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2009 Fall Banquet Celebrates 35 years of NSC!



Nockamixon Sail Club celebrated 35 years at our annual Fall Banquet on November 7. The club elected a new slate of officers, with some new faces and some stalwarts of the club to ensure a great 2010.

Diane Paxton, outgoing Vice Commodore, outdid herself to put on a great banquet. The new venue at McCool's Arts & Event Center proved to be a great location, and attendance was strong! Thanks Diane!

The new slate of officers:

Newly elected Commodore, George Balas, shows off the NSC burgees throughout club history

Commodore:	George Balas
Vice Commodore:	Paul Prozzillo
Rear Commodore of Racing:	Greg Morrison
Rear Commodore of Cruising:	Mike Brown
Quartermaster:	Tim Theisen
Treasurer:	Marsha Cooper
Communications Officer:	Mike Noone
Membership Secretary:	Diane Paxton
Admiralty:	Gary Bonner, Chairman
	Glenn Wesley
	Bill Hall
	LaurineValenti
	Dan Reasoner, Past Commodore

Cool NSC Coffee Mugs to celebrate 35 years of Nockamixon Sail Club arranged by Diane Paxton



Morning Light film event, January 23 at Sellersville Theater.

Sailing Movie in a real live theater, in winter with your friends from Nockamixon Sail Club. RSVP Now on our website!

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The most bang for your 50 or 100 bucks!

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Catalina 22: Dave Stadler
Hunter: Diane Paxton
Mariner: Ralph Hall
O'Day: Bill Hall
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Glenn Wesley

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Past Commodore's Note Dan Reasoner

With the beginning of the new decade the NSC will get a new Commodore. So I just want to say thanks for all the help from you folks and especially the Fleet Council Members. Having good volunteers is what keeps this club moving along. Aside from managing the regular NSC activities, over the past two years, I believe we accomplished two significant items to improve the club.

- 1) Adjusted the officer positions to provide equal racer and cruiser representation.
- 2) Promoted a teamwork structure allowing the Commodore and other Officers to delegate work.

I'm sure George will do a great job as Commodore and please volunteer for activities to keep the club running smoothly... I'm sure I will be around to help out too.

Dan Reasoner – Past Commodore

Communications Comments Phil Scheetz

This is my last Compass and I have enjoyed being the communications officer for NSC, for the last two years. I want to thank Dan Reasoner for being a great help and giving guidance to the club as Commodore for the last few years.

Diane Paxton has always been more than willing to come out to Staples and fold and stick labels on the Compass, and her events have always been fantastic.

Our new Commodore, George Balas, has been active in the club for many years and will do an exemplary job of guiding the club to great success.

Glenn Wesley has done a great job of re-creating our NSC website. The site has many of the user generated, community forming traits of the new generation of web content. The site has enabled a new level of member content to easily be posted to the site. While this always has the possibility of some "unedited content" finding its way to the site, the net effect is a site that stays fresh and brims with content.



As we head into spring, I am sure the site will have lots of great new content and will be a great resource to share information and draw new members to the club. Thank you Glenn.

Thank you to all of the club members who have contributed content, and especially to Mike Noone, who always sends the most content and who is taking over as Communications Officer!

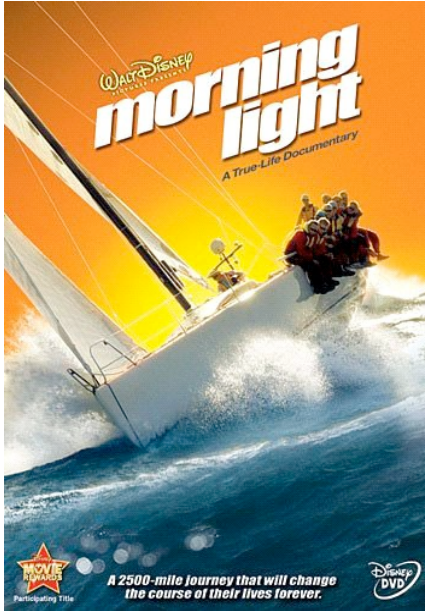
Thanks to all my crew members, we will have to go sailing more:

Jill Scheetz, Katelyn Scheetz, Gretchen Scheetz, Thomas McGrath, Susie Minton, Kristin Downs

Phil Scheetz

The 3rd Annual Mid-Winter Event Series

Sponsored by the Nockamixon Sail Club



Morning Light from Walt Disney Pictures is the story of 15 young sailors who dared to attempt the TRANSPAC - a 2,300 mile endurance race from California to Hawaii against the most experienced sailors in the world.

We will be joined by special guest **Jesse Fielding** from the crew of Morning Light!

The movie will start promptly at 12 noon. The doors will open at 11:30 and close at 3pm. Popcorn will be provided and there will be a cash bar.

Please invite family and friends. The theater seats 300 so don't hold back!

**Sellersville Theatre (www.st94.com)
Saturday, January 23, 2010 12 –3 p.m.**



Special Guest

**Jesse
Fielding**

**from the Crew of
Morning Light**

The event is free of charge. Donations will be accepted to defray the cost

Rear Commodore-Cruising Report Mike Brown

I wish to thank the two dozen members who responded to the annual cruising fleet survey. Your answers will hopefully help us to plan even better events in 2010.

Based on the survey results we plan to make some significant changes to Cruising Fleet events in 2010. It is clear from the survey results that the three most important things to our members are the following:

- Free training in seamanship and sailing skills.
- Social Interaction with other members.



Cruiser of the Year Diane Paxton

- Cruises to other bodies of water like the Chesapeake Bay.

It was also clear from the survey that many of the on-the-water cruising events on Lake Nockamixon are not viewed as that important. Although some events like the water fights, Nockamixon Odyssey cruise, and Ladies Dam Race

are very popular, sailing to places like

the Lake House may be better left to our members to do on their own. The most popular sailing events will continue but my conclusion from the survey is that many of our members would rather sail on their own in many instances and meet-up for training and socializing either before or after going sailing. Therefore we plan to have more training events in the afternoon around 4:30 PM so that our members can meet-up either before or after sailing on their own. It is hoped that these training sessions will lead to lots of social interaction after the training and that people may hookup with others that they can sail with on that day or in the future.

Regarding haul out and launch assistance it appears that relatively little help is required in the spring for launch assistance. The majority of help in the spring is needed by the boats with larger masts. We plan to target one weekend in the spring of 2010 when mast raising assistance will be available and then offer it by appointment only. Haul-out assistance appears to be of greater interest especially use of the club spray washer but with the park marina season ending October, 2010 instead of November 30, it is envisioned that most people will want to keep their boats in the water until the last weekend of October. It is likely that we will offer haul-out assistance on a more focused

basis during the last week in October rather than over three weeks like was done in 2009.

We will have two bareboat charter cruises on the Chesapeake Bay in 2010 and we will increase the time from two to three nights for both cruises. If you are interested in participating in the 2010 Chesapeake Bay Charter cruises please mark your calendars for August 5-8 and September 9-12 and stay tuned for future e-mails regarding these fun events.

We are planning the first NSC bareboat charter cruise in the British Virgin Islands Saturday, February 19 – Sunday, February 27, 2011 (not 2010). Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for announcements regarding this eight day cruise to the BVIs.

Happy Sailing,

Mike Brown

Learn Coastal Navigation and Piloting to ASA standards. A new four day class will take place 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, and 2/20 in the Nockamixon State Park Environmental Education Center.



Purchase a class for the new year!

For details please visit our website www.nockamixonsailingschool.com to see 2010 course descriptions, prices, and scheduling for the following:


ASA 105 Coastal Navigation and Piloting

ASA101 Basic Keelboat Sailing

ASA103 Basic Coastal Cruising

NEW! ASA118 Docking Endorsement


NEW! ASA104 Bareboat Charter



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*** NSC MEMBERSHIP LEVEL – Select the appropriate Level to suit your interests. ***

RACING Membership <input type="checkbox"/> \$100/year	RACING Membership at \$100: Includes all members of a household and entitles the Member or Family to one vote on NSC Business, the Compass Newsletter, NSC Racing programs with race committee support and awards, Cruising activities and programs, and NSC social activities.
CRUISING Membership <input type="checkbox"/> \$50/year	CRUISING Membership at \$50: Includes all members of a household and entitles the Member or Family to one-half vote on Club Business, the Compass Newsletter, all NSC Cruising activities and programs, and NSC social activities.
Payment	Make Check Payable to the Nockamixon Sail Club , and Mail Signed Form to: Nockamixon Sail Club PO Box 133, Telford, PA 18969
PATRON of the NSC	
PATRON <input type="checkbox"/>	Amount of Contribution: \$..... Donations from Members and Non-Members are always welcome and are applied to the NSC "Capital Fund". Patrons, and other non-members, who contribute \$15 or more will receive copies of the NSC Compass Newsletter.

Boat Type	Sail Number	Boat Name	Slip# (if applicable)

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: Sailing and sailing-related events are activities with inherent risk of damage and injury. Participants at Nockamixon Sail Club (NSC) events are participating entirely at their own will and risk. The event organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any sailor, including death, sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the NSC event. By participating in any event at NSC, each participant agrees to release the event organizers from any and all liability associated with such event participation to the fullest extent permitted by law.

INSURANCE: All boats sailing in NSC activities shall be insured with valid, and adequate, third party liability coverage for the type of sailing in which they participate. Active Racing Members shall carry Insurance coverage adequate for racing. Cruising Members shall have coverage adequate for cruising.
Please CHECK Here..... [] to acknowledge that you have adequate Boat Insurance for participation in the type of sailing that you select.

WAIVER: To the fullest extent permitted by law, I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the event organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization, Fleet, or official) involved with an event at NSC with respect to personal injury or property damage suffered by myself, my crew, or my guest as a result of our participation in any NSC event and hereby release the event organizers from any liability for such injury.

NSC PRIVACY POLICY: Please See the NSC Privacy Policy on the NSC Public Website: www.NockamixonSailClub.org
Please CHECK Here..... [] to acknowledge that you agree to your personal information being published in the NSC Membership Directory.

SIGNED: Skipper of boat(s) described above. Date:/...../20....

RACERS, if you belong to US SAILING, please provide: Your Membership #..... Expiration Date: .../.../20....

The Nockamixon Sail Club is a Member Club of US SAILING, endorses their activities, and recommends that all Active Racers become members of **US SAILING**. There are additional Fees for Non-US Sailing Members when they participate in NSC races. To join **US Sailing** check - www.ussailing.org

ALL SAILORS, Please Check if you belong to: ASA [] : Boat US []

Flying Scot Fleet 163 Report Mike Noone FS 5850

Flying Scot Fleet # 163 at Lake Nockamixon has enjoyed several years of continual growth and increasing participation in Club events, and 2009 was no exception. In fact, 2009 was an exceptional year for the Fleet and emerged as its best year ever, both at the Lake and Nationally. We now have 26 Flying Scot families as Members of NSC -- 8 as Cruising Members and 18 as Racing Members. A major highlight of this year was the national recognition of the Nockamixon Fleet as the Flying Scot Sailing Association "Fleet of the Year" for 2009. Additional highlights were the participation of 5 Fleet Teams in the FSSA "Wife-Husband" Championship Regatta in Massachusetts, and the 28 Teams that competed in the "Challenge of the Lakes" series in which, for the first time in the seven -year history of the event, NSC Teams scored 1, 2, 3 !! The last event of this Series was held on Halloween and saw 11 boats competing in winds of 25 -- and the winners were not determined until the very last race. In fact, the competition within the Fleet has been very close all year, and the Fleet Champions were decided by only 3 points from 20 races !

Fleet 163 was represented at the FSSA Midwinter's Championships in Florida, the Wife-Husband Championships in Massachusetts, the National Championships in Wisconsin, the Atlantic Coast Championships in North Carolina, the Sandy Douglass Memorial Regatta in Maryland, and the Capital Districts Championships in Pennsylvania. The competition for the Fleet traveling trophy, the Sterling Trophy, is hot this year ! In addition, a Team from Fleet # 163 won the NJYRA Flying Scot Class Championship which was sailed as part of the Challenge of the Lakes racing series -- the first time ever that a NSC Team has won a NJYRA Award.

The Fleet racing at the Lake in 2009 had great camaraderie and close competition with 33 skippers participating. 18 Teams competed in the Saturday Series which was won by Greg and Judy Morrison; 17 Teams competed in the both the Sunday Series and the Regatta Series which were both won by Mike and Brenda Noone; 12 Wife-Husband Teams competed in that special Series; and 28 Teams competed in the Challenge of the Lakes -- in which the top 3 boats were separated by only 3 points after 12 races !! 8 Teams qualified for the Fleet Champions trophy and the winner was determined by only a 3-point difference from 20 qualifying races. Competition does not get any better than that !!!



Greg and Judy have a ball

Our Fleet Captain, George Balas, presented the Fleet Awards at the NSC Awards Banquet, and made a "Special Award" of the new Red Flying Scot racing Marks to the winners of the Saturday and Sunday Series -- the beginning of a new tradition in the Fleet ! Awards for the Challenge of the Lakes went to Teams, Noone, Wesley, and Mandell. Greg & Judy Morrison were 1st in the Saturday Series -- and "won" the big Red Mark -- and 2nd in both the Sunday and Regatta Series. Phil & Jill Scheetz were 2nd in the Wife-Husband Series, and 2nd in the Saturday Series. Glenn &

Dorothy Wesley were 3rd in the Wife-Husband Series. Rob & Lois Wilkinson were 3rd in the Regatta Series, 3rd, in the Sunday Series, and 4th in the Wife-Husband Series. Mike Mandell with son Sam and Pete Pollinger alternating as crew, was 3rd in the Sunday Series and 4th in the FSSA Midwinter's Championships. Mike & Brenda Noone were 1st in the Regatta Series, Sunday Series, & Wife-Husband Series, and received the Fleet # 163 Champions Trophy -- and the big Red Ball for the Sunday Series. Rich & Betsy Baucom were awarded the "Most Promising Racers" award, and Aaron Weilerstein received the "Most Promising Sailor" award. Fleet Captain George received a special award for leading the Fleet to the "Fleet of the Year" success.



Mike and Brenda continue their winning ways.

Congratulations to Fleet Captain George Balas on his election as NSC Commodore for 2010. The Flying Scot Fleet knows what a great job he can do in building the spirit of camaraderie into the organization.

2009 was indeed the best year ever for Flying Scot Fleet # 163 at Lake Nockamixon.

Fall Banquet Memories



Rear Commodore-Racing Award



New NSC website preview. They look happy!

Prozillo Sailor of the Year >>



Thompson wins Hijinks Award



As your Vice Commodore for the last three years I would like to thank everyone for their support! I enjoyed the opportunity and the learning experience! Your support was a tribute to the success and the "good times" at every club social events! Please join me in supporting our new Vice Commodore Paul Prozzilo as he leads our club into another banner year of rock'n social events!!

Diane Paxton
Former Vice Commodore
Membership Secretary

Diane receives special award from
George Balas

Invasion of the Bryozoans !!

A fertile colony of Bryozoans found a comfortable home this Summer on a winged keel of a sailboat moored in the Nockamixon Marina. Could the added ballast improve the stability of the boat ? Or, could the weird shape cause an increase in drag -- it is a very slippery material ? Given some more time, perhaps they would have developed into a more refined bulb keel shape ???

The story above was submitted by Mike Noone. These creatures have made a secret pact with Mike Noone and Diane Paxton to colonize any boat that is owned by a member who forgets to renew their NSC membership. **DO NOT FALL PREY** to their evil plan.

Renew your NSC membership now!



I hope this hapless victim renewed their membership. The Bryozoan conspiracy continues... Imagine, someone actually had the gall to say these are a sign of improving water quality. We are on to them...

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