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Launch and Haul Out Captains - Sharon and John Martis

We had a great spring launching season and had LOTS of volunteer help to get a good number of the fleet in the water. It was great to be able to meet some of the new members and also some of the existing members we had not yet met, as well as reconnect with friends from last year.



The launch season ran the gamut from ice cold to nice and warm, and even threw in a few showers to make it interesting. Fortunately we didn't have the high heat that we had last summer when we launched Livin' R Dream.



We also had a chance to see some great boats. It's amazing the variety of sailboats that are on the lake and the way that members personalize them, we really learned a lot. Some of the early morning launches were supported by coffee and donuts (many thanks to those that brought food).

Impressively, all of the outboards that were on the boats we helped to launch started; unlike some recent history for many of us.

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Almost Upon us!
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The Steelman Triathlon
August 7th

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Launch and Haul Out Captains - Sharon and John Martis

Photos: John & Sharon Martis

Overall it was a great start to the season and the launches went mostly without mishap. We even had a number of boats inspected (successfully) by the Coast Guard Auxiliary – a great safety benefit.

We'll outline the plans for haul out in a later edition – don't even want to think about that yet.

See you on the water!

Sharon and John

Commodore's Comments - George Balas

Sailors,

Hard to believe we're half way through the calendar year and well into the sailing season with the ULDB (July 23rd) right around the corner. Unfortunately, the unusually cold and wet spring has had a dampening effect on our outdoor activities; and participation at several traditional events has suffered.

The Spring Frostbite racing series had only one race day and, the June Tennis Ball Race was canceled for rain. If rain wasn't the issue then the lack of wind was. Several Saturday/Sunday race days have been canceled or shortened for incompatible atmospheric conditions.

In spite of the adversity, NSC had a great Warm-Up in March, organized by Vice Commodore Paul Prozillo, and an auspicious April launch assist program run by Sharon and John Martis. Our Earth Day attendance was unparalleled in participation, drawing large numbers across all NSC Fleets; a special *thanks* to Warren Mangan for his organizational efforts.

May and June we have been into the full Racing and Cruising programs; modified, somewhat, by that aforementioned unpredictable Mother Nature.

We're still looking for a Cruising Rear Commodore to tune up the Summer Cruising schedule but, with the help of some of our Cruising Fleet Captains, we will be presenting a full schedule of raft-ups, Sail and Learn seminars and social sailing activities.

Looking forward to June's events including the summer solstice which (will have) occurred on June 21, 2011 at 1:16 P.M. EDT celebrating the day of the year with the most hours of daylight.

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Commodore's Comments - George Balas (continued)

They get shorter from that date until December 22 which is the day with the shortest number of daylight hours. Makes you think, we're in the best part of the sailing year and it's up to us to figure out how to use those hours. My guess for highest and best use is; Sailing. The next Club event is the Fourth of July flag parade which, you guessed it, is on the 4th.

The biggest event of the summer season is, of course, the ULDB; Up the Lake, Down & Back fun race and Club Picnic. Every year, this is the best attended NSC event and draws the most attention to our Club and the membership. So, come on out...it's a free picnic for members and their immediate families and promises to be the best time you can have on the water, or off, in a State Park. All members are invited for this free picnic, but guests will be asked to pay a cover charge of \$10.00 each. I'm expecting record attendance, in no small part to our Membership Chairwomen's recruiting efforts, and we are asked to RSVP to Diane Paxton to make sure we have enough food and door prizes.

In an effort to promote our Club to the greater non-sailing community we will, again, be supporting the Steelman Triathlon. This is early morning event that will take place at the marina on August 7th. We provide safety boat support for the swimming part of the event and I expect we will need, at least, seven or eight motorized sail boats plus the Club's two support boats. I'm hoping we get a great turnout for this as the profits from Steelman go to support the Make a Wish Foundation which is a wonderful charitable organization worthy of our support.

See you at the Lake,

George Balas

Commodore, Nockamixon Sail Club

Rear Commodore of Racing— Gary Bonner

The racing season got off to a slow start this year. In an effort to increase the likelihood of good racing conditions for the frostbite series, we attempted to be flexible with the race days, choosing the best day—Saturday or Sunday—based on the weather forecast. We apparently weren't able to be flexible enough, though, as poor conditions still prevailed on the first two race days as well as the alternates. Instead of the summer-like conditions of some years past, those who pulled the winter covers early this year were greeted with cold rain and canceled races. Racing in earnest finally began on May 1st, with 10 boats on the line for what was supposed to have been the third race day of the frostbite series. Hopefully, the weather will be more cooperative for the balance of the series in the fall.

Bad weather also quashed fleet racing on May 15, but the two May invitational regattas came off without problems, with Brent and Barb Benson taking the May 7th Invitational Regatta, and Paul Prozillo winning the Victor Jaczun Regatta. The weather turned the corner in June and we've had racing every weekend so far, most recently with Dan Reasoner winning the June 18th Invitational Regatta. July has a full calendar as well, with fleet racing on the 2nd, 16th, and 31st; an invitational regatta on the 9th; and the ULDB on the 23rd, details of which you will find elsewhere in this issue.

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NSC Earth Day Work Volunteers @ Nockamixon



Getting Ready for the PennDot Road Crew Lecture



Diane, Doing Her Thing



Paul and Dan; Work Release Can Be Fun



Deb and Marsha in their Best Sierra Club Pose



Warren and Brownie, Getting the Gloves On



Bill Hall finds a Nickel

Photos: George Balas

PORTSMOUTH FLEET

Racing this year has been few and far between. We have only one Saturday Series date, one Sunday race period and two regatta dates with light air. And summer solstice is over. So we do we go from here? Club racing needs you. Come out and support the programs. We have plenty for the remaining days in June and the month of July and on. And if you are a cruising member of NSC come and join us for just \$10 for 5 days of racing. Pick a series and *sail-the-marks*.

The Portsmouth fleet extends an invitation to any member that wants to learn to race. If we get an interest we can also set "other" marks so the experience can be easy and without the worry of running with the racers. There are many clubs that support a cruising member start on race days. A cruising start is sometimes called a "non-spinnaker" class. It gives members of a club the opportunity to sail on a day together, race marks, enjoy the sport and share after the day your experiences on the water. Do you have a few days to try sailing? Come out on the water and share the experience.

Dates in June - 25th

Dates in July - 9th, 16th

Portsmouth fleet is hosting the second of the Long Distance Series on July 2nd. This race day event is a good way to practice for the ULDB ("Up-the-Lake Down-and-Back) regatta on July 23rd. The Long Distance race is one race, starts by the RC boat, sail up to the Lake House Point and back. Sharon and John enjoyed this race in June. The course is a long distance and open, no marks to round, gets you up the lake to see the sights and back (hopefully) under sail. If interested, July 2nd, 10:00am skippers meeting, 11:00am start. Event can take about 2 hours to complete.

<http://www.nockamixonsailclub.org/content/nsc-portsmouth-fleet>

Craig Tourtellott, Portsmouth Fleet Captain

HilltopSailor, Santana 2023R and Laser "R"

See you on the water

Compac Fleet Report

Com-Pac Fleet is growing

The Com-Pac Fleet at Lake Nockamixon has continued to grow since coming into existence about 2 years ago. Currently the boats range in size from 16 feet to 23 feet. and include Cat Boats as well as a large number of sloops. At this time the fleet consists of: 3 Com-Pac 16s, 5 Com-Pac 19s, 1 Com-Pac 23 and a 17 foot Sun Cat. Having a Cat Boat in the fleet is exciting for two reasons 1) their unique sail plan ,one large gaff rigged sail instead of a main and jib, 2) they are relatively new to the Com-Pac line of yachts, being introduced only in the last decade. Last summer two boats in the fleet (Eric and Kathy Heck on Red Stripe and Sharon and John Martis on Liv'n Our Dream) have spent so much time in "no name cove" that it has been unofficially renamed "Com-Pac Cove", not without some controversy. There are plans to hold a Com-Pac Yacht (Their official name) rendezvous sometime later this summer, this will give Com-Pac owners chance to sail with other Com-Pacs and then raft up for some snacks and to share boat stories. More info to come on this event .

Bill Pfanstiel
Com-Pac Fleet Captain

Full Moon Sails & Flag Parades

Just a reminder that we have two Flag Parades left this summer.

July 4th (Monday) and Labor Day Sept 5th (Monday). Decorate your sailboats and meet at the no-wake bouys no later than 12:00 noon. Channel 69 on your VHF radio for instructions during the parade. Raft up in Compac Cove for snacks after the parades.

The dates for the remaining Full Moon Sails and Raft-ups are: July 16, August 13, September 17 and October 15. Meet at Compac Cove at 7:00 for a Raft Up evening snacks, followed by sailing under the Full Moon.

Consult the Cruising Fleet Calendar for other events on our Nockamixon Sail Club website.

Bill Pfanstiel
Raft-Up Fleet Captain

EVENT CAPTAIN - Cruises, Lake Sails

Cruising events for 2011 have the same issue as races - weather. There is another weather or should I say "whether or not." Events happen "whether or not" we come out to support them. So, enough said, we have a few cruising events for 2011 - July 2 Cruise to Cove (or we can do the Portsmouth Long Distance course); July 23rd ULDB; September 4th Cove Cruise; and September 24th Lake Sail.

Dust off you bumpers, coil up your dock lines and remove your sail covers we have some cruising to do on the lake. Look over the lake maps, chart your courses, know the coves and pick your points - cruise the lake. We can have some discussions on the dates about the lake, sailing, weather, and other sailing topics of interest before and after we sail. Hope to see you on the water on one or more of the dates.

<http://nockamixonsailclub.org/sites/default/files/2011%20Cruising%20Calendar.pdf>

Craig Tourtellott, Event Captain

Cruising Lake Nockamixon



Sharon and John Martis are happy to join the Precision Fleet this year, after joining NSC in July last year. We can't believe how much has changed in less than a year. We started out as members of the Com-Pac Fleet, as we purchased "Livin' R Dream", a Com-Pac 19 just last July. Then we were notified we could get a 24 foot slip in March, and we were in the market again.

We volunteered to be Launch Captains this year, so we had the advantage of talking to lots of NSC members and got a close up view of a variety of makes and models of boats. After seeing Mike Freund's P23, we were motivated to see if there were any of those out there. As luck would have it we stumbled onto the Precision Owners website and found a Precision 23 that was for sale in New Britain. To make a long story short, we snatched it up and "Tanqueray" now resides on dock I-25. We affectionately call it the "In dock". LOL.



Diane was nice enough to introduce us to many of you. But we are looking forward to getting all of us together for a Precision Fleet 'race', raft up and just plain fun. We would love to get your tips on boat maintenance, upgrades, rigging, replacement sails and racing; and share them with the Precision Fleet. Also, Sharon loves to take pictures so just smile for the camera when you see her on the water and you could see your boat in the next edition of The Compass!

Our first tip to share comes from Diane Paxton and Bill Sproule. During the recent safety inspection, one of the two Coast Guard inspectors asked Bill if he had a noise signal, he produced and blew a loud note from a conch shell. The inspectors deemed his noise making device "Acceptable". You have to love sailor improv.

See you on the water

John & Sharon Martis – Precision Fleet Captains

Photo: John & Sharon Martis



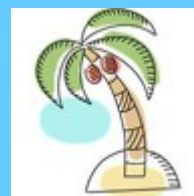
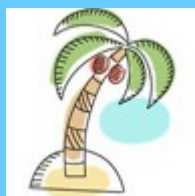
“Up the Lake, Down and Back”

Nockamixon Sail Club Annual “ULDB” Regatta *and* “Buffett Buffet” Pig Roast

Saturday July 23, 2011

The biggest NSC event of the summer—All members and their guests are invited!

- **Regatta registration* / skippers' meeting:** 10:00 a.m., under club tents. ***Advance registration** is not required but *would be appreciated*. Please email skipper's name and boat make/model/length to **Greg Morrison** at mtbsailor@gmail.com
- **Details of Regatta:** Gary Bonner, Rear Commodore of Racing, will review at meeting.
- **Start:** Regatta begins on the water at 11:00 a.m. Cruising fleets start first, followed by racing fleets.
- **Course:** Start/finish line—off marina point; sail west, past Swan Cove (about 1.5 miles), around mark, back to finish line.



- **Buffett Buffet / Pig Roast Picnic:** 1:00 p.m., under club tents.
- **Menu:** Whole Roasted Pig, (carver on site), Red Skin Potato Salad, Baked Beans, and Wild rice with corn prepared by **Blooming Glen Catering**. Cold bottled water/soda.
- **Members bring:** appetizer, summer salad, or dessert to share.
- **Everyone brings:** Lawn chairs / tray tables (if possible)
- **Volunteers:** Needed and welcome! Contact Paul Prozzillo, Vice Commodore at (specprod@pil.net)
- **Please send your RSVP to:** DianeJPaxton@yahoo.com by July 18th
- **COST:** “Free” for all Racing and Cruising Fleet individual and “family” members!
\$10: Patrons of NSC and non-members (16 years and older) — Children free!

Memorial Day Flag Parade 2011 Photos



Photo Source: NSC Website

The First NSC Moonlight Sail of 2011

(more photos , next page)

There were seven boats that rafted up in ComPac Cove. Tom and Pam King, owners of Gaucho, an O'Day 24 hosted passengers on their boat and the other half of the gang gathered on Sharon and John's Tanqueray. Jim's boat served as the 'Anchor boat". His anchoring skills survived the test of all 7 boats!!! The rest of the raft up was formed by the Kozlof, Pfansteil, and Cooper boats. Marsha shared some delicious brownies and Sharon & John provided some special refreshment. We enjoyed each others company and when we just couldn't eat another bite, we took advantage of the breeze and sailed. The Martis' and Thompson's boats anchored overnight in ComPac cove under a beautiful full moon. Looking forward to many more beautiful nights.



Jim Thompson and John Martis



Compac Fleet Captain Bill Pfansteil and John Kozloff

Hilltop Productions- Videos

This is an article not on how to do videos the right way, how to produce videos but more just a short article on the fun I am having making videos of my sailing on Lake Nockamixon. I thought over the winter should I purchase more sailing instruments to help my racing, should I put out hundreds of dollars on the Velocitek, record the races and review them later to see the courses sailed. Would it be cool? Sure. Then I noticed Les B on his catamaran with a camera. Phil E and Jim B were using cameras on their Santanas. Now this may be a cooler tool. Camera #1, PlantCam. It records video and stills in time lapse modes. Recorded a few sessions over the winter - Diane P's Precision in the driveway during a snow storm and the solar panels turning during a solar day. Okay it can work. Be what would be better - sound! Phil E and Jim B liked there GoPro Hero. It is HD and can record long 3GB video files or about 3 to 4 hours straight.

With files in hand, editing was next. The files are MP4 format. Movie Maker needs a different format. YouTube can convert to avi or wmv formats. Adobe Elements can read MP4 direct and save in avi format. Basically I review the hours of video in MP4 format, mark times I wish to use in a video and then enter Abode to clip out the waste. The output file is then edited in Movie Maker adding titles and overlays and saving in a compressed format small enough to post and minimize a file size while giving good quality. Sounds like a lot to do - but the tool is not only cool but a learning tool. This was the goal I set and achieved. Hope you get to watch a few videos and enjoy. <http://www.nockamixonsailclub.org/content/hilltopsailor-videos>

Photo day is coming up on July 24th. Maybe you can get a video from the day of your sailing.

Craig Tourtellott Hilltop Productions

The First NSC Moonlight Sail of 2011

NSC Moonlight Photos: Sharon Martis



Pam King , Marsha Cooper and Matt Trubilla



John Kozloff and his daughter Emma



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***Flying Scot Fleet Report* Mike Noone, Fleet Secretary, # 5850.**

Photo Source: Mike Noone

The Nockamixon Flying Scot Fleet has had a great start to the 2011 sailing season !! The Fleet has 32 Members (so far) and was joined this year by two new Cruising Members -- Karen Allen is actively sailing # 3611 and Terry & Suzanne Newhard are learning to enjoy their boat # 3029. The Racing Members are back in force, with 12 of them already serving their Race Committee duty, and with 16 Flying Scot teams competing, so far, in the 2011 racing series.

A record 25 Fleet Members attended the 2011 NSC Spring "Warm-Up," and participated in the Annual Fleet Meeting -- no new Officers volunteered -- but we remain in good hands for the new season !! There were presentations of some Awards to some folks who were unable to attend the 2010 NSC Awards Banquet, and the Fleet "Rules" were unchanged for 2011.

Nine Fleet boats got some useful check-up at the Flying Scot Rig Check Day in early May, and six Scot sailors joined the NSC "work party" to clear brush from the Dry Storage area and on the Lake Shoreline -- Thanks to all who helped with both projects.



Measurer, Phil Scheetz, and Fleet Mechanic, Mike Noone, install new halyards on a Fleet boat during Flying Scot "Rig-Check" Day.

Rich and Betsy Baucom are currently leading the NSC "Frostbite" Racing Series and Phil Scheetz, with Len Evelev as Crew, is in second place -- the Series will be completed in the Fall.



A close finish in a Saturday Series Race with Rich and Betsy crossing the line ahead of Glenn and Dorothy.



Fleet Captain, Mike Mandell and his son Sam, proudly display the Fleet "Sterling Travel Trophy" for 2010 which was presented to them at the "Warm-Up" meeting by Commodore George Balas, who designed and constructed the Trophy to encourage Fleet members to travel and compete in distant regattas. The Mandell's performance in the FSSA Midwinter's and NAC's in 2010 made them unbeatable in the Sterling Trophy contest for the year

Already in 2011, Fleet # 163 has represented the Nockamixon Sail Club at the Flying Scot "Midwinters" regatta in Sarasota, FLA, the "Challenge of the Lakes" regatta at Spruce Run, NJ, the "Full Moon" regatta at Monmouth Boat Club, NJ, and at the "Summer Solstice" regatta at Selby Bay, MD. The 2011 FSSA North American Championships are within a comfortable driving distance in Westport, CT, during the week of July 9 - 15 -- this is the biggest Flying

Flying Scot Fleet Report Mike Noone, Fleet Secretary, # 5850 (continued)

event of the year and it looks like we could have 5 Fleet Boats participating !!

Flying Scot sailors have been major supporters of the 2011 NSC events -- with 11 Scots at the May Regatta, 6 Scots at the Victor Jaczun Memorial Regatta, and 9 at the June Regatta. The Fleet Racing Series are already showing that they could be the most competitive ever, with great speed being shown by our Family Teams of Randy and Debbie Blough, Glenn and Dorothy Wesley, Greg and Judy Morrison, and Rich and Betsy Baucom -- with several others challenging closely !!

The Fleet has also experienced some "incidents" on the water, at the dock, and even moving the boats around the Park !! These incidents brought out the best of the Fleet, and the support of NSC, as the nearby Fleet Members rushed with help, first aid, and then took care of the boats while hospital treatments were needed --



Some of the Flying Scot Fleet preparing their boats for the first Regatta of 2011



An exciting and crowded "rounding" of the Reach Mark in our Saturday Series Racing on June 4 -- where we shared the start with a few Thistles who were blanketed by a wall of Flying Scots !!

-- great support from a Great Fleet and a Great Club !! The winds for the May Regatta were perfect to showcase the Flying Scot -- gusts to 18 and very shifty !!! The average was about 10 but the direction oscillated from NW, then N, then W and then from several other directions !! There were interesting "incidents" with gear failures, impacts with Marks, poor decisions on tacking in front of other boats, and even a couple of boat-to-boat impacts -- but everyone did their required penalty turns, and had a great day on the water. Randy and Debbie Blough set the pace with their new sails and snug rig -- great sailing with 2 First Places (and then went on a cruise for the third race ??).



Randy and Debbie "clear ahead"

***Flying Scot Fleet Report* Mike Noone, Fleet Secretary, # 5850. (continued)**

Randy and Debbie finished Second overall for the Regatta, with the Scheetz family in Third place, and the Noone's in Fourth.

Once the racing was over and the boats put away we were treated to fine beverages from Social Director(s) Rob and Lois Wilkinson, with Chips and Dips as the sailors waited for the results. There was a wonderful surprise from NSC Commodore, and Flying Scot skipper, George Balas who provided a great hot dog picnic using his brand new grill!! This event got the Flying Scot 2011 season off to a Flying start !!.



George sits in front of his new grill as Dan awaits his Award, and NSC sailors enjoy the "goodies" after the June Regatta.

NSC Welcomes our New Members! (who have joined between March and June 2011)

New Cruising Members

Karen Allen, Flying Scot #, Flying Scot, A-34

David Anderson & Rebecca Symmes, Rejoined, Ideal 18, HMS Pinafore 111, B-43

Steve Averbuch & Rachel Riverst, O'Day Javelin, A-18

Michael & Kimberly Font, Starwind 223, M-36

Abigail & Erik Galardi, Sovereign 18, Wait for Me, E-18

Majda (Maggie) Hmid, Interesting in crewing and buying a Flying Scot

Dave Jenkins & Liz Johnson, O'Day 222, Lucky O, J-36

Brian Lynch & Rebecca Landenberger, Compac Sun Cat, Correction, G-42

Vic & Diane Vardaro, Hunter 18, Peace of Heaven, F-45

Edward & Paula Walsh, Victoria 18, Elsie E, H-34

New Racing Member

Les & Cathy Burnett, A-Cat #49, Laser #13

Jeff & Dawn Byer, Alerion Cat 19, M-35

Stan Edelstein & Gail Graniff, Flying Scot #3526, A-42

Michael & Theresa Mooradd, rejoined as Racing members, Precision 21, K-45

Lee & Valerie Riley, Ultimate 20 #32, Tabasco, M-28

Joe & Tami Rogan, Mutineer 15 #4289, Sunfish

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PLEASE, welcome all of our New Members when you see them at the lake and at our Sail Club Events!

Diane Paxton, Membership Secretary

Following Sea - Eric & Kathy Heck

Since purchasing our ComPac 19 - *Red Stripe* last year, Kathy and I have shared with many of our NSC friends our 5 year plan to sell everything that has or needs a foundation or roots and transition to a live aboard lifestyle. The next waypoint on that sail plan came sooner than expected and we purchased a 1999 Island Packet 380 - (Soon to be renamed *Following Sea*) over the Memorial Day Weekend. She's slipped in Annapolis for the season. A little crazy maybe, but we are sailors, it's what we do! Being a two boat family, I have been unable to devote the appropriate amount of time to being NSC Event Captain but Craig T has graciously stepped up to take on that role. Thanks Craig!

Last Saturday, Kathy and I spent our first weekend on the hook on *Following Sea*. While we were missing our NSC friends, the Raft up and Moon light sail, we were overjoyed to be under sail and we knew we were sharing that feeling with our friends who were on Nockamixon that same night. While on different water, we shared the same sailing spirit. So, why do you sail and what does it feel like to be under sail? For me, having passed this next waypoint on our way to the sailing life, this is what it's like for me to be under sail:

Under Sail

Chasing a dream and *Following Sea* Setting sails sets our spirits free. My mast lifts the main from its sleepy domain as the Jenny unwinds with its own rise and shine.

Overjoyed and under sail heeling well with water washing the rail. My wake is awake and the bow takes a bow while the stern in return takes it's turn.

Sails reaching for a downhill run snap to attention above a starboard stanchion. My bow sprint nodding yes, galloping ahead of a head sail now full and looking well wind fed.

Waves wave and giddily glide by in harmony we roll in reply. My ship is in shape and eager to partake in the attention she sees from the sea

At the helm conducting a siren's song with shrouds and stays singing along. My bow sprays a cool salty beat while the mask and the boom in tune creak.

The deck awash in star shine tonight dances in the twinkling light. My keel is aglow from the plankton below as the port off to port fades to stern.

Overjoyed and under sail heeling well with water washing the rail.

Eric Heck



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NSC Mariner Fleet Report

Hi all Mariner Sailors. It's Russ your new Fleet Captain. It's been slow getting started. I've tried to talk to each Mariner owner to get a feel for what you all would like to do together. I've spoken to Ed Wise who works nights and is only able to get out on weekends. Lani Ache has just gotten work south of here, so he will be out of contact for a while. Mark Feffer and I have spoken a few times and he suggests that a picnic would be a nice start, now I have to just set a date for that. I have had a receptive conversation with either Judith or Nadine, I can't remember which. Getting old is not good! I've been looking for you at the marina.

I've been racing at the NSC Invitational and hoping some of you would come out and show your Mariner. Folks, I've been taking a beating! How does a 1600-pound Mariner compete against a 515-pound Thistle? It's just great being out on the lake and being among boats and great people.

Looking for you, look for me.

Russell Schuss

Mariner Fleet Captain,

Mariner Assn & NSC O'Day Mariner #272 "Simpatico"

PHOTO DAY—July 24th

NSC is having a photo day on the lake. Do you need a picture of your boat for the mantle? Come out on Sunday, July 24th and get some pictures of your boat and crew. We are looking not only for boats but for camera buffs. If you have a good camera and some time come out and help. If you wish to try and break our cameras come out and sail. You do not need to dress up, but I would ask for the bumpers to be stored for the sail-bys. Yeah I know that was addressed to a certain cruiser, but I know he is a great sailor and can give and take humor. We need some great photos to add to our web site so come on out.

<http://nockamixonsailclub.org/content/picture-day>

Craig Tourtellott

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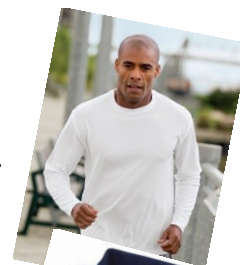
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Thistle Fleet Report

NSC Thistle Fleet #176

By Dan Reasoner

A marvelous time was had by everyone attending the NSC Thistle Fleet #176 2011 Winter Gathering. Many thanks to Paul and Jennifer Prozzillo for hosting this terrific event!

Excellent food and indeed lots of "Sailing Talk" was going about. We also had some tight competition during the knot tying contests. Peyton Ankers looked on as Craig Smith beats her time to win the Bowline Tying contest (five bowlines in different size ropes), and nobody could match Warren Rosen time winning the Five Knots contest (five different knots using the same rope).

We were all jealous of Craig Priniski who could not make -it to the gathering because he was sailboat racing in the Caribbean Pineapple Cup Race on the yacht Donnybrook (<http://www.montegobayrace.com>). Craig sent pictures of the start that we showed to the group, along with other Thistle Sailing pictures and videos.

In early March, skippers Craig Smith and Dan Reasoner will be heading south to participate in the Thistle Midwin-ters East Regatta. This is weeklong event held in St. Petersburg, FL.

I believe the Thistle Fleet is ready and eager to get through this winter and back out on the water for some competitive sailboat racing.



Fleet #176 2011 Winter Gathering



Warren Wins 5 Knots Contest !



Peyton Watches Craig Win 5 Bowlines Contest !

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