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Summer 2017

Windmill Class Association Inc.

Sailing, sailing and more sailing! We hope that your summer has been full of fun adventures on the water. We would love to see your photos and hear your stories! Keep our Facebook page active, and send content to Allie/Matt Sponar to be featured in the next issue.



Ole!
Matt Crotty & DJ Krane from Erie's Fleet 83.



Larry Christian & Allie Sponar playing in the Chesapeake Bay.



Orson Wells (L) whose boat is almost completed, visits with Mark Swanson(R) who has moved 5380 to Alaska where he and Emmie have sailed the past 2 summers.... chilly water with wet suits of course!



The work of the First family never ends! Boat prep year 'round!



"COWBELLAAA!"



Pymatuning Yacht Club Independence Day Regatta sailors.



David Manley (skipper) & Stephen Cropper (crew) racing in the District 3 Championships in Rock Hall, MD.



Dyer Harris (skipper) & Erik Arnesen (crew) club racing at Rock Hall.

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Midwesterns Championship

Milling Around

By: Craig Tovell

Westerville Ohio, June 2nd - 4th, 2017

Hoover Sailing Club (HSC) Fleet #60 hosted the annual Midwestern Memorial Regatta. As the longest standing WCA class event since 1965, teams from 7 different states completed 8 races in light to medium and heavy air conditions. Past national champions from Maryland, Ralph & Matt Sponar, as well as John & Anne Dannenberger; New Hampshire, Larry Christian & Allie Sponar, made the trek. As well as teams from Chicago, Rick Beale; North Carolina, Jerry Rezab; Tampa-Lon Ethington & Meg Gimmi, and from Washington D.C., Allen Chauvenet & Sarah Stewart.



The “Midwesterns”, known for its food and camaraderie, greeted guests on Friday with a happy hour and cocktails followed by a casual dinner featuring 12 different gourmet pizzas. As tradition goes, many of the out-of-town competitors stayed with fleet members, where correspondingly they host us at their events. Also, 8 of 12 boats had a family crew.

Flying Scot Fleet #37 ran races in difficult conditions, often shifting 20° and from either side of the reservoir predominantly from north, northwest. PRO, Ross Long, and his team did a commendable job moving marks as needed and changing from two triangles (2T) to an effective, gold cup course (T, W, L, W). Races would surprisingly average and expedient 35 minutes regardless of wind strength. Saturday, day one of racing, consisted of light conditions and grew throughout for medium to heavy air on Sunday.



To optimize time on the water, the traditional Saturday lunch break became a short postponement after race three affording completion of five (5) good races. The fact that 4 different winners of the 5 exhibits the difficulty of sailing consistently in such conditions. From day one standings, one can ascertain that the out-of-towners grew more comfortable as the regatta developed. Initially, a port favored line would be erased by a starboard favored course and vice a versa -- until things settled.



For the full gallery of regatta photos, visit:
www.lisaksphotos.com

Midwesterns Championship

Note that class stalwart, Allen Chauvenet and his crew, Sarah Stewart, won the first race taking advantage of the starboard breeze that erased the port favored start. As a leader would cover the following boat upwind to finish, often the third following boat would breakaway to win. It came to where leaders had the sail their own races or became someone else's. You needed to sail to head up and seat-of-the-pants.

The Saturday dinner was wonderfully orchestrated as always by Kathy Bachman, Julie Himmelsbach and a cadre of veterans -- the Prebihalos, Mickelsons and Fergusons. Chef Peter Rothman grilled smoked beef and pork. Awesome!



Day two, Sunday saw the prevailing, consistent heavy Southwest winds – full plaining conditions. The 2016 national runner-up (Chris & Nancy Demler), Lon & Meg, and Team Sponar clawed back up the scoreboard while Team Christian and The Dannenbergers slugged it out with the later winning the tie-breaker. Congratulations!

Don't forget to put the Windmill Nationals on your calendar at Erie Yacht Club for great, fresh, open-water sailing with our new sister fleet in Pennsylvania on Presque Ilse (August 11-13th, 2017).

Hull #	Skipper	Crew	From	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score
5069	John Danneberger	Anne Danneberger	Severna Park, MD	4	2	5	1	1	6	1	1	15
5048	Lawrence Christian	Allie Sponar	Deerfield, NH	3	3	1	2	2	2	2	3	15
4200	Craig Tovell	Cindy Tovell	Columbus, OH	2	1	2	5	4	5	3	4	21
5705	Chris Demler	Nancy Demler	Lebanon, OH	6	5	4	7	3	1	5	2	26
5070	Lon Ethington	Meg Gimmi	St. Petersburg, FL	5	6	7	4	7	3	4	7	36
5060	Ralph Sponar	Mathew Sponar	Pasadena, MD	7	8	3	6	5	4	7	5	37
5586	Allen Chauvenet	Sarah Steward	Arlington, VA	1	4	6	3	9	8	8	8	38
4689	Tim Bachman	Nathan Bachman	Hilliard, OH	8	7	9	8	6	7	6	6	48
5410	Bernie Himmelsbach	Julie Himmelsbach	Galena, OH	9	9	8	9	8	9	9	DNS	61
3420	Rick Beale	Jerry Rezab	Tinley Park, IL	10	12	10	12	DNF	10	10	9	73
4100	Chris Bunge	Doug Boyer	Granville, OH	11	11	12	11	11	11	11	10	76
4622	Grace Yingling	Ed Yingling	Westerville, OH	12	10	11	10	10	12	DNS	DNS	78

District 3 Championships

RHYC Regatta has Record Windmill Fleet

By: Allen Chauvenet

A record 18 Windmills entered the RHYC Invitational with outside teams coming from FL, NH, PA, OH, VA, NC and KS to join the group of local sailors. Winds were strong with marked chop for the 4 Saturday races with even heavier winds and higher waves for the 1 race sailed on Sunday. One illness plus the difficult conditions meant that only 17 boats showed and 15 actually started races--but others got out on the water as crews and a great time was had by all the sailors.



Races were all WLW except the Sunday race which was WLWLW--a long battle in tough conditions. RHYC's own Ralph & Matt Sponar (5702) has an inauspicious first race when they hit the leeward pin on the starting line, hit the weather mark and hit the leeward mark. They made an amazing comeback only to learn that they were also OCS in this race which was won by the outstanding sailing of Alan & Stephanie Taylor (4051) of NC. No hesitation--Ralph & Matt simply won the rest of the races, discarded the OCS and dominated the finish results to keep the District 3 Windmill Championship at the RHYC (the Dannebergers having won

it the past several years). Second place in the regatta went to Midwinter Champions Chris and Nancy Demler (5705) who overcame forgetting to round the offset mark in the first race to record (6)-5-2-2-2, pushing the Sponars in the last 3 races.

An amazing 3rd place went to one of the lightest weight teams Larry Christian of NH sailing with Allie Sponar of PA (5048) whose record of 2-3-(5)-3-4 included some absolutely spectacular planning!

RHYC Junior sailors David Manley & Steve Cropper (3651) whose record of 3-2-(6)-6-5 was 4th overall and 2nd among Windmill district 3 boats. They defeated 1 former National Champion and 2 former national runner-up teams among others. They also performed a capsize and self-rescue drill (not intentionally) but were clever enough to carry this out after the FINISH of the final race. Note should also be made of RHYC junior sailor Max Penders (4262) crewed by his father Jon who pushed far more experience teams very hard in these difficult and trying conditions. Everyone enjoyed the hospitality, the courses (thanks PRO Lee Urbani) and the venue. We had a great Windmill dinners at Waterman's Friday night and at RHYC Saturday night where Mike performed his usual magic in the kitchen, including 2 special ordered vegan dinners!

In spite of setting an all-time record for Windmill entries in the regatta, EVERYONE hopes to return next year and help set a new record! We'd be delighted to introduce anyone in the club with an interest in small boat racing to the Windmill and the class certainly thanks all who made this event possible!

Pos	Boat	Name	Total	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5
1	5702	Ralph Sponar / Matthew Sponar	4	(OCS) ₍₁₉₎	1 ₍₂₀₎	1 ₍₂₁₎	1 ₍₂₂₎	1 ₍₂₃₎
2	5705	Chris Demler / Nancy Demler	11	(6) ₍₆₎	5 ₍₁₁₎	2 ₍₁₃₎	2 ₍₁₅₎	2 ₍₁₇₎
3	5048	Larry Christian / Allie Sponar	12	2 ₍₂₎	3 ₍₅₎	(5) ₍₁₀₎	3 ₍₁₃₎	4 ₍₁₇₎
4	3651	David Manley / Stephen Cropper	16	3 ₍₃₎	2 ₍₅₎	(6) ₍₁₁₎	6 ₍₁₇₎	5 ₍₂₂₎
5	5070	Lon Ethington / Margaret Gimmi	20	(8) ₍₈₎	6 ₍₁₄₎	7 ₍₂₁₎	4 ₍₂₅₎	3 ₍₂₈₎
6	4955	John Deimel / Natalie Deimel	24	4 ₍₄₎	9 ₍₁₃₎	4 ₍₁₇₎	7 ₍₂₄₎	(DNS) ₍₄₃₎
7	5069	John Danneberger / Anne Danneberger	25	10 ₍₁₀₎	7 ₍₁₇₎	3 ₍₂₀₎	5 ₍₂₅₎	(DNS) ₍₄₄₎
8	4051	Alan Taylor / Stephanie Taylor / Erik Arnesen	30	1 ₍₁₎	4 ₍₅₎	(DNS) ₍₂₄₎	DNS ₍₄₃₎	6 ₍₄₉₎
9	5586	Allen Chauvenet / Christina Chauvenet	31	5 ₍₅₎	(10) ₍₁₅₎	9 ₍₂₄₎	8 ₍₃₂₎	9 ₍₄₁₎
10	5530	David White / Heath Muscavich	32	7 ₍₇₎	8 ₍₁₅₎	8 ₍₂₃₎	9 ₍₃₂₎	(DNF) ₍₅₁₎
11	4262	Max Penders / Jon Penders	46	9 ₍₉₎	11 ₍₂₀₎	(DNF) ₍₃₉₎	DNS ₍₅₈₎	7 ₍₆₅₎
12	5255	Lansing Williams / Kaitlin Durand / Sandy Sponar	46	12 ₍₁₂₎	13 ₍₂₅₎	11 ₍₃₆₎	10 ₍₄₆₎	(DNF) ₍₆₅₎
13	5400	Dyer Harris / Andrew Houghton	52	11 ₍₁₁₎	12 ₍₂₃₎	10 ₍₃₃₎	(DNS) ₍₅₂₎	DNS ₍₇₁₎
14	4339	Miles Booth / Mark Beleno	59	13 ₍₁₃₎	(DNS) ₍₃₂₎	DNS ₍₅₁₎	DNS ₍₇₀₎	8 ₍₇₈₎
15	4825	Matthew Crotty / Daniel Krahe	76	(DNS) ₍₁₉₎	DNS ₍₃₈₎	DNS ₍₅₇₎	DNS ₍₇₆₎	DNF ₍₉₅₎
16	5399	Phillip Durand / Kaitlin Durand	76	(DNC) ₍₁₉₎	DNC ₍₃₈₎	DNC ₍₅₇₎	DNC ₍₇₆₎	DNC ₍₉₅₎
17	5524	Erik Arnesen / Gail Fisher	76	(DNC) ₍₁₉₎	DNC ₍₃₈₎	DNC ₍₅₇₎	DNC ₍₇₆₎	DNC ₍₉₅₎
18	5707	Patrick Huntley / Janet Huntley	76	(DNC) ₍₁₉₎	DNC ₍₃₈₎	DNC ₍₅₇₎	DNC ₍₇₆₎	DNC ₍₉₅₎

Pymatunning

NEW ADVENTURE: Windmills at Pymatuning Yacht Club By: Allen Chauvenet

Thanks to the initiative of Dave White (5530) & the open arms of the Club, the Windmill Class had it's first ever start at the Pymatuning Yacht Club located on the OH-PA border. The great support of Erie Fleet 83 (5 boats) resulted in a 10-boat fleet which made us the 2nd largest fleet in the 4-class regatta. Ample winds and delightful modified Olympic courses (with a special modification made by the Windmill fleet in the first race!) made for such exciting sailing that the 5 races were won by 5 different teams!

Matt & Sandy Sponar won the first race when they picked up a nice shift from the right hand side on the second weather leg to beat John & Natalie Deimel (4955) for the gun. The drama of the race was in the Windmill Fleet inserting an extra mark...after rounding the jibe mark, everyone headed for a yellow mark downwind without noting that this mark was NOT located dead downwind of the start-finish line! Pat & Janet Huntley (5707) led Ralph & Allie Sponar (5702) around this incorrect mark and started back upwind. The rest of the fleet rounded the "bonus" mark and then headed for the actual leeward mark except for Allen Chauvenet & Maggie Arnesen (5586) who followed the two leaders upwind. When the three boats that had started upwind realized their error, they rounded the real leeward mark 7,8,9. The regatta (who knew at the time?) was really decided by the amazing comeback made by Ralph & Allie who recovered to 3rd while 5707 and 5586 remained mired in 8th and 9th!

For the second race, everyone actually sailed the right course and this time John & Natalie parlayed a good start and smart upwind sailing to win cleanly ahead of Ralph & Allie followed by Pat & Janet. The third and final race of the day found Lon Ethington & Meg Gimmi (5070) along with Allen & Maggie going hard left on the opening beat and picking up breeze and a shift to open a huge lead over the fleet. Lon & Meg won handily but Pat & Janet some-



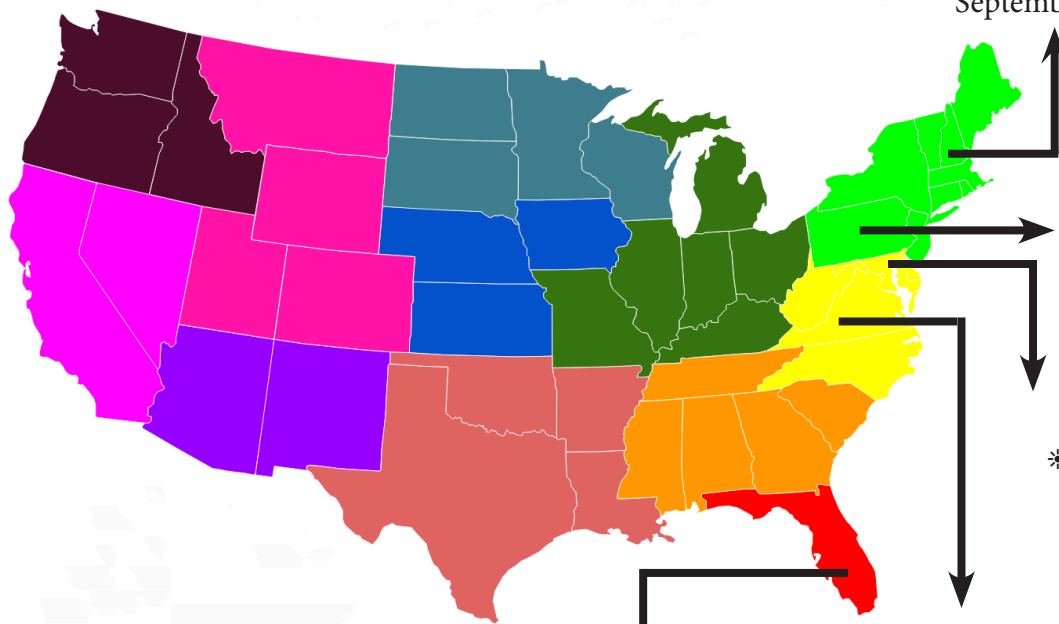
how broke free of the fleet to challenge Allen & Maggie who were still second at the last mark but mis-played the short beat to the finish for a 3rd behind Pat & Janet. John & Natalie slipped to 5th but still had a 1 point lead as the racing ended for the day and everyone enjoyed the on-shore drinks, dinner and beautiful views during the evening.

Sunday brought the final two races (there were no throw outs) with Ralph & Allie seizing control of the regatta with a wonderfully sailed race and a decisive win. Pat & Janet moved up with another second and Allen & Maggie continued their improved sailing with a 3rd, edging out the next three boats on the long run to the leeward mark and holding their position on the beat to the finish. Lon & Meg moved upward in the standing with a 4th while Matt Crotty (3932) of the Erie fleet (crewed by Fireball sailor Graham Schaefer) were in the thick of things and recorded an excellent and close 5th, pushing the Deimels back to 6th.

In the final race Pat & Janet sailed beautifully with their win seizing 2nd overall while Ralph & Allie sailed well, safely and securely to take 2nd for the race and 1st for the regatta. Lon & Meg reversed results with Allen & Maggie, taking 3rd for both the race and the regatta. A good time was had by all and the club issued an enthusiastic invitation to come back next year!

Pos	Boat	Name	Total	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5
1	5702 (Hummingbird)	Ralph Sponar/Allie Sponar	12	3(3)	2(5)	4(9)	1(10)	2(12)
2	5707 (Graffiti)	Pat Huntley/Janet Huntley	16	8(8)	3(11)	2(13)	2(15)	1(16)
3	5070 (Pig Headed)	Lon Ethington/Meg Gimmi	17	4(4)	5(9)	1(10)	4(14)	3(17)
4	4955 ()	John Deimel/Natalie Deimel	19	2(2)	1(3)	5(8)	6(14)	5(19)
5	5060 (Go Blue)	Matt Sponar/Sandy Sponar	25	1(1)	4(5)	6(11)	8(19)	6(25)
6	5586 (Beauty & The Beast)	Allen Chauvenet/Maggie Arnesen	26	9(9)	7(16)	3(19)	3(22)	4(26)
7	3524 ()	Matt Crotty/Graham Schaefer	31	5(5)	6(11)	8(19)	5(24)	7(31)
8	5530 (Windcatcher)	Dave White/Paul Weiser	40	7(7)	8(15)	7(22)	7(29)	DNF (40)
9	5703 (Scorpion)	Tim Weibel/Joseph Weibel	44	6(6)	9(15)	9(24)	9(33)	DNF (44)
10	4499 ()	Alex Miller/Gabby Kellog	53	DNF(11)	10(21)	10(31)	DNS(42)	DNS(53)

Upcoming Events...



New Hampshire

- * Northern Championship
Auburn, NH
September 16 - 17

Pennsylvania

- * National Championship
Erie, PA
August 11-13

Maryland

- * Corsica River Regatta
Centreville, MD
June 22-23

Virginia

- * Govenor's Cup Invitational
Gloucester, VA
July 22-23
- * Fishing Bay Annual Regatta
Deltaville, VA
August 12-13

North Carolina

- * HOT VI Charity Regatta
Greensboro, NC
October 27-29

Flordia

- * Kettle Cup Charity Regatta
Sanford, FL
December 2-3

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

Nationals



Erie Yacht Club

1 Ravine Drive
Erie, PA 16505

Our host and home to fleet #83, Erie Yacht Club, promises to be a great venue with plenty of sailing area to finely tune your skills.

Erie Yacht Club is a well attended, very diverse club that offers something for people with all interests. Visit their website to learn more about the club, rules about pets and to get driving directions:

Erieyachtclub.org

Please keep in mind that a new Windmill hull that has not been issued a measurement certificate must be measured. The owner SHALL contact the WCA Class Measurer, Larry Christian **PRIOR** to arrival at Nationals to schedule time for appropriate measurements.

* **Preliminary schedule of events.**
All events are subject to change.

→ Thursday August 10

Mandatory Measurements

Everyone is required to attend

9:00-11:00

1:00-4:00

Windmill Board of Directors Meeting

Junior Boat House

5:00-6:00

Race Committee, Scoring Committee and “On the Water Committee” Meeting
(TBD)

→ Friday August 11

National Racing

Time will be posted in racing documents.

Catered Dinner and Annual Windmill Meeting:

Colony Banquet & Catering

6:30 - 10:30 p.m.

3014 W. 12th St.

Erie, PA 16505

814-836-7600

*Dress is smart Hawaiian

→ Saturday August 12

National Racing

Time will be posted in racing documents

→ Sunday August 13

National Racing

Time will be posted in racing documents.

Prizegiving

Following the conclusion of racing

The NOR is now posted to the Windmill Class website.

For the Good of the Class...



**I want YOU
to mail your
Nationals
Registration!!!!**

In order for us to plan an amazing event, we need you to do your part, and mail your registration to Lance Williams. Your registration allows us to order shirts, finalize dinner reservations, AND you save \$25 dollars by registering by July 15th. MAIL THEM NOW!

New Windmillers!

David Mee (Maine)

David is restoring a 1960s Windmill for pleasure sailing. Boat number is unknown at this time.

DJ Krahe (Erie, PA) 3524

The multi-owned former "Longtail" which remains with the Erie Fleet. DJ has already appeared for a couple of regattas and we're delighted to add him to the class!

John Malone (Utah) #3667

Rejoining after several years--glass Advance boat which he is restoring (needs new mast!) and plans to sail on local lake.

Randall Juras (Carrboro, NC) 4040

A former member rejoining with a famous yellow Moorman. Just has to get the boat down from MI and is interested in connecting with Alan Taylor!

Alex Miller & Gabby Kellog

4499 a Salentine Windmill originally part of Fleet 60 in Columbus. They are the newest members of Erie Fleet 83 and started racing in the shifty/windy conditions at Pymatuning July 1-2

Richard Biggs (Wicomico, VA) 5020

Purchased from Miles Booth (who bought another boat!) and made 3 boats at Fishing Bay YC--so Fleet 59 has now been re-chartered!

Ethan Bixby (multi-time Windmill Champ) won the Contender Midwinters Feb 8-10 at the Clearwater Community Sailing Association. Ethan did have to count two 2nd place finishes as he won "only" 11 of the 14 races, allowing 3 other sailors to win one each!

Arthur Anosov (2009 National Champion, 2013 and 2014 runner up) won the Star Western Hemisphere Championships June 13-18 at the Edgewater YC, Cleveland, OH in a 31 boat fleet. Arthur & crew David Caesar pulled off a last race win to take the title away from the one boat that was leading them in the regatta at that point.

BOTH of these sailors plan to attend the 2017 Nationals in Erie--we could offer a special prize for anyone who beats them both in the same race. In 2014 both Lon Ethington/Meg Gimmi and Dave Neilsen/Glenn Strohl accomplished this once--each by winning a race! So it's a challenge but it is not impossible!

It's not too late to sign up for the Corsica River Regatta!

We're looking to get 10 boats out on the race course! Great, fun regatta, featuring a blue grass band, BBQ, camping, swimming and more! Corsica Yacht Club is located in Centreville, MD. Please consider coming to play!

Questions? Contact Allen Chauvenet

For the Good of the Class



The Boom Stops Here

A Message from your WCA President

Good Day Windmillers,

We've had a great turn out at our regattas this year. It's been fantastic to see new faces out on the Regatta circuit! I'd like to encourage everyone to come out and try sailing at a new Regatta venue. You will meet new friends, observe other people's boats and gear that makes Windmill sailing easier. There is competition at all levels and let me tell you the middle and back pack are just as competitive as the front pack.

With the Nationals coming you and your crew are required to have your own life jackets. Try them on make sure they fit and they hold you up in the water. There are lots of new styles that have a slimmer front padding so it won't get caught getting back into the boat.

Get used to wearing them all the time even in light air. They are added cushion and protection and will save your life! Also each Windmill must have a 25-30' foot bow tow line. The tow line diameter is not about carrying weight, its about saving you and your boat so get something you can throw to the rescue boat! You also are required to have a paddle, sponge and bailer. I suggest you put a line on everything and tie them into the boat, that saves you from having a yard sale when you capsize.

Often I get asked about insurance. Our class does not require that we have insurance but if you go on the racing circuit different yacht club may. I always have had racing insurance on all my boats. I bought

mine through US Sailing Growie Insurance program. They have an online form and are easy to talk to on the phone. Some people have it through their home owners policies. But don't assume anything, always call your insurance company and have a conversation to find out what is covered before you need to use it. Growie paid for one of our boats that was damaged in a wind storm-tornado.

On another note, I need more people in the class to get involved and volunteer. What can you do for the class to make the class better? This is a great time to create new Regatta events and be the Chairperson.

We need everyone to be active, come out sail and have fun. Bring the family and introduce the kids to sailing when the conditions are right to make them comfortable.

Sail fast my friends,

Ralph Sponar
Windmill Class President

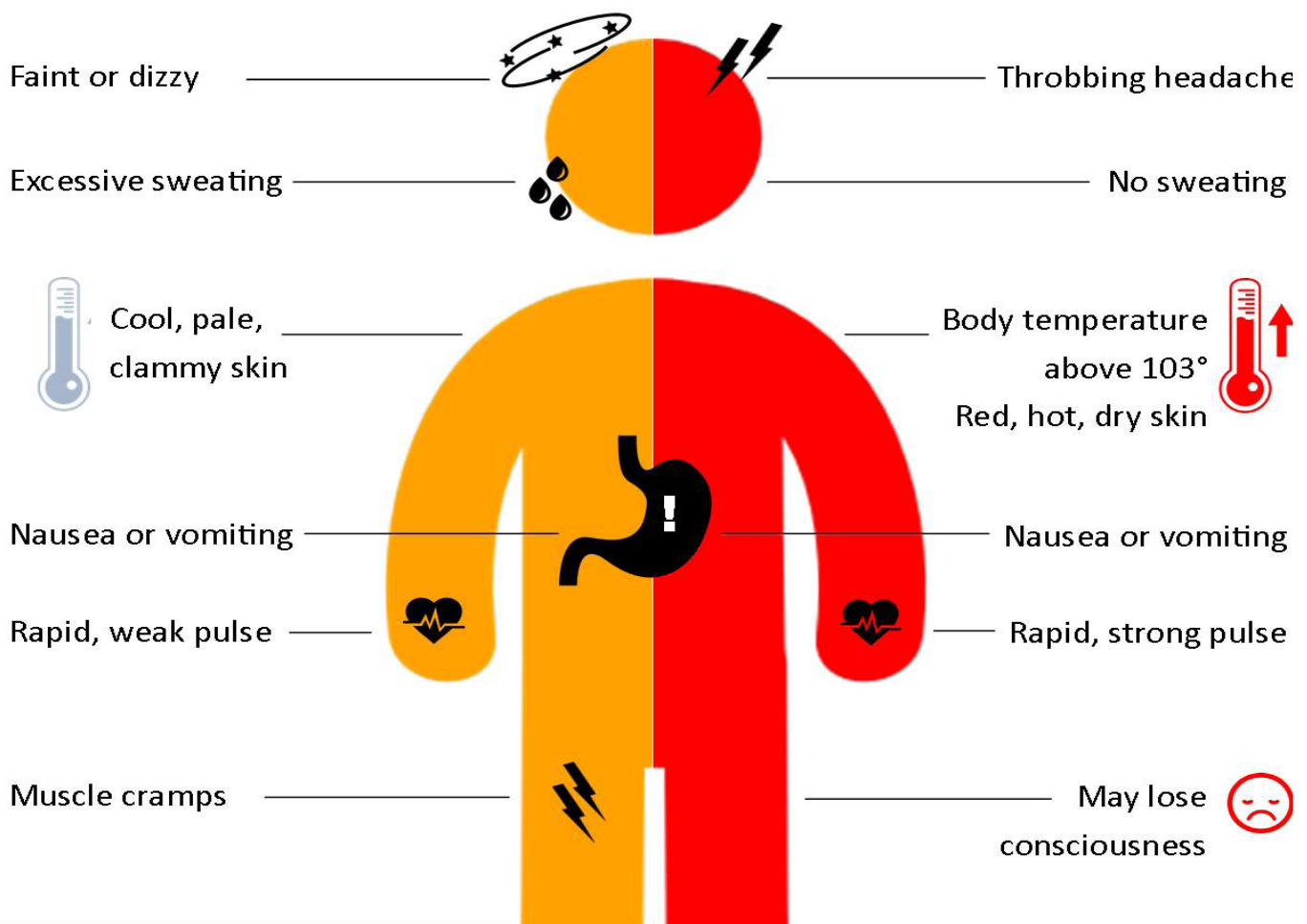
Know the Signs!

Sailing is physically demanding, especially in the heat. Please take a minute to review the important warning signs of heat stroke & exhaustion. We want to ensure that everyone has a fun, and SAFE season!

HEAT EXHAUSTION

OR

HEAT STROKE



- Get to a cooler, air conditioned place
- Drink water if fully conscious
- Take a cool shower or use cold compresses

- # CALL 9-1-1
- Take immediate action to cool the person until help arrives

Registration Form
Windmill Class National Championship 10-13 August 2017
Erie Yacht Club
1 Ravine Dr. Erie, Pa 16505

Registration fee is \$175 before **15 July 2017** deadline and \$200 late fee after deadline. Fee for skipper and crew includes: Windmill Championship racing, Friday night dinner tickets for 2 people and Annual Windmill Class Regatta Shirt for 2 people.

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 2017. 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 Sat Dinner Adults # _____ x \$(25) each \$ _____

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

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Extra shirts will be 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

Questions contact Sandy Sponar cell 443-520-7384 or email Rsponarwindmills@gmail.com