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JENNINGS DOMINATES NATIONALS

John Jennings, borrowing Ethan Bixby's boat and sailing with ace crew Julie Valdez, won the 2010 Windmill Nationals with a dominating performance on Lake Lanier July 16-18. After an opening 5th (a throwout that would have been counted for anyone else), they posted an overall record of (5)-1-1-1-3-3-1-1-4 in the ten race series for a total of 16 points and a 9 point win over the outstanding local teenaged brothers JD and Michael Reddaway.

Perhaps the most impressive feature of Jenning's victory is that his name was already on the National Trophy—for winning in 1961 the first year the perpetual trophy was established by the class! Scheduling Conflicts and fears of drifting (which never happened) kept the entry list down to 21 boats. But the fleet was packed with talent, including 4 former National champions.

The host Lake Lanier Sailing Club (once the home of Windmill Fleet 19) put on an outstanding regatta led by chief organizer Paul Leonard and PROs Lee Estes and Karol Pichnon. The Nationals started on Friday afternoon and three races, the first two WLWL (start/finish directly off club) and the last WLWLW were sailed in 5-10 mph breezes. The first race found defending champion Arthur Anosov (5527) with Danny Florianovich picking up where they left off last year with a win. Thistle sailor Paul Abdullah sailing Craig Tovell's 4200 with crew Marie Thompson, showed he could also make a Windmill go with a solid second, while former National Champion Alex Krumdieck (back in his Mill for the first time in 15 years) and daughter Cary took 3rd just ahead of the Reddaway brothers (sailing 4261 with 5070 sails; the whole boat updated and modernized by Lon Ethington) and Jennings/Valdez (5271) rounded out the top 5. Craig Tovell (4499) with local junior crew Grayson Arias were over the line at the start and could only recover to their throw-out race, a twelfth.

The second race was sailed over an identical course, but this time Jennings, Tovell and Anosov battled for the lead with Jennings just a bit faster upwind and securing the victory as a result. Tovell took the runner-up position followed by Anosov, Reddaway and Chris/Cam Demler (5045 but with #1 on their sails!). The race com-





Roger Demler leads Colin Browning and Alan Taylor around a leeward mark. Photography by Marcey Sherman

mittee relocated for the third race and added a weather leg to the finish. Tovell sailed wonderfully well and battled Jennings during the entire race, but Jennings was slightly but decisively faster upwind. Anosov again took third, holding off the Krumdiecks while Demler recorded another fifth which left the Reddaways with their throw-out and only race out of the top five.

Thus at the end of the first day, Jennings and Anosov were tied with 7 points. Tovell, though 9 points behind, had already recorded his throwout and followed that with a pair of solid second place finishes. It looked like the regatta could be a tight battle to the end, though Jennings' two consecutive bullets showed all-around sailing skill and proved to be a harbinger of things to come on the second day.

Racing started early on Saturday and Jennings was quick to take the lead in conditions very similar to those found on the first day. The initial race of the day was again sailed on a WLWL course with Jennings battling Tovell around the course, yet always maintaining a lead due to his upwind performance. On the run to the finish, the Reddaway brothers took advantage of great sailing and light weight to edge past Tovell for 2nd, while Anosov finished 4th ahead of Abdullah who reentered the top five. The second race of the day found Jennings again the victor with outstanding upwind speed and boat-handling and sufficient downwind speed to stay in the lead over Anosov. After his opening 10th, Krumdieck sailed another excellent race, briefly leading at the end of the first weather leg, finishing 3rd overall ahead of Tovell and Reddaway. This fourth consecutive win put Jennings in a dominating position which he was never to relinquish.

The third race of the day and sixth of the regatta saw Anosov mount a final challenge with a beautifully sailed race on a modified Olympic course which resulted in his second win. Unfortunately for his regatta chances, it proved to be his final "top 5" finish until the last race of the regatta. Jennings wound up doing a 720 on the second approach to the weather mark and the Reddaway brothers thus took second ahead of him. Krumdieck actually sailed an outstanding race but learned after finishing that he had been over at the start which meant that this was his discard race and he would have to count his earlier 10th. Tovell was likewise over early and though he returned to start, the resulting handicap was too much with all the good sailors in the fleet. He recorded a 10th which he would also have to count. Both of these outstanding sailors were thus effectively eliminated from any chance of winning the regatta. The Demler family took 4th and 5th with Chris 4th and father Roger 5th.

Although eliminated from a chance of winning, Craig Tovell showed the skill that previously netted 4 National Championships with a wonderfully sailed 7th race in which he battled for the lead throughout the race and took the lead starting the run to the finish. With outstanding sailing, the Reddaway brothers followed close behind and used their skill and lesser weight to edge past Craig on the run to the line and score an outstanding win. Another safe 3rd effectively tightened Jenning's grip on the title, while Anosov lost much of his lead on the Reddaways when he could do no better than 7th. Krumdieck bounced back from his OCS to take 4th ahead of Abdullah who added a solid 5th to his prior 5-6-6 finishes of the day.

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The final race of the day saw a storm developing across the lake. The race started with Jennings slightly "boxed in" and having to take a number of transoms on his first tack to port while Alan Taylor/Sue Nuyda (2951) guickly sailed to the right side of the beat and reached the new wind. Jennings was able to move up quickly and had the lead by the leeward mark with the Reddaways and Taylor battling for the runner up spot. On the run to the finish the teenagers worked past Taylor who was followed by Lon Ethington/Meg Gimmi (3886) who put together their one really good race of the regatta. Allen and Christina Chauvenet (5586) held 5th coming down the run but Colin Browning/ Nicky Valentini (4481) picked up the new breeze and worked by too leeward, claiming 5th by less than a boat length. Eric and Emily Francois moved beautifully on this leg and sneaked in for 6th, perhaps 3-4" ahead of the Chauvenets who nevertheless held 7th ahead of Krumdieck, Tovell and Anosov (collectively representing 6 National titles!). The storm stuck with high winds and some rain shortly afterwards, resulting in a few capsizes (all righted) and some outstanding planing on the way back to the club.

With eight races completed, it was clear that Jennings would win, providing only one reasonably good race the next day, while the Reddaways were 1 point (after drop) ahead of Anosov

in the struggle for 2nd. Tovell had an outside chance to move up while Krumdieck was hampered by his OCS. Sunday was to see similar conditions (5-10 mph) with the first race WLWL and the second one the same with an extra weather leg to finish the regatta.

Krumdieck sailed brilliantly on Sunday and led both races, but in the first race Jennings worked by downwind to clinch the title. The Reddaways established a firm grip on second with their third place finish, with Anosov mired in 8th. Roger and grandson Brendon Demler (5047) hit the right shifts, kept the boat moving well and moved into contention for a trophy with an outstanding 4th, just ahead of Tovell and the Chauvenets. In spite of Tovell's 5th place finish, Krumdieck now posed a threat for 4th place overall. Seizing his opportunity, Krumdieck jumped into the lead of the last race and this time had enough downwind speed to hold off Jennings and everyone else, taking the win at the end of the third weather leg. The Reddaways completed a very impressive last four races with a 2nd which easily secured the overall runner-up spot while Anosov rallied with a third that was too late to challenge for overall second but kept him well ahead of the 4-5 battle. Jennings sailed to a safe and secure 4th, leaving Tovell 5th for the race and regatta—only 1 point behind Krumdieck in the overall standings.

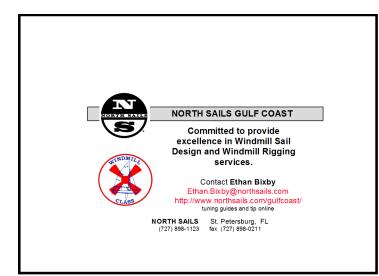
Thus the top 5 overall were also the top 5 in the final standings. A strong 6th by Abdullah was enough to move him ahead of Chris Demler by 3 points. Well back, the remainder of the top 10 included Chauvenet (8th) just two points ahead of Roger Demler and Colin Browning; Roger Demler won the tie-break by virtue of his 4th in race 9 while Browning's best race was his 5th in race number eight.

Lake Lanier Sailing Club put on a fine Nationals event with wind, food and good company.



ANNUAL MEETING NOTES

included the election of **Tom Lathrop** as the 6th for his work in spearheading this revision, to Honorary Member of the Windmill Class. In a which many Windmillers contributed. presentation chaired by Alan Taylor, many sailors contributions, Tom is responsible for the develop- development of the class. ment of the "Composite" Windmill with the de-Mark. Proving the value of this stiff and easily self- financial responsibilities as treasurer. rescuing boat, Harbinger has had many top finishes in major events, including 3rd in both the 1994 and 2005 Nationals as well as other frequent top-10 finishes. Boats built from the Lathrop design have been constructed in Greece, Finland and across the US. "Beauty & The Beast" (built from Lathrop molds by Marvin Spencer) was 5th behind Harbinger in the 2005 event which included one race where the boats were 1-2. Tom designed a booklet with construction details and has been available as a consultant to many builders. The newest professionallybuilt Windmill (5580 by **Dan Litten**) is also built to the Lathrop design.



Other key items at the meeting were the approval of the **new constitution and bylaws**, the Highlights of the annual meeting, held Sat- first such total update since 1970. The class owes urday night in conjunction with the class dinner, a great debt to outgoing president Dave Neilsen

With Dave stepping down, Lon Ethington spoke of Tom's Windmill career both as a racer was elected class president and all expressed conand as a promoter of the class. Along with other fidence in Lon's ability to spearhead further re-

The secretary/treasurer position was split, sign and construction of the first such boat with Allen Chauvenet continuing as secretary "Harbinger" (5416) which is owned by his son and former president **Bill Blanton** assuming the

Web Site:

http://www.windmillclass.org/

The Windmill Class Web-site is continuing to expand. If you haven't been there yet, do yourself the favor of exploring the site. There you will find regatta results, many photos, rigging and go-fast tips, past issues of the Jouster, and more.

There's a message board and a For Sale section.

Be sure to sign up on the roster so that we all can stay in touch.

This is the class website – it is interactive – come participate – it is a good as we make it.

> Alan Taylor WCA Webmaster

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The class has decided to go *paperless* as much as possible. Those who would like to receive The Jouster as an attachment to an email have that option. This will save the class postage and printing costs, ultimately keeping the cost of membership down.

You can find examples of the PDF files on the class website. Sign up on the web site, Jouster section.

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CRAIG TOVELL'S NATIONALS REPORT two, medium day 3...

(July 15-18th). Lake Lanier is about 45 minutes northeast of Atlanta, Georgia and about 10 hours from Columbus and twisty, turny for the final hour. The drive was mostly white knuckles in torrential downpour which made it humid for late afternoon pop-up storms throughout the regatta. Unfortunately, the wind went with the storms for shifty conditions including heavy motor boat chop for the first two days. Day Three conditions were solid.

Lake Lanier Sailing Club (LLSC) is on a large body of water on a non-drought year, and hosts many NAs like the Thistles and Highlanders in 2010 also. Other than good One-design sailing, LLSC like Hoover has Wednesday night and weekend club racing with high-end PHRF handicap racing in Melges, J-Boats and Trimarans. They know how to run races and take their sailing seriously and with southern hospitality. The Race Committee learned to lengthen the courses after the first race realizing that Windmills are faster than heavier dinghies even in light conditions.

LLSC is an unassuming club with good facilities with a club-owned beach with camping where a majority of the competitors and their families stayed. Access to the lake was simple for some launched from the ramp and others like us left our boats beached so we could roll out of bed and race. Hotels and B&Bs are less than 5 minutes away where the fleet camaraderie regularly challenged the staff at the Lakehouse restaurant.

The fleet was friendly albeit competitive with 6 former national champs, and conditions made mistakes painful. Most courses were about an hour and long W,L,W,L or adding a W twice out of 10 races which must be a Windmill Class record as I can recollect.

The Windmill class (WCA) announced Rock Hall, Maryland as host to the 2011 NAs which has similar course traits plus current and saltwater, southern hospitality, beach launching, club camping, nearby accommodations, and nice facilities with a pool. I hope you can make it -- another great venue.

Conditions: Light and variable winds day one and

two, medium day 3.. Synopsis:

1) John Jennings -- 1961 NAs winner and Prince of Whales Champ from St. Petersburg, FL... borrowed Ethan Bixby's boat, had a super crew and untouchable speed upwind... rarely made mistakes. Would sail sideways across the lake on a header to cover. Hard to beat...

2) Reddaway Kids -- local Atlanta 420 juniors -super light (-80 lbs), fast up/down... had to make early moves to get inside shifts on them... their mistakes mostly didn't matter...

3) Arthur Ansonov -- 2009 Champ -- heavy (+30 lbs) with short board... consistent, footed but couldn't point with lightweights... good offwind speed. Nice, tough Star boat guy -- unflappable. Rarely veers off rhumb line.

4) Alex Krumdieck -- former Champ -- jumped in after many years, had 8-year-old daughter as crew, did an impressive job... Super light (-65 lbs)... Turned it on last day edging us by 1 point. Second or third fastest boat upwind with new Dieball sails.

5) Craig Tovell -- over early Race One acquiring throw-out. Over early Race Two for 2nd place. Race Three lost lead to Jennings last weather leg for 2nd. Day Two: 3rd and 4th over early adding 200 yards finishing 10th, 2nd and 10th. Day three, consistent, but split with Krumdieck in both races -- six point swing in 2 races... Also Dieball sails. Had good and fun 420 crew.

6) Paul Abdullah -- Thistle & Interlake NA Champ -- sailed #4200 with new Dieball sails. Had Snipe crew. Fast, but got caught "Outside the Wheel" on occasion.

7) Chris Demler -- had some great starts and weather legs, but caught outside like many of us... Needs new sails.

8) Allen Chauvenet 9) Roger Demler 10) Collin Browning -- dogfight for consistency or as Allen put it, "Caught in a Demler Sandwich."

MY FIRST WINDMILL NATIONALS

Upon arriving on Thursday there were several boats on the beach rigged, a couple out sailing and some up in the parking lot. Roy Sherman was extremely busy going from each new arrival to the next air was hot but dry with a slight breeze on the water. The club grounds were hilly and very picturesque. I couldn't wait to get out on the water and try out the lake to see what kind of wind surprises we were in for. Unfortunately I didn't get a chance to sail until an hour before the race the next day. Not much time to get the skinny on the lake.

The first course was set, the race was started on time. Immediately I noticed Silly Wabbit (Jennings) up front (no surprise) along with the black boat, (Lon's loaner boat) with two young men last name Reddaway, sailing like they stole it, breaking away from the pack. Turns out the Reddaways may someday be Olympic champion sailors if they keep it up.

In one race Friday I had planned on starting at the pin end after noticing that it was favored, but decided to pass some time by sailing past the race committee and quickly discovered that I was sailing a beat toward the pin but the pack already beat me there. Anybody at the committee boat end was toast at this point due to the huge shift, but the pin end port tack starters made out like bandits, including Silly Wabbit, the Reddaway boys and some of the other rock stars. Friday's wind speed stayed steady all day shifting to the right so the committee moved us into the wider part of the lake. This gave us a wind that traveled a long way up the lake making for some great sailing conditions and 4 races with a combination of WL and W courses.

Saturday was the most trying of the 3 days. We started out in the bay and got in a couple of races with a WL and O then W race. Several large pontoon boats plowed across the lake creating lots of wake shaking air out of our sails and making sailing difficult as the wind withered to almost nothing. On the third race after a windward finish the pack had a tough time making the long trek back to the starting line. After suffering in the heat with no wind for about an hour the clouds started rolling in. The last race of the

day was a WL and a good thing, I remember after rounding the leeward mark and turning up seeing those dark clouds coming our way so I grabbed my PFD and put it on as I drove the boat. I asked my crew to do the same thing. We arrived at the finish line just in time to beat the gusty wind but the back measuring up boards, sails, and weighing boats. The part of the fleet had a blast planing to the finish line. Getting back to the beach was a hoot. I was so impressed the way John and Julie got in line with the beach, dropped their sails and just sailed under the power of the mast to the beach and keeping their sails from being flogged to death.

> After racing, Saturday dinner was typical southern fare of delicious fried chicken, ham, pasta and veggie dinner with cobbler for dessert. The entertainer was an awesome singer who belted out the songs while playing guitar and doing requests. It was amusing to watch tipsy sailors dancing to the music and having a great time.

> Sunday was another nice wind day. Two races were sailed with the line set up just off the wall from the club. Predictably the fleet was very aggressive starting, with a general recall in the first race and several individual recalls in the second. WL and W were sailed to finish a great regatta..

> > Colin Browning, Tampa, Florida

FUTURE NATIONALS

Rock Hall I has been confirmed for July 7–10 2011

Ohio, was suggested for 2012

Long Island in 2013.

COMING SOON

The Fall issue of the Jouster will have the summer's activities review.

Look for reports from District Commodores about your area.

So bug your area rep to get that report in.

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Pos	Boat	Name	Total	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Race 8	Race 9	Race 10
1	5271	John Jennings/ Julie Valdez	16	(5) ₍₅₎	1 ₍₆₎	1 ₍₇₎	1 ₍₈₎	1 ₍₉₎	3 (12)	3 (15)	1 ₍₁₆₎	1 ₍₁₇₎	4 (21)
2	5070	JD /Michael Reddaway	25	4 ₍₄₎	4 ₍₈₎	(6) ₍₁₄₎	2 (16)	5 ₍₂₁₎	2 ₍₂₃₎	1 ₍₂₄₎	2 (26)	3 ₍₂₉₎	2 ₍₃₁₎
3	5527	Arthur Anosov/ Danny Florianovich	32	1 ₍₁₎	3 ₍₄₎	3 ₍₇₎	4 ₍₁₁₎	2 ₍₁₃₎	1 ₍₁₄₎	7 ₍₂₁₎	(9) ₍₃₀₎	8 ₍₃₈₎	3 ₍₄₁₎
4	4259	Alex /Cary Krumdieck	42	3 ₍₃₎	7 ₍₁₀₎	4 ₍₁₄₎	10 ₍₂₄₎	3 ₍₂₇₎	(OCS) ₍₄₉₎	4 ₍₅₃₎	8 ₍₆₁₎	2 ₍₆₃₎	1 ₍₆₄₎
5	4499	Craig Tovell/ Grayson Arias	43	(12) (12)	2 (14)	2 (16)	3 ₍₁₉₎	4 ₍₂₃₎	10 ₍₃₃₎	2 ₍₃₅₎	10 ₍₄₅₎	5 ₍₅₀₎	5 ₍₅₅₎
6	4200	Paul Abdullah/ Marie Thompson	61	2 ₍₂₎	6 ₍₈₎	11 ₍₁₉₎	5 ₍₂₄₎	6 ₍₃₀₎	6 ₍₃₆₎	5 ₍₄₁₎	(14) ₍₅₅₎	14 ₍₆₉₎	6 ₍₇₅₎
7	1	Chris /Cam Demler	64	11 ₍₁₁₎	5 ₍₁₆₎	5 ₍₂₁₎	7 ₍₂₈₎	8 ₍₃₆₎	4 (40)	6 ₍₄₆₎	(DNF) ₍₆₈₎	7 ₍₇₅₎	11 ₍₈₆₎
8	5586	Allen /Christina Chauvenet	88	(17) (17)	15 ₍₃₂₎	12 ₍₄₄₎	8 ₍₅₂₎	9 ₍₆₁₎	8 ₍₆₉₎	8(77)	7 ₍₈₄₎	6 ₍₉₀₎	15 ₍₁₀₅₎
9	5047	Roger /Brendan Demler	90	14 ₍₁₄₎	13 ₍₂₇₎	13 ₍₄₀₎	6 ₍₄₆₎	16 ₍₆₂₎	5 ₍₆₇₎	11 ₍₇₈₎	(DNF) ₍₁₀₀)	4 (104)	8 ₍₁₁₂₎
10	4481	Colin Browning/ Nicky Valentini	90	(16) ₍₁₆₎	14 ₍₃₀₎	7 (37)	13 ₍₅₀₎	11 ₍₆₁₎	7 ₍₆₈₎	10 ₍₇₈₎	5 ₍₈₃₎	13 ₍₉₆₎	10 (106)
11	2951	Alan Taylor/ Sue Nuyda	96	8 ₍₈₎	12 ₍₂₀₎	(18) ₍₃₈₎	15 ₍₅₃₎	13 ₍₆₆₎	14 ₍₈₀₎	15 ₍₉₅₎	3 ₍₉₈₎	9 ₍₁₀₇₎	7 ₍₁₁₄₎
12	5060	Frank Larimer/Paul Brennesholtz	98	10 ₍₁₀₎	8 ₍₁₈₎	9 ₍₂₇₎	(DNF) ₍₄₉₎	7 ₍₅₆₎	13 ₍₆₉₎	12 ₍₈₁₎	13 ₍₉₄₎	10 ₍₁₀₄₎	16 ₍₁₂₀₎
13	3446	Roy Sherman/ Gigi Arias	99	6 ₍₆₎	9 ₍₁₅₎	8 ₍₂₃₎	11 ₍₃₄₎	12 ₍₄₆₎	(16) ₍₆₂₎	9 ₍₇₁₎	15 ₍₈₆₎	15 ₍₁₀₁₎	14 ₍₁₁₅₎
14	4350	Barry Skikne/ Bret Jezak Lon Ethington/	99	7 ₍₇₎	11 ₍₁₈₎	10 ₍₂₈₎	14 ₍₄₂₎	(15) ₍₅₇₎	12 ₍₆₉₎	13 ₍₈₂₎	11 ₍₉₃₎	12 ₍₁₀₅₎	9 ₍₁₁₄₎
15	3886	Meg Gimmi Ralph /Sandra	102	13 ₍₁₃₎	10 ₍₂₃₎	14 ₍₃₇₎	9 ₍₄₆₎	10 ₍₅₆₎	(OCS) ₍₇₈₎	14 ₍₉₂₎	4 ₍₉₆₎	16 ₍₁₁₂₎	12 ₍₁₂₄₎
16 17	3524 3049	Sponar Eric /Emily Fran- cois	119 143	9 ₍₉₎ 15 ₍₁₅₎	(18) ₍₂₇₎ 17 ₍₃₂₎	15 ₍₄₂₎ 16 ₍₄₈₎	12 ₍₅₄₎ 16 ₍₆₄₎	14 ₍₆₈₎ 17 ₍₈₁₎	11 ₍₇₉₎ 17 ₍₉₈₎	16 ₍₉₅₎ 17 ₍₁₁₅₎	18 ₍₁₁₃₎ 6 ₍₁₂₁₎	11 ₍₁₂₄₎ (DNS) ₍₁₄₃₎	13 ₍₁₃₇₎ DNS ₍₁₆₅₎
18	4048	Jim /Lynde Edwards	156	19 ₍₁₉₎	16 ₍₃₅₎	(DNS) ₍₅₇₎	17 ₍₇₄₎	18 ₍₉₂₎	15 ₍₁₀₇₎	19 ₍₁₂₆₎	16 ₍₁₄₂₎	18 ₍₁₆₀₎	18 ₍₁₇₈₎
19	5528	Dan Fontaine/ Saul Ponce	158	(DNC) ₍₂ 2)	DNC ₍₄₄₎	17 ₍₆₁₎	DNS ₍₈₃₎	DNS ₍₁₀₅₎	9 ₍₁₁₄₎	18 ₍₁₃₂₎	12 ₍₁₄₄₎	19 ₍₁₆₃₎	17 (180)
20	2793	Erik /Lars Arnesen Dyer Harrison/	164	18 ₍₁₈₎ (DNC) ₍₂	19 ₍₃₇₎	19 ₍₅₆₎	18 ₍₇₄₎	19 ₍₉₃₎	18 ₍₁₁₁₎	(20) ₍₁₃₁₎	17 ₍₁₄₈₎	17 ₍₁₆₅₎	19 ₍₁₈₄₎
21	5400	Jim Georgeson	198	(DNC) ₍₂ 2)	DNC ₍₄₄₎	DNC(66)	DNC ₍₈₈₎	DNC(110)	DNC ₍₁₃₂₎	DNC ₍₁₅₄₎	DNC(176)	DNC ₍₁₉₈₎	DNC(220)

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