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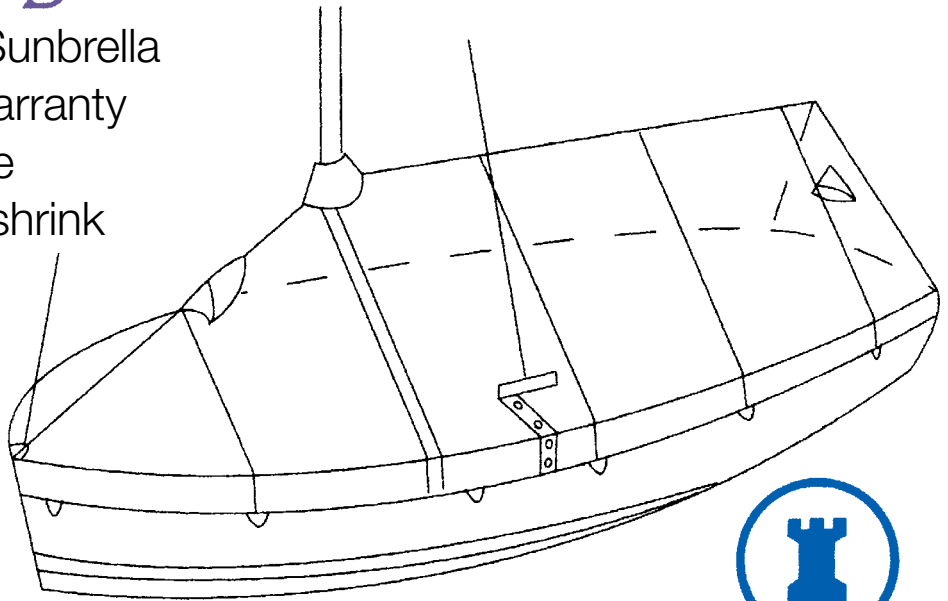
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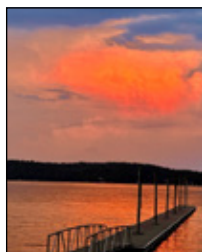
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2024 Recap and 2025 Vision

Jim Leggette, FS#1518, FSSA President



Here in Mississippi, the dog days of summer have come and gone and brought high temperatures, higher humidity making you feel like taking a shower if you walk to the mailbox. The last several years I have made the pilgrimage to the home of the Flying Scot in the mountains of Maryland at Deep Creek Lake. As I write, I am starting to process packing for the road trip to enjoy the cool mountain air, some sailing and the company of some great folks. As a Flying Scot enthusiast, you would be remiss if you did not visit the area. Be sure to arrange with Tyler or Carrie to see where the Flying Scot is built.

In late June, the Cedar Point Yacht Club once again hosted the North American Championship in Connecticut. As expected the regatta team led by John Cooke orchestrated a world class event which featured good sailing, good food and even better camaraderie. Outdoor events such as regattas are often subject to the whims of the weather gods. Aeolus, god of the wind, challenged the race management team with too much wind one day and frequently it took a while for the wind to build to raceable conditions. Past President Nancy Claypool commissioned a sailing conditions committee to review our sailing guidelines. During the regatta these guidelines received the stress test and did not break. Bravo Zulu to committee chair Jim Colegrove and his team for their work. No matter how good guidelines are, they are still subject to human judgement. National Championship Committee Chair, Steve Comen and our Principal Race Officer ably used this tool to insure the sailing was safe, fair and yes fun (at least most of the time).

The summer marked a busy time for Scot sailors or at least those north of the Mason-Dixon line. A very innovative event was hosted by Lake Monona Sailing Club (Madison, Wisconsin), the

Clinigatta. This event is part regatta with scorekeeping and part clinic with coaching. The goal of the event is to provide coaching to sailors while racing so they can quickly improve. Reports from this event raved about how good it was in terms of learning and fellowship. Thanks to Grace Ohare and Dave Gorwitz for organizing it and all those who participated as coaches, organizers, streaming it on the internet.

Not to be outdone, the folks in the Badger State hosted the Women's North American Championships a few weeks later. This unique event featured 15 teams from all over the country at the Lake Monona Sailing Club in Madison. As usual, a great time was had all.

In September, the Atlanta Yacht Club is hosting another FSSA Wife-Husband Regatta. This event features not only good sailing but a wonderful social atmosphere where some teams travel over a thousand miles one way. I hear from some members of the club they want to top the hospitality of the prior event hosted by the Birmingham Sailing Club. A record 37 teams enjoyed their hospitality.

Although the year is not over, it is time to take stock of what has been achieved and plan what comes next. Membership is slowly growing and will continue to be a point of emphasis. National events have been well attended and well executed by our host clubs. The events this year have featured experiments in terms of format and length. The Executive Committee is evaluating what was learned and will be making recommendations. Diane Kampf is updating our website and business systems which will provide us with more up-to-date, easier to manage information, and more capabilities. They are on track to "go live" towards the end of the year.

For 2025, membership and participation at national events will continue to be an important goal. When

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Awesomeness at the 2024 NAC

By Diane Kampf, FS#6286, FSSA Web Editor, New England District

Cedar Point Yacht Club in Westport, CT, always puts on a top notch event for the Flying Scot sailors and the 2024 NAC was no exception.

John Cooke and Robin Cavanagh are a formidable team and when they are in charge, you are sure to have a marvelous time. What do you say about pizza, hamburgers and chicken, MORE pizza, lobster/chicken/veggie lasagna and ending with an Italian feast, with a band playing on several occasions while you eat? All of this with lots of old friends and new friends, hugs and kisses and stories galore – just so...much...fun, hard to describe! And the weather was good, not always the wind, but the temperature (although a bit warmer than I like) and sunshine, was so much better than rain!

Measurement went very smoothly under the guidance of Chief Measurer Roger Sharp and the well-prepared local team. Participants were chosen randomly for boat and gear measurement, and only some sail measuring was necessary. The safety checks and sail checks were done on the buddy system, with participants checking each other's safety gear and making sure sails had royalty tags, numbers, and met guidelines. What a great way to get the job done while people talk about the upcoming event! Well done, Roger and team.

Every day there was a briefing by Brian Hayes and Jackson Benvenuti from Noth Sails. We knew what went right or wrong the previous day and we knew what to look forward to that day. And what do you do when the winds are just too much above our guidelines? Well, you can go shopping OR you can go with Brian to an



impromptu tour of the North Sails Loft and see how they put together all those sails. What a huge place it is, and Brian made a huge warehouse with sailcloth and sewing machines into a very interesting story about North Sails history, where and how the work is done, what's done overseas, and what's done in the loft. But we had to get back to the club in time for pizza or Brian would be toast! Oh, we made it back and the pizza and salad were yummy, and we were pretty hungry, so that worked out quite well!

There was just not much wind on Sunday for a practice race, but several teams went out and the Race Committee was ready to run the race. But it was just not meant to be, and everyone came back in. We opted to stay on shore, but those who went out at least got to find out whether their rigging was performing as they like it and they could make any adjustments. A few sailors arrived a bit later than expected after trailer and traffic issues but everyone got there and got measured in so we could concentrate on sailing, eating and resting in between. For the eating part, Sunday evening was the welcome party with a cookout of hamburgers and chicken. John Cooke welcomed us all and went over some logistics, then introduced FSSA President Jim Leggette to say a few words. Jim thanked everyone for coming and introduced the Executive Committee members who were there as we all chowed down before calling it a night.

Monday brought us lots of wind, 18-22, above the guidelines set by our capable Race Guidelines Committee, so we postponed on shore until 11:30. Then it picked up even more, so we postponed to 12:30. By that time there was a small lull that lasted just a few minutes, then it built again, so racing was abandoned for the day. It was a good thing as some gusts were in the 30's and a few people saw charts that said even 40's! Off we went to



the North Sails loft, then we visited with friends before the pizza and the Annual Meeting. President Jim Leggette made quick work of the FSSA business, and we moved on to the Fleet of the Year award. This year there were 5 entries from 5 deserving clubs, but the award was given to Fleet 175, Westhampton Yacht Squadron, Dave Kisla Fleet Captain, for their great work in promoting Flying Scot sailing. Congratulations on this prestigious award.

We got to race on Tuesday! The sun was out, the temperature was near 90 degrees and the wind was 10-12 and shifty. PRO Dick Thackerberry and crew ran three 4-leg races with a little difficulty getting the Championship Division started. After a few general recalls, up went the I flag, and the teams were a lot more cooperative. There was no such issue with the Challenger Division! As the wind was shifting, race 2

was shortened for the Challenger Division and 5 boats finished almost simultaneously. Race 3 was run on the new course once the wind shift finished. At the end of the day, Championship leaders were David Ames and PJ Buhler, Challenger leaders were Greg and Diane Kampf – a great day for us. After getting boats put away and getting cleaned up, we enjoyed a lobster dinner, with chicken and veggie lasagna for the non-lobster lovers.

Wednesday was lovely, sunny and in the 80's but the wind was more like 4-8, maybe 9. The current was driving people across the line and there were several general recalls before the U flag went up, and finally the Championship Division got a clean start. The next race started with the U flag for them. Once again, the Challenger Division behaved, and we had clean starts.

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After two races, there was not enough time for a third, so we went in and had a free night while the club held an event for their members. After 5 races, Championship leaders were Jeff and Amy Smith Linton, and Challenger leaders were Greg and Diane Kampf. With the other 3 teams from our home club, Massapoag Yacht Club in Sharon, MA, we went to dinner at a local restaurant then called it a night.

After a very slow start and postponement on the water, Thursday had some of the best wind of the week, 12-14, and the Race Committee was able to get in 2 races. It was so much fun tussling with those closest to us in our division - Kevin and Kendall Kunz in *Gadzooks*, David and Sam

Irving, Phil Sheetz and Richard Baucom, new Flying Scot sailors Heather and John Taggart, David and Marilyn Archibald in *Pirate Kitty* – all the while not knowing if we could maintain our lead. At the end of the day, we prevailed, while they all put up a good (and fun) fight. After getting the boat mostly put away, we went to the awards ceremony and had a delicious Italian dinner.

John Cooke did a great job giving out the mountain of awards for the Flying Scot NAC. The top winners in the Championship Division were Jeff Linton and Amy Smith Linton from Davis Island Yacht Club in Tampa, FL, now 7-time champions, tying designer Sandy Douglass

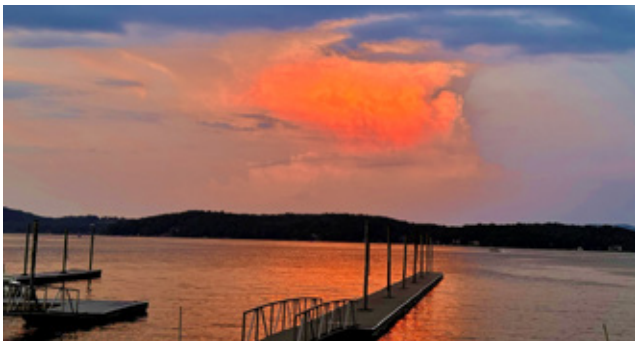
and Greg Fisher for the most wins. Will they come back and do it again? We'll be standing by for that! Winners of the Challenger Division were us, Greg and Diane Kampf from Massapoag Yacht Club in Sharon MA. The best fleet in the NAC, recipients of the Fleet 1 trophy, was Fleet 23 from the Corinthian Sailing Club in Dallas, TX. Full results are at <https://fssa.com/content/2024-nac-cedar-point-yacht-club-westportct> and all trophy winners are listed in the spreadsheet that follows.

Thanks so much to Cedar Point Yacht Club for hitting it out of the park, AGAIN; we had a wonderful week. Next year's event will be hosted by Carlyle Sailing Association in Illinois. See you there! 🏆

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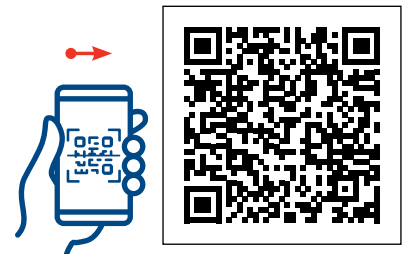
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2024 Flying Scot NAC at Cedar Point Yacht Club – Westport, CT, Awards List

Best Sailed Club-Owned Boat	Detroit Yacht Club Cup – Awarded to the best sailed club-owned boat.	Not awarded in 2024
Best Sailed Challenger Boat with Woman on Board	Nancy Roman Trophy – Awarded to the highest finisher with a woman on board, either skipper or crew, in the Challenger Division.	Diane Kampf, Massapoag Yacht Club, Sharon, MA
Best Sailed Boat with Woman Skipper	Huron-Portage Yacht Club Fleet 20 Trophy – Awarded to Highest Placing Woman Skipper.	Heather Taggart, Cedar Point Yacht Club, Westport, CT
Best Sailed Boat with only Wife/Husband on Board	Ted and Florence Glass Trophy – to honor the best sailed Scot with only a wife and husband on board.	Jeff and Amy Smith Linton, Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, FL
Best Sailed Generational Boat	Parent/Child Trophy – Awarded to the best sailed boat with a parent/child on board, with one as a skipper.	Zeke and Jay Horowitz, Sarasota Sailing Squadron, Sarasota, FL and Annapolis Yacht Club
Best Family Sailed Boat	Mary Douglas Trophy – Awarded to the best family sailed boat with at least one woman on board.	Tuomas Sandholm and Anikka Sandholm
Best Fleet in NAC	Fleet 1 Trophy – Awarded to the best fleet in the NAC	Fleet 23, Corinthian Sailing Club, Dallas, TX
		Robert and Nina Cummings
		Keith Zars and Jackson Benvenuti
		Steve and Renee Comen
Furthest Distance Travelled	Travelers trophy	Robert and Nina Cummings, Corinthian Sailing Club, Dallas TX
Best Finishing Skipper – Age 55 and Over	Master Trophy	1st - Dave Rink and Joel Blade, Lake Norman Yacht Club, Mooresville, NC
		2nd - Keith Zars and Jackson Benvenuti, Corinthian Sailing Club, Dallas, TX
		3rd - Chip Merlin and Monica Morgan, Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, FL
Senior Championship – Skipper and crew both Age 60 or Over	Silver Piper Bowl	1st - Jeff and Amy Smith Linton, Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, FL
		2nd - Robert and Nina Cummings, Corinthian Sailing Club, Dallas TX
		3rd - Brent Barbehenn, Mary Hughes and Jay Lurie, Riverton Yacht Club, NJ
Women's NAC Champion	Joan Burnside Trophy - Awarded to the highest placing skipper in the Women's NAC	Will be awarded at the Women's NAC
Junior NAC Champion	Fleet 76 Trophy - Awarded to the highest placing skipper in the Junior NAC	Will be awarded at the Junior NAC
Fleet of the Year	FSSA - Awarded to the Most Active Fleet	Fleet 175, Westhampton Yacht Squadron, Dave Kisla Fleet Captain
CHALLENGER DIVISION	10th Place	John Kren and Stephanie Belanger, Greater Richmond Sailing Association, Midlothian, VA
CHALLENGER DIVISION	9th Place	Jim Leggette and Mike Funk, Jackson Yacht Club, MS
CHALLENGER DIVISION	8th Place	Matt Cohen and John Weldon, Nockamixon Sail Club, Quakertown, PA
CHALLENGER DIVISION	7th Place	Tim and Linda Gordon, Sprite Island Yacht Club, Norwalk, CT
CHALLENGER DIVISION	6th Place	David and Marilyn Archibald, Sandy Bay Yacht Club, Rockport, MA
CHALLENGER DIVISION	5th Place	Heather and John Taggart, Cedar Point Yacht Club, Westport, CT
CHALLENGER DIVISION	4th Place	Phil Scheetz and Richard Baucom, Nockamixon Sail Club, Quakertown, PA
CHALLENGER DIVISION	3rd Place - Terry Schroeder Trophy	David and Sam Irving, Candlewood Yacht Club, New Fairfield, CT

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2024 Flying Scot NAC at Cedar Pomt Yacht Club – Westport, CT, Awards List (continued)		
CHALLENGER DIVISON	2nd Place - Sam Tellschow Memorial Trophy	Kevin and Kendall Kunz, Lafayette Sailing Club, Monticello, IN
CHALLENGER DIVISON	1st Place - Max and Mary Doolittle Trophy	Greg and Diane Kampf, Massapoag Yacht Club, Sharon, MA
CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION	10th Place	Tuomas and Annika Sandholm, Moraine Sailing Club, Portersville, PA
CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION	9th Place	Chip Merlin and Monica Morgan, Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, FL
CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION	8th Place	Brent Berberhenn, Mary Hughes, Jay Lurie, Riverton Yacht Club, NJ
CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION	7th Place	Robert and Nina Cummings, Corinthian Sailing Club, Dallas, TX
CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION	6th Place	Tyler Andrews and Chris Drury, Deep Creek Yacht Racing Association, MD
CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION	5th Place	Keith Zars and Jackson Benvenuti, Corinthian Sailing Club, Dallas, TX
CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION	4th Place - Ratsey & Laphom Trophy	Dave Rink and Joel Blade, Lake Norman Yacht Club, Mooresville, NC
CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION	3rd Place - GL Foster Trophy	Zeke and Jay Horowitz, Sarasota Sailing Squadron, Sarasota, FL and Annapolis Yacht Club
CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION	2nd Place - Tea Party Trophy	David Ames and PJ Buhler, Sarasota Sailing Squadron, Sarasota, FL
CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION	1st Place - Gordon K. Douglass Trophy	Jeff and Amy Smith Linton, Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, FL



If You Sail in the NERD, Does that Make You a NERD?

By Diane Kampf FS#6286, FSSA Web Editor, New England District



I really enjoyed the weekend of the Flying Scot Northeast Regional Districts at our club, Massapoag Yacht Club, in Sharon, MA. It was our 75th Annual Regatta for Big Boats and was done in conjunction with the Day Sailer New England Regional event. Everyone worked hard to put on a fun event so those who came could simply enjoy. There were 15 Flying Scots registered, 8 from outside the club, so we were happy to see that. A few could not make it due to last minute conflicts, but we were so happy to see all who came from New Hampshire, Connecticut and yes, Seattle, WA. Roger and Kate Sharp brought back the MYC

regatta trophy, and I had the NERD trophy from the Lintons last year. I challenged Roger and Kate to win again, and this time take home BOTH trophies, and Roger thought that was a tall order.

After a week of last-minute preparations, we were ready for the Friday night welcome party hosted by Curt and Phyllis Braverman. It was a big hit with food from the grill and some yummy sides. We met new visitors and caught up with old friends and then called it a night – some of us camping and others going home or to hotels. Saturday's breakfast from Roche Brothers was yummy as usual and we had full bellies before sailing. Registrars Annie Pennington and Connie Eckart got

everyone checked in and sold some items before the skippers meeting.

The Saturday skippers meeting and racing started on time, and we were hopeful there would be many races. The wind gods continued to tease us, and we got in just 1 four leg race in 4-8 MPH winds before lunch. We came in for lunch and got back out by 1PM, and PRO Kevin Buruchian and crew managed to get in 4 more four leg races in 8-12 MPH winds before going in for the day.

The Saturday night cocktail party, hosted by Donna and Dave Rousseau, was so good, with hors d'oeuvres prepared by our members, that there was a chance no

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Nauti Dog at the NERDs.

one would want to eat dinner afterwards! But eat we did, with Jeff Sprung, Susan Peck and me serving up lobster, chicken, steak tips and pasta primavera from Roche Brothers with salad and all the sides. And we topped it off with our famous make your own sundae bar and pies. If you went away hungry from this feast, we don't know how that could have happened. And everyone helped clean up, so the burden was not just on a couple of people – I love our sailors and their families.

After another full breakfast, we really wanted to get out and race – everyone wanted that 6th race so we could get a throw-out and completely upend the results! With the lake fogged in and no wind, racing on

Sunday looked to be more challenging. We started with a postponement on shore and the wind finally picked up a bit. Ultimately, we started a race, but the first boat reached the leeward mark 90 seconds over the time limit, so the Flying Scots were done for the day. The Day Sailors did manage to get in a full race, giving them a throw-out that did not really change the results.

After one last great lunch, we gathered everyone for thank-you(s) and awards. I am so very grateful to all our club members who took such good care of us all weekend, and to everyone who stepped up to help. And the results? Well, Roger and Kate Sharp did indeed meet the challenge and took first place,

with Greg and I in second place and Mark Riefenhauser and Warren Schutt in third after a tie-breaker. Full results can be found at https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27291#_newsroom. Photos by Art Petromesolo can be found at <https://nauticalphotography.smugmug.com/Sailing-Regattas/Flying-Scot-Class/2024-Regattas/NERD-August> and photos by Skip Russell, Chris Sloan and me are at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/41106915@N04/albums/72177720319623698/>.

So, does sailing in the NERD regatta make you a NERD? No, but it makes you cool, and that's even better. We hope to see you next year, hopefully at a club in the New York Lakes region! 🐾

Flying Scot Communications Task Force Report

By Jim Crabtree, FS#6259, Midwest District Governor



A Communications Task Force was developed to assess and recommend changes for the Flying Scot Class. The task force members included Jim Crabtree (chair), Tim Mallette, Nancy Claypool and Eric Bussell.

Issue Statement: The “problem” presented to the task force was that the current format of publishing *Scots n’ Water* is not financially sustainable. The expenses for the publication (January - October 2023) were reported to exceed the budgeted expense even after factoring in the income that typically offsets costs. Costs based on current FSSA membership equates to a publication cost of approximately \$11 per member, again, after deducting advertising income. Compounding the issue is that

only 200 active / family members elected to receive the publication online (less than 25% of members).

The task force began to look at how other one design classes are communicating with members, observable trends, and success stories. We began our review with the data from the 2023 US Sailing project that I was a part of.

US Sailing surveyed over one hundred one design classes. In that survey, just about all classes indicated communications had substantially changed over the past ten years. Over sixty-one design classes indicated they published a newsletter. However, that only represented 51% of the classes surveyed. Of those that responded “yes” to publishing a newsletter, 12% published monthly, 25% published quarterly, 6% published annually and 75% published “other” which

meant as needed (typically monthly during the sailing season and less / none in the off-season). Additionally, seventy-five One Design Classes indicated they transmit their newsletter in an online format (which is more than the 61 reported earlier as some interpreted “publish” as printed). Of the seventy-five, 22% published both digital and print copy. Only 2% of the one design classes are publishing a print-only newsletter / magazine.

As noted earlier, we then looked at a few one design classes and sailing organizations to see how they were communicating with membership. A few were contacted to see what was working. Others were assessed by reviewing online information. After our review and many discussions, we developed an action plan.

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Proposed Action: The Flying Scot Communications Task Force recommended 18 proposed actions / changes in class communications. These are summarized below.

First and foremost, we recommended that it is essential to communicate the financial challenges in publishing *Scots n' Water*, in its current format and frequency, with members. This would enable an understanding and probable buy-in to change.

The Task Force recommended using a software package that contains an integrated communications module. Other classes have experienced positive outcomes as this allows the class to consolidate data and push out information in a variety of formats. Clubspot Sailing Director and WildApricot are two software options being used by club and class associations. The intent is to convey short summaries of posts with links to more in-depth articles. This allows easier editing, and readers can quickly scan and access relevant content. The format also drives people to our website which is a goal.

Scots n' Water would continue as an annual (end of year) publication that summarizes the year's events and accomplishments. Changes in ad revenue (from the decrease in publication) will need to be assessed. The class may consider charging fees for advertising in any electronic publications. FSSA may also look for sponsorships (per newsletter), vendor discounts for members, or other membership incentives.

A shortened electronic "newsletter" would be available for all active members,

Fleet & Member Tools" "website tab" would provide fleet building tools and resources:

- a. Providing information on fleets with active links to each club or association.
- b. Articles with information on insurance challenges, first sail programs, plus regatta and cruising opportunities.
- c. "Rigging, Repairs and Restoration" would broaden our readership and attract non-racers. There are existing resources that could be reorganized under this tab. This may be a good venue for uplifting and supporting our builder.
- d. Adding a tab for providing information on how to host a regatta, including a draft NOR for fleets to edit for their use, etc. Again, the intent is for the website to become a destination for information. We understand that some of this is already on the current website but may need to be reorganized for easy access.
- e. Consolidate and cross reference all 'FOR SALE' Classifieds to an inclusive website tab. Having the classifieds current, and easily accessible, allows the website to become a destination for potential members.

resulting in communicating current topics. A good example is GetResponse.com which is used by the National Women's Sailing Association. Formats for communications should include, regatta venues and results, the class calendar, a class leadership column that communicates actions and concerns from class officers and / or committee chairs. Additionally, it is important that we are spotlighting class / district or club success stories. Featuring articles with information such as fleet building, insurance challenges, first sail programs, regatta and cruising successes and boat maintenance tips that are valuable to the readers. The class needs to continue introducing the readers to new members and new fleets.

Adding a website tab to the website "Fleet & Member Tools" This "tab" would

provide fleet building tools and resources (see inset box above).

While broader access to the website is a goal, there should be a single member's log-in to restrict access to the member and secure personal data and information. Also, a critical component as the class transitions from paper to a more electronic based system, a file retention policy must be in place to preserve the history of the class.

There is a lot of information presented for reflection. Thanks to our committee members – Nancy Claypool, Tim Mallette and Eric Bussell. Please note that these are recommendations for consideration. The communications task force and our class leadership are interested in your thoughts regarding change. Please let us know what you think! What ideas would you uplift? 🌱

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *continued from page 4*

an organization like ours is approaching seventy years old, it has some rules and practices needed to grow and thrive. However, in a rapidly changing world like ours some of the rules may have outlived their usefulness. The challenge however is to identify which ones. Steve Comen agreed to lead an effort to review our rule about eligibility and boat borrowing. In

this effort, they will likely recommend some reforms and help decide the rules that still have merit. Another thing such a review accomplishes is that it allows us to think through the rationale for these rules. Thanks in advance to Steve and the group for tackling this one.

As you read this, we have shifted out of summer mode and returned to "ordinary

time." One of the things that happens is that there is a series of first day of school for students and their teachers. While we typically think of the first day of school as something that occurs only with those in the education business it impacts us all. As a mentor once said, life is a series of first days of school such as new jobs etc. so we might as well embrace it. 🌱

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Prairie

Boat# 641

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Kodiak, AK

Greet Our New Members!

Feel free to call or email one of our new members and make them feel welcome!

Who knows, you may make a new friend, or have someone to meet at a regatta you never attended before...



In each upcoming issue **"The Member Meter"** will track 2nd Vice President Bruce Kitchen's ambitious but achievable goal of returning the membership to at least 1,000 members. The rallying cry of this effort is "get to a thou." The current membership total is 941 as of this issue, last issue was 888 (+53!). Almost there!

Which district recently increased membership the most? Midwest! (+11) "Get to a thou!"

STARTING LINE Calendar Of Monthly Events

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Regatta: 2024 Wife Husband Championship,

Atlanta Yacht Club

Date: 09/27/2024 to 09/29/2024

District: Dixie Lakes

Contact: artmolitor@yahoo.com

Regatta: 2024 Roger Punzi Memorial Regatta

Date: 09/27/2024 to 09/29/2024

District: Greater New York

Regatta: 2024 Kentucky Bourbon Regatta (Sail-Fest)

Date: 10/04/2024 to 10/06/2024

District: Ohio

Contact: dickc82sig@gmail.com

Regatta: 2024 GNY District Championships

Date: 10/05/2024 to 10/06/2024

District: Greater New York

Regatta: Capital District Championship and GRSA Invitational Regatta

Date: 10/05/2024 to 10/06/2024

District: Capital

Contact: ccookson.grsa@gmail.com

Regatta: 2024 WCSC Hospice Regatta and Dixie Lakes Districts, Anderson, SC

Date: 10/12/2024 to 10/13/2024

District: Dixie Lakes

Contact: jakreidler1@gmail.com

Regatta: 2024 Open House Regatta, Corinthian Sailing Club, Dallas, TX

Date: 10/18/2024 to 10/20/2024

District: Southwest

Contact: mma4fa@gmail.com

Regatta: 2024 Great Scot Regatta, Birmingham Sailing Club, AL

Date: 10/19/2024 to 10/20/2024

District: Dixie Lakes

Contact: wadesail@att.net

Regatta: 2024 Wurstfest Regatta, Lake Canyon Yacht Club, TX

Date: 11/01/2024 to 11/03/2024

District: Southwest

Contact: mindy.lcyc@gmail.com

Regatta: Fall 48 at Lake Norman Yacht Club

Date: 11/01/2024 to 11/03/2024

District: Carolinas

Contact: krink4@yahoo.com

Regatta: 2024-2025 Florida District 2, Jeff Pennfield Memorial, Sarasota Sailing Squadron, FL

Date: 11/09/2024 to 11/10/2024

District: Florida

Regatta: 2024-2025 Florida District 3, Gator Bowl, Rudder Club, Jacksonville

Date: 12/07/2024 to 12/08/2024

District: Florida

Contact: Henry.picco@paccar.com

Regatta: 2024-2025 Florida District 4 - Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, FL

Date: 01/04/2025 to 01/05/2025

District: Florida

Contact: aslinton@aol.com

Regatta: 2024- 2025 Florida District 5 Lake Eustis Sailing Club, Eustis, FL

Date: 02/15/2025 to 02/16/2025

District: Contact: Henry.picco@paccar.com

Regatta: 2025 Midwinters at Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa

Date: 04/04/2025 to 04/06/2025

District: Florida

Contact: heauslerg@gmail.com

Regatta: 2024-2025 Florida District 6 - Kelly Park East, Merritt Island, FL

Date: 04/19/2025 to 04/20/2025

District: Florida

Contact: Henry.picco@paccar.com

Regatta: 2025 Chattanooga Choo Choo Regatta

Date: 04/26/2025 to 04/27/2025

District: Dixie Lakes

Contact: mlgrego49@gmail.com

Regatta: 2024-2025 Florida District 7 Upper Keys Sailing Club, Key Largo

Date: 05/17/2025 to 05/18/2025

District: Florida

Contact: Henry.picco@paccar.com

Regatta: 2025 Women's NAC at Birmingham Sailing Club, AL

Date: 05/31/2025 to 06/01/2025

District: Dixie Lakes

Contact: epsmwam@bellsouth.net

Regatta: 2025 NAC at Carlyle Sailing Association, IL

Date: 06/25/2025 to 06/29/2025

District: Midwest

Contact: wvogler@siu.edu

Regatta: 2025 Admiral Byrd Regatta, Cambridge Yacht Club, MD

Date: 07/12/2025 to 07/13/2025

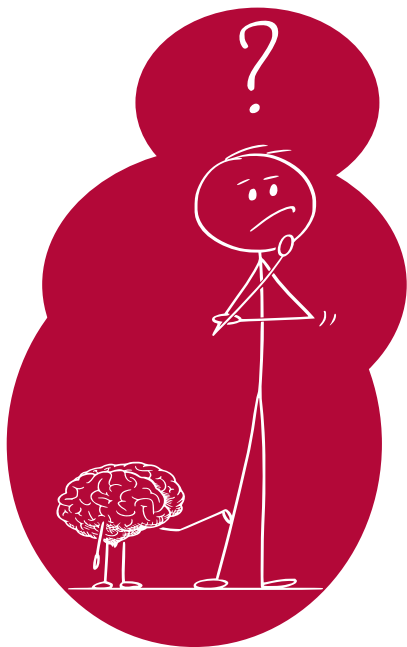
District: Capital

Contact: cycsailing1911@gmail.com

Regatta: 2025 NERD and Glimmerglass Regatta at Otsego Sailing Club, Cooperstown, NY

Date: 09/12/2025 to 09/15/2025

Contact: mcdermottaj@yahoo.com

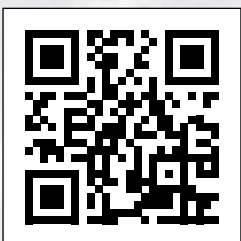


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