



Windmill Class Association

WINDMILL NATIONALS STARTING LINE AT LAKE HOOVER, OHIO JULY 2014

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Thank You Hoover SC

On behalf of the Windmill Class I would like to thank Peter Rothman, Craig Tovell and all the members of the Mid-Western District and Hoover Sailing Club for hosting such a wonderful and well attended Nationals. We had a wonderful time and enjoyed the hospitality that is always prevalent at Hoover. Also I wanted to thank each and every one of you for taking time off from work and family to attend and make it such a great event. The bar was definitely raised for future events by having TV and newspaper interviews for local and Nationals winners past and present. This is exactly what we have to do to get the "Windmill" name out.



Peter Rothman, Commodore Hoover SC and crew Sarah Lynn



Craig and Cindy Tovell in C-Monkeys

Kudos and Good Job!

Congratulations to Ethan and Trudy Bixby our First Place Winner of the 2014 National's.

We're also grateful for all the hard work you did for the Windmill Class as the retiring First Vice President.



Nationals Racing

Due to light air only 7 races were completed for this year's event. Racers came from near and far away like California, Washington, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Kentucky, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Kansas, Ohio, Illinois and Florida. Plentiful sunshine and fantastic food were enjoyed by all. The shady club house veranda with the inviting rocking chairs and lake view offered us all a chance to relax and catch up with each other.

A Chinese lantern was lighted and sent skyward to pay our respects to friends and Windmillers who have passed on as provided by Roy Sherman.

Changing of the Board

Where would we be without the leadership and guidance of our past Windmill President Lon Ethington, First VP Ethan Bixby and Measurer Roy Sherman. They worked hard to find a new fiberglass boat builder Mark Johannsen who made 4 new boats. They kept our association going after the passing of Bill Blanton and transitioned to a new treasurer. You've left big shoes to fill and I will call on you frequently to help us continue to grow our class and move forward in these exciting times.



Lon Ethington and Meq Gimmi

RALPH AND MATTHEW SPONAR



Meet the New 2014 Board of Directors



86 Members in 2014

WINDMILL PRESIDENT-RALPH SPONAR

My goal as your new President is to double our membership. To get the name "Windmill" on all media bases, both social networks and magazines on a monthly basis. I want to continue to provide value for your time, boats and dues. I also want to offer members a fun challenging environment for all levels of our group to sail and improve their knowledge and boats.

But, I realize that "One person doesn't build a Village." I have to have your support and help so we can move forward. If you have ideas, time or your business specializes in advertising, etc. let us know. I'm easy to reach via email or phone.

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Sandy's cell 443-520-7384

My Background:

First I need to thank my family Sandy, Matthew and Kristen for their support in letting me undertake this grand adventure as your class President.

My sailing background includes Luder-16's, Comets, Shields, Bluenose, Dragons, J-24's, International 210's and Blue Water Racing before finding a Windmill in 2009.

FIRST VP-ROY SHERMAN

Our new First VP is Roy Sherman who recently moved to Seattle, WA. Roy has been in the Windmill fleet for many years serving most recently as the class measurer. Roy relinquished the class measurer job to another long time Windmill member Larry Christian.



Roy Sherman and Maggie Arnesen



Alan Taylor accepted the position of 2nd VP. The expanded duties include all things to do with technology and hosting our web page. Alan has kept our web page updated with events, stories and posting the results of all the regattas.

IF YOU'RE HAVING A RACING EVENT IN YOUR AREA SEND ALAN AN EMAIL WITH THE DETAILS AND LINKS.

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ALAN PRESENTING TOM LATHROP A HONORARY WINDMILL MEMBERSHIP



New class Measurer: Larry Christian

Larry is a long time member of the Northern District in New Hampshire. He has an engineering and boat building background. Larry has a thorough understanding of our windmills inside and out. I have the upmost confidence and respect for his ability to perform our boat measurements to meet our class specifications.



Larry enjoying a quiet moment at Florida's Midwinters



Windmill Class Secretary: Allen Chauvenet

Allen Chauvenet who recently retired and moved to Washington DC has kept the job as our class Secretary. He keeps our fleet dues and records up to date while maintaining our history.

Allen also distributes the wooden boat building plans and specifications to potentially new Windmill members. He has a busy job and we are lucky to have someone so invested in our Association.

2014 Old Goat Trophy Recipient Allen





Windmill Class Treasurers:

Dee Dee and Beau Plessner took on the duties of our class treasurer after the passing of Bill Blanton. They reside in sunny Florida and are a regular at the Clearwater Carlie Classic and Midwinters regattas. They always have a smile on their face. Welcoming us snowbirds with warm open arms.



2015 Windmill Nationals July 23 - 26 at Rock Hall Yacht Club

You are invited to attend the Annual Windmill Nationals Event that will be held the week of 20 July 2015. We are planning lots of fun activities, dinners and evening tournaments.



Rock Hall Yacht Club, Web page: Rockhallyachtclub.org

The club is located at:

22759 McKinleyville Rd.

Rock Hall, MD 21661 Phone 410-639-2182

LIST OF EVENTS

Welcoming Dinner on Wed night.

Practice Regatta on Tues, Wed and Thursday with daily prizes.

Windmill Tuning and Tactics seminar by Ethan Bixby, tentatively scheduled during the day on Wed.

Calling all 18 and under for the Junior Nationals to be held on Thursday.

Sailing Lecturer tentatively scheduled for Thursday. Were trying to get Dave Dellenbaugh.

Windmill Nationals Racing event starts on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Hopefully, we will be able to get in 3-7 races per day.

Introducing a Classic Wooden boat division this year.

Annual Windmill Meeting and dinner at RHYC on Saturday night. Bring your Hawaiian attire for a possible Luau dinner theme.

Daily raffle prizes to include a new North Sails Windmill Jib.

Prize giving and light fare on Sunday.

Nationals Details

2015 Windmill Nationals dates have been set : 23-26 July

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 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.



There is ample camping on the premises for tents and RV's alike. Accessible bathrooms and showers are always open.



To view the entire facilities and grounds check out this you-tube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N6tODqjxcd0>

You can find hotels, motels, inns and Bed and Breakfast in the Rock Hall area:

<http://www.rockhallmd.com/lodging2.php?category=Motels>

Lodging in Rock Hall fills up quickly on summer weekends. Plan on making reservations by March or April at the latest.

Lance Williams is also trying to get suites at Washington College dormitories located in Chestertown. Those details will be refined and forwarded at a later time.

Bring your family and kids. We are working 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.

Sandy and I are planning corn-hole and croquet tournaments in the evenings. Maybe we will be tech savvy enough to have an outdoor showing of Disney's sailing movie "Morning Light". So don't forget to pack your lawn chairs and bug spray. We will provide the popcorn.



Make Plans and sign up on
the website:
Windmillclass.com

Upcoming Windmill Events



On Friday 24 through Sunday 26 October, join Alan Taylor, Allen and Christina Chauvenet and Glenn Strol at the HOT 3 Charity regatta at Lake Townsend located in Greensboro, North Carolina. This charity event will benefit "Earlier.Org" a breast cancer charity. Earlier.org is a Greensboro charity determined to find an earlier biological test for breast cancer. All the proceeds including registration fees will go to the charity. There is Raffle Prizes, costume competition and a silent Auction. There are five races scheduled and an extra \$20 gets you a shore pass to Fridays social, pumpkin vote, Saturday and Sunday breakfast, Saturday dinner and Social event. Ya'll come on out and support a good cause and fellow Windmiller. To register for this event:
http://windmillclass.com/static/Events/HOT3_NOR_2014.pdf

Southern Championship at Boca Ciega YC on 8-9 November 2014



Still need to chase the summer sun and fun with a group of wild and crazy Windmillers. Then make plans to sail out of lovely Boca Ciega Yacht Club. The club house has a friendly laid back relaxed atmosphere. We usually share the beautiful blue water race course with dolphins and delightful breezes. So join us at Windmillers lagoon, that's pictured here.

Saturday's after racing BBQ dinner flows with lots of sailing talk and mango daiquiris. Sit back and laugh at all the sailing karate hands and rehash of the day's event. If you need help then Colin Browning is the man with the plan. Just give him a call, text or email.

To register for the event:

<http://www.sailbcyc.org/page-1721176>

SAFE JOURNEYS TO ALL,

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