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Windmill Class Association Inc.

Happy Spring Windmill Sailors!

It's time to uncover your boat, check your gear, and trailer. Sailing season is almost here! Start signing up for some regattas!!!! Bring your family, friends, and join in the fun. We have a lot of events on the schedule already, come on out and explore new venues with your Windmill family!



Santafest, Sweaters and Shenanigans. Oh my!



#5709 is born!



Congratulations to the newly chartered Fleet for hosting their first regatta!



Florida or BUST!



A little bit of snow couldn't bury the sailors in Erie.



Congratulations to Ethan & Trudy Bixby for winning the Midwinters in Sarasota.



Boca Ciega & Good friends. Roger that!

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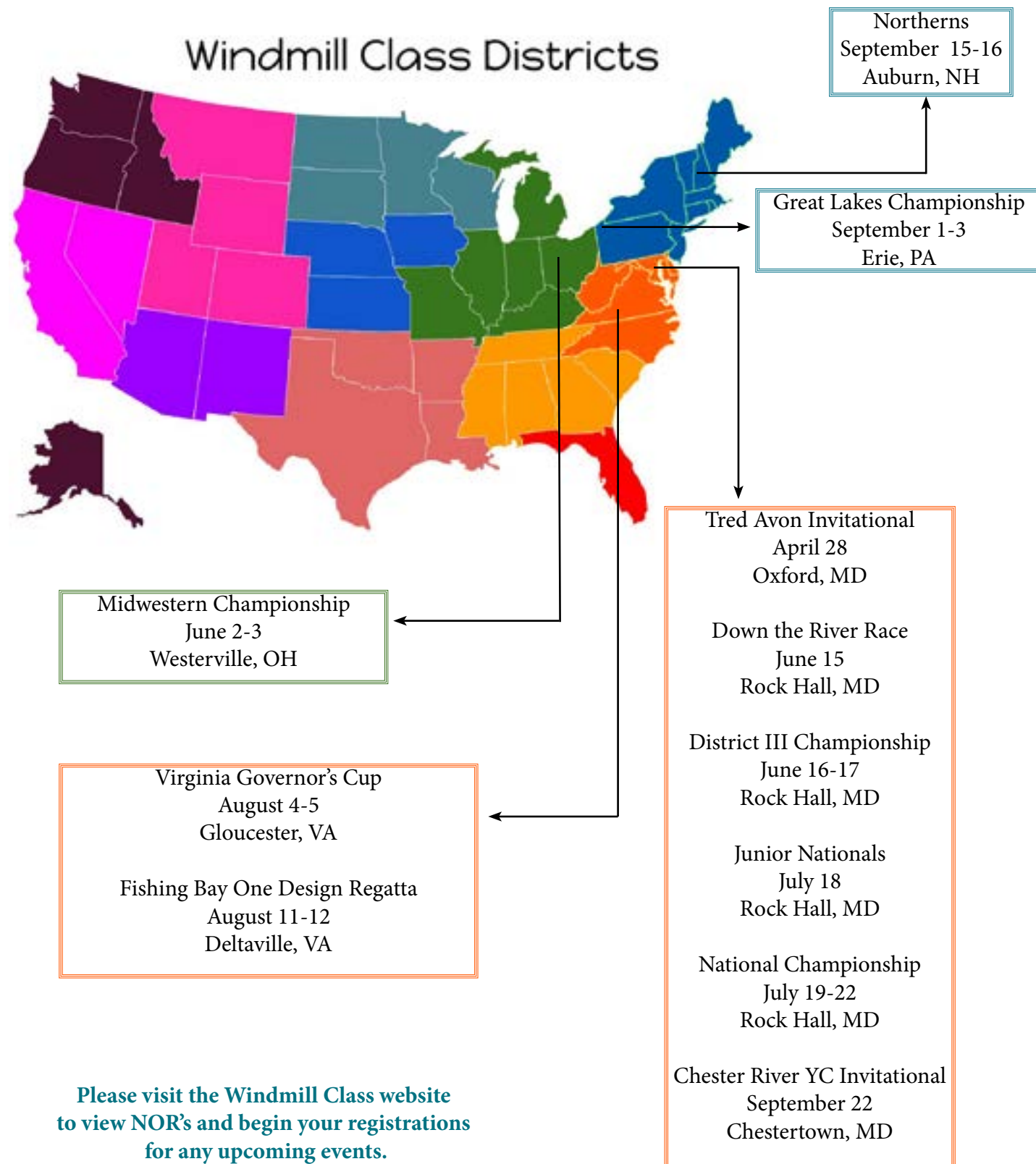


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Upcoming Regattas



Please visit the [Windmill Class website](#) to view NOR's and begin your registrations for any upcoming events.

The Boom Stops HERE



A Message from
your WCA
President

Ralph Sponar

I wanted to express my extreme gratitude for the members support of our Windmill Class Association Board of Directors, our growing membership, and especially my family.

The class is moving forward with the raffle of Johansen Windmill Hull #5708. Take a chance for \$100 to win a new hull worth \$5000, just mail your check and form into our treasurer Lance Williams.

Our Board and members of the rules committee have met to discuss the new full length batten and refinements of the mailsail measurements. At the Midwin-ters, the following sailed with the full batten:

- 5700 - Ethan Bixby
- 5060 - Ralph Sponar
- 5586 - Allen Chauvenet
- 5707 - Pat Huntley
- 4051 Alan Taylor
- 5703 - Tim Weibel

Lon Ethington installed a Selden GNAV on his mast. The group gathered to observe and listen to the installation pros and cons while we were in "AP". It definitely opened the forward thwart seat area up, and the crew loved it.

The By-Laws change ballot and rule details will be available on the early May Joust.

If you haven't already signed up for the events on the Windmill website, PLEASE do so! We have a lot of regattas on the schedule for this year. If there is a new regatta in your area, become the Regatta chair person and get it posted so others can sign up.



Junior Nationals looks like it is moving forward. We already have (3) boats signed up to race on (Wed) 18 July 2018. We need an additional 2 Windmill skippers and mentors. Two skippers are driving up from Florida to race. It would be fantastic if we had a junior from each district. Come on out and play!

Nationals, it's going to be great!! Sign up, and send in your check and registration form. If the conditions are not in your comfort zone, you can help out on shore. Sandy has been hard at work with our sponsors. She's already received merchandise to give away.

So make plans, sign up, and sail!! See you on the water soon.

Ralph Sponar

#5708

Good Day All Windmillers,

Your Board of Directors have been hard at work with local, county and state authorities to offer you the ability to buy (1 or more) of (only 50) raffle tickets for a brand-new Johannsen Windmill Hull #5708 for \$100 each. She's a sparkling white hull with a white interior deck and a black rub rail. The included inspection ports have been cut out and predrilled, but not installed so you can custom install your jib tracks and blocks. An Anderson auto bailer has been installed. Also notice the Blanton thwart seat that is highly crew approved!



Some sticky rules: You must be an Active or Associate member of the class and at least 18 years old. So, join or renew on the attached membership form if needed and send in your membership fee in a separate check. All tickets must be sold. See all the rules on the Mail in Form.



The drawing will at the Rock Hall Yacht Club Windmill Annual Dinner on Friday 20 July 2018. You don't have to be present to win, but we sure would love for you to be there! Imagine sitting at the dinner and your name and raffle ticket sub is picked. Pat's on the back and clapping as the crowd goes wild as you run up to the front – a Windmill Winner of a brand new Hull #5708!

Good Luck Everyone!

If you feel lucky, Allen Chauvenet will have some raffle tickets for sale at the Bradenton Yacht Club Invitational and the Sarasota Sailing Squadron Midwinters Regatta both in March! If you can't make it to Florida in March, please fill out the raffle form, membership form if needed and mail with your check(s) to Lansing Williams.

Raffle of Windmill Hull # 5708

Mail-In Windmill Class Association Raffle Ticket Request Form

Rules:

1. All (50) Tickets for \$100 each must be sold by check made payable to Windmill Class Association, no credit cards or PayPal.
2. The drawing for the hull is planned to take place at the RHYC Windmill Annual Dinner on Friday 20 July 2018. If the tickets are not all sold by this time, all the ticket money will be refunded to comply with the Kent County, MD permit.
3. Only Lance Williams and Allen Chauvenet can sell the Raffle Tickets, record who bought the tickets and deposit the checks.
4. Tickets can be sold to Windmill members both Active and Associate who are 18 years or older only.
5. We welcome everyone to join our Windmill Class Association by filling out the additional dues form and submitting the \$20 or \$40 fee, in a separate check.
6. There is no limit to the number of tickets any (1) person can buy.
7. People can mail in the attached raffle ticket request form to Lance, who can email a picture of the ticket and stub or mail the raffle tickets back to the indicated address.
8. If at the time of receipt of your mail in ticket form, all the raffle tickets have been presold your check will be returned.
9. Winner does not have to be present to win. However, winner is responsible for making pick-up arrangements.
10. Winner is responsible to pay any applicable local, state and federal taxes and to provide their Tax ID or SSN to the Windmill Class Association, Inc.

Please Print Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Birthdate: _____

Email: _____

Check one:

Mail raffle tickets to my address above. _____

Email a picture of my Entry form and Raffle Ticket Stub to my address above. _____

I certify I'm a WCA member in good Standing with Dues paid through 2018. Initials _____

Number of Raffle tickets you want to purchase: _____ @ (\$100 each)

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

I also included a 2018 WCA Membership application and separate check for \$20 or \$40.

Mail completed form with check payable to Windmill Class Association, Inc. (WCA):

Lansing Williams

c/o WCA, Inc.

213 Richard Dr.

Chestertown, MD 21620

Questions contact Lansing Williams via email slansing@verizon.net or

Allen Chauvenet via email achauvenet@gmail.com

2017 Southern Championship

Bixby Sweeps Southern
By: Allen Chauvenet

Ethan and Trudy Bixby (5700) won all 4 races on both Saturday and Sunday to sweep a windy Windmill Southern Championship event at the Boca Ciega YC in Gulfport, FL, November 11-12.



The RC set short but challenging modified Olympic courses for all races with the finish just above the weather mark. Colin Browning and super-crew Eric Mann (5252) pushed the Bixbys in several of the races while they themselves were beaten in 3 races by the Lin Robson/Terra Berlinski (5706) combo. Jake Fath not only jumped overboard to help a slightly disabled Sea Scout boat but also once pulled his crew, mother Lisa, back into the boat and capped some fine sailing with 3-2 results in the final races. Behind the Bixbys finishes were often very close with 4-6 boats crossing the line within a minute in quite a few races.



With a few breakdown issues (all eventually fixed) Parker Schuler from Sea Scout Ship 915 and BYCY Youth Sailing received the traditional "Silver Screw" perpetual trophy. We were delighted to have both Sea Scout Windmills racing and look forward to seeing them again with improving results as they continue the process of upgrading their boats. Almost made 10 boats this year and certainly hope to reach that goal in 2018!



Pos	Boat	Name	Total	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Race 8
1	5700 Silly Wabbit	Ethan & Trudy Bixby	7	(1)(1)	1(2)	1(3)	1(4)	1(5)	1(6)	1(7)	1(8)
2	5252 Bella	Colin Browning/Eric Mann	17	2(2)	(4)(4)	2(8)	2(12)	3(13)	2(15)	2(17)	4(21)
3	5706 Soujourner	Lin Robson/Terra Berlinski	26	3(3)	2(5)	3(9)	(4)(12)	2(14)	3(17)	4(21)	3(24)
4	4028 Elvis	Jake & Lisa Fath	28	(5)(5)	3(6)	5(15)	6(21)	4(20)	4(20)	3(22)	2(24)
5	5070 Pig Headed	Lon Etlington/Meg Gimmi	34	5(5)	5(10)	4(14)	5(19)	5(24)	5(29)	5(34)	(6)(40)
6	5701 Windmill	Nathaniel & Sheila Plant	35	4(4)	(5)(10)	5(15)	3(18)	6(24)	6(30)	6(36)	5(41)
7	5586 B&B	Allen & Christina Chauvenet	58	(DNS)(17)	DNS(22)	DNS(23)	DNS(44)	7(51)	7(56)	7(63)	7(72)
8	4886 Blue Bayou	Tyler Rogers/Ian Witbreak	60	7(7)	7(14)	(DNS)(25)	DNS(36)	9(43)	9(54)	8(62)	DNF(73)
9	4049 Magic Dragon	Parker Schuler/Talib Moran	60	(DNF)(11)	DNS(22)	DNS(23)	7(40)	8(48)	8(56)	9(63)	DNS(74)

2017 Santa Sailfest

Santa Sailfest
By: Allen Chauvenet

The Lake Monroe SC (Sanford, FL) annual regatta has changed from the "Kettle Cup" to the "Santa Sailfest" but all else remained the same and the Windmills continued the gradual increase in fleet size with 7 boats including sailors from PA, OH, MD and VA.

Very light air prevailed on both days giving rise to "slow motion" racing. All races were simply WL with a downwind finish but took a reasonable amount of time. In the first race Lon & Meg (sailing 5070 "Pig Headed" but using a main borrowed from Ethan Bixby showing 5700 and having the now experimental full length upper batten) led Allen & Sarah (5586 Beauty & the Beast) to the left side of the course in a small patch of wind. Eventually B&B sailed lower and faster to almost overhaul Pig Headed, ducking when tacking to port and then holding a narrow lead at the weather and close offset mark. As these two started the run to the finish, the rest of the fleet, originally on the R side of the beat) was far astern but finally began to move. With Pig Headed close to rolling over B&B, Allen & Sarah jibed towards the wind on the left (looking downwind) and the boats split well apart. Meeting as the approached the finish, B&B took the gun with a 40 yard lead while Pig Headed was easily 2nd. Colin Browning & Eric Mann (5252 Bella) led the rest of the closely packed boats across the line.

The second race was similar except that Lon & Meg played the beat beautifully & tucked several Sunfish between them and B&B which was battling closely with Pat & Janet Huntley (5707 Graffiti) for 2nd. The run to the finish saw Pig Headed extend the lead while the Huntleys positioned themselves perfectly to hold off Allen & Sarah by a boat length. Lisa & Jake Fath 4028 Elvis) gained and a final jibe to port near the finish just failed to move them up from 4th. As the wind totally vanished, the RC ended racing for the day

leaving Pig Headed with 2-1, B&B with 1-3 and the Huntleys (6-2) tied with the Faths (4-4), just a point ahead of Bella (3-6) and two ahead of Go Blue (Ralph & Sandy Sponar with 5-5).

Sunday brought promise of light winds slightly more than Saturday, but those hopes were soon squashed and the fleet sailed up the beat in scattered patches of air. This time Colin & Eric played the beat perfectly to round 1st and head downwind with a nice lead over B&B, Pig Headed and Elvis. All these boats made big gains on Bella but Colin & Eric alertly defended their position to win. The other three approached the line with everything in doubt but Lon & Meg were best positioned for the last puff of the day which gave them race second and regatta 1st with Elvis & B&B following them closely across the line. Again the wind died completely and the Windmills elected to abandon--followed 25 minutes later by the RC which cancelled further racing for all classes!



Difficult sailing conditions requiring focus on finding boat speed (relatively speaking) and constant searching of the water for any available puff. Challenging but a good time for all, including (see photos on website & Facebook) lots of off the water fun & camaraderie. In addition to Bella taking regatta 3rd with the last race win, Colin Browning was the clear winner in the 1st ANNUAL UGLY SWEATER contest organized by Sandy Sponar!

1	Pig Headed 5700	Lon Etlington & Meg Gimmi	5	2	1	2
2	Beauty & The Beast 5586	Allen Chauvenet & Sarah Steward	8	1	3	4
3	Bella 5252	Colin Browning & Eric Mann	10	3	6	1
4	Elvis 4028	Lisa Fath & Jake Fath	11	4	4	3
5	GRAFFITI 5707	Patrick Huntley & Janet Huntley	14	6	2	6
6	Go Blue 5000	Ralph Sponar & Sandy Sponar	15	5	5	5
7	Caliente 5399	Phillip Durand & Kaitlin Durand	21	7	7	7

Rechartered Fleet



Photos from their latest Regatta:



Under the leadership of Lisa Fath (4028) the Bradenton, FL Windmill fleet has been re-chartered. The new charter members in addition to Lisa are Jake Fath (2049), Bob Woithe (4481) and the Manatee River Pram Fleet (3886) which purchase "Pig Headed" from Lon Ethington & Meg Gimmi. Lisa and Jake have led the revival of the pram program which is now following the original intent of class designer Clark Mills and aiming to move young sailors from Prams to Windmills!



2018 Bradenton

Browning/Mann Edge Sponars in Bradenton By: Allen Chauvenet

The newly re-chartered Bradenton FL Windmill Fleet #2 staged its first regatta March 10-11 under the auspices of the Bradenton YC and Bishop Sailing Center. Lisa Fath was instrumental in making this happen and securing the local support so we all owe her a great vote of thanks. Thanks also to the PRO team of Susan & Terry Tibbits who organized and ran a great series of races with the support of the Sea Scout mentors Joel Heyne & Tony Angel as well as other local people.

Races were run over a W-L course with the leeward mark below the start/finish line allowing for a final beat. Saturday saw winds of 12-13 gradually diminishing to 6-8 by the last of the 5 races. Although the racing was very close, Ralph & Sandy Sponar (5060 Go Blue) were the dominant team with wins in 3 of the races. A seaweed encounter on the last beat of the 3rd race led to a 6th which became their drop race but necessitated counting all other finishes. Colin Browning & Eric Mann (5252 Bella) were consistently 2nd except for the final race where a bad start, lack of free air and other problems left them well behind in 5th. Allen Chauvenet & Sarah Steward (5586 Beauty & The Beast) put things together to win the 3rd race but misplayed a shift on the closing beat of race 5 to drop from 1st to 3rd while Jake & Lisa Fath (4028 Elvis) followed their opening string of 3rd place finishes with a bullet as they edged the Sponars who edged Allen & Sarah. The racing was close and some good individual results were turned in by the other competitors in the 8 boat fleet with all leaders other than Jake & Lisa following Cam Carlin and/or Sea Scout Tye Belcher (using Mainsail 4205) across the finish 1 or more times.

Sunday brought delightful SUNSHINE along with light airs in the 5-7 mph range. Allen & Sarah took the lead at the weather mark and held it throughout the race with only Colin & Eric in striking distance as they secured their 5th runner up spot in the first 6 races. The Sponars took 3rd, almost clinching the regatta win while Jake & Lisa's 4th provided an opportunity for Allen & Sarah to contest 3rd overall.

The final race found Jake & Lisa just leading Allen & Sarah around the weather mark with the other teams seemingly well back. Part way down the run, Allen & Sarah saw the Woithe team with wind from their R and jibed to starboard. Father back, the Sponars did the same while Jake & Lisa continued on port farther out in the river. Colin & Eric followed them and resisted the urge to jibe when Colin felt he could see some wind coming from the L. This proved true and Jake & Lisa came down rapidly in this new breeze with Allen & Sarah jibing back just in time to stay ahead of Colin and Eric. After the boats rounded the last mark in that order, everyone tacked to starboard as it was possible to fetch the finish. Colin & Eric got moving soonest to pull off a remarkable comeback and win (anything other than a win would have left them second for the regatta) the race and regatta while Allen & Sarah came up fast from leeward to beat Jake & Lisa by < 1 boat length--but enough to tie them on total points and win the tie break via most firsts! Very exciting finish where distribution of all trophies was decided on last leg of the 7 race regatta!

All of the other sailors showed steady improvements and were often in the mix and pushing for higher finishes. A really great opening event for Fleet #2. Lisa and Jake are working hard to rebuild at strong Windmill presence at the Manatee River Pram Fleet locale and follow in the footsteps of Clark Mills, the designed of both the Pram & the Windmill.

Pos	Boat	Name	Total	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7
1	5252	Colin Browning/Eric Mann	11	2(2)	2(4)	2(4)	2(4)	(5)(13)	2(15)	1(16)
2	5060	Ralph Sponar/Sandy Sponar	12	1(7)	1(2)	(5)(8)	1(9)	2(17)	3(14)	4(16)
3	5586	Allen Chauvenet/Sarah Steward	16	4(4)	(5)(8)	1(10)	5(15)	3(18)	1(16)	2(21)
4	4028	Jake Fath/Lisa Fath	16	3(3)	3(4)	3(4)	3(7)	1(12)	(4)(17)	3(20)
5	4205	Tye Belcher/Camille	33	6(6)	4(10)	5(15)	4(18)	(8)(27)	7(24)	7(41)
6	4947	Cam Carlin/Mark Inge	36	5(5)	6(11)	4(15)	8(23)	4(27)	(DNC)(30)	DNC(40)
7	4481	Robbie Woithe/Bob Woithe	37	(7)(7)	7(14)	7(21)	6(27)	6(33)	6(39)	5(44)
8	4049	Parker Schuler/Talb	41	(8)(8)	8(16)	8(24)	7(31)	7(38)	5(43)	6(49)

2018 Sarasota One Design

Sailing in Sarasota
By: Sandy Sponar

Ralph and I wanted to thank all the people involved with the Sarasota Sailing Squadron who hosted the 2018 Windmill Midwinters. We had a wonderful time sailing in the beautiful 80 degree sunshine and the blue green water. Dolphins, flying fish, and water birds were on the race course and seen daily. Seventeen of our members from New Hampshire, Kansas, Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and many from Florida came out to race. Conditions each day were sunny, warm, and light winds. Everyone was raring to race and there was plenty of competition from 1st through 17th.



As competitive as the fleet was on the race course, getting together before and afterwards helping each other was just as important. Everyone brought a few things to snack on and drinks to share.

Sundays light wind had us AP, while several boats still launched to get in a warm, blue sky day, and a chance to refine their light air skills. But really, it was all about sailing with the dolphins.... right Janet?

At the awards, we were very impressed that all the Windmill Racers, stayed to support our class. Everyone thanked the Sarasota Sailing Squadron Race Committee and the Club support staff. All our members received Kristen's artwork and the top 5 finishers received large yellow dry bags and (2) mugs. Many other class sailors stayed to watch as we also awarded our youngest skipper : Rob Woithe and our last but not least: Phillip and Kaitilin Durand with framed artwork.



Congratulations to Ethan & Trudy Bixby for winning the regatta with a total of 6 points. Larry Christian & Allie Sponar took second, followed by Lon Ethington & Meg Gimmi in third.

Next year, there could be changes to our Midwinters. Sarasota Sailing Squadron may have some intense construction in areas where we set up our boats and park. Sandy is working with other yacht clubs to host our 3 day Midwinters. Watch the event site and Joust for details.

Pos.	Boat	Name	Total	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6
1	5700/ Another Silly Rabbit	Ethan Bixby/Trudy Bixby	6	1(1)	(2)(2)	1(4)	1(5)	1(6)	2(8)
2	5319/ Dave	Larry Christian/Allie Sponar	9	2(2)	1(2)	(9)(12)	2(14)	3(17)	1(18)
3	5070/ Pig Headed	Lon Ethington/Lon Ethington	22	4(4)	5(9)	5(14)	4(18)	4(22)	(6)(28)
4	5252/ Bella	Colin Browning/Eric Mann	23	7(7)	3(10)	3(13)	5(18)	(10)(28)	5(33)
5	5271/ 5271	James Watson/Keara Watson	28	3(3)	4(7)	6(13)	(11)(24)	7(31)	8(39)
6	4028/ Elvis	Jake Fath/Lisa Fath	29	8(8)	6(14)	2(16)	3(19)	(13)(32)	10(42)
7	5707/ Graffiti	Patrick Huntley/Janet Huntley	30	5(5)	8(13)	(12)(25)	8(33)	6(39)	3(42)
8	5586/ Beauty & The Beast	Allen Chauvenet/Christina Chauvenet	33	10(10)	7(17)	6(23)	6(29)	2(31)	(OCS)(32)
9	5060/ Go Blue	Ralph Sponar/Sandy Sponar	33	6(6)	9(15)	4(19)	7(26)	(11)(37)	7(44)
10	4051/ Hurricane	Alan Taylor/Joel Blade	36	11(11)	(12)(23)	7(30)	9(39)	5(44)	4(48)
11	5701/ chunky monkey	Nathaniel Plant/Sheila Plant	53	9(9)	11(20)	(DNS)(20)	14(34)	8(42)	11(53)
12	5703/ Scorpion	Timothy Weibel/Joseph Weibel	55	12(12)	10(22)	11(33)	10(43)	12(55)	(15)(70)
13	4049/ Sea Scouts I	Parker Schuler/Talib Moran	64	14(14)	14(28)	10(38)	13(51)	(15)(66)	13(79)
14	5404/ 5404	Stuart Proctor/Sarah Proctor	68	(DNS)(19)	(DNS)(38)	(DNS)(57)	12(69)	9(78)	9(87)
15	4481/ Kraken Waketh	Rob Woithe/Bob Woithe	70	15(15)	15(30)	14(44)	(16)(60)	14(74)	12(86)
16	4205/ Sea Scouts II	Tye Belcher/Camille Dodson	74	13(13)	16(29)	(DNS)(48)	15(63)	16(79)	14(93)
17	5399/ Caliente	Phillip Durand/Kaitlin Durand	76	16(16)	13(29)	13(42)	17(59)	17(76)	(DNS)(95)
18	5706/ Sojourner	Lin Robson	95	(DNC)(18)	(DNC)(36)	(DNC)(54)	(DNC)(72)	(DNC)(90)	(DNC)(114)

Windmill Business

A Windmill Class Association (WCA) board meeting was held at Marcy and Roy Sherman's home on 24 Feb 2018. The attendees were: President Ralph Sponar, 1st VP Roy Sherman, 2nd VP Alan Taylor (via facetime), Secretary Allen Chauvenet, Treasurer Lansing Williams, Nationals Regatta Chairperson Sandy Sponar and observer Marcy Sherman.

Agenda Item #1: Included Lansing Williams speaking about the local (Kent County), state (Maryland) and federal rules and IRS tax implications as they apply to our Class Non-profit status to hold the raffle for the new Windmill Johannesen Hull # 5708. Thank you, Lansing Williams who applied for our Kent County, Maryland Raffle permit # 2018-4. The group reviewed and approved the raffle rules, printed tickets, selling tickets procedures, mail in form and winner responsibility for boat pick-up and local, state and federal taxes. Lance, Roy and Allen will come up with a bingo ball or rolling cage, impartial ticket picker and nominating committee to verify and audit all the tickets prior to the drawing. Details to be discussed in the next meeting set for April 2018.

Agenda Item #2: Included Sandy Sponar speaking about the Windmill Class Nationals regatta status. The 2018 budget was reviewed and approved. The NOR status is written and under review by our returning PRO Peter Gordon. Protest Committee members were discussed, and the regatta schedule was approved. The Nationals mail in registration form deadline of 19 June 2018 was approved, so that Pat Huntley who is graciously donating the regatta shirts can get them purchased and printed in a timely cost-effective manner.

The 2018 Junior Nationals will be on Wednesday 18 July 2018 all forms including Registration, waiver, NOR, SI and gig sheet are completed and under review. We must have (5) Windmill members youth's whom are 18 years or younger signed up by 1 June 2018.

Alan Taylor brought up "Sailors of the Sea" theme to try to have our Nationals regatta comply with their ideals. Sandy will work the Rock Hall YC to see about having water dispensers for people to fill their own

containers. Also find out details on how the club handles recycling.

Ralph brought up having a Shore Safety committee, they will watch from shore with binoculars and have a VHF radio to assist in landing boats that retire from the racing. Also, some type of badge system for each boat to act as a float plan as you go out to practice and race to keep everyone safe was discussed. Emails have been received from Fishing Bay YC that they would like to host the 2019 Windmill Nationals Regatta. All details will be presented to the WCA membership for voting at the Rock Hall YC Windmill Annual dinner.

Agenda Item #3: Lance talked about a Chestertown business that specializes in drone and photography of events in the area. Lance will follow up with the business to schedule a presentation meeting to the board in April 2018 to discuss flight requirements and fee structure.

Agenda Item #4: Ralph and Sandy discussed the Annapolis boat Show in October; which Sandy attended all 3 days with Mark. Mark Johannesen booth was in the AYC parking lot who received 10% of the foot traffic. Negative observation: People are just looking, they do not want to buy or store a boat just before the holidays. Positive observation: Several people who came by are locals and interested in sailing /windmills/ Rock Hall YC. Sandy will add them to our email list that goes out with "Your invited to sail" for all Rock Hall club racing and local regattas.

Agenda Item #5: Ralph spoke about the Erie YC Board Meeting By-Laws follow up and status. Item 2017-001 "The tiller and hiking stick material is optional" Was voted and approved at the 2017 Erie annual meeting.

Item 2017-004 "Automatic Jib launching poles are permitted with a maximum length of ." Was voted and approved at the 2017 Erie annual meeting. The measurement committee will be measuring everyone's pole length to determine a maximum length.

For the Good of the Class

*Windmill Business cont.

Item 2017-002 To allow for a full batten in the top position on the main sail. (Refinement of measurements still under consideration). Ralph had a Vermont Sailing Partners full length batten main sail for everyone to see. Additional discussions will be done at Sarasota Sailing Squadron Mid-Winters in March with the Rules Committee to discuss the rules impact, By-Law and wording.

Item 2017-003 "GNAV" Roy talked about the advantages and disadvantages of GNAV and impact on the main sail. Awaiting input from Craig and Lon at Sarasota Mid-Winters in March.

DUES!!!!

Please visit the Windmill Class website to see that your dues are up to date. You must be an active WCA member to vote at the Nationals.

*Note Allen's new address for mailing checks



Thank you Kristen Sponar for the new regatta art!

New Windmillers

Paul Fogel - Washington

(#5624) Paul purchased a plan package and has started on the building project. We welcome him and hope to see photos in the future.

Tucker Burr - Massachusetts

(#523) We hope to see him on the water soon!

Stuart Proctor - Maryland

(#5404) Stuart and his sister Sarah raced in the Midwinters in Sarasota with their family boat. Returning to the class since racing 2008. Stuart works at the Downtown Baltimore Sailing Center.

Nathaniel Plant - Florida

Nathaniel & Shiela have been racing in the class for a few years, but recently have purchased Ethan's old boat - Silly Wabbit - which was the design plug for the new hulls.

Send us your sailing stories and photos! We love to run new content in our Joust. Email it to Allie or Matt Sponar, or post it on our Facebook group.

2018 Nationals

You are invited to attend the Annual Windmill Nationals Event that will be held the week of 16 July 2018.



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Rockhallyachtclub.org



Rock Hall Yacht Club welcomes all to enjoy the facilities. Located on the beautiful Chester River which is part of the Chesapeake Bay. The river offers a great place to sail with lots of open water.



Easy beach launching by dolly (preferred method) and plenty of grass on which to spread out and rig your boat. There are also 2 crane hoist and a nearby marinas if you need to launch from a trailer. RHYC grounds are free of all overhead wires to ensure your safety.



After enjoying the day on the water, cool down with a dip in the pool or seek the shade and air conditioning while enjoying good food and drinks from the club restaurant and bar. Watch the boats sailing by in the evening while sitting under the pavilion.



There is ample camping on the premises for tents and RV's alike. Accessible bathrooms and showers are always open. Lodging in Rock Hall fills up quickly on summer weekends. Plan on making reservations by March or April at the latest.



To view the entire facilities and grounds check out this Youtube:
[Rock Hall Yacht Club](#)

2018 Nationals

You can find motels, inns and Bed and Breakfast in the Rock Hall under the lodging tab:
www.rockhallmd.com

Ralph and I have stayed at the Mariner Motel usually the cheapest in town and clean, phone 410-639-2291.

North Point Marina Motel phone 410-639-2907

Tallulah's phone 410-639-2596

B & B's:

Bay Breeze Inn, phone 410-639-2061

Bennington Manor Lodging, phone 305-407-6484

Black Duck Inn, phone 410-708-9222

Carriage House, phone 410-639-2855

Haven Point Inn & Gallery, phone 410-639-4184

Inn at Haven Harbour, phone 410-778-6697

Inn at Hunting field Creek, phone 410-639-7779

Moonlight Bay Inn, 410-639-2260

Osprey Point, 410-639-2663

Spring Cove Manor, 410-639-2061

Sunset Lodge on the Bay, 410-639-7846

Swan Point Inn, 410-639-2500

I also suggest you look into Airbnb, home away and VBRO for places to rent in Rock Hall, MD. Chestertown has a few of the chain hotels. It takes approximately 20-30+ minutes to drive to the club. The eastern shore of Maryland is a huge farming community. You never know when you will get behind a large farm combine driving down the road. **Remember, always do the speed limit or slower and come to a complete stop at all red lights and stop signs in Chestertown and Rock Hall.

Bring your family and kids. Let us know if you're interested and we can work with the RHYC sailing school to possibly discount the programs the sailing school offers. Check out the link and start making plans:

<https://sites.google.com/site/rhycss/programs>

Other activities for non-sailing members are shopping at the Outlet mall, Ocean City, MD beaches and boardwalk or watch the wild ponies of Assateague Island. Walk around historic Chestertown, tour the Naval Academy, Annapolis and Washington DC museums. Most are a 1-2 hour drive from Rock Hall. Want to go Rock fishing there are plenty of boats to sign up for a day trip.

List of Events

→ Calling all 18 and under for the 2018 Junior Nationals to be held on Wednesday 18 July 2018. We must have (5) juniors signed up on the Windmill Event page by 1 June 2018.

→ Windmill Nationals event starts Thursday morning 19 July at 0900 with registration, check-in, and required boat and sail measurements.

→ Dinner on Thursday is sponsored by Allen Chauvenet at Waterman's Crab House in Rock Hall. An event not to be missed. Allen will pay for dinner but all drinks are your responsibility. Thank you Allen!

→ Racing begins on Friday and will continue Saturday and Sunday. Weather permitting, we plan for 5 races per day.

→ Annual Windmill Meeting and dinner will be at RHYC on Friday night. Bring your Pirate or Hawaiian attire for a possible Luau dinner theme.

Windmill Class National Championship 19-22 July 2018 Registration Form

Rock Hall Yacht Club 22759 McKinleyville Rd. Rock Hall, MD 21661

Registration fee is \$175 before **19 June 2018** deadline and \$200 after deadline. Fee for skipper and crew includes: Windmill Championship racing, Friday night Dinner tickets, Regatta Shirt and Hats for (2) people. **People who register late are Not Guaranteed ANY Regatta Shirts!**

Please Print Skipper: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Birthdate: _____

Email: _____

Boat #: _____ Boat Name: _____

I certify I'm an "Active" WCA member in good Standing with Dues paid through 2018. Initials _____

Crew Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Birthdate: _____

Email: _____

Skipper Shirt (Circle Size): **XS S M L XL XXL** Crew Shirt: **XS S M L XL XXL**

Registration: (\$175 early or \$200 late) \$ _____

Extra Friday Dinner Adults # _____ x \$(25) each \$ _____

Extra Friday Dinner Child # _____ x \$(15) each \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Allen Chauvenet will host Windmill Nationals participants and family at Waterman's Crab House on Thursday night. All drinks are your responsibility.

Please indicate number in your party for Thursday's dinner so Allen can make reservations: # _____

Extra shirts maybe for sale at registration desk for \$20 each.

Mail completed form with check payable to Windmill Class Association, Inc. (WCA):

Lansing Williams

c/o WCA, Inc.

213 Richard Dr.

Chestertown, MD 21620

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