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## NSC Recognizes Vince Wright and Warren Ibaugh as Honorary Members

Vince Wright and Warren Ibaugh were recognized at the Fall Banquet for their service to the club.

In nominating Vince Wright for Honorary Membership in NSC, past Commodore, Mike Noone, said that it was a pleasure, and an honor, for him to be able to nominate Vince to become an Honorary Member of the Club. Vince Wright was a major contributor to the long-term success of the Club from the 70's to the late 90's and served two terms as NSC Commodore in 1994 and 1995. Vince raced a Buccaneer with his wife Linda as Crew, and they received many racing awards for their success on the racecourse. Vince was influential in the success of the Buccaneer Fleet in the 70's and 80's when it was the one of the largest Fleets in the Club, and led the Fleet as Champion and Regatta winner. Vince was also Fleet Captain of the Handicap Fleet in the 90's, and a

founding member of the Unified Fleet in the late 90's. Vince and Linda moved to a larger Cruising boat in 1997 and are now frequent sailors on the Chesapeake Bay, sailing out of Rock Hall, MD. You may still see Vince's Buccaneer at the lake on Holiday Weekends being towed behind his RV (with lots of Penn State stickers) to take the kids for a fun sail. This past July, Vince was active as third Crew with Len and Helen Evelev at the Flying Scot NAC's, and Linda also came to the Regatta for the social events. The NSC Honorary Membership for Vince Wright is a fitting tribute to his long service and support of the Club.



Vince at Scot NAC with Team Evelev



Mr and Mrs Warren Ibaugh, and Brenda Noone

See the next Compass, coming in March, for the full story on Warren Ibaugh and his contribution to the NSC!

**2nd Annual Winter Event February 21, 2009**

*Preparing for your first Offshore Passage will be presented by Captain Tom Tursi at Campbell Insurance Agency.*

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**Racing Fleet Reports**

*Thistle and Flying Scot,  
Portsmouth fleet reports  
inside.*

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**Time to Renew your NSC  
Membership for 2009**

*Renew your membership now for 2009.  
NSC is the best value for your sailing fun.*

See Page 4 and enclosed flyer.

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## Commodore's Comments Dan Reasoner

### **Commodore's Comments: Winter 2009**

We all had quite a sailing season with a lot of people making things happen for us to enjoy our club. Below is the "Quick Year in Review" that was outlined at the Awards Banquet, along with some of the names responsible for the event's success.

- North Sails Seminar in February, snowy night: Mike Noone & Dave Stadler
- Great Spring Warm-up, record breaking crowd, pond racing: Diane Paxton & Warren Mangan
- Introduced our New Apparel Items and Hats: David Giffen
- Nice Communications Enhancements
  - Great Compass Newsletter Issues: Phil Scheetz
  - New Website: John Eckert
  - NSCPA (email communication group) membership increase to 185 people
- NSC-Rules communication site for the racers to discuss details
- Club Fleet name change to Portsmouth Fleet: Craig Tourtellott
- NSC Hosted the 2-day NJ Thistle Districts at Lake Nockamixon: Craig Smith
- Woman's Sailing Clinic: Phil Scheetz
- Sail Trim Clinic
- Introduction to Racing Clinic
- Man overboard Clinic: Phil Ehlinger
- Mike Brown's other clinics
  - Rules of the Road
  - Lines & Knots
- Surviving a hurricane and organized sailing on the Chesapeake Bay: Mike Brown
- Tons of on-the-water Racing and Cruising events, almost every weekend for 7 months
- What a great ULDB!: Diane Paxton
- End of Year Awards Banquet: Diane Paxton

Indeed there is a lot of activity at the Nockamixon Sail Club and a few improvements are being planned for 2009.

I am happy to announce the new structure of our NSC Fleet Council. After 5 years of expanding the NSC membership to include Cruising Fleet members, we adjusted the Fleet Council to recognize the value and importance of the cruisers to the NSC. In doing so, we created a new Fleet Council Officer position, "Rear Commodore of Cruising" and we balanced the Admiralty membership to have equal racer/cruiser representation.

During our winter planning, we will seek volunteers to be involved and share the workload, so "the regulars" are not overloaded. Thus, if someone asks you to provide assistance, in particular to help the Vice-Commodore and Quartermaster, please give it a try.

I look forward to see you at our February Midwinter Event and the Spring Warm-Up. In the meantime, have a wonderful holiday season.

Dan Reasoner – NSC Commodore

# 2nd Annual Winter Event Series



*Sponsored by the Nockamixon Sail Club*



***Save the Date:  
Saturday, 2/21/09  
2:00-5:00pm***

## **Looking for a way to beat the winter doldrums?**

Last year, NSC began a mid-winter event series with a presentation from North Sails. The series continues for a second year with a presentation by a legend in the field of sailing education. Captain Tom Tursi, renowned author of "Coastal Navigation and Piloting" used in the ASA 105 Navigation course and "Docking Techniques" used in the ASA 118 Docking Course will give a talk on ***Preparing for Your First Offshore Passage.***

Please join us on **Saturday, February 21, 2009** at the Campbell Insurance Agency campus in Doylestown. The presentation will be from 3-4 pm. The doors will open at 2pm and close at 5pm to allow members to socialize and tour the classic car museum before and after the presentation. Fleets are encouraged to socialize afterwards at a favorite restaurant or watering hole.

### **About Captain Tom Tursi**

- Holds a USCG 100 ton Ocean Masters License
- ASA Certified Sailing Instructor
- Part Owner of the Maryland School of Sailing
- Teaches navigation and offshore courses and establishes school sailing programs and policy
- Author of many instructional texts, including two adopted by ASA—Coastal Navigation & Piloting used for the ASA105 course level and Docking Techniques used for the new ASA Docking Endorsement
- Lifelong sailor, owning a number of different racing and cruising sailboats, and has completed over 50,000 miles of blue water ocean sailing throughout the world in addition to extensive coastal cruising

Campbell Insurance Agency is located at 236 Wells Rd in Doylestown, directly across from Central Park & Kid's Castle. There is ample parking on campus.

***Further details will be forthcoming closer to date.***

## Vice Commodore's Report Diane Paxton

This has been a great season!

We had a great turn out this year for our club's three major social events!

Starting with our ***Spring Warm Up*** on March 29<sup>th</sup> where 80 members attended. This event was held for the first time at the Quakertown Fire House. The growth of our club required us to find a new location. We even had enough room to bring back the famous indoor Styrofoam sailboat races, and all three races were won by the lady racers!! We all had a fun evening socializing with our fellow club members. The evening included a club meeting of the upcoming 2008 sailing events, elections of individual fleet officers, door prizes, plenty of good food and drinks for all to enjoy!

Our second summer social event the ***ULDB*** was held on July 26 at the lake where 131 members attended! Everyone always looks forward to the race ***Up the Lake, Down and Back*** followed by a blow out social picnic under the club tents. This year the weather was great with just the right amount of wind! With over 35 sailboats sailing in the race both a cruising member (Bill Hall) and a racing member (Craig Smith) walked away with first place! Plus our local newspaper The Intelligencer wrote an article about our club's ***ULDB*** event with a few great pictures of our sailors!

Our last social event of the season the ***Awards Banquet and General Meeting*** was held on November 8th at the Revivals Restaurant in Perkasio where 62 members attended! Everyone enjoyed a special evening with club friends and a delicious buffet dinner. After the dinner we held our general meeting, announced the new club officers, gave out door prizes and handed out lots of trophies!! In all everyone enjoyed the evening sharing stories and taking pictures of the trophy winners.

As our club continues to grow we look forward to more of our members joining us at our social events as well as our weekly events. Don't be shy to join in on the fun, whether you are a cruising or a racing member we all share the love of sailing!

If you would be interested in volunteering to help with these events in 2009 please let me know. We are club of volunteers and with your support we can ensure the continued success these events and our club!

One final note: mark your calendar for **March 14th** for our ***2009 Spring Warm Up!!***

Have a healthy and safe winter!

*Diane Paxton*

NSC Vice Commodore

### **Renew Your Membership Now for 2009.**

Please renew your 2009 NSC Membership now. Most of the major expenses of the Club are incurred early in the New Year and it would be great to enter 2009 in good financial shape!!

Please download the 2009 Membership Application form on the NSC web site, fill in the details, write the check, and send it to our PO Box.

**Note:** The 2009 Application form has boxes to check if you do not want all of your personal information published.

By renewing early, you also save the Club the time and expense involved in sending renewal notices.

Thank You for your help and support of the Club.

Mike Noone, Membership Secretary,



## **Congratulations Dan Reasoner – 2008 Thistle Fleet Champion!**



The Nockamixon Thistle Fleet crowned Dan Reasoner the 2008 Fleet Champion at the NSC Awards banquet on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Craig Smith finished in second place for the series, followed by Paul Prozzillo in third, Tim Theisen in fourth, and Warren Rosen in fifth. Also at the banquet, Tim Theisen, was awarded the “Fleet Recognition Trophy” for “perfect attendance” by racing in all 24 fleet races in 2008! Way to go Tim!! We had a total of 7 skippers who qualified for the fleet championship trophy. Congratulations to all.

The Nockamixon Thistle Fleet held 9 fleet race days this year. We averaged 7.1 boats on the line each day, and the competition was fierce with 6 different skippers having at least one first place finish. Fleet 176 also hosted the 2009 New Jersey District Championship. There were 19 competitors including one former Thistle National Champion. Our fleet had a record of 12 boats competing in the event.

Next year promises to be another great one for the Thistle Fleet. Paul Prozzillo will be leading us, as he was elected the 2009 Fleet Captain at the “Annual Meeting” held in November. Tim Theisen was elected Fleet Secretary. We look forward to the direction the new fleet officers will be taking us. Let’s be sure to give them our support. We should have at least one new fleet member next year, Fritz Goetz, who will be sailing with his son, Adam, who sailed with us several times this year. Also, Paul’s boat (#3453) is now for sale since he has recently purchased #3911. Hopefully, we he can find a buyer who will join us for fleet racing on Lake Nockamixon.

Several Fleet Members plan to take the trip to St. Petersburg, Florida, in March for the Thistle Midwinters East Regatta. A component of that event is the “Coach TCA” program, which is one of the best week long intensive training programs in the country. If you are on the fence about going, let Craig Smith know. He can help you make arrangements to get there. If you can’t attend as a skipper, please consider coming as crew.

Speaking of Craig Smith, he will be serving as Thistle Class President in 2009. This is the second time a Nockamixon Thistle fleet member will have served as Thistle Class President. Charlie Krafft held that position in 1993, while he was a member of Fleet 176. Also, fleet member (and Fleet Champion) Dan Reasoner, will continue to serve as Commodore of the Nockamixon Sail Club in 2009. He has been doing a great job in this position, and should continue to do so next year. Let’s be sure to support him in that position.



## NSC Portsmouth/Club Series Winners

The Nockamixon Portsmouth or “Club” Fleet awards were given to the hard-sailing skippers and crews at the Fall Banquet. Congratulations to all.

The Portsmouth Fleet saw great competition in 2008, with a total of 30 boats competing in at least one race. In all 15 skippers won at east one race in the series. Dan Reasoner, Phil Scheetz, Warren Mangan, Brent Benson, Matt Cohen, Greg Morrison, Paul Prozillo, Tony Christmas, Tim Theisen, Craig Tourtellot, Mike Mandell, Glenn Wesley, Mike Noone, Craig Smith, and Will Mathias all won at least one individual race.

Series awards were given for the Frostbite, Saturday and Sunday Series, as well as the Annual Cup Championship. Competition was better than ever in 2008!

### Frostbite Series:

1st	Dan Reasoner	Thistle 2940
2nd	Phil Scheetz	Flying Scot 4086
3rd	Tim Theisen	Thistle

### Sunday Series:

1st	Warren Mangan	Impulse 21 #149
2nd	Tim Theisen	Thistle
3rd	Craig Tourtellot	Santana 2023 #

### Saturday Series:

1st	Warren Mangan	Impulse 21 #149
2nd	Craig Tourtellot	Santana 2023 #
3rd	Phil Scheetz	Flying Scot 4086

### Championship “Cup” Series:

1st	Dan Reasoner	Thistle 2940
2nd	Warren Mangan	Impulse 21 #149
3rd	Mike Noone	Flying Scot 5468





## Flying Scot Fleet 163 Report Mike Noone



**2008 Season Summary and Awards at the NSC Banquet:** Flying Scot Fleet # 163 celebrated another great season of highly competitive racing, and great social camaraderie, with Fleet Awards presented at the 2008 NSC Awards Banquet. The Flying Scot Fleet is the largest one-design Fleet in the Club and was the largest at the Banquet with 8 Scot Skippers and 6 Scot crew in attendance. Our efficient Scorekeeper, and Fleet Social Director, Greg Morrison, gave a summary of the "record" season for Flying Scot sailing at the Lake. In 2008, we held 44 Fleet races; 24 Scot Skippers participated in Fleet racing events; 11 different skippers won races; a different Skipper won each of the Fleet Racing Series; 8 Skippers "qualified" for the Fleet Championship; and 8 boats participated in the Challenge of the Lakes. With an average attendance of 7 boats at Fleet events, there were over 300 individual Flying Scot racing experiences at the Lake in 2008!!!

In 2008, the Flying Scot Fleet broke, and set a new "record" for the number of boats at the FSSA National Championships -- 7 (yes SEVEN) Fleet boats attended and they comprised fully 10% of the entire attendance at the event, and 1/3 of the Challenger Fleet!! Fleet # 163 was also represented at the FSSA Midwinter's Championships -- where a Fleet boat won a race for the first time ever in a major FSSA event -- at the Wife-Husband Championships, at the Sandy Douglass Memorial Championships, and the ACC's. In 2008 we also welcomed 4 new Racing Members and 3 more Cruising Members to our Fleet which ended the year with 48 members.

Greg Morrison presented the following Racing Awards for a season that was the most competitive, and tightly contested, in the history of the Fleet:

- To Matt Cohen, winner of the Saturday Series sailing in the oldest (and fastest on Saturdays) boat in the Fleet # 520.
- To Craig Tourtellott, winner of the Sunday Series in # 4444, "Four Fours."
- To Mike and Brenda Noone, winners of the Regatta Series in # 5468, "Hi-Noone."
- To Phil Scheetz, 2nd Place in the Saturday Series and 3rd in the Regatta Series.

Greg presented the Fleet # 163 Championship Trophy to Mike and Brenda Noone for the best score from 20 Fleet races in the 2008 season.

Mike Noone then presented Greg Morrison with a trophy for 2nd Place in the Sunday Series, 2nd Place in the Saturday Series, and 3rd Place in the Regatta Series. Mike commented that Greg had sailed in more fleet races, 35 in all, than any other Fleet sailor. Sailing generally with wife Judy, occasionally with brother Jim, and several times "solo," Greg was always in a winning mode and came within 4 points of winning the Fleet Championship award!!!

Mike also presented our Fleet Measurer, Phil Scheetz, with a Loos Gauge so that he can check the correct tension of all of the Fleet boats as he performs his measurement duties in 2009!!!

Mike then presented some other Fleet Awards for the 2008 season:

- To Glenn and Dorothy Wesley, Fleet Champion Qualifiers in # 3834 "DJ."
- To Rob and Lois Wilkinson, Great Fleet Competitors in # 4516.

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## Catalina 22 Fleet Report Dave Stadler

The Catalina 22 fleet wrapped up the year in style. We had a lot of fun this year and grew our fleet in all aspects.

At the NSC Fall Banquet we awarded the first ever Catalina 22 Fleet 98 Sailor of the Year award to Rich and Cheryl Brenenborg. It was a tough choice as a lot of folks pitched in this year to help grow our fleet by hosting meetings, writing articles, and creating identity items such as our flag. Rich and Cheryl were very active, hosting our dinner meetings twice and putting together a mailing to increase our membership. The perpetual trophy is not yet finished, but the Brenenborgs will have the distinction of being the first names on it.

We plan to continue our fleet meetings this winter. They are open to anyone; however, the focus of our activities and discussions is most relevant to the Catalina 22. We meet the first Thursday of each month for dinner, a brief business agenda and an educational topic. At our December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, Dave Raasch will discuss his experience cruising the San Juan Islands. We hope that for many years to come our fleet flag, produced by Jim Thompson and Ron Nimitz, will fly proudly on our member vessels. Next year we hope to create fleet shirts, add some fleet-specific events and perhaps tackle a service project in helping Boy Scouts earn their sailing merit badge.

I will sign off for the year by saying, "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!"



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### Help Wanted

The NSC has opportunities for you to become more involved in the success of the club.

**Banquet, Warm Up and ULDB volunteers** to assist the Vice Commodore with logistics and general assistance for 2009 social events. Volunteer with Diane Paxton.

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## Scots Continued

- To Jim Thompson, Most Promising New Racer, in # 570 "Mellow-Yellow."
- To Diane Paxton, Great Fleet Supporter and Crew.
- To Bill Hall, Great Flying Scot Crew.
- To Bert and Mariellen VanAnglen, Great Fleet Supporters.

There were some other Fleet Awards for Skippers who were not at the Banquet, and these Awards will be presented at the NSC Spring Warm-Up -- be there!!!

The 2008 NSC Awards Banquet was a great occasion -- thanks to our Fleet Member, and NSC Vice Commodore, Diane Paxton, who arranged all the details perfectly!!!! The discussions and awards were a fitting tribute to a great season of Flying Scot sailing at Lake Nockamixon.

The Flying Scot Fleet have already held a meeting to approve their racing program for 2009 and have scheduled a new "Wife-Husband" Series at NSC to prepare for a large Fleet attendance at the 2009 FSSA National "Wife-Husband" Championships -- we may break the record of 7 boats set at the 2008 NAC's?? There will be Fleet meetings during the off-season to discuss the new Racing Rules and Fleet growth opportunities.

## NSC news you can use:

- Jim Flynn won the NSC HiJinks award for the second year in a row!
- Mike Brown is the NSC Sailor of the year!
- Dave Stadler is the NSC Cruiser of the year!
- Mike Brown is also opening a sailing school at Lake Nockamixon!
- Mike Noone says: 2009 Membership Renewal is due now. NSC is the best value in wholesome family entertainment on the planet. It is even better if you have a boat... Use the form inside to send in your renewal by March 1, 2009
- New Cruising fleets are forming, join a fleet, get organized.
- Diane Paxton has decided to stay on as Vice Commodore, but she is looking for your help with events in 2009. Let's all help out.
- Frostbite racing starts in 3 months, is your boat ready?

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