with three different boats winning races, it was a W-H Team from Nockamixon Fleet # 163 that took the title. This is the first time that a Nockamixon boat has won the NJYRA Flying Scot Championship. The great participation of young sailors in our recent events shows great potential for the

future of the Flying Scot sailing community.

Everyone was a “winner” once again at the event at HSC on June 7 – Lakes Challenge, Wife-Husbands, and NJYRA Champions !!

Our special 2009 “Wife-Husband” Series is also off to a great start. This Series is for potential “W-H” Crew to encourage their participation in the National FSSA Wife-Husband Championships to be held in Massachusetts in July. The visit to HSC for the Lakes Challenge was made part of this Series so that the Teams could get used to traveling and sailing at a different venue. So far, 9 “W-H” Teams have competed, and 6 of them have gained “Top 3”

scores. We have set a target of 9 boats to attend the National Event in July – which would be a new record attendance for the Fleet at a National Events – we had 7 boats at the FSSA NAC’s in 2008.



Editor’s Note: The “NSC Boat” that won the NJYRA Championship was Mike and Brenda Noone, who are too modest.

Cruising Fleet News Mike Brown

The cruising fleet is continuing to grow due to the overwhelming value that we bring to our members. We already have over 110 cruising fleet members and are continuing to grow. Dave Stadler, Launch/Haul out captain had a busy season leading activities related to mast raising and launch assistance to our members. Jim Thompson, Raftup Captain organized a well attended moon light sail and other Moon light sails and raft ups are planned. Jim Flynn is gearing up for our Fun Race series for cruisers which includes, the Squirt Gun/Water Canon Fun Race, Tennis Ball Fun Race, Crew Overboard Fun Race and others. We have been busy providing free training to our members in subjects including Safe boating requirements, Intro to Racing, and Rigging Basic Training. On the calendar coming up are Rules of the Road training, Knot tying, sail trim, VHF radio, Sail controls, Spinnaker training, and how to sail at night. Please mark your calendar for the training sessions of interest to you. The Memorial Day Flag Parade was very well attended with nine vessels. Please plan to join us for the July 4th and Labor Day Parades. The Chesapeake Bay sails scheduled for August 7-9 and September 11-13 are continuing to expand. We currently have three vessels filled in August and working on four and have four vessels filled and working on five in September. If you wish to join us for these fun cruises on the Chesapeake Bay it is not too late but please let me know ASAP. We organized the cruising fleet into individual fleets at the beginning of the season. The Catalina 22 fleet has existed for several years now and is the model for the other fleets to copy. Under the able leadership of Dave Stadler, Catalina 22 Fleet captain, the Catalina Fleet has grown to around 30 members and has many social and sailing related activities and a lively membership. Ralph Hall, O'Day Fleet Captain, Ralph Hall, Mariner Fleet Captain, and Diane Paxton Hunter Fleet Captain are continuing to organize their new fleets and gaining new members. If you have an O-Day, Mariner, or Hunter and you have not joined a fleet please contact the appropriate fleet captain to get involved. We are also looking for a Fleet Captain for the Precision Fleet and would like to start other fleets. Please let me know if you are interested in being the Precision Fleet Captain or if you want to start a new fleet.



Cruising Fleet Flag Parade flying the colors

Mariner Fleet Report Ralph Hall

Mariner Fleet cranks up...

The first season of the NSC Mariner is well under way, and a look around the marina and lake shows a few new and recently improved Mariners in our midst. O'Day Mariners may no longer be in production, but they remain a very popular boat, both for family cruising and racing, and have proven to be sturdy, comfortable and fun over long lives. Membership in the US Mariner Class Association (www.usmariner.org) is only \$10 per year, and gives the Mariner owner access to a broad network of owners with a wealth of knowledge on sailing technique, maintenance tips and tricks, and the care and feeding of your Mariner.

The nearby Riverton Yacht Club on the Delaware River in Riverton, NJ (www.rivertonyachtclub.org) is home to a large fleet of Mariners. The fleet runs an active racing schedule as well as an extensive summer sailing instruction program; visiting boats and crew members are always welcome. I had the pleasure of racing with the Riverton Fleet last weekend, and enjoyed getting to know a serious group of friendly sailors who

In addition to their weekly racing schedule, Riverton's 2009 racing program includes two major race events:

June 20-21 (Saturday and Sunday)	Governor's Cup Regatta
September 18-20 (Friday to Sunday)	The Mariner Nationals

That's right!!! The National Mariner Championship races will be right in our own backyard this year – it is a great opportunity to meet fellow Mariner owners, learn about racing with tide, currents and marine traffic, or just admire the beautiful fleet. Check the Riverton website for additional information.

Please pass along any information about other Mariners you see on the docks or the lake to Ralph Hall (ralphhhall@verizon.net) – a new Mariner fleet member might just be a source for a part that your Mariner needs!



Scots continued

Competition for the Fleet 163 "Sterling" Trophy, for boats that travel to distant FSSA events, promises to be tough in 2009. Mike Mandell is the current leader after his highly successful participation in the Midwinter's Championships, but many more events remain, and many more boats will be traveling in 2009.

2009 looks like being the best year ever for Flying Scot sailing at Lake Nockamixon.



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This season has had an interesting start. The frostbite series was sailed in 90 degree weather and with great wind. The warm weather has not stayed with us but the competitive sailing is always here. We have had only 7 or 8 boats in each of our race days and that is good, but it is not great. This May I crewed for Craig Smith in the Dixie Regatta in Atlanta. There were 70 boats on a small lake with sailing conditions very similar to Nockamixon. To see 70 boats launch and sail is an impressive thing. We were doing excellent, looked good for a top 10 finish, until the middle crew (me) missed the hiking strap and fell over. We had a 4th, 8th, and a DNF. This was a wild west themed regatta, Craig rode the mechanical bull and I drank the cactus juice. Thistle regattas are always a good time. The next big regatta for us will be the ULDB. This regatta is a low key 2 leg race that traditionally is won by a Thistle. This year's goal is to have all top ten boats be Thistles. See you on the water.



Paul's "new" Thistle 3911, in fine form.



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Main, Santana 2023R, Contender Maxx
Roller sail cover, Sunbrella (Oyster and Hunter Green)
Roller furling luff tape #6, CDI Roller Furling (jib modification)
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