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What a Night!

Jim Thompson

Full Moon Sail, Lake Nockamixon, Sept. 25, 2010

As soon as *Double Trouble* got her hook in the ground in Compac Cove (also known as No Name Cove), I looked around and saw the first boat headed our way, so Laurine and I had to jump to prepare the docking lines. (It was great to have Laurine back on board after her special volunteer work on *Gazela*, the oldest still-active tall ship.) The Compac fleet was on its way.

First was John and Sharon on *Living our Dream* (their new Compac). Not far behind them was the newly famous *Red Stripe* with Eric and Kathy on board, switching from seasons of power boating to



Ten boats joined the raft-up at the Sept. 25 Full Moon Sail

sailing. maybe better known for the Talking Teacup in Chalfont.

Soon to follow was Compac fleet captain Bill Pfanstiel and Marjorie in *Sun Puddles*. Bill returned to the dock and picked up Frank and Sherry, whose *Aquarius* remains without raised mast. *Just Koz*, the second Catalina 22 from our Fleet 98 with Chesa-

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NSC hosts the
Steelman Triathlon

What a Year!

Ken Van Camp

A 2010 Nockamixon Sail Club Retrospective

I asked members to send me notes and photos about their favorite moments in the club during 2010, and here are some of their responses.

- Dan Reasoner: *While on Race Committee, Bert Van Anglen with his baseball cap on backwards (to prevent it from flying off) and shirtless on a nice sum-*

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Commodore's Comments

George Balas

I'll start by thanking all of the 2010 Fleet Council members for their dedicated and selfless service throughout the season. Your efforts were well thought out, effective and greatly appreciated by the general membership and myself in particular. Of special note, our Sailor of the Year, Marsha Cooper continues to provide us with timely and accurate accounting; is an accomplished sailor, and will always be a great resource for calm and elegant problem solving. I think it significant that there were many well-qualified, deserving candidates to choose from; and I wish I could have honored all of the contenders.

So,...stay with me here... and let me mention a few of our sailing brothers and sisters who were real contributors to the success of this years Club.

It would be impossible not to consider the effort and imagination of Dave Stadler's contribution to the *Morning Light* mid-winter event and his tireless organization of the Launch & Retrieval evolutions that bookend our season. *Morning Light* was a huge success because of Dave's perseverance and the tireless efforts of Diane Paxton and Paul Prozillo. It was a great way to start the year and everyone enjoyed it.

Man does not live by sailing alone; sometimes you have to raft up, chill out and shoot your water cannons; exactly what Jim Thompson and Jim Flynn, as cruising event captains extraordinaire, did best. Those events and some Full Moon cruising were some of the best attended, even considering a few weather related speed bumps.

Speaking of attendance, Mike Brown's "Sail and Learn" classes at 4:00 pm on Saturdays were a big hit with all of our members. Mike is stepping down as Rear Commodore of Cruising and the indefatigable Jim Thompson has stepped up his game to try and fill the shoes of one of the Club's most popular members. Welcome, Rear Commodore Thompson.

Speaking of "stepping up," I'd like to point out a couple of members that have really come into their own during the season. Gary Bonner as Chairman of the Admiralty demonstrated great leadership in that position this year, and has volunteered to be Rear Commodore of Racing taking the reins from Greg Morrison. Greg and Judy gave us an exciting year of racing and, certainly, the best ULDB pirate costumes ever seen on lake Nockamixon. Thanks to Greg for his attention to detail and his kick start scheduling into next years racing.

If you had occasion to need the Club boats this year, you can thank Tim Theisen for their preparation and reliability. It's a pleasure to know that when you get to the boats, they will be fueled, and in working order for any task they might be needed. Tim is staying on as Quartermaster and we will schedule a Sail and Learn to teach interested members how to operate the boats. All members of the Club should be familiar with, and trained for, safe operation of our boats. NSC's onsite rescue capability is a huge benefit for members and a great community service for the general population.

One very big plus this year has been our Communications personnel. Compass Editor, Ken Van Camp's publishing has been setting new benchmarks for NSC and we thank him for his diligence and patience. The Compass has always been a big part of NSC life and today's digital issue might be the best way to get it to see everything in full

color in an Earth Easy format. If you would like your copy, "digital only"; make note of your preference on your dues renewal paperwork. Ken will take care of you.

The other exciting communication project this year was the roll out of the new WEB site. Last weekend I had lunch with Glenn Wesley and we discussed

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Marsha Cooper receives "Sailor of the Year" honors from Commodore George Balas

Announcing the 2011 Nockamixon Sail Club Photo Contest

Have a great photo showing NSC members doing what they do best? (Sailing, racing, partying...) Share it with the rest of the club and see your photo in print! Winners will be published in upcoming issues of The Compass.

Photos will be judged in 2 categories: **(1) Racing and (2) Cruising/General**

Photos will be judged based on:

- overall composition and layout
- artistic impression / originality
- how well it portrays the NSC experience

All photos should show some aspect of sailing on Lake Nockamixon, or involve an NSC club event. *Use your imagination, be original!*

Photos may be either digital or in print. Photos must have been taken by an NSC member.

Submission deadline: February 6, 2011

Digital photos should be emailed to The Compass Editor at ken_and_me@yahoo.com

Paper photos should be mailed to:

Ken Van Camp, 1 Livingston Road, Stroudsburg, PA 18360

Please specify category, photographer, date and place of photo, and identify as many people and boats in the photo as possible. Enter as often as you like. Winning entries will be published in the first issue of The Compass in 2011. Runners-up will be published throughout the year. Photos will be judged by the Communications Committee of NSC.



Compac Fleet Report

1 fun fleet, 8 beautiful boats, 16 sad sailors, 5 months on the hard. Adding up the numerous possibilities, the NSC ComPac fleet began charting its course for the 2011 sailing season. The first waypoint was gaining national recognition for the NSC ComPac fleet. After contacting the manufacturer, Hutchins Co, the ComPac Yacht Owners Association, and conducting a boat load of research, we safely arrived at the conclusion that there was no national register for ComPac fleets. As such, the NSC ComPac fleet won the race for Fleet designation number 1, perhaps the only race we will win, but in our water world we are number 1!

The next navigational beacon we set sail towards was to design a fleet flag. Our idea was to incorporate the identifying colors from each boat in our founding fleet into our flag. This presented quite the colorful challenge, blending brown, cream, black, red and aqua into a design that we'd be proud to fly. During the NSC sail club banquet, the fleet reviewed a design draft and shortly afterwards commissioned our fleet flag from seattleflagmakers.com. With visions of flying flags dancing in our spreaders, they arrived 2 weeks before Christmas, just in time for the ComPac Fleet Holiday Dinner at The

Cactus Grill. With smiling faces and dreams of spring sailing we enjoyed a fleet flag photo opp while looking forward to flying our fleet colors in 2011.

NSC ComPac fleet 1 looks forward to sponsoring several events during the upcoming 2011 NSC sailing season. Details and dates will be forthcoming, but our plans include three events we hope to conduct annually: The ComPac Regatta; Pirates of ComPac Cove; and The Up & Out (Raftup & Cookout). Additionally, we are working with Tred Avon Yacht to hold a ComPac Yacht demo day at the lake and a ComPac Chesapeake Cruise & Rendezvous with fleet and non-fleet ComPac owners. Whether racing or cruising is your sailing fun, the NSC ComPac fleet welcomes everyone! We wish all our sailing friends a Happy and Safe New Year and look forward to flying our fleet flag and ComPac colors come April... and come fast!

-Eric Heck



Cruising Fleet Report

Jim Thompson

In life change is inevitable, but rarely does change mean that there is anything really new under the sun. We will not have the benefit of Captain Mike Brown's leadership in 2011. He has done a superb job and we salute him for his achievements. After many years of developing the activities of the NSC cruisers, Mike will be spending more time as the director of his Nockamixon Sailing School. However, he will still be involved in NSC and is available as needed.

I don't presume that I can fill his shoes, but with the help of many of you cruisers I will endeavor to fill our season with activities that are fun and useful in developing our sailing skills. I plan to continue the Sail And Learn programs utilizing "on the water" drills as much as possible. We have many new cruisers in NSC who will benefit by getting hands-on experience and knowledge of how their boat performs under various conditions.

Flag parades, raft-up picnics, moonlight sailing, sleepover cruises, water cannon battles, tennis ball races, picture day, and lady's dam race will all be continued in addition to the ULDB club event. Let's also plan a bus trip to next year's boat show in Annapolis.

The very popular Chesapeake Bay cruises will be continued in conjunction with Nockamixon Sailing School. Captain Mike is also planning a charter on Long Island Sound that will take us to new horizons and new adventures.

The Portsmouth fleet will continue to offer racing programs to all non-racing members who are interested in sharpening their skills under competition.

I am looking forward to working with Commodore Balas, Vice Commodore Prozzillo, and the cruising fleet captains in whatever way I can to strengthen the overall development of all NSC programs and fleets. I would like to hear from my fellow cruisers as to how we can improve our NSC sailing experiences.

We finished this year with a wonderful night of moonlight sailing and a sleep-over. The recap article is published in this issue of The Compass for those who many not have seen it.

Cruising Fleet Awards

Fun Race Series	Glenn and Dorothy Wesley
Squirt Gun/Water Canon Races—1st Place 2010	
Moonlight Series	Sharon and John Martis
Distinguished Award 2010	
Haul Out/Launch Assistance Service Award 2010	Mike Freund
Best Cruising Fleet Captain 2010	Bill Pfanstiel
Best Event Captain 2010	Jim Thompson
Most Improved Cruiser 2010	Dave Stadler
Memorial Day Flag Parade Award 2010	Craig Tourtellott
July 4th Flag Parade Award	Diane Paxton
Labor Day Flag Parade Award 2010	Ron and Sheri Nimitz
Best Cruiser/Racer 2010	Steve Carr
Ladies Dam Race 1st Place 2010	Diane Paxton
Cruiser Distinguished Service Award 2010	Ralph and Norma Hall
Cruiser Distinguished Service Award 2010	Mike Mandel
Cruiser Distinguished Service Award 2010	Brownie Brownell

Hi-Jenks Award Finds New Home

Jim Thompson, winner of the 2009 Hi-Jenks award, met with John Ivankovits, this year's winner, to pass on the unique award during a friendly dinner meeting held at the familiar Country Place Restaurant. John graciously accepted the award in good humor and he will be keeping his eyes open to see who might qualify for the award next year. John was accompanied by his wife Amy O'Brien. John, Amy and their 7-year old son live in Allentown. He is a chemist and she is a professor of english. Look for them in their Capri 22 at dock N-37. Also present for the fun night of getting to know each other better was Diane Paxton, Matthew Truibilla, and Laurine Valenti.





MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION, 2011

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

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Racing Fleet Champions 2010

Craig Tourtellott

The NSC Racing Champion is determined annually from 15 races in the NSC Championship Racing Series. The winner is awarded the NSC Championship "CUP."

From 1975 to 2003, the NSC "CUP" was awarded to the winner of the Championship-of-Champions ("C-of-C") Regatta. This regatta was a one-day event held at the end of the season with races between the top two sailors from each of the fleets in the club. In 2004, the club revised the format so that the club champion was determined from the 15 races held on seven dates throughout the year, which includes all of the NSC Invitational Regattas.

Our 2010 NSC Championship "CUP" winner is Dan Reasoner on Thistle #2940. Dan has won the title three years in a row. This ties the record of Craig Tourtellott who also won the title three years in a row back in 1991, 1992 and 1993. Dan sailed in each regatta in 2010 sailing against great competition like Paul Prozzillo who trailed Dan in the championship by only 7 points. The championship in 2010 was to be decided between two skippers. Congratulations to all that helped make the regattas a success and to all that stayed on course to give Dan great competition.

Portsmouth Fleet Report

Portsmouth Fleet for 2010 ended a season with new beginnings. The Portsmouth fleet has been around since 1974! What the fleet started this year was an invitation to all members of NSC to race with the fleet - cruising members and racing members alike. To help a non-racing member try sailing around a race course, the fleet hosted open racing to all members.

For only \$10 a skipper and crew could register to sail on five race days. Several cruising members of NSC tried the experience. In the Saturday Series Mike Freund on his Precision 23 sailed solo to score 7th position. Best finish was a 1st on the 28 August date. Bill Hall on his O'Day 222 in the Sunday Series not only scored two 1st place finishes but was also awarded a 3rd place trophy at the Awards Banquet. Bill tied Warren Mangan in the Series with 25 points. Warren had one more 1st place finish to break the tie. Other skippers that joined the fleet were David Greenberg, Diane Paxton, Marsha Cooper, Joe Cehlar and Steve Carr.

Regatta Series Winners 2010: Warren Mangan, Impulse 21 #149, "Warp Drive" 1st; Craig Tourtellott 2nd; Gary Bonner 3rd

Saturday Series Winners 2010: Warren Mangan 1st; Craig Tourtellott 2nd; Tim Theisen 3rd

Sunday Series Winners 2010: Craig Tourtellott 1st, Warren Mangan 2nd, Bill Hall 3rd.

-Craig Tourtellott

Catalina Fleet Report

This year at our Fall Awards Banquet we awarded Laurine Valenti with the Catalina 22 Sailor of the Year trophy.

Laurine had a big year sailing. She was present at most every event at the Lake at the helm of *Double Trouble*. She took on the librarian/merchandise responsibilities for our fleet. When she was not at the Club activities at the Lake it was typically for one reason - she spent a considerable amount of time volunteering aboard the Tall Ship *Gazella* and much of that time was spent offshore. Also during the year Laurine found time to improve her own sailing skills by gaining ASA certifications for Coastal Cruising and Bareboat.

The Catalina fleet is fortunate to have a lot of folks who are very active in the Club. That makes it extra tough to really differentiate yourself in order to win such an award. So extra congratulations to Laurine!

-Dave Stadler



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Flying Scot Fleet Report

21 Flying Scot sailors celebrated the past season at the NSC Awards Banquet where the Fleet Awards for the 2010 were presented by Fleet Captain, Mike Mandell. The 2010 Fleet activities were also reviewed at the Banquet. NSC Commodore, George Balas, and Fleet Captain, Mike Mandell, presented a special "Lifetime Achievement" Award to Fleet Secretary Mike Noone, for which he felt greatly honored and extremely grateful. This Award was originally presented to Mike by Len Evelev at the Fleet Picnic this past August, and Mike

says is, without doubt, the most impressive trophy that he has ever received. It was another great honor to have the chance to be recognized again, before the entire Club, at the Banquet.

Mike and Brenda Noone were also presented with the 2010 Fleet Championship Trophy -- for yet another year! This makes 17 times in the past 21 years that the Noone Family has won the Flying Scot Fleet Championship -- enough is enough! The Noone's will not be competing for the Fleet Championship in 2011 -- some new names will be on the John Noone Memorial Trophy in the future.

-Mike Noone

2010 Flying Scot Fleet Season Summary:

33 Flying Scot skippers participated in Fleet Racing at our Lake in 2010.

25 Flying Scots competed in the Challenge of the Lakes Series.

20 Flying Scots competed in the Fleet Regatta Series.

19 Flying Scots competed in the Fleet Saturday Series.

18 Flying Scots competed in the Sunday Series.

8 Flying Scot Teams competed in the Wife-Husband Series.

10 Skippers qualified for the Fleet Championship by sailing in at least 20 races.

The competition was great in all Series, and the winners were often determined by the results of races on the last day. Competition in the 2010 Regatta Series was particularly good, and the winner of that Series was determined on the last day -- by only 2 points after 19 races! There was always great, and close, competition within the fleet on every race date, and 8 different skippers won races during the year. A total of 45 Fleet Races were completed in 2010 with an average of participation over 10 skippers on every race day.

Fleet # 163 hosted the 2010 NJYRA Flying Scot Championships at our Lake -- the first major event that we have ever hosted -- and Fleet # 163 Teams have won the NJYRA Flying Scot Championships for the past 2 years -- the fleet plans to try to make it 3 in 2011!?

The Nockamixon Flying Scot Fleet was represented at ALL of the FSSA National Championship events in 2010 -- a new record for the Fleet. We had Fleet Teams at the Midwinter's, North American's, Atlantic Coast's, and Wife-Husbands Championships, and at the Sandy Douglass Memorial Regatta. SIX Fleet boats sailed in the ACC's -- the largest Fleet at the Regatta -- and another New Record for our Fleet.

In the 2010 NSC Frostbite Series, our Commodore and former Flying Scot Fleet Captain, George Balas, with Rich Baucom as crew, showed how the Scot could perform in good breezes by winning the Series sailing in FS # 1892, "Silver Girl" -- great job George and Rich!! Flying Scot sailors took the top 3 places in the 2010 Frostbite Series with Glenn Wesley in second place, and our Current Fleet Captain, Mike Mandell, in third.



George and Rich make the Scot "Fly" in a good breeze on the last day of the 2010 NSC Frostbite Series.

Flying Scot Fleet Awards at the NSC 2010 Awards Banquet:

Fleet Captain, Mike Mandell, presented the following Awards at the NSC Awards Banquet:

Randy Blough -- 1st in Fleet "Regatta" Series:

Mike Mandell -- 2nd in Sunday Series, and great performances at FSSA Midwinter's and NAC's

Mike and Brenda Noone -- 1st in Fleet "Saturday" Series, 1st in Fleet "Sunday" Series, and 1st in "Fleet "Wife-Husband" Series.

The 2010 Fleet # 163 Champions:

Phil Scheetz -- 2nd in Fleet "Saturday" Series and the 2010 NJYRA Flying Scot Champion:

Rob and Lois Wilkinson -- 2nd in Fleet "Wife-Husband" Series:

Aaron Weilerstein -- 3rd in Fleet "Sunday" Series:

Bob Rauch -- Most Promising New Sailor, 2010

Not present at the Banquet:

Rich and Betsy Baucom -- 3rd in Fleet "Wife-Husband" Series.

Greg and Judy Morrison -- 3rd in Fleet "Regatta" Series.

What a Night!

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peake cruising mates John and Matt Kozloff, and Emma (who I bet will be challenging the ladies again this year with Dad for crew) came alongside. Did you know that John was a lumberjack in Maine during his early years?

It was a special pleasure to have Gwen Jacobs arrive in her Precision 21, *For Whom the Belle Toils*. Gwen commented earlier in the week that, doctor's approval or not, she felt that some sailing therapy was in order. Saturday she rendered aid by helping a Hobie cat that went over in a puff. Gwen gave a tug, but the Honda 4 needed some help from a 20hp to get the boat back up. (More about this special lady later).

Next came Rich, Connie and Mary Watson on the Seafarer 23 *Wind Dancer*. I was privileged to get a peek inside this specially arranged cruiser and hear a wonderful story about a mallard duck they had named Princess. Thanks Rich for your "right on" anchoring and assistance later when Catalina fleet captain Dave Stadler arrived with Jamie and her parents on board the *Miss Zuri*. Thanks also for the stories about how Swan Cove got its name, how the yacht club used to raft up with the first boat beached, and the rendezvous activities at St. Michael's on the second weekend in October each year. It was a pleasure to see you again.

The wind was next to nothing at our picnic time so our favorite Miss Diane finally decided to come over to join us, having caught every ounce of wind she could find. Not being able to join us earlier, Marsha Cooper (club Treasurer) came paddling the last few yards on her O'Day 222. Marsha, Diane, and Gwen---three bold solo sailors.

Ten boats in all, maybe a new record.

Previously, before all the boats got in, I was surprised to look over and see that Eric had popped up the grill and was adding some special herbs to some swordfish steaks that were beginning to sizzle. (Where were you Chef Theo and the Morgan 21; we missed

you. Also missed were Ralph and Norma.) Someone said Ron Nimitz (another Catalina 22 owner) was sailing about as well.

John and Sharon have a special form of hospitality that helped to lift our spirits. Big thanks to these new Compac cruisers who are telling us they are just having the most fun as they enjoy their new boat and you will find them anchored in the cove frequently. They brought plenty of blankets and I borrowed one as I decided to stay over as well. Another blanket from Eric and Kathy made a nice pillow.

As we enjoyed our food and drink, the moon rose up full from behind the trees. The water began to glow, the fireworks began to pop at the upper end of the lake, and a few flashes from the cameras twinkled about (hope you will find these pictures on the web site). Then a hint of wind to come began to fill the air. One boat after another decided "It's time to sail," and they cut loose to see what the subtle air might bring.

Well, as Andy Griffin might say, it wasn't long before the action got under way and I don't know what all them boats were a-doin' scootin' by one another yelling "Wee hoo" and "Oh what a night", with red and green and white lights flashing and the big white sheets just flapping on them big poles and all, but it sure was a sight to be seen like I never seen before and it was sure pretty! The wind it just blew and blew and I saw one boat go right 'round in a complete circle. Well this commotion just went on and on till some of them boats just had to go pull down them sheets or I think they was a-gonna turn flat over. Well they all looked like they was having fun and I think they called it sailing.

Well you know what they say, "If you wasn't there then you missed it." Best moonlight sail ever!!! Even had several kayakers enjoy rowing around us and sharing pleasantries.

After returning Laurine back to the dock so she could get a good night's sleep to prepare for her busy day on Gazela, I was invited to raft up with Gwen, Eric and Kathy... to anchor down and enjoy the cool breezes as the wind became tamer and the stars shown down through a mostly clear sky. Once the halyards were tied down to stop the rattle

and I became reassured that the scraping sound I heard occasionally was only the fender rubbing between our boats, it was nice to lay back and listen to the wind and the ripples on the water until finally falling asleep.

Next morning, the sound of Eric's grill lid opening let us know that hot coffee would be coming up. I peeked out of the companionway earlier to see if John and Sharon had drifted down the lake and to my surprise, their Compac was bobbing on anchor right where it had been left the night before. They came over for breakfast and friendly conversation. We enjoyed the warming breeze as the morning wore on.

If any of you sailors (especially the newer ones) get the opportunity to ask Gwen about her initial days of learning to sail and boat selection, you will enjoy a delightful reflection on some interesting events as she, on her own, learned to sail. I hope she will decide to write these events down and maybe others would do the same. Maybe a library of NSC history could be developed? Or does it already exist?

Barbara Molin wrote in this month's Sail Magazine, "I never tire of the verity of colors the sky can produce. Not only from sunrise to sunset, but also in the middle of the night. The soothing rocking of the boat at anchor puts me to sleep."

Reminder--- we only go around once on this ferris wheel of life. "Carpe diem"





Commodore's Comments

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some new and exciting changes to www.nockamixonsailclub.org. Talk about a program that cranked it up a notch; wait till you see all the new features, and look, of this award-worthy site.

Special congratulations to Laurine Valenti as she rotates off of the Admiralty and volunteers to help Membership Sectary Diane Paxton with Fleet Council minutes. The more recruiting time we can make for Diane, the larger the membership will be. Thanks Laurine for your service and thanks Diane for your membership work. The Admiralty will have several new faces this year as Bill Pfanstiel (Compac Fleet CO) and Brian Snader (Thistle Fleet member) join Bill Hall and Glenn Wesley for the important work of the Admiralty.

I haven't even touched the surface of all the great work that many dedicated individuals have contributed: Ralph Hall, for coordinating the Triathlon swimmer's watch, Craig Tourtellott's racing cruiser's series and of course the fantastic social scene orchestrated by Vice Commodore Paul Prozzillo.

The lesson here is that it takes a lot of people and effort to make this organization work; Congratulations and let's get started on 2011.

With a nod to my last column; here's a picture of the lake taken on December 4th, 2010. Notice how the launch ramp has not been winterized? Guess it's not a priority this year!!



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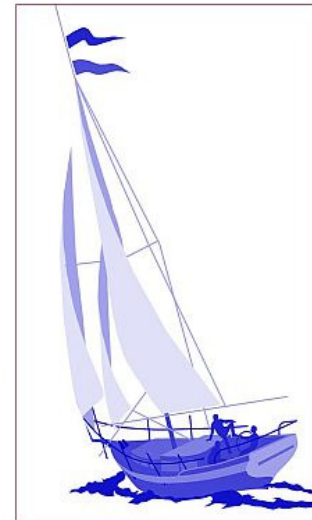
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Mariner Fleet Report

The NSC O'Day Mariner Fleet welcomed new cruising members Judith and Nadine Smet-Weiss this year, and saw a steady stream of maintenance, rehab and cosmetic improvement projects to its boats. The 2010 Mariner National Regatta was held as Narrasketuck YC in Amityville, Long Island, NY, on July 31 and August 1, with 20 Mariners participating from Delaware, New Jersey, and New York. Crews from nearby Riverton YC finished among the top positions in both the Championship and President's Fleets. The US Mariner Association voted this year on allowing certain modifications to be made to racing boats. Heated discussion among the racing purists and the "modernists" resulted in postponing the implementation of the approved changes until 2011 to allow all racers sufficient time to make these changes. The 2011 Regatta will be held on August 12-14 at Brant Beach YC on Long Beach Island, NJ. All sailors are invited to this exciting event – even if you are not a Mariner owner, guest crews and racing fans are always welcome.

A proposal to merge the NSC Mariner Fleet into the larger O'Day fleet in 2011 was put forward at the November Awards Banquet. All input from the Mariner fleet is welcome before the NSS Fleet Council makes a final decision.

Looking forward to the 2011 cruising season!

-Ralph Hall

What a Year!

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mer day, was efficiently setting-up the race course buoys, yet keeping clear of all the sailboat racers. Then, back on shore people were asking, "Who was that teenager running the chase boat today?"

- Jim Thompson: *Everything about the ULDB pirate picnic.*
- Mike Noone: *A lake full of Flying Scots at the NJYRA Flying Scot Championships in June.*
- Sharon Martis: *Supporting the Steelman Triathlon at Lake Nockamixon.*
- Gil Weiss: *The two Chesapeake voyages - Really good times...*
- Jim Thompson: *Helping new members launch their boat for the first time and sharing their pleasure.*
- Ken Van Camp: *Enjoying the support of so many club members during my first year as Compass editor.*



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This is your newsletter. Why not consider writing an article for The Compass, about something you think would be of interest to your fellow sailors in the club? Drop an email to Ken Van Camp, Compass Editor, at ken_and_me@yahoo.com if you have a story idea. We'd love to hear from you!



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Thistle Fleet Report

At the 2010 Nockamixon Sail Club Awards Banquet, which was held on November 13, Dan Reasoner was crowned 2010 Thistle Fleet Champion. This is the third consecutive year that Dan has won the Fleet Championship. He has a score of .875 out of a possible 1.000 and he participated in 87.5% of the races. Craig Smith was in second place for the series and Paul Prozzillo was in third place. See complete scores below. There were a total of 24 fleet races which were spread over 9 fleet race days. There was an average of 7.6 Thistles at each event and 14 skippers completed at least 1 fleet race. Seven skippers qualified for the Thistle Fleet Championship by completing at least 12 of the 24 races.

It is fitting that Dan has won the Fleet championship this year because he has been very active in both Thistle Fleet Racing and in Nockamixon Sail Club events. In addition to Thistle Fleet Champion, he received several other racing awards at the NSC banquet.

Also at the banquet, the Thistle Fleet Recognition Award was presented to Warren Rosen for his outstanding commitment to the Thistle Fleet in 2010. He participated in 95.8% of the fleet races (23 of 24), attended several regional Thistle regattas, and came to one of the “team racing” events that were run by the Thistle Fleet.

The Thistle fleet had about 20 members who attended the NSC banquet in November which also served at the 2010 Fleet Annual Meeting. At the meeting the 2011 fleet officers were elected. Dan Reasoner was elected as the new fleet captain and Tim Theisen was re-elected as the fleet treasurer.

-Craig Smith

Victoria RC Fleet Report



The Victoria fleet attracts skippers of all ages.

While this fleet has not received approval to be seated at Fleet Council meetings, the fleet hosts some great sailing when our “big” boat sailing is over at the lake. Several NSC members have built the Thunder Tiger kit over the years. Sam Mandell is our youngest skipper and newest member for 2010. On our best days we can get - Warren Mangan, Sam Mandell, Mike Mandell, Phil Ehlinger, Gary Bonner, Will Mathias, the Schalls and a good crowd to do and see some great small boat sailing with racing around the marks (maybe Paul Prozzillo one day).

The fleet uses the shoreline waters near the marina launch ramp for some crisp sailing. The fleet has marks in proportion to scale for some around-the-buoy races. Starts are just that: a race start. If you hear a bit of plastic-tappin', you know someone was pushing hard on Port tack. The only danger on the course is getting someone with your radio antenna. Nice thing

about RC sailing - only the boat gets wet and collisions cause no damage other than the laughs on the shoreline. Does anyone get wet? Only if you lose your boat or are twisted in lake weeds.

As long as we have skippers young at heart, or just plain young, and water that is still liquid and air temperatures above 40 deg F, we have Victoria Fleet Sailing at Lake Nockamixon. Keeps your sailing skills active out of season on the lake and gets you out of the house for a fun afternoon.

-Craig Tourtellott

THISTLE FLEET 176 - 2010 RESULTS

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Reminder: 2011 Membership Renewals are due by March 31!

NSC Membership Update

This season NSC memberships grew to a total of 159 active sailing families! The Cruising Fleet grew to 115 family members (37 new members this season!). Our active racing members invite everyone to join their growing Racing Fleets of 44 family members (8 new members this season!). Our club also had the support of 5 Patron families and 2 Honorary family members.

Our individual club fleets also grew this season:

Cruising Fleets

25-Catalina 22/ Capri

14-Precision

5-Flying Scot

17-O'Day/Mainer

9-Hunter

9-Compac

Racing Fleets

21-Flying Scot

13-Thistle

7-Portsmouth

6-Impulse 21



NSC Welcomes Members! (who have joined after October)

New Cruising Members

James & Emilie Letting, O'Day 19.2, Dawn Treader, C-46

William Pascoe, Hunter 23, L-35

Rich Sahlendar, Compac 16/2, #2608

New Racing Member

John & Jill Lawing, Lightning, 13654, LuLu, F-29

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

-Diane Paxton, Membership Secretary



Young racers in the NSC Junior Regatta