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I’d like to focus on two issues this month: electronic communication and “alternative pairing.”

Information is the lifeblood of any organization, and, like real blood in our bodies, it must circulate from part to part if the organization as a whole is to be healthy. To improve the flow and timeliness of information in FSSA, we are working hard to provide and receive information in the modern electronic style. If you haven’t yet received your membership card, learned how to get Scots n’ Water online, or read the first Annual Financial Report, then it’s likely we don’t have a valid email address for you. Please contact info@fssa.com and give HQ your email address. Do this today!

I bet you’re thinking, “What in the world has pairing got to do with sailing?” Let me explain. I’m using the word in the sense of “couple”…two people in an intimate relationship. Most couples come about as a match of equals, since the comfort level is high when that happens. The same phenomenon leads to the formation of cliques, a very destructive element in a closed social situation such as high school. Adult life puts a pretty face on these problems but they still exist, even in sailing groups where the fast and more experienced sailors tend to hang out together and newbies are left to fend for themselves. This is a great way to kill a fleet or a class.

There is hope, however: an alternative approach to pairing that actually strengthens groups. It involves a deliberate pairing of weak and strong members of the group. Here’s a great story about the way it can work. Bill Ross asked all the participants of the 2002 NAC at Carlyle Lake to step outside after dinner and line up on one side of a walkway. Then he had everyone who had ever won a national event or a district championship cross the walk and turn around. With about equal numbers of sailors on each side of the walk, he had us walk together and choose someone from the other side. My wife and I paired up with Pat Glazier, the many-time Ohio District Champion.

Bill explained that we couples were joined at the hip for the week and sent us off to the dry-sail area with instructions to look carefully at the rigging and condition of both boats to see if modifications were in order. He suggested that the pair take a sail together and encouraged us to spend one-on-one time each day discussing the races and problems that had occurred.

Pat joined Sarah and me the next morning for a sail before the races began. He said, “OK, show me how you point,” so I headed up and pulled the sails in a bit. He said, “That’s not pointing!” and tightened theouthaul, pulled in the main, and rolled the centerboard back in the trunk. Suddenly the helm became neutral and the boat took off. Wonderful! We ended up winning Challenger.

Bill’s approach worked well for this large event. It cut across the usual invisible barriers that separate the strong and weak sailors, allowed the strong to feel good about helping, and improved the skill of the less experienced sailors by leaps and bounds. What could be bad about having Kelly Gough as your personal coach for a week?

Similar pairings need to take place at all levels in Scot sailing, and I encourage you to make this happen. If you are one of the faster and more experienced sailors in your fleet, make a point of adopting a newbie. Work on their boat with them. Help them learn to rig and fly a spinnaker. Go with them in a race and share your wisdom. If you are new to the sport, pick a friendly “senior” and ask for help. Sailing is a lifelong sport, and learning how to sail better is a big part of enjoying it.

If we recognize the harm of spontaneous pairing of strong with strong and weak with weak and if we make a conscious effort to rearrange the pairs, we’ll end up with stronger fleets and a stronger class, not to mention better, more knowledgeable, and happier sailors. We are all in the same boat.

LATE-BREAKING NEWS

Bill Vogler from Lake Carlyle has agreed to replace Hans Noordanus as FSSA Secretary/Treasurer and has been appointed to this post by the Executive Committee. You may remember that Bill was on the ladder previously but dropped off when he became chair of his academic Department of Kinesiology. That consuming responsibility has ended, and Bill is now able to devote the time and energy necessary to serving as an FSSA officer. I’m sure he’ll bring administrative experience, leadership, and enthusiasm to the job. Please join me in welcoming him.
From the Editor
Kay Summerfield

Regatta Checklist
Bill Ross, FS 5820

Kay, I came across this today in my archives. This appeared years ago in Scots n’ Water. I made a copy and have it pinned up on the wall of my garage where I keep all my gear. Each time I leave for a regatta, I check this list. It has saved me from a couple of real disasters over the years. Maybe this is a good time for a reprint. — Bill Ross

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How A Tiny Yacht Club With No Experience Running National Events Hosted Us Sailing’s 2009 One-Design Regatta Of The Year

Jay Lott, FS 5698, 2009 NAC Regatta Vice-Chair
When the Ephraim Yacht Club was selected to host the 2009 Flying Scot North American Championship regatta, EYC members hardly expected the event would be in the running for US SAILING’s One-Design Regatta of the Year award, much less that the EYC’s NAC would win the award. The EYC began with the goal of hosting an NAC good enough that the EYC would not be embarrassed. In fact, before 2005, most EYC members would not have thought the EYC capable of hosting an event of the size and complexity of the NAC.

After Harry Carpenter competed in the EYC’s 100th Anniversary Regatta in 2005, he suggested that the EYC apply to host the NAC. This started a spirited debate at the EYC. Some thought the NAC would be a great opportunity for the EYC, and by hosting 54 boats at the 100th Anniversary Regatta, the EYC had shown it had the capability to host large regattas. Others (including me) at first discouraged the idea. Although the thought of racing in my first NAC with a home-field advantage was appealing, I thought the week-long NAC would blow a hole in our members’ limited vacation time and would provide little benefit to most EYC members. I also thought our facilities would not be adequate to the task. Of course, events proved me wrong—the home-field advantage did me no good, the event was widely praised even by non-sailing EYC members, and the facilities were more than adequate—and I’m glad of it.

After the EYC was named to host the 2009 FS NAC, four members (all Scot racers and all having raced in national-level events in the Scot class and other classes) were appointed to the EYC’s NAC committee and charged with leading the event. The committee quickly identified a number of weaknesses that the EYC would have to overcome, as well as strengths on which the EYC could capitalize.

**Weaknesses**

1. No experience hosting national events.
2. Pier too small for the expected number of boats.
3. Clubhouse tiny (no food and beverage, only four parking spaces, no room for social events, only two toilets).
4. No alcohol allowed to be served at the club (the EYC leases its clubhouse from the Village of Ephraim, which is a “dry” town).
5. EYC members, in Ephraim for limited vacation time, might not see the benefit of spending their vacations helping host a week-long event for out-of-towners.
6. No national reputation as a good regatta venue, and a long (two-day) drive for many active Scot fleets.
7. Few experienced race committee personnel and judges.
8. Potential difficulty finding lodging, due to hosting the event during the very peak of the tourist season.

**Strengths**

1. The EYC’s sailing venue: second to none in the US, with fresh, clean water, few navigational hazards, relatively dependable winds, a variety of wind and wave conditions, spectacular scenery, and conveniently close racing area.
2. The EYC’s location in a scenic tourist area – lots of other attractions for visitors.
3. Plenty of available lodging, much of it within walking distance of the EYC.
4. High reputation regionally as a good place to race, from hosting the annual Ephraim Regatta.
5. The EYC’s approximately 325 family members—many of whom use the club intensively during its short season—provided a large pool of potential event volunteers imbued with traditional Midwestern hospitality.
6. Support from the local municipality, school district, churches, residents, and businesses.

The EYC is really a seasonal community sailing center with 501(c)(3) status. The EYC has traditionally focused on lessons and kids’ activities, along with club-level racing. With annual family dues of only $150, the EYC is no New York Yacht Club. Thus the committee’s first (and ongoing) task was to convince other...
EYC members—especially the majority of members who would not race in the NAC—that hosting the NAC would benefit the EYC and its members. A constant stream of enthusiastic, upbeat communications were made to EYC members by newsletter, e-mail, and in person, emphasizing the benefits of the NAC: a chance to compete at a national level, and the opportunity to meet other members of the Flying Scot class community, especially for the EYC’s junior members, all without travel. (Also: Parties! Four parties in six days! To which all EYC members are invited!) In the end, more than 200 EYC members and others volunteered during the NAC—a tribute to the generosity and genuine Midwestern hospitality of the club’s members and the FSSA community.

Worries that the event would be financially burdensome for the EYC were alleviated by aggressively seeking local and national sponsors, who generously stepped up to the plate. In-kind donations were monetized by means of a raffle and auctions. The EYC’s pier was capable of handling only approximately 25 dry-sailed Scots. The NAC provided the impetus for a pier resurfacing that increased its capacity to 45 in time for NAC week. The increased capacity meant smooth and efficient crane operation would be at a premium, and the EYC’s relatively large staff of high school and college students was charged with supervising crane operations, which went without a hitch. Additional dry-sailing capacity was obtained from the Village of Ephraim, which closed its parking lot and boat ramp to all other traffic for the week of the NAC, providing enough room for the balance of the 74 Scots that competed. Possible bottle-necks created by the steep launch ramps, lack of parking, lack of tie-up space, and the narrow, dog-legged channel from the Village ramp were avoided by numerous volunteers launching and recovering boats with borrowed tractors and ATVs, and driving motorboats to quickly move Scots to and from temporary mooring buoys at the end of the channel. Without its own space to measure boats and sails, the EYC borrowed the parking lot and gymnasium of the local school, conveniently on the route to the EYC just a few miles before arrival. A local contractor provided a front-end loader for use as a crane.

To encourage attendance (especially important in a recession year that saw attendance at other national regattas down by as much as 40%), the EYC promoted the NAC early—at the prior year’s NAC and the prior Midwinter Championship—and often to those most likely to attend. An educational and promotional PowerPoint presentation was shown at both those events, and printed handouts were provided as well. The EYC also promoted the event by personal contact with individual class members, and with e-mails, mailings, and online postings, including many targeted to Midwest Scot sailors who would be more likely to attend the NAC because of proximity and the EYC’s regional reputation. This promotional effort bore fruit with good attendance from neighboring Midwest FS fleets as well as from fleets as far as Massachusetts, Virginia, Louisiana, and Texas, among others. Communications emphasized the advantages of reserving housing close to the EYC well in advance of the NAC.

Because the EYC’s facility was too small for any social events (and alcohol could not be served there), parties— and even the skippers’ meeting—were held elsewhere. A small, privately owned park across the street from the EYC was borrowed for a daily post-race beer tent, with beer and a refrigerated trailer donated by the local Bud distributor. The Village of Ephraim lent its Village Hall for breakfasts and the skippers’ meeting. Parties were held at local resorts, restaurants, and members’ homes—requiring a temporary liquor license for one member! Parking spaces were borrowed from two local churches, and regatta participants were encouraged to stay at hotels within walking distance of the EYC. Fortunately, Ephraim is compact as well as scenic, so all regatta venues (except for the evening parties) were within walking distance.

With a potential pool of only one race
committee member and one judge among its membership, the EYC sought qualified RC members and judges from other clubs. By working its list of contacts, sending invitations early, and providing free housing in the homes of EYC members, the EYC was fortunate to have an excellent visiting race committee and judges. The EYC even was able to borrow race committee equipment such as marks and ground tackle from another club.

**Lessons**

Although not every club hosting a national event will face challenges exactly like those faced by the EYC, some general lessons should be useful to future NAC hosts.

1. **Organize.** Plan all the details and have a person responsible for each area. (The EYC had approximately 20 sub-chairs in charge of facets of the event ranging from parties to apparel to trophies to race committee to parking to local liaison to Porta-Potties.) The FSSA Web site has several checklists from past NACs that can serve as a valuable resource.

2. **Lead.** Find the right person to run the regatta. The EYC was fortunate to have as the event chair Carol Claypool, who combined the virtues of hard work, detail-orientation, contacts in the national class organization, and experience at national events.

3. **Recruit.** Find the right persons to run the subcommittees. The NAC’s four-person main committee probably spent more time on identifying, debating, and persuading subcommittee members than on any other single task. The EYC’s staff was encouraged to compete in the NAC but also expected to work before and after the races.

4. **Delegate.** And follow up. Clearly communicate expectations and tasks to volunteers, then make sure they are doing them on time. Even though all the workers are volunteers, it’s important to maintain standards of quality. Don’t be afraid to redo someone’s work if it is not up to standard, or even to replace someone who is not doing his job.

5. **Practice.** Critical functions like measurement—the first contact of most guests with the EYC, which would set the tone for the whole event—were practiced a week in advance, with EYC member-competitors as guinea pigs.

6. **Communicate.** Communicate the idea of the NAC to potential attendees. Communicate the benefits of hosting the NAC to club members. Make sure regatta participants have all the information they need in a clear, organized format, when they need it (including, to the extent necessary, before they arrive). Confusion = unhappiness. Clarity = smooth event, happy guests.

7. **Smile.** When your regatta participants arrive, smile and smile some more. Tell them how pleased you are that they have come. Treat them as you would guests in your home.

The NAC is fun. It’s worth all the work and preparation. In the end, for me the most gratifying aspect of the entire event was receiving on behalf of the EYC the thanks and compliments of the NAC participants and FSSA class officers—and making numerous new friends in the class, whom I know I will see again and again at future FSSA events.
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How to Avoid Over-trimming the Flying Scot Mainsail

Pat Glazier and Charles Buffington

The mainsail provides most of the sail power on a Flying Scot, so it’s important to trim it properly. Sailors who are new to the Flying Scot frequently “over-trim” the mainsail, that is, pull it in too tight for the relative wind direction or velocity. This causes flowing air to detach from the sail and makes the sail stall and act like an air brake instead of a lifting body. It’s easy to tell when the sail is under-trimmed (it luffs), but it’s much more difficult to tell when it’s over-trimmed, especially in light air.

One indicator of mainsail trim is telltale attached to the leech (trailing edge) of the sail at the top battens. These telltales will stream straight off the leech when the sail is trimmed properly. If they disappear to leeward of the sail, the sail is over-trimmed. To fix this problem, release some mainsheet or ease the vang until the telltales stream properly. Check out the telltale on 5347 in the photo.

A stalled sail is very slow, so look at the mainsail leech telltale frequently and adjust the trim based on what you see. This concept applies to all points of sailing. Remember: just right is best, but loose is better than tight.

Sailors with experience sailing a Flying Scot will recognize that a bit of “twist” in the mainsail is fast. This means that the leech points further to leeward at the top of the sail than at the bottom—5 or 10 degrees is about right. This works because there is a vertical gradient in wind velocity, especially in light air. The drag on the wind from moving over the water is enough to slow the lower layers of air relative to wind speed higher off the water. Higher wind velocity moves the apparent wind vector back; hence, the angle of attack of the sail aloft can’t be as high as it can be lower down near the water. The mainsheet and vang control twist in the mainsail: more sheet or vang, less twist. Check out the twist in the picture of 5347 beating to windward.

Mainsail trim is also a key to “shifting gears” for acceleration. The boat slows down when tacking, so the mainsail should be released a bit to a more powerful trim until the speed picks back up.
Massapoag Yacht Club

US SAILING’s One-Design Club of the Year for 2009

Diane Kampf, FS 5857, FSSA First Vice-President

US SAILING presents up to five one-design awards each year at its One-Design Sailing Symposium. Anyone may make a nomination by submitting one on the US SAILING Web site. You might want to consider making a nomination after reading these categories and descriptions:

1. Service Award – to recognize distinguished service and leadership in the promotion of one-design sailing and class organization.

2. Leadership Award – in recognition of individual initiative, enthusiasm, organizing ability, and leadership in creating the outstanding fleet-building program.

3. Club Award – to recognize administrative excellence, fleet growth, creative programming, regatta support, member contribution—at regional, national, and international levels—of the one-design yacht club of the year.

4. Regatta Award – to recognize excellence in development, promotion, and management by organizers and sponsors of the year’s outstanding multi-class or single class, international, continental, national or regional regatta.

5. Creativity Award – to recognize outstanding individual creativity and contribution to the year’s most innovative one-design event of national or international significance.

Massapoag Yacht Club in Sharon, Massachusetts, is in its 63rd year and currently features boats in four different one-design classes, with 33 Flying Scots, 18 Day Sailing, 22 Sunfish, and 20 Lasers, as well as some other class boats in a Handicap fleet. We currently have 70 member families, with a waiting list of 15 families eager to join our club. We have had strong fleet captains and enthusiasts who have grown several one-design fleets over the years, previously Town Class and other boats before that. We organize five racing series during the year—Spring, Wednesday nights, 1st Summer, 2nd Summer, and Fall Series—and we have Sunfish and Laser racing that is less formal on Thursday nights and Saturdays. Overall, we are holding 150+ organized races over the course of the sailing season, plus regattas and fun events.

We are an all-volunteer organization, from the board of directors to the committees and the members, all of whom have duties that they owe the club each year. One of those duties is race support. Some who don’t race help on the rescue boat. Everyone has to be involved in at least one social event per year, so that new members get to meet others. In the Spring, all must attend a work party to open the club, and in the Fall, all must participate in a work party to close the club. The self-help spirit of the club allows us to keep our dues at a minimum while still being able to host several regattas and several social events a year, all within budget. We also self-insure with a capital fund that comes in handy when we have to replace a motor or a major item not covered by property damage insurance. It is a well-oiled machine! During regattas, our club members host out-of-town guests and we have some guests camping on the club grounds.

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The 2009 Flying Scot North American Championship regatta was held at the Ephraim Yacht Club, Ephraim, Door County, Wisconsin, on August 1-7. Scot sailors from all over the eastern and central United States—from Massachusetts to Texas—traveled for up to two days to attend the event, the first national regatta ever hosted by the EYC. Competitors were rewarded with excellent racing in beautiful weather and

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2009 Flying Scot North American Championship Regatta

Jay Lott, FS 5698, 2009 NAC Regatta Vice-Chair
surrounded by spectacular scenery, and they were able to catch up on old friendships over post-race beers and at nightly parties.

The EYC is located on Eagle Harbor in Ephraim, Wisconsin, on the west side of the scenic Door Peninsula. The NAC sailing area was located just outside the harbor, about two miles from the EYC. With high bluffs to the east and southwest, an island to the west, and 90 miles of open water to the north, racers found that conditions could change quickly from flat water with shifty gusts, to steady high winds and 3-foot waves.

Competitors began arriving on Saturday August 1 for measurement at the Gibraltar School. They found a large committee of orange-shirted measurement volunteers who efficiently weighed boats and measured sails and rigging. "Checking in and getting measured was a breeze," said competitor Tom Walsh. Registration packets and t-shirts were handed out, and additional apparel was available from the EYC's ever-diligent apparel sales volunteers.

Registration and measurement continued on Sunday August 2. Eventual NAC winner Allan Terhune put on a rigging and tactics clinic on the EYC pier on behalf of NAC platinum sponsor North Sails. The women and juniors raced their separate NAC championships in brisk westerlies that put a premium on boat handling and playing wind shifts that came off the tall Eagle Bluff in Peninsula State Park. Stewart Draheim—with crew and dad, Bill Draheim—from the Corinthian Sailing Club won the Junior NAC with finishes of 1-3-1. Greta Mittman of the Corinthian Sailing Club, with crew Heidi Gough and Natalie Mauney, was first in the Women's NAC with finishes of 3-1-1. The social side of the NAC was kicked off with a complimentary cocktail party featuring delicious "heavy appetizers" (also known as "dinner") at Alexander's Restaurant a few minutes outside of Ephraim.

After a competitors' meeting featuring a detailed PowerPoint presentation on where not to park in the cramped village of Ephraim, qualifying races opened Monday with a typical Ephraim occurrence—a 180-degree wind shift in the middle of the first race resulted in a shortened course. EYC members Bill and Rosie Klein and their numerous extended clan opened up their home for a Brat, Burger and Corn Roast, which was appreciated by all and was accompanied by a raffle (every registered skipper in attendance won something, including a couple of spinnakers from NAC gold sponsors Mad Sails and Gus Sails).

Qualifying finished Tuesday with a single race in challenging conditions, a classic Ephraim NNW blow with gusts over 18 knots and 3-foot-plus waves building up over the aforementioned 90-mile fetch. Several capsizes resulted, including Chris and Jon Wright, who—despite bending their mast severely during the capsize recovery—eventually won the challenger division. Racers were on their own for dinner, the only night during the regatta with no scheduled party.

With the fleet split into championship and challenger divisions, Wednesday's racing began in a moderate northwesterly with some leftover chop, putting a premium on maintaining boat speed, but the breeze was not shifty. The second race was held in moderate to light westerlies with lots of puffy shifts. Competitors who played the left side seemed to do better. EYC member Martha Sauter opened her beautiful clifftop home for a pig roast and BBQ, and diners were rewarded with a view of the sun setting over Michigan's Upper Peninsula 25 miles across the waters of Green Bay.

The weather continued fine Thursday, except for a lack of wind. Despite valiant efforts by the race committee, no races were completed in the light to nonexistent breezes. The Flying Scot class rule requiring the carrying of an anchor was vindicated as racers anchored, sunbathed, swam, compelled nearby sailors also to swim, ate lunch, and persuaded powerboaters to run in to shore for cold beer. Limericks were composed, some better than others, including the following:

We came to Wisconsin, you betcha
To race we would all try to catch ya
From cherries and cheese

To ice cream and breeze
Oh, Ephraim, we'll never forgetcha

The FSSA annual meeting and awards banquet took place that evening at Maxwelton Braes resort, accompanied by a short fundraising auction to help defray the cost of the regatta. Raffle winners were also announced: a flat-screen TV, a North Sails “AP” mainsail, and $750 cash were awarded.

The final day of racing Friday saw very unusual southeasterly breezes, which rewarded sailors who correctly played the shifts off Ephraim's east-side bluff—again the left usually paid off as shifts came in from the bluff on the upwind legs. Many sailors stayed Friday night to play tourist by enjoying a traditional Door County fish boil before getting on the road Saturday.

Three cheers and huge thanks to race committee chair Jim Tichenor and his crew of volunteers, many of whom traveled from outside Wisconsin. The courses were as good as Ephraim weather permitted, and the expert race committee work was never a factor in the racing.

Results*

Championship Division
First: Allan Terhune, Jr., and Katie Czapleski, Moraine Sailing Club, 6-2-19-3, Total: 36
Second: Tom Hohler and Christine Czapleski, Moraine Sailing Club, 6-2-19-3, Total: 21
Third: Steve Last and Steve Rajkovich, Crystal Sailing Yacht Club, 4-10-6-1, Total: 21

Challenger Division
First: Chris and Jon Wright, Sheridan Shore Yacht Club, 1-1-4-3, Total: 9
Second: Tom Hohler and Christine Czapleski, Moraine Sailing Club, 3-3-1-2, Total: 9
Third: Rob Doolittle and Dave Bolyard, Pontchartrain Yacht Club, 4-10-6-1, Total: 21

*Complete final results are available at http://www.eyc.org/fsnac/

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Devolution of the Flying Scot: Sandy Douglass and the International Canoe

Jim Davis, FS 784

The sailing canoe, the fastest one-man mono-hull, must be the ultimate in small-boat sailing. In a breeze to be out at the end of the seat, five feet from the boat, traveling like mad, spray flying, riding a boat instantly sensitive and responsive to the slightest movement of the tiller, with the combination of light over-canvassed boat and the tremendous application of power provided by the long seat.

– Sandy Douglass in Sixty Years before the Mast
Most Flying Scot sailors are aware of the boats Gordon K. Douglass designed prior to the Scot’s appearance in 1957. The Thistle and Highlander classes are well-known and are wonderful boats in their own right. But at the very beginning of this evolution there was a boat with a history going back to the nineteenth century—the boat that beguiled Sandy’s passions and those of many others. That boat is the “decked sailing canoe” International Canoe, the IC. The genesis of that evolution began right here in the Michigan-Ontario District on Sugar Island.

The International Ten Square Meter Canoe is a sailboat like no other. Seventeen feet long, three feet in beam, 110 sq ft (“10 Square Meters”) of sail, 200 lbs (or less) in weight…it is the fastest single-handed sailboat in the world. It is a “canoe” in European use of the word—more akin to what we would think of as a kayak. The first time you see an IC, you are immediately struck by two things: it’s pointed at both ends, and it has a sliding seat. The sliding seat moves side to side and provides the tremendous righting leverage behind its performance. The sailing canoe has been around since 1875; it’s the oldest sailing class in existence, and it is very much alive today.

If you took a quick look at the Flying Scot and the International Canoe, you’d think the two boats couldn’t be less similar. I can grab the shroud, plant my foot by the chain plate, and lean over the water, and my Flying Scot will heel a few degrees. An IC will capsize on its own mooring.
Scot is built very strongly and the resulting structures are heavy. The IC is quite strong but uses the latest vacuum-bagged, cold-molded or carbon fiber construction; the current boats weigh just over 110 pounds. The Scot is strict one-design. The IC is a development class where innovation and experimentation are encouraged. The Scot has soft Dacron sails on aluminum spars. The IC has a fully battened rig with composite spars. The IC races with two or three. The IC is a single-hander. The Scot is like a Mercedes sedan. The IC is like a Formula 1 racer.

Sugar Island is in the St. Lawrence River near Gananoque, Ontario. It is in the heart of the beautiful Thousand Islands area shared between New York and Ontario. The American Canoe Association owns Sugar Island and holds the ACA annual encampment there each summer. Included in the festivities are International Canoe races for several cups. Sandy Douglass raced ICs and came up to the Thousand Islands area each season.

In 1933, Uffa Fox and Roger DeQuincey arrived from England to contest the Americans for the International Challenge Cup. The Challenge Cup traced its heritage back to 1886 as a competition between the United States and Britain. Uffa’s design was different from the American boats; it had more beam and was able to plane. Uffa did much of the pioneering work in small planing dinghies and was highly regarded for his International 14s, as well as International Canoes. The two Englishmen won the regatta and took the Cup to Great Britain, where it remained for nearly thirty years. The details are covered in both Uffa Fox’s Racing and Cruising Design (1938) and Douglass’s Sixty Years before the Mast (1986).

This was the beginning of a long relationship between Sandy and Uffa. Uffa provided Sandy with the plans for several canoes and dinghies, which Sandy subsequently built. Many of the design principles, features, and details from Uffa’s boats found their way across the Atlantic. A Scot sailor today would instantly recognize the centerboard trunk design where it serves as a long, stiffening girder for the hull. The winch for raising and lowering the centerboard is there, also. Look at the plan view of the hull. Uffa’s boats have a “broad shoulder” forward of amidships. This was to help the hull plane earlier, and this feature is seen in the Scot, Thistle, and Highlander.

The sail plan of the 1930s-era canoe lives on as well. In one of Uffa’s books, there is a photo of a fleet of canoes sailing to windward. Save for the helmsmen on their sliding seats, the sails look remarkably like a group of Flying Scots.

Sandy loved the International Canoe. Anyone who reads his autobiography or attended one of his seminars “back in the day” can attest to this. So why did he move away from the IC to develop larger, heavier, and more stable boats? I think the answer has less to do with personal preference than it does with marketing. The IC class has never been very large. There are probably more Scots in one of our larger fleets than ICs in the entire country. It’s been said of high-performance sailboats that it’s easy to design a fast boat; the hard part is getting enough people to buy them. Sandy was trying to make a living building quality boats. The market for canoes couldn’t support a business on its own, so he expanded into other classes like the International 14 and the Interlake. Eventually, he created the Thistle, Highlander, and Flying Scot. All were variations on the family-racer concept. All were successful, with the Scot clearly the leader in boats built.

Besides their “DNA,” the Flying Scot and International Canoe complement one another. The Scot offers the canoe sailor a boat to sail or race with spouse, friends, or children. For the Scot sailor who wants to go really fast or experiment with new ideas, what better boat than the IC? The two classes share a heritage, and each does well what the other does not.

Let the great L. Francis Herreshoff have the parting word on the sailing canoe:

The sailing canoe is one of the most interesting things God has let man make....the sailing canoe has more beauty, longevity, and, we might say, verve than any of the man-made objects....Perhaps though, the most appealing thing about the sailing canoe is her sheer beauty....It is this prettiness of the sailing canoe that has appealed to several artists....Now Rolf Armstrong, the great portrayer of feminine beauty, keeps a seraglio of five or six beautiful sailing canoes with which he satiates his artistic cravings without fear of jealousies.

—from The Common Sense of Yacht Design

By the way, one of Rolf Armstrong’s “beauties” that Herreshoff mentions was built by Sandy Douglass.
Ronstan Fixed X-10 Tiller Extension... 40” fixed length black anodized aluminum fluted tube w/black ‘Hyperlon’ grip and rubber ball end. Urethane universal joint offers unlimited movement & unique fixed or snap-on/snap-off mount system. Complete w/bolts.

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Schlosser, seems to grow by virtue of the fact that it is an easy boat to own. Lots of our members own a Sunfish as a second boat, either for their own pleasure or for their kids to learn on. We hope to see more and more Sunfish out there competing in our club races and joining the other New England Sunfish racers at our regatta, as well as at their regattas.

This year, our club hosted the Area A Mallory and Adams Cup Elimination Regatta and sent two boats to Bay-Waveland Yacht Club, Mississippi, for the finals in September. Both of the finalists practiced at our Massapoag regatta, having had a great time with us at the Area A event. A member of our club won the men’s sportsmanship award at the finals, a very prestigious award, indeed.

Besides our annual Fall regatta, we have added an annual Sunfish and Laser regatta for the past two years. For nine years we have had a women skippers regatta to get more women at the helm and hopefully have them join us in our club series as the skipper. We also host a single-handed regatta, where boats that normally have crew are raced single-handed, mostly to test the raw skills of the skippers but also to make sure the skippers really appreciate their crew the next time they race together!

Our regattas have come to be known pretty far and wide for:

- excellent race management
- excellent hospitality
- super food
- great people/organization.

Another area where we think we are different is our trophies, which I personally have lots of fun with. We try to choose things that are more useful than most trophies you win, but something worthy of the event. My personal favorite was the sailboat bookends that we awarded for our Flying Scot Wife-Husband Regatta. We have had some other fun items: barbecue sets with engraved cases, poker sets with engraved cases, cheeseboards with screen-printed logos and engraved plates, embroidered fleece blankets, lunch coolers and tote bags, clocks, pitchers, and ice buckets. People tell us they remember the event every time they use the items, so that makes it worth all the work.

It really comes down to the people. We have a great group of volunteers who make this happen every year. We have a core group and we try every year to bring into the fold new members and others who have not participated. We never turn away a volunteer! And we know how to put on a good show, from the racing, to the food, to the trophies. We spend a bit of time making sure we recognize everyone who comes and everyone who helps out. We try to recognize our guests who are celebrities within their fleets, districts, regions, and national associations. We make sure to recognize the work of the race committee and the shore committees that make it all happen. And we thank our guests and ask them to come back year after year – and they do. We hope that never changes. There would not be events without all of them. In the words of another leader, “It takes a village” – and I sure do love our village.

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5244 - Flying Scot built in 1999. White deck, blue hull, Schurr sails, spinnaker w/foe, new full skirted cover, cockpit cover, motor mount, swim ladder, lifting bridge, anchor, tiller extension, rudder bag, tiller bag, storage hampocks, extra misc. Sheet & hardware, 1999 Trailex Aluminum trailer. $3950. Located in Avalon, NJ. Contact: Stuart Friedman, 609-967-7757, sefmgmt@aol.com

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5538 - Flying Scot built in 2003. Race rigged, complete mooring and trailer covers, rudder bag, Spinnaker and pole, new aluminum trailer, Schurr Sails. Ready for pick up. $12,500. Located in Palm Beach, FL. Contact: Adam Parker 561-844-0206, adamparker@sailfishclub.com

5600 - Flying Scot built in 2004. White w/blue trim. Radical racing package. North Main + 2 Jibs (light & snug) + 2 spinnakers, mainsheet extender, 2 tiller extensions, aluminum trailer with nosewheel jack, full Sailor’s Tailor cover, TackTick compass, swim ladder, motor mount, mainsail flotation. Dry Sailed. Excellent condition. $12,500. Located in Delaville, VA. Contact: Jim Hess, 757-220-2924, hessjb@cox.net

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5758 - Flying Scot built in 2007. Standard race package, white hull/ deck, dark blue waterline, red trim, mahogany centerboard cap, bot- tom paint, Schurr sails, spinnaker, boom vang, cunningham, cockpit cover, full cover, swim ladder, motor mount, trailer w/spare, paddles, dry sailed only. Excellent condi- tion. $14,000. Located in Wolcott, CT. Contact: Paul Chartier, 203-879-4141, pchartier@mossberg.com
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