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NEW FIBERGLASS WINDMILL BUILDER!

By Ethan Bixby

After over a year of work and development, the first new glass Windmill from Johannsen Boat Works has hit the water! During this time, your class invested in a new tooling to ensure a better quality product. A new hull mold was built as the old was in such poor shape, and we upgraded it to allow vacuum bagging or resin infusion in the future, and updated to a full rail flange. This allows the deck liner to be installed while the hull is still in the mold, assuring a more consistent hull form. The McLaughlin era deck mold was modified to have the full hull to deck flange also.

At the same time, we invested in two thwart molds so these can be built in glass. The big improvement here is that the forward thwart/mast partners includes the daggerboard cap and the famous Bill Blanton seat, with the main cam mount aft of that! The crews love this and it really makes the boat more comfortable. We also moved the bailer position to just aft of the daggerboard trunk, and this seems to be working better. Another small addition is



that we added a small strut to tie in the mast partners and the mast step. Our class measurer Roy Sherman flew down to St. Petersburg and measured the first hull and blessed it!

The standard configuration includes the installation of the bailer, chain plates, head stay tang, inspection ports and drain plugs. Standard color is a white hull with a cream colored deck which is easy on the eyes! Other colors are available. The builder can install other options, or you can do it yourself or hire a rigger. I can provide a parts list and fitting out guide if you'd like.

The first boat came out very strong, but too heavy to be a top level competitive boat. At 230 lbs., it probably weighs less than some boats in the fleet, and will be an excellent club boat locally.

Hull 2 met our goals and is well

below minimum weight, and is owned by the class as a stock boat and is available for sale. It is white with a cream deck, strong, light and stiff and ready to go!

Hulls 3 and 4 were purchased by the Bixbys and Sponars, as each wanted custom hull colors. We received 5700 at the South erns, and had it rigged up and sailing by the following week-end's regatta in Clearwater. The boat feels great, very stiff, comfortable and fast! Trudy swears by the seat.

So we have turned a page and achieved what we have long wanted – a quality builder of glass boats for the class. Now owners can upgrade their program with a totally new boat, or keep all of your components and just get a new the hull! And importantly we have new fiberglass boats available for prospective owners! Our goal

is to always have a new hull available, and have an a-la-carte system for components. This list of know suppliers and approximate pricing is posted on the web site. This makes it easy to change out what you need as you upgrade your boat.

Mark Johannsen of Johannsen Boat Works can be reached at 772-567-4612, mobile 772-559-3605, or by email trin-ka3@comcast.net. An order form is posted on this web site, along with the suppliers list.

I'd like to give a big thanks to Mark Johansen, Roy Sherman, and Lon Ethington for the all the time, energy, endless phone calls and emails it has taken to get to this point. And remember that 5703 is finished and ready for immediate purchase. Ralph Sponar and I have developed good rigging packages if you need guidance there.

Let's go sailing!!! ◇



2013 GASPAS REGATTA

By Colin Browning

The first regatta of the Windmill sailing year was held in beautiful Saint Petersburg, Florida in the kind of weather most people from up north dream about in the middle of January: sunny with temperatures in the low 80's. We had 10 boats in the Windmill fleet, 13 in the Snipe fleet, and if it wasn't for the logos on the sails it would have been tough to tell which boats were which from a distance. I believe Clark Mills borrowed a lot of the design from the Snipe to design the Windmill.

Day one the wind was predicted 5 to 15 knots, but racing was delayed due to the wind being non-existent at our scheduled

start time. Most of us walked across the road to the street market where the aroma of many different kinds of food cooking wafted throughout the air. Hundreds of people from the community brought their kids and dogs to enjoy the open market.

After about a one hour delay the AP came down and we headed out in light air. Our only race of the entire regatta was a 4 leg Windward/Leeward which was shortened from a 6 leg W/L. If it hadn't been shortened we wouldn't have finished the race due to the quickly dying air. The line was set square but the current played a huge factor since it was running across the course. That meant that sailing to the left side of the windward mark would most likely stall a boat try-

ing to get back to the right side because of the light air. Most boats only made two tacks getting to windward and sailed almost straight to the mark. Heading down wind on the last leg the wind moved forward with a close race between Ethan Bixby and John Jennings. John managed to eek past Ethan to win the regatta.

Dinner Saturday night at Saint Pete Yacht Club was outstanding. We all had cocktails, lots of laughs, and a great time at a very nice, hospitable yacht club. Saint Pete Yacht Club did a great job and for a very reasonable price. We will be back! Thank you to everyone who participated in this regatta and to all who helped organize it. ♦

2013 Gaspar Regatta Results				
January 12, 2013				
Pos	Boat	Name	Total	Race 1
1	3803	John Jennings & Michelle Graham	1	1
2	5700	Ethan Bixby & Karen Goforth	2	2
3	4955	Lin Robson & Susan Davidson	3	3
4	3497	Donna Sue Marks & Jeff Marks	4	4
5	5271	Diggs Vann & Cindy Vann	5	5
6	5070	Lon Ethington & Margaret Gimmi	6	6
7	4922	Dede Plessner & Beau Plessner	7	7
8	4481	Colin Browning & Eric Mann	8	8
9	3958	Ritch Riddle & Ken Friedman	9	9
10	2049	Lisa Fath & Nicky Valentini	10	10

SAVE THE DATE!
2013 Windmill Class National Championships
 July 18-21 at Fishing Bay Yacht Club, Deltaville, Va

28th Annual Dunedin Cup Regatta

September 29, 2012 was a spectacular day for a race on the inter-coastal bay one big bridge north of Windmill Central, the home of Clark Mills, in sunny Dunedin Florida. The weather could not have been ordered more perfect for our newest 3 boats in the fleet. Light air was just what we needed to initiate Jim Longen, and crew John Delage, Southern District Fleet 1 Captain, Ritch Riddle and co-owner Ken Friedman, and Cam Carlin sailing solo on his herring bone wooden windmill Cam has been with the fleet now for about 1 year. Lon Ethington (Windmill President), with crew Meg Gimmi, Colin Browning, with crew Nicky Valintini also joined our growing fleet to race on what turned out to be a stellar day.

Our course was shared with 1 Sidewinder, 3 Sunfish, 1 Raven, and 4 or 5 Daysailors, one of

which was being sailed by our Windmill fleet's very own Dede Plessner with crew (Watch out for the tree), Beau. Fortunately, after having broken their Daysailor's mast on the oak tree in the parking lot last year they did an awesome job avoiding it this year but not everyone managed to avoid THE TREE. Mark Rother, after racing removed his boat from the water and sped off to his parking spot unwittingly crashing his mast into THE TREE. Mark's boat escaped with only a broken spreader. Much cheaper then a mast.

Race committee planned on 4 races for this one day regatta with our first race being a modified Olympic course which took about 1 hour to finish. The fleet was spread out in our first race with our new Windmillers still learning their boats while Lon and Colin battled it out amongst each other. The second race was a W/L course. Things started coming together and the fleet sailed a little tighter with Cam nipping at the heels of

Colin and Lon's boats. By the third race things were looking real good until the down wind leg and Jim found out what happens when a jibe is executed with the dagger board fully up and the boom vang snags it. That's awful feeling. The boat rounds up and is taken over because you just can't let out your boom past the middle of the boat, been there and done that several times myself. Fortunately Jim and John made a nice recovery.

After racing the party began with the people from PHRF boats that raced in the gulf joined the people from the Portsmouth fleet and lots of other club members for a feast on Low country boil, shrimp, new potatoes, corn on the cob, sausage, and fresh rolls and beer and wine to wash it down with. All that while Hooters girls mingled in the crowd while live Calypso steel drums played. We are spoiled here in Florida but I'm ok with that. ♦

28th Annual Dunedin Cup Regatta Results

Pos	Boat	Name	Total	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3
1	My Mojo	Colin Browning & Nicky Valentini	4	1	1	2
2	Pig Headed	Lon Ethington & Meg Gimmi	5	2	2	1
3	Styx	Cam Carlin	10	3	4	3
4		Ritch Riddle & Ken Friedman	11	4	3	4
5		Jim Longen & John Delage	15	5	5	5

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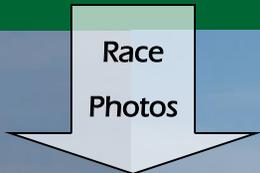
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July 18-21 at Fishing Bay Yacht Club, Deltaville, Va

2012 Davis Island Thanksgiving Regatta

at Davis Island Yacht Club, Davis Island, FL ♦ November 24-25, 2012

Pos	Boat	Name	Total	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6
1	5271	Conner Vann/Diggs	6	(3) ₍₃₎	2 ₍₅₎	1 ₍₆₎	1 ₍₇₎	1 ₍₈₎	1 ₍₉₎
2	3446	Roy Sherman/George/Nicky	13	(4) ₍₄₎	1 ₍₅₎	2 ₍₇₎	3 ₍₁₀₎	3 ₍₁₃₎	4 ₍₁₇₎
3	2803	John Jennings/Hillary	13	1 ₍₁₎	3 ₍₄₎	3 ₍₇₎	4 ₍₁₁₎	(DNS) ₍₁₆₎	2 ₍₁₈₎
4	4481	Colin Browning/Eric	13	2 ₍₂₎	(4) ₍₆₎	4 ₍₁₀₎	2 ₍₁₂₎	2 ₍₁₄₎	3 ₍₁₇₎



District 8 Report

By Darrell Sorensen

Not long ago Dave Nielsen was sent this email:

I am looking for a windmill and I saw your name as I was doing my search. I've been sailing most of my life, Snipe, El Toro, 505, FD, Folkboat etc. I'm a little older now and want a boat to sail with my 9 year old daughter. I prefer wood and though I love the projects, I don't currently have the time for a major fixer. I enjoy racing and would like to sail with others as my time allows.

If you know of any available boats or folks thinking to sell would you contact me. You are

listed as active in the fleet and my guess is that those of you that are sailing know better than anyone else whats going on out there.

*Thank You, Michael Johnson
Colfax, CA*

Dave forwarded it to me and even before I sent Michael a list of the boat that are available, he had bought Windmill #2339 that was built from a Taft kit in 1967.

Welcome aboard, Michael

Dirk Mous, Merced CA is now the owner of Windmill #578. He and his son is joining the fleet at Lake Yosemite.

Welcome aboard, Dirk. ♦

A QUICK NOTE FROM THE MEASURE

Roy Sherman

A quick reminder to all the sailors that use a Tacktick race compass.

Take it out of the case where it is sitting sense the weather turned cold and put it in a sunny place to charge for a few days.

It will greatly increase the battery life for the unit and will make sure it is ready for use on the water later this year.

Not a bad idea to rinse it in fresh water if you did not remember to do it at the end of last year either. ♦

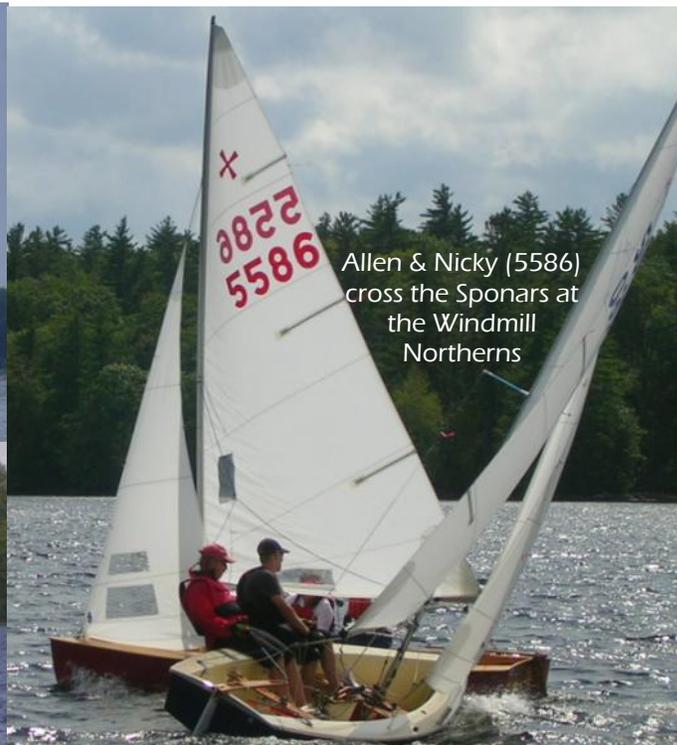
Fishing Bay Yacht Club 73rd Annual Regatta Results at Fishing Bay Yacht Club, Deltaville, Va ♦ August 11-12, 2012

Pos	Boat	Name	Total	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6
1	5069 - (no name)	John Danneberger & Anne Danneberger	8	1 ₍₁₎	(4) ₍₅₎	3 ₍₈₎	2 ₍₁₀₎	1 ₍₁₁₎	1 ₍₁₂₎
2	3886 - Prize Pig	Larry Christian & Meg Gimmi	13	3 ₍₃₎	1 ₍₄₎	4 ₍₈₎	1 ₍₉₎	(8) ₍₁₇₎	4 ₍₂₁₎
3	5060 - Go Blue	Ralph Sponar & Matt Sponar	14	5 ₍₅₎	(6) ₍₁₁₎	1 ₍₁₂₎	3 ₍₁₅₎	3 ₍₁₈₎	2 ₍₂₀₎
4	4489 - Rose	Roy Sherman & Maggie Arnesen	17	2 ₍₂₎	2 ₍₄₎	2 ₍₆₎	5 ₍₁₁₎	6 ₍₁₇₎	(7) ₍₂₄₎
5	5586 - Beauty & The Beast	Allen R Chauvenet & Sarah Steward	19	4 ₍₄₎	3 ₍₇₎	(5) ₍₁₂₎	4 ₍₁₆₎	5 ₍₂₁₎	3 ₍₂₄₎
6	3800 - Apollos Chariot	Carroll G. Sparwasser & Erik Arnesen	28	7 ₍₇₎	5 ₍₁₂₎	7 ₍₁₉₎	7 ₍₂₆₎	2 ₍₂₈₎	(8) ₍₃₆₎
7	4051 - Hurricane	Alan Taylor & Nicky Valentini	30	6 ₍₆₎	(7) ₍₁₃₎	6 ₍₁₉₎	6 ₍₂₅₎	7 ₍₃₂₎	5 ₍₃₇₎
8	3049 - Little Miss Sunshine	Eric Francois & Emilie Francois	37	8 ₍₈₎	8 ₍₁₆₎	9 ₍₂₅₎	8 ₍₃₃₎	4 ₍₃₇₎	(10) ₍₄₇₎
9	5255 - Chasseur	Lansing Williams & Sue Caswell	43	9 ₍₉₎	10 ₍₁₉₎	(DNS) ₍₃₀₎	9 ₍₃₉₎	9 ₍₄₈₎	6 ₍₅₄₎
10	5170 - Shenanigans	Miles W. Booth & Hud Davis	46	(10) ₍₁₀₎	9 ₍₁₉₎	8 ₍₂₇₎	10 ₍₃₇₎	10 ₍₄₇₎	9 ₍₅₆₎

Windmill Northerns Results at Lake Massabesic, NH ♦ September 8-9, 2012

Pos	Boat	Name	Total	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Race 8
1	5048 Dave	Larry Christian/Alex Gould	13	3 ₍₃₎	1 ₍₄₎	1 ₍₅₎	3 ₍₈₎	2 ₍₁₀₎	2 ₍₁₂₎	(6) ₍₁₈₎	1 ₍₁₉₎
2	4621	Rick Fontana/Lori LaPlant	15	4 ₍₄₎	2 ₍₆₎	2 ₍₈₎	1 ₍₉₎	1 ₍₁₀₎	1 ₍₁₁₎	(8) ₍₁₉₎	4 ₍₂₃₎
3	5060 Go Blue	Ralph Sponar/Matthew Sponar	20	2 ₍₂₎	3 ₍₅₎	(6) ₍₁₁₎	4 ₍₁₅₎	3 ₍₁₈₎	4 ₍₂₂₎	1 ₍₂₃₎	3 ₍₂₆₎
4	5586 Beauty and the Beast	Allen Chauvenet/Nicky Valentini	26	5 ₍₅₎	5 ₍₁₀₎	3 ₍₁₃₎	2 ₍₁₅₎	4 ₍₁₉₎	(7) ₍₂₆₎	5 ₍₃₁₎	2 ₍₃₃₎
5	4500 Blue	Roy Sherman/Maggie Arnesen	27	1 ₍₁₎	4 ₍₅₎	(8) ₍₁₃₎	5 ₍₁₈₎	5 ₍₂₃₎	3 ₍₂₆₎	2 ₍₂₈₎	7 ₍₃₅₎
6	5102 Jouster	Glenn McKibben/Joan McKibben	44	8 ₍₈₎	6 ₍₁₄₎	4 ₍₁₈₎	(DNF) ₍₃₀₎	6 ₍₃₆₎	10 ₍₄₆₎	3 ₍₄₉₎	5 ₍₅₄₎
7	2117 Cupcake	Jack Cartland/Olivia Cartland	48	7 ₍₇₎	(DNF) ₍₁₉₎	5 ₍₂₄₎	DNF ₍₃₆₎	7 ₍₄₃₎	5 ₍₄₈₎	4 ₍₅₂₎	8 ₍₆₀₎
8	3049 Little Miss Sunshine	Eric Francois/Emily Francois	59	6 ₍₆₎	7 ₍₁₃₎	7 ₍₂₀₎	(DNS) ₍₃₂₎	9 ₍₄₁₎	11 ₍₅₂₎	9 ₍₆₁₎	9 ₍₇₀₎
9	5001	Geoff Ling/Sophie Ling	65	(DNC) ₍₁₂₎	DNC ₍₂₄₎	DNC ₍₃₆₎	DNC ₍₄₈₎	8 ₍₅₆₎	8 ₍₆₄₎	7 ₍₇₁₎	6 ₍₇₇₎
10	3653 Daisy	Steven Allen/Michelle Harris	69	(DNF) ₍₁₂₎	9 ₍₂₁₎	DNF ₍₃₃₎	DNS ₍₄₅₎	10 ₍₅₅₎	6 ₍₆₁₎	10 ₍₇₁₎	10 ₍₈₁₎
11	5044 Pastime	Carter Brown/Paul Margarian	70	9 ₍₉₎	8 ₍₁₇₎	9 ₍₂₆₎	(DNS) ₍₃₈₎	11 ₍₄₉₎	9 ₍₅₈₎	DNS ₍₇₀₎	DNS ₍₈₂₎

Go Blue & Little Miss Sunshine with their wings spread at the Fishing Bay Yacht Club 73rd Annual Regatta



Allen & Nicky (5586) cross the Sponars at the Windmill Northerns

[Left] Larry & Alex getting ready to race at the Windmill Northerns

[Right] Ethan Bixby wins all 11 races with his new Johanssen Windmill at the Carlisle Classic (page 9)



Windmill Southernns Results at Boca Ciega Yacht Club ♦ November 10-11 2012

Pos	Boat	Name	Total	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Race 8
1	5700	Ethan Bixby/Karen	7	(7) ₍₇₎	1 ₍₈₎	1 ₍₉₎	1 ₍₁₀₎	1 ₍₁₁₎	1 ₍₁₂₎	1 ₍₁₃₎	1 ₍₁₄₎
2	5070	Lon Ethington/ Meg Gimmi	18	2 ₍₂₎	2 ₍₄₎	(5) ₍₉₎	3 ₍₁₂₎	4 ₍₁₆₎	3 ₍₁₉₎	2 ₍₂₁₎	2 ₍₂₃₎
3	3524	Ralph/Sandy Sponar	22	1 ₍₁₎	3 ₍₄₎	2 ₍₆₎	(6) ₍₁₂₎	3 ₍₁₅₎	2 ₍₁₇₎	6 ₍₂₃₎	5 ₍₂₈₎
4	4481	Colin Browning/Nicky Valentini	23	3 ₍₃₎	4 ₍₇₎	4 ₍₁₁₎	4 ₍₁₅₎	2 ₍₁₇₎	(7) ₍₂₄₎	3 ₍₂₇₎	3 ₍₃₀₎
5	4955	Lin Robson/Marah Kvaltine	28	(8) ₍₈₎	6 ₍₁₄₎	3 ₍₁₇₎	2 ₍₁₉₎	5 ₍₂₄₎	4 ₍₂₈₎	4 ₍₃₂₎	4 ₍₃₆₎
6	5586	Allen/Cristina Chauvenet	37	5 ₍₅₎	5 ₍₁₀₎	(7) ₍₁₇₎	5 ₍₂₂₎	6 ₍₂₈₎	5 ₍₃₃₎	5 ₍₃₈₎	6 ₍₄₄₎
7	3958	Rich Riddle/Ken Friedman	48	4 ₍₄₎	7 ₍₁₁₎	6 ₍₁₇₎	8 ₍₂₅₎	7 ₍₃₂₎	6 ₍₃₈₎	(DNS) ₍₄₈₎	DNS ₍₅₈₎
8	2049	Lisa Fath/Caroline Denton	52	6 ₍₆₎	(8) ₍₁₄₎	8 ₍₂₂₎	7 ₍₂₉₎	8 ₍₃₇₎	8 ₍₄₅₎	8 ₍₅₃₎	7 ₍₆₀₎
9	1	Allison Martin/Alex Brown (Sea Scouts)	62	8 ₍₈₎	9 ₍₁₇₎	9 ₍₂₆₎	9 ₍₃₅₎	9 ₍₄₄₎	9 ₍₅₃₎	9 ₍₆₂₎	(DNS) ₍₇₂₎

66th Annual Sarasota Sailing Squadron Regatta

By Colin Browning

Two Windmills made it out to one of the most awesome sailing venues on the west coast of Florida along with about 200 other boats of all sizes and shapes to sail in the pristine waters of Sarasota bay with lots of Optis, Lasers, 420s, and PHRF boats. Those who missed this regatta really missed out on a great time. Because there were only 2 Windmills we ended up in the Portsmouth fleet with 3 other boats, Chesapeake 20, Vanguard JY15, and a Weta Trimaran and sharing our course were a fleet of 15 Sunfish and 10 Flying Scots.

Saturday was challenging with very light air, although it was more consistent in direction than on Sunday. The Chesapeake 20 with an extra 4.5 feet of water line was easy to hang with on the very light air races but tended to gain a huge advantage when the wind picked up around 10 kts and the crew could go out on the trap keeping the boat very flat and pointing 5 degrees higher than the Windmills with a steady gain in speed on us. The Chesapeake seemed to have a rating that was greatly in their favor against the Windmill's rating. The Vanguard JY 15 was something to have to deal with too since the

boat weighs 175 lbs with skipper around 170 and the crew weighed about 75 lbs, it was obvious that dad had lots of experience driving the boat in the local beer can races and was always a boat of contention on the starting line and throughout the race. The Windmills biggest advantage came on the down wind legs when we could pole out our jibs and the Vanguard had to hand pole it. In the extremely light air we never even saw the Weta unless we looked back but when the air got over 8 kts the boat came to life. I can only imagine what 15 kts would do for that boat but since that never happened on our racing weekend we never got to see it's true potential. Eight races were sailed in total with our 2 windmills taking turns winning races with the most spectacular race coming in our last race on Saturday when Colin and Nicky had about a 100 yard lead on Lon and Meg and all of a sudden Lon got his own private gust and came reaching on a plane past Colin who never even got the slightest piece of that gust and just sat in one spot with the jib getting back winded spinning around in a 360 deg turn on a dime just like in the cartoons, with Lon and Meg finishing that race about a 100 yards in the lead.

Those kind of surprises weren't rare in this regatta. On Sunday after the Flying Scots and Sunfish were already well on their

way race committee blew the horn 3 times and recalled both fleets after the wind completely died. 3 minutes later the air came back with a 30 degree wind shift so the committee set a new course only to bag the first start when the wind shifted back about 40 degrees. This went on about 3 or 4 times over the course of about 1 hour before we finally had a course set heavily favoring the pin and all fleets were on their way and all boats that started ahead of our fleet started on port with the air shifting back for the Portsmouth start.

In the end the Windmills were tied for second with Lon and Meg beating Colin and Nicky with the tie breaker. I would have to say that these were the most challenging of conditions I have ever sailed in but that only added to the fun.

Sarasota is a definite do again. The all volunteer staff did an awesome with race committee, serving food, drinks at the bar, and keeping everybody happy. The dinner was chicken smoked in a giant smoker and it fell off the bone, pizza on Sunday, and all you could drink beer for \$1. Kids even had a blast on the giant inflatable water slide while live music played under the pavilion. You snooze you lose. Sorry you missed this one it was a blast. It's looking more and more like our Southern's may end up at SSS in the near future. ◇

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July 18-21 at Fishing Bay Yacht Club, Deltaville, Va

66th Annual Sarasota Sailing Squadron Regatta August 31– September 2, 2012

Pos	Boat	Name	Total	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Race 8
1	Chesapeake 20	Ted Weihe	8	1 ₍₁₎	1 ₍₂₎	1 ₍₃₎	(2) ₍₅₎	1 ₍₆₎	2 ₍₈₎	1 ₍₉₎	1 ₍₁₀₎
2	Windmill	Lon Ethington	19	(4) ₍₄₎	2 ₍₆₎	4 ₍₁₀₎	3 ₍₁₃₎	3 ₍₁₆₎	1 ₍₁₇₎	2 ₍₁₉₎	4 ₍₂₃₎
3	Windmill	Colin Browning	19	2 ₍₂₎	4 ₍₆₎	2 ₍₈₎	1 ₍₉₎	4 ₍₁₃₎	2 ₍₁₅₎	3 ₍₁₈₎	(5) ₍₂₃₎
4	JY-15	Matthew Liebel	21	3 ₍₃₎	3 ₍₆₎	3 ₍₉₎	(4) ₍₁₃₎	2 ₍₁₅₎	4 ₍₁₉₎	4 ₍₂₃₎	2 ₍₂₅₎
5	Weta Tri	Richard Hitchcock	33	(5) ₍₅₎	5 ₍₁₀₎	5 ₍₁₅₎	5 ₍₂₀₎	5 ₍₂₅₎	5 ₍₃₀₎	5 ₍₃₅₎	3 ₍₃₈₎

Carlisle Classic

By Sandy & Ralph Sponar

The Clearwater Florida Carlisle Classic was an exciting regatta, which we thoroughly enjoyed. Clearwater hosted a well organized event in which fun, safety and racing was paramount. Home of Clark Mills our Windmill designer. Kids and adults of all ages, abilities and experience levels was present at the club and on the water. With a special race for physically challenged won by a spectacular young man. The dinner was a catered event and included, Ceaser salad, mac and cheese with lobster meat, Sante Fe chicken in a corn

and black bean sauce, Mahi Mahi in a mango sauce, pull pork in a sweet BBQ and fresh corn on the cob, squash, onions, peppers on roasted vegy skewers.

Saturday dawned a delightful sunny 70 degree day, with light winds in the morning 3 to 7kts. However, the wind continued to build 10 to 20kts before the day was over, and I was singing in full voice by the last race of the day. My hands felt like I had been holding onto a "Tiger by the Tail" by the end of the 6th race. Sunday picked up where Saturday left off with winds that started 13 to 20kts and went up and down for the last 4 races.

Lisa Faith and her son Luke had great boat speed coming in 4th in the 1st race. I could hear the water coming off her hull and she was competitive with Luke, who was amazed at the feel of the water thru the hull under his feet. However, the increasing wind caused something to break on the boat and they retired during the 2nd race. Sunday Lisa helped on the RC boat and took some great pictures. Our son Matthew and Allie Coleman from Pennsylvania came down to experience Windmill racing and Florida. Matt and Allie worked hard trying to keep the boat flat upwind and because they only weighted 230 pounds together, they flew go-

Carlisle Classic Results At Clearwater Community Sailing Center ♦ November 17-18, 2012

Pos	Boat	Name	Total	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Race 8	Race 9	Race 10	Race 11
1	5700	Green Boat	Ethan Bixby/Trudy/Karen	9 ₍₉₎	(1) ₍₁₀₎	1 ₍₁₁₎	1 ₍₁₂₎	1 ₍₁₃₎	1 ₍₁₄₎	1 ₍₁₅₎	1 ₍₁₆₎	1 ₍₁₇₎	1 ₍₁₈₎	1 ₍₁₉₎
2	4481	My Mojo	Colin Browning/Nicky	21 ₍₂₁₎	3 ₍₂₄₎	(4) ₍₂₈₎	2 ₍₃₀₎	2 ₍₃₂₎	2 ₍₃₄₎	3 ₍₃₇₎	2 ₍₃₉₎	2 ₍₄₁₎	3 ₍₄₄₎	2 ₍₄₆₎
3	3524	Long Tail III	Ralph Sponar/Sandy	23 ₍₂₃₎	2 ₍₂₅₎	2 ₍₂₇₎	(3) ₍₃₀₎	3 ₍₃₃₎	3 ₍₃₆₎	2 ₍₃₈₎	3 ₍₄₁₎	3 ₍₄₄₎	2 ₍₄₆₎	3 ₍₄₉₎
4	4922	Wimpy	Dede Plessner/Beau	46 ₍₄₆₎	7 ₍₅₃₎	3 ₍₅₆₎	4 ₍₆₀₎	4 ₍₆₄₎	4 ₍₆₈₎	4 ₍₇₂₎	4 ₍₇₆₎	(DNF) ₍₈₄₎	DNF ₍₉₂₎	DNF ₍₁₀₀₎
5	107	Yellow Boat	Tapp Rinne/Sarah	64 ₍₆₄₎	6 ₍₇₀₎	5 ₍₇₅₎	5 ₍₈₀₎	(DNF) ₍₈₈₎	DNF ₍₉₆₎	DNF ₍₁₀₄₎	DNF ₍₁₁₂₎	DNF ₍₁₂₀₎	DNF ₍₁₂₈₎	DNF ₍₁₃₆₎
6	5060	Blue Boat	Matt Sponar/Allie	67 ₍₆₇₎	5 ₍₇₂₎	6 ₍₇₈₎	(DNF) ₍₈₆₎	DNF ₍₉₄₎	DNF ₍₁₀₂₎	DNF ₍₁₁₀₎	DNF ₍₁₁₈₎	DNF ₍₁₂₆₎	DNF ₍₁₃₄₎	DNF ₍₁₄₂₎
7	2049	Bongfire	LISA FATH	68 ₍₆₈₎	4 ₍₇₂₎	(DNF) ₍₈₀₎	DNF ₍₈₈₎	DNF ₍₉₆₎	DNF ₍₁₀₄₎	DNF ₍₁₁₂₎	DNF ₍₁₂₀₎	DNF ₍₁₂₈₎	DNF ₍₁₃₆₎	DNF ₍₁₄₄₎

ing downwind on the reaching legs. They completed the 2nd race and the increasing wind on the 3rd race the "Water was calling" and Matt went for a quick swim. They smartly retired to enjoy the beach across the street and all they YC amenities. Were very proud of them for trying and learning so much so fast.

We happily met Tapp Rinne, engaging wife Mrs. R. and his daughter Sara who is in middle school. Tapp and Sara were right in the middle of the mix. They are a great team and with a little more time together and boats that can hold up to heavy air sailing they will be challenging the front pack. What a delightful family who I hope will join the Windmill group and teach us some of his Finland finesse.

Dede and Beau Plessner were all smiles and challenging on Saturday. I kept my eyes on them and always a loose cover. They graciously let Tapp and Sara sail their boat on Sunday, while they manned a whaler and acted as the crash / mark boat.

Now the meat and potatoes of the weekend: Ethan and Trudy Bixby on Saturday and Karen on Sunday in his brand new hull showed us how to sail flat in the heavy air. Colin Browning and Nicky and Ralph and I were always jockeying for 2nd place. We each had a remarkable 1st windward rounding arriving sometimes right in front of Ethan. Then Ethan would easily pop up on a plane and show us the back of his stern the rest of the race. At one point all 3 of us rounded the reaching mark and went flying down the course,

trying not to surf / plane up on each other. It was exciting and exhilarating regatta. We learned a lot and had a Spectacular time. Racing in Florida is fantastic. I highly recommend taking a small break from life in the North and returning to the Fountain of Youth to rejuvenate your soul. Thank you to all who put in lots of hours and made this remarkable weekend come together. Hopefully, we will see you in March for another round of racing and learning. ♦

Windmill Southernns

By Sandy Sponar

Ralph and I wanted to Thank all the Southern Windmill Sailors for a Fantastic Regatta at Boca Ciega Yacht Club. The weather couldn't have been better, a warm 80 degree clear blue sky weekend. Island green sparkling water with dolphins leaping high into the air and playing all around us as we raced.

The Southernns was a wonderful regatta. Boca Ciega has warm and welcoming members who engaged a top notch Race Committee. The modified Olympic course and quick starts allowed us to get 6 races on Saturday and another 2 races on Sunday. Wind for the weekend was 10 to 14 kts on Saturday and a solid 15 kts with gust to 18 kts with a light chop.

Saturday was a "You should have been here Day." Six out of the Nine boat fleet crossed the finish line ahead of Ethan Bixby.

Ethan who was ahead of everyone miscalculated and sailed the wrong course, allowing the rest of us to mark that day in our calendar for all time. After the first race we only saw the back of Ethan for the rest of the regatta. The rest of the fleet had tight racing with only seconds between each finisher.



Lon Ethington & Meg Gimmi, 2nd

It was a pleasure to meet Ken Friedman and Rich Riddle. They are the new Windmill owners of #3958 and had a great 1st race coming in 4th place. Lisa Fath and Caroline Denton also had a remarkable 1st race sailing masterfully to bet Ethan as he returned back to the finish line. The Sea Scout boat that Allison Martin and Alex Brown sailed persevered through some wet mistakes but kept on going and stayed the course. They were proud of receiving the Silver award for "Tough Luck". A great BBQ dinner and drinks on Saturday night with another BBQ lunch and frozen drinks was devoured with relish on Sunday.

Ethan Bixby new hull from Mark Johannsen arrived at the club. What a beautiful piece of craftsmanship. If your in the market for a new hull to transfer you gear over, I highly recommend our new builder. ♦

Ralph & Sandy Sponar, 3rd Place



Ethan Bixby & Karen, 1st Place



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<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 Jouser, 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 Jouser* 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.

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