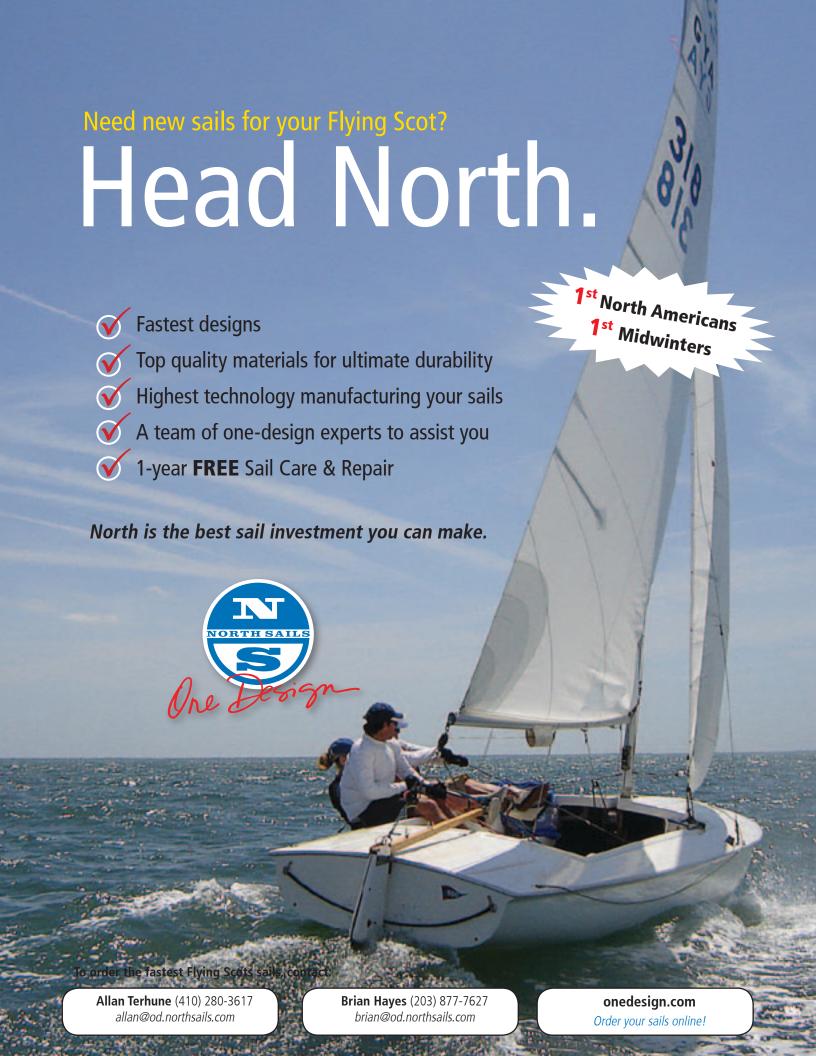
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# **From the President**

Charles Buffington, FS 5347



Vinter provides an excellent opportunity to sow the seeds of a great spring and summer for your fleet. Here's a list of individual and group activities that are guaranteed to get your fleet going:

- Have a fleet pitch-in some dark evening in February.
- Decide to host an invitational regatta next summer.
- Challenge another fleet to have a fourweekend series of races—two at your lake and two at theirs.
- Plan to work on boats as a group so you can share parts and know-how.
- Put kittens in your cockpit while you work on your boat [to attract kids, whose parents will join them—and end up talking about boats].
  - Find crew and sail the Midwinters.
  - Buy new sails as a present to yourself.
- Work with a sail maker to get a fleet discount for new sails.
- Put a "We Sail Flying Scots" bumper sticker on your car.
- Encourage someone who attends most fleet functions to write a fleet newsletter.
  - Take a friend from work sailing.
- Offer to help someone in your fleet improve his/her sailing skills.
- Pair experienced sailors with newbies in a mentor program.
- $\bullet$  Offer to install grease fittings on all the trailers in the fleet.
- $\bullet$  Encourage other sailors to travel to regattas.
- Always have an article in the club newsletter.
- Submit "how to" articles to *Scots n'* Water.
  - Support the Flying Scot Foundation.
  - Apply to the Foundation for a grant to

host an educational session next summer.

- Hang a half-model of a Flying Scot in the clubhouse.
- Man the phones as a fleet for the local fund-raiser.
- Give someone a new set of sail numbers.
- Keep perpetual trophies in your clubhouse during the summer.
- Help your local dealer stock proper clothing and gear, and buy from that dealer.
  - Do race committee or patrol duty.
- Print a fleet t-shirt in some wild color and encourage fleet members to wear it.
- Help with registration or in the kitchen for a regatta.
- Send articles with sexy pictures to the local newspaper or get your fleet on TV.
- Do race committee duty for some other fleet.
- Bring a cooler of beer and soft drinks to the rigging area and give it all away.
- Set up a fleet boat at the local boat show; include puppies.
  - Offer a kid a ride to the lake.
- Send holiday and birthday cards to fleet members.
- Keep an eye on beginners so that they have fun.
- Help beginners interpret the weather so they don't go out when it's too rough.
- Challenge another fleet to a contest any contest, sailing or not.
- Set up a week-long fleet sailing trip in cruising yachts.
  - Send a group photo to Scots n' Water.
  - Maintain a For Sale list.
- Ask sailors of large boats how much their new boom vang cost.
- Clean and polish your boat in the middle of the parking lot.
  - Take a disposable, waterproof camera

sailing and leave the developed photos—labeled "take one"—in the clubhouse.

- Video the fleet for a day.
- Get a Flying Scot tattoo.
- Create a fleet scrapbook and leave it in your clubhouse.
  - Conduct a rules seminar.
- Loan out your boat when you do committee duty.
- Post the race results on a conspicuous bulletin board.
- Give out a lot of trophies...recognition is what gets people back on the water.
  - Sail backwards.
- If you usually win, start late and coach the others as you pass them.
  - Create a fleet Web page.
- Invite sailors from other clubs to visit your club.
- Welcome new people when they suddenly appear at your club.
- Remember the new guy's name and use it.
- Give somebody a new line for his Flying Scot.
- Make sailors pay fleet dues to create vested interest, and give them value for their dollar.
  - Get everybody to join FSSA.
- Set up a fleet social sail to a local destination
- Set up an e-mail list and remind everybody to come out every week.
  - Show off on windy days.
- Invite others to join you whenever you go sailing.
- Express personal disappointment every time a sailor misses an event.
- Buy your dad/son a new Flying Scot part for his birthday.
- Tell everybody how much fun it is to sail a Flying Scot. ♠

## **Focus Factor**

Eric Wojtakszek, FS 4224

have been sailing now for about twenty years. I am not exactly sure why I have stuck with it, because I am interested in everything. I am a jack-of-all-trades but a master of nothing. I sample every hobby that I come across. I have attempted to play several instruments, like the guitar and drums. I even took a welding class a few years ago. There are many other things that I would like to see and do in my lifetime, if I get the chance. Most of them will be cast aside once I grasp the basic concepts and get bored. But every spring I drive up to the boat yard eagerly anticipating the start of the sailing season.

I started sailing in Lasers and Sunfish when I was in middle school. I would go down to the club and take a beating every Sunday from the more experienced guys. The thing about it was that I always knew that I was the issue, because all the boats were basically the same.

After college I sailed with my wife in the O'Day Day Sailer. We "won" a few trophies in the boat. (I quoted the word "won," because I personally can't call something a "win" when nobody else shows up to an event.) That is not to say that we did not have a wonderful experience, but after joining the Scot fleet it was a shock to learn that we were not as good as we'd thought. In the end, though, it is better to earn a hard "D" over an easy "A."

Now I have had to settle for being a middle-of-the-pack sailor in the Scot fleet...well, in all honesty, top-of-the-bottom-half sailor. I have never made it into the championship fleet at the NACs as a skipper or crew. It seems that we get so close, but then "something" happens and our hopes die. That "something" we usually attempt to blame on bad luck. We all know that it comes down to other issues, but bad luck is a satisfying way to lie to myself.

When I skipper the boat, my mind wanders so I start thinking and talking about completely random things. People who have crewed for me know that I constantly chatter about things unrelated to the task at hand. I recently realized that my thoughts drift off while playing Tetris. At the beginning, everything is great. I look ahead to see what pieces are falling, and everything clicks together beautifully.

Then suddenly I lose without realizing that somewhere along the way I started thinking about some recent events, like the salacious office romance (the one where the two involved think that nobody knows but everyone does), the economy (should I buy gold?), and even Elizabeth Edwards dying and her husband's love child (I don't generally think about the Edwards family, but she died recently, so John Edwards and his love child are back in the news.)

So this spring my new strategy will include having a great start, finding clean air, staying out of trouble, and consuming "Focus Factor" in large quantities. I will consider practicing, but instead I will probably be attempting to put some other idea into motion.

The effectiveness of my strategy will play out at the 2011 Midwinters with my dad, Ed Wojtaszek. We plan to arrive on Saturday. On Sunday we should practice, but I think that I have convinced him to drive two hours south to Naples to watch "swamp buggy" racing. We will get enough practice during the starting sequence.



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# **2010 Atlantic Coast Championships Are Now History**

Ron Kiss, Fleet 188





avallette Yacht Club provided the venue for the 2010 ACCs on September 11-12, 2010. Located on Barnegat Bay generally noted for strong sea breezes in the afternoon—we had light wind to no wind! Hopefully all 43 boats still had a great experience. Although five races were scheduled for the regatta, four were completed. Admittedly the single race on Sunday was a trying drifter, but it was completed within the time limit.

Flying Scot Fleet 188 worked hard in the year leading up to the regatta to provide a rewarding experience for all. This was no mean task since we have only seven boats, but other sailors at LYC lent their support, especially with race management. Bill Scheyer, club Fleet Captain and a US SAILING Certified Race Officer, took on the task and assembled a team of about twenty members to prepare the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions and to conduct the on-thewater race management. As the overall regatta chair, I had the lead in catering, awards, and door prizes, but with lots of able help! My wife, June, was a gem in assuring that we provided two lunches and a pleasant dinner on Saturday night, while Kevin Kuhn, House Chairperson, helped as well to provide the fixings for continental breakfasts each day.

Flying Scot Fleet Captain Jim Loughman, with an assist by Bill Scott, helped provide some great door prizes. These, coupled with some items left over from an LYC "Night at the Races," allowed everyone to "win" something in the drawing after dinner on Saturday (and some won multiple prizes!). Thanks are also due to our builder, Harry Carpenter, and to North Sails, Colie Sails, and Ullman Sails, among others, for their generous support of the prizes. Brian Hayes (North Sails) took the lead in conducting a "Top Gun" session after the racing on Saturday. Beer and munchies helped make this aspect of the regatta a useful learning experience and a pleasant transition to the dinner that followed.

But this was really about sailing, so what happened here? Saturday dawned clear with light winds. Three races were scheduled, and the signal boat optimistically left the dock on time. The first race was scheduled to begin at 1030 but was delayed while we waited for the wind to stabilize. The race was eventually started in a light, shifty breeze that challenged the race committee's ability to set up a fair course and a square starting line, but they got it right and off we went. Light, shifty winds continued for the second and third races, which kept the race committee on their toes throughout the balance of the day, with all three races concluding within the scheduled time.

At the end of Saturday's racing, John Arras of the Annapolis Yacht Club held a three-point lead over Ryan Malmgren of Ephraim Yacht Club in Wisconsin in the Championship Division. Harry Carpenter held third, five points behind Ryan. The Challenger Fleet had a tie for the lead between Glenn Wesley of Nockamixon SC and local David Lambie of LYC. Neil Farrow of Cedar Point YC was only four points behind the leaders.

Sunday dawned gray and damp. Wind was 2 to 3 knots and fading as the harbor gun sounded and over forty stalwart Scots left the dock to sail one mile out to the starting area. Once we arrived there, we watched as the signal boat tried to get a fix on the fickle wind direction. Every time they thought they'd found enough wind from a known direction, the wind shifted. Finally the race committee managed to get a start off. But over the course of the race we experienced large wind shifts and massive holes in the wind. The course was shortened at the second windward mark, and John Arras continued his fine sailing to win the race and secure first place in the Championship Division. Malmgren and Carpenter finished 6th and 3rd, respectively, in the fourth race and maintained their places overall. Dave Lambie won the last race in the Challenger Division while Neil Farrow finished 2nd, replacing Glenn Wesley as runner-up on the basis of a tiebreaker.

After that the weather really tanked-cold, damp, and calm! Despite a valiant effort to get in the fifth race, the committee finally raised the N over A flags, and all those still trying to sail were towed back to LYC. I think all the sailors breathed a sigh of relief and looked forward to something warm once back ashore.

	Championship Division							
Place	Race	onsmp L	2	3	4	Total		
1	Arras, John	1	4	1	1	7		
2		3	3	3	6	15		
	Malmgren, Ryan	7	2	5		-		
3	Carpenter, Harry				3	17		
4	Hayes, Brian	10	1	4	5	20		
5	Lee, Tom	9	10	8	2	29		
6	Mehl, Steve	8	5	10	7	30		
7	Beaton, Mark	12	9	2	11	34		
8	Cooke, John	4	7	6	18	35		
9	Kiss, Ron	6	6	9	15	36		
10	Luard, John	5	11	7	14	37		
11	Sayia, Peter	13	13	12	4	42		
12	Neff, David	2	8	13	22	45		
13	Milnes, Gordon	19	14	14	9	56		
14	Thomas, Sam	14	17	21	8	60		
15	Nicholson, Linda	21	12	17	10	60		
16	Foster, William	17	16	15	12	60		
17	Wentworth, Norm	11	18	11	24	64		
18	Guenther, Len	16	15	16	19	66		
19	Kerdock, Rich	15	19	20	25	79		
20	Berger, Philip	18	27	22	13	80		
21	Cosulich, William	22	22	25	16	85		
22	Cookson, Peter	25	20	19	21	85		
23	Berglund, Steve	20	26	18	23	87		
24	MacMurray, Chris	26	21	23	20	90		
25	Blough, Randy	27	23	28	17	95		
26	Owens, Don	24	25	24	26	99		
27	Milnes, Doug	23	28	26	27	104		
28	Koch, Bruce	28	24	27	28	107		
	Challe	nger Div	ision					
1	Lambie, David	5	1	2	1	9		
2	Farrow, Neil	1	4	7	2	14		
3	Wesley, Glenn	3	2	3	6	14		
4	Noone, Mike	12	3	1	3	19		
5	Cocotos, Paul	9	6	4	5	24		
6	Summerfield, Ed	6	8	5	8	27		
7	Loughman, Jim	8	10	8	4	30		
8	Clarke, Bill	7	5	9	14	35		
9	Baucom, Richard	2	12	11	11	36		
10	Childers, Roy	4	9	12	12	37		
11	Gedzor, Mariusz	10	11	6	10	37		
12	Scheetz, Phil	11	7	10	9	37		
13	Stockwell, David	14	15	15	7	51		
14	Swanson, Andrew	13	14	13	13	53		
15	Spaltro, John	15	13	14	16DNC	58		



# Saratoga's Special People

Diane Kampf, FS 5857, FSSA First Vice-President

reg and I sailed in Fleet 161's 24th Annual Invitational on Saratoga Lake in New York in August. Although we stopped in last year on our way back from the Flying Scot North American Championships in Wisconsin, we did not get to sail because we got there too late. This year we knew we wanted to experience Saratoga again, and we

wanted to sail. That meant getting there on Friday in time to go to the Saratoga Race Course. We packed up the Roadtrek and left at 7 A.M., so we could be sure not to miss anything. It was a gorgeous day and right away I won on a few races and ended up \$48 to the good. Before I could lose it all, we headed back to the yacht club for the Friday night welcome party. We camped on the property like

we usually do, and it was a great night to rest up for the racing the next day.

This was the New York Lakes District Championship, for which we are not eligible, but we could sail in the regatta. There were 15 boats this year, 12 in Championship and 3 in Challenger. Saturday was another beautiful day and there was just perfect wind to get in all three planned races. The race commit-

tee, led by Dave Hudson, did a terrific job giving us some nice courses, and we finished the day with a couple of mediocre results but had one 2nd place. We had our friend Barb Van Horn visit us; she was visiting her friend Mark Wilson in Albany and she brought him along for dinner. We had the pleasure of seeing a bald eagle land and stay for a while in a tall pine tree at the club. We had a nice Italian meal outdoors at lakeside and truly enjoyed the meal, the sunset, and the company.

Sunday was a wonderful day and the wind was good to us again. We had two more races and ended up in 4th place overall. Good friends Tom Hohler and Chris Czapleski took 1st place in the regatta and promised we'd see them at the Wife-Husband in October. Kirsten Petro (with crew Dave Osler), in her first Flying Scot regatta, took 1st place in the Challenger Division. Bernie Zabek and crew Charlie Murphy won the District Championship.

We had such a nice time and were happy that we had come, and we thank regatta chair Rob Hayes and his com-

Fleet 161 was founded years ago by some very special people who have done a wonderful job of running the regattas, including a Wife-Husband and several District Championships over the years. They've supported the Flying Scot class as Fleet Captain, District Governor, and FSSA officer, and they've worked very hard to grow their fleet and support their club.

mittees for a fun regatta. But they were not finished showing us why we love Saratoga. Fleet 161 was founded years ago by some very special people who have done a wonderful job of running the regattas, including a Wife-Husband and several District Championships over the years. They've supported the Flying Scot class as Fleet Captain, District Governor, and FSSA officer, and they've worked very hard to grow their fleet and support their club. Over the years, they have had doz-





ens of people stay in their home for regattas, finding a place anywhere they could to host people. Paul Waterfield from the fleet said some really nice words about Peter and Ann Seidman, in appreciation for founding and growing the fleet and running the regatta for 23 years. He then presented a plaque to them with a Flying Scot model and their sail number, along with the star on the sail! All these truly special people are the reason we have gone to Saratoga all these years and will continue to go as long as we can. We cannot say enough about how special Peter and Ann have been to us. Congratulations and thanks to Peter and Ann for all their hard work and hospitality over the years.

Hope to see you next time in Saratoga!▲

# 2010 NACs – A View from the Rear

John Heizer, FS 4278 ennifer and I were able to take a oneweek summer vacation and wanted to get more experience racing Scots. We've had our boat only since last fall; we've participated in some club races and Wednesday night races, two regattas (Clinton Lake 2009 Glow, Carlyle 2010 Egyptian Cup), and the Midwinters in New Orleans. We still feel out of our element racing in a larger group. We thought thatif we were to brave up and race in the North American Championship (jumping in headfirst, trial by fire, etc.)—we would learn a lot about racing and become more comfortable at regattas. Photos Courtesy of Doug Williams Blown Away

Even so, in the days before we left, I had doubts that we belonged there (in spite of lots of encouragement from Ben Williams and Deb Aronson). I e-mailed the FSSA president, the vice president, and the Gulf District governor expressing my concerns. All three heartily encouraged us to come. The president, Charles Buffington, even introduced us to the current Flying Scot national champion, Allan Terhune, and asked him to check our boat for correct setup and to offer advice; Allan graciously agreed. At the NACs we made new friends, strengthened existing friendships, increased our comfort sailing in large groups, and improved our sailing technique.

One of our problems had been focusing so much on sail trim and boat handling that we would forget to look outside the boat. We hadn't been able to free ourselves up enough to get our heads out of the boat to look for the part of the course with better pressure, to see what the competition was doing, or even to follow the wind shifts closely. In addition, we're still not comfortable when the wind strengthens to double digits. With the many hours we spent racing at the NACs in varied conditions, we were able to make some good progress in these areas.

For the first time, in some of the races we actually had more than one boat behind us at the first windward mark. In one of the earlier races (which eventually was cancelled due to the wind turning completely off), we were on the line, in a clear spot, right at the starting gun. However, we were not up to speed when I decided to tack; we only made it halfway and ended up in irons. Even so, we went to the side of the course that benefited from a persistent shift, and we had eight boats behind us at the windward mark! I was so surprised that I counted the boats behind us several times, until Jennifer yelled to me to turn around and steer. This was a thrill and a huge victory for us.

Of the 16 boats that completed all three of the races in the Challenger series, we finished second from last and were miles behind the top three-fourths of the Challenger group. To sum up: even though we were at the back, my doubts were unfounded--everyone was friendly

and welcoming; we gained experience, confidence, and some skills; and, most importantly, we had a lot of fun. Even though this major event was thickly populated with expert sailors, there was still room for inclusion and encouragement of these two newbies.

Congratulations to Al Terhune, repeat national Flying Scot champion, and to Clinton Lake's Ben Williams and Deb Aronson, winners of the 2010 NAC Challenger Division!





Photo taken from 45,000 ft by pilot and Scot Sailor Dan Warnick on June 28, 2010. The view is to the north of the airplane and shows a series of thunderstorms tracking across Gulfport, MS ("GPT" on the radar view in the second photo). This is the sunny side view of the weather that cancelled racing on Monday of NAC week and delivered inches of rain to Bay Waveland.







## **Update: The Flying Scot Foundation**

Sandy Eustis, FS5610

bout nine months ago, while staying at my house during the second annual Grits 'n' Haggis regatta, FSSA President Charles Buffington asked me to join the Board of the new Flying Scot Foundation. While I felt honored to be asked, I must confess to a bit of initial skepticism. I told Charles that I had concerns regarding the amount of financial support we might be able to generate, about the legal restrictions involved in obtaining and spending funds within a not-for-profit entity, about how useful such an entity might be in promoting sailing in general and the Flying Scot class in particular, and, of course, about how much of my own time and effort might be required. Charles nodded sympathetically, poured himself and me another rum drink (from MY best bottle, mind you) and then somehow, sometime during the wee hours of the morning, I became convinced that this was, indeed, a good idea.

As we enter 2011, I'm very glad that I allowed myself to be persuaded by Charles. I'm both thoroughly encouraged about what the Foundation has accomplished to date and totally enthusiastic about where we're headed. Here's a summary:

- (1) Our not-for profit 501(c)3 tax status is now in place, and it permits us to fund a wide variety of sailing-related activities that have an essentially educational purpose.
- (2) We've completed the "first windward leg" of our initial fund-raising campaign, during which we asked current and former class officers, long-term class stalwarts, and selected suppliers/vendors for an initial contribution. I'm extremely pleased that, as of January 1, 2011, 20 individuals had already accepted our invitation to become "Charter Members" of the Foundation by giving or pledging \$1000 or more to the effort, and that we

also received initial gifts of various lesser amounts from another 17 "Friends" of the Foundation. In sum, we received \$26,485 in donations and pledges from 37 people during 2010-a very encouraging start indeed! A list of our Charter Members to date appears at the end of this article.

- (3) The "downwind leg" of our initial campaign, consisting of a mass mailing to all class members and a further appeal to the class via Scots n' Water, is now under way. Obviously, we hope that YOU will see fit to become a Charter Member of the Foundation yourself or, failing that, that you'll decide to support the Foundation as a Friend to the extent that you're able.
- (4) Before the end of 2011, we'll embark on the "finishing leg" of our initial fundraising campaign-with both a broader appeal to our sailing friends outside of the class and a targeted appeal to some additional individuals and organizations. So we sailed a great first leg, we've set our spinnakers for a fast downwind leg, and now we expect to win!

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ingly convinced that the Flying Scot Foundation will be able to play a vital role in helping to reenergize our class, the various yacht clubs and sailing associations that currently have active Flying Scot fleets, and even the broader sport of dinghy sailing in North America. Last November we received a sample instructional video-all about tacking a Flying Scot-from Dave Batchelor. In this video, Joe Brake and crew repeatedly tack a

Flying Scot oh-so-gracefully-in relatively flat water, on a picture-perfect saltwater inlet, in a nice and steady 7- to 10-mph wind, on a gorgeous crisp and sunny day (does it get any better?)-while Dave talks the viewer through the steps involved. Not only is this video excellent from a teaching standpoint, but it portrays sailing in general, and sailing a Flying Scot in particular, as exciting, enjoyable, accessible, and very learnable. Furthermore, though I've been racing Flying Scots for 30 years, I immediately grabbed my wife. Keith, to look at the video with me for the ideas we could get about improving our own techniques. (Watch out, Joe; we're coming!)

Accordingly, the Flying Scot Foundation's first grant of \$335 was given to Dave Batchelor in late November, to enable him to upgrade his video equipment a bit and to help fund a series of similar videos, which Dave and the Foundation will then work to distribute both through the Internet (YouTube, etc.) and also as an instructional DVD package for sailing schools throughout North America. You can view a couple of Dave's initial instructional videos on YouTube, and you can also contact Dave directly at Sailordave@nc.rr.com.

The Foundation's Board has also agreed informally to provide ongoing support for two kinds of very traditional educational programs, though we have not yet set specific financial limits for ourselves nor made any actual awards. Not surprisingly, we've already received several requests to support local learn-to-sail and/or learnto-race programs. In the coming months, we'll make a decision about how much money we can allocate for this purpose, and we'll finalize the guidelines that will help us prioritize among sailing school requests. You can bet that specific commitment by a local Flying Scot fleet and on-the-water instruction in Flying Scots

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will be part of those guidelines. Then, later this year, we'll issue a call for sailing school proposals from Flying Scot fleets and local sailing organizations. The Board has also agreed to offer each Flying Scot District Governor a small grant to help pay a Flying Scot expert to travel to a selected and well-attended district regatta (perhaps the District Championship event, perhaps another one) and to deliver a free, racing-oriented seminar before or after the event. We'd like to see these seminars actively promoted and open to anyone who wants to attend, not just to regatta participants or even to Flying Scot sailors.

From all this, it should be obvious that we already have more ideas for how to spend the Foundation's money than we have money to spend, but I suspect that's just the way it is with charitable foundations that have real programs to support. Our 2011 priorities include finalizing both the Foundation's spending policy and the Foundation's investment policy-to ensure that we maximize our bang-for-the-buck in 2011 and beyond. So it should also be obvious that we need strong financial support by the members of the Flying Scot class-YOUR support for YOUR class-in order to be able to make a meaningful number of educational awards over a meaningful number of years. Barb Griffin, Charles Buffington, Willson Jenkins, and Bill Vogler join me in urging YOU to make a generous Charter Member contribution to the Foundation in 2011, and to continue to remember us in future years.

If you have an interest in serving on the Foundation's Board yourself, I encourage you to contact me personally (seustis@ charter.net.) We would particularly welcome a Board presence from a geographical area or from Flying Scot districts that are not currently represented on the Foundation's Board.

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# Capsize!

## Ed Peters and Charles Buffington

ew words bring as much terror to the hearts and minds of Scot sailors as the word "capsize." Many Scot sailors originally purchased the boat because of its stability, and the thought of ending up swimming while the boat slowly turtles is not a pleasant one. Yet the odds are pretty good that everyone will capsize sometime in his sailing career, so being prepared by knowing what to do can provide considerable peace of mind.

The sailing school at Deep Creek Lake in western Maryland puts all its adult students through a Scot capsize drill the very first day of class. The school's drill includes many tricks that are worth knowing. Let's look at the details of their capsize drill.

When the weather gets ugly, make sure everyone on board is wearing a PFD, and tell everyone to jump onto the mainsail if the boat goes over. This seems counterin-

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tuitive, but it's a soft landing and allows the entire crew to scramble quickly to the top of the mast. (The air that is trapped under the sail supports your weight for only a little while, so move fast!) If you end up in the water, you can pull yourself along the leech of the mainsail, keeping it up as you go. Supporting the mast quickly is key to preventing a turtle.

At the top of the mast, count heads and make sure everyone is OK. Then form a plan of recovery and assign specific tasks:

- 1. One person stays at the top of the mast, supporting it to prevent the boat from turtling. The rest swim back to the boat.
- 2. A lightweight person is assigned to climb into the (now vertical) cockpit, where he/she should uncleat all sheets (this is very important, since it prevents the boat from sailing away when righted) and make sure the centerboard is down. (This person will end up in the water; being light makes it easy to haul him back into the boat once it's righted.)
- 3. The climber ascends to the upper side of the boat, using the (now horizontal) mast as one step in the process. Once there, he moves to the centerboard, taking a jib sheet with him for stability. (The line is important; if you don't have it, you'll fall off the board as the boat comes up and may not be successful in righting it.)
- 4. The responsibility for preventing a turtle now shifts to the climber, who moves out on the centerboard far enough to prevent turtling but not so far as to right the boat prematurely. This allows the person at the top of the mast to swim back to the boat.
- 5. Sailors in the water can be scooped up in the boat as it is righted, if they lie on the lower seat with their head forward (to avoid injury by the tiller) or hang onto the mast with their knees on the deck. This is a key move, because it gets at least one person into the righted boat.
- 6. Once the crew in the boat is ready, the person on the centerboard moves out to the end, holding onto the jib sheet for stability, and "rides" the board all the way into the water. The rider should not attempt to get into the boat as it comes

over. The boat will move away as if by magic, protecting the rider.

7. The crew in the now-upright boat heads the boat into the wind and pulls the board-rider into the boat.

The sailing school has published nice pictures of the moves outlined here, along with captions (http://www.saildeepcreek.com/capsize\_drill.htm).

There are several advantages of this method over the older approach, where all sailors gathered on the bottom of the boat and tried to reach the centerboard from the water: it will prevent turtling, all sailors are in sight of one another, communication is easy, and one or two crew members end up in the boat once it's righted.

Should everyone end up in the water, gather on one side of the boat at the back of the cockpit. Rock the boat from side to side by pushing the hull down in the water. This lowers the freeboard and should allow one crew member to pull himself into the boat. Doing this on the stern doesn't work.

If you sail a lot in areas where there aren't other boats, you may wish to invest in a floating "pillow" for the top of your mast and a boarding ladder. These devices increase the odds of a successful recovery in the event of a capsize and decrease the likelihood that you'll end up in a swamped boat miles from help or, worse, be unable to get back into the boat.

Why not have practice sessions on a warm day in the summer? Wear bathing suits (and PFDs!). Have a motorboat stand by for rescue. Let each person practice each role. It can't hurt and it sure will be a help if you go over when conditions are not so favorable.

Good luck! ♣

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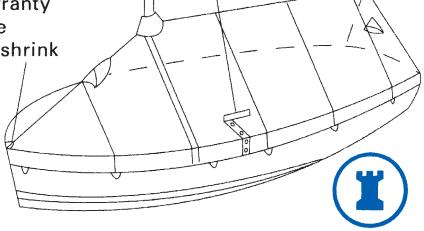
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