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To the Flying Scot Sailing Association...

Bill Dunham, FS#5601



As I assume the role of President of the Flying Scot Sailing Association, I want to introduce myself. I am certain that I am the first president of the class whose spouse is better known in the class. My wife, Melanie, has sailed Flying Scots since the 1970's and currently works at Flying Scot, Inc. I, on the other hand, have sailed in Flying Scots since 1989, when I started sailing with her on Candlewood Lake in Connecticut.

Throughout my sailing career I have served as crew, having the privilege of sailing with some of the top sailors in the class. You may have seen me over the years sailing with Melanie, her father Forest Rogers, Harry Carpenter, Jack Orr, Jack Carpenter, and John Pridmore. I have learned a great deal about sailing from each of these individuals, but even more about the importance of racing within the rules and why it is important to always treat others with respect and dignity. I am grateful for the lessons each of them have taught me over the years.

Having spent the majority of my life competing in and coaching other sports, I am a prep school teacher and coach in Pawling, New York. I have found the opportunity to crew on a Flying Scot, and to become part of the Flying Scot Sailing Association, to be very rewarding. As do many sailors I talk with at regattas, I enjoy regattas for the opportunity to see my friends at least as much as for

the opportunity to see how the boat I am on matches up against our competition. I strongly encourage anyone who has considered attending a regatta, on a local, district, or national level to do so, as I am confident that the positive support you encounter from your fellow competitors will enable you to grow as a sailor and to make new friends.

I never envisioned becoming President of the FSSA. I assumed, as did many, that Melanie would assume a leadership role in the class and that I could maintain a low profile. However, knowing that I have served on several boards in the past, my good friend Larry Taggart approached me to see if I would be interested in taking a position on the Board. Now, six years later, I have been elected President. My objectives are simple: I want to make sure that the leadership of the class represents its members in a positive, supportive, and responsive manner. Additionally, I want to make sure that we continue to clearly communicate the value that class membership brings. Finally, I want to make sure that everyone, whether a top-flight racer or a casual day sailor, feels welcome in the class and that the class leadership is attuned to their concerns.

As I mentioned, the skippers I have sailed with taught me many lessons. Three of the individuals I sailed with are no longer with us. Jack Orr, Jack Carpenter, and John Pridmore all offered a great deal to the class, and to me as an individual. Each of these men was a talented sailor who,

despite their competitiveness, enjoyed helping others to love the sport and the Flying Scot. Jack Orr spent days patiently teaching me how to crew effectively. He never became frustrated when I asked question after question or made a few mistakes. However, he also taught me that while winning is great, doing things correctly matters more. When I asked him why, he told me simply, "I have to look in the mirror tomorrow. I want to like what I see." I intend to follow that principle as your president; I will lead in a manner that will enable me to like what I see when I look in the mirror. Jack Carpenter showed me the value of the Flying Scot as a family boat. Melanie and I loved sailing against Jack when he had his children sailing with him. He maintained his focus, often won races, and enabled his children to have a great time in his aptly named boat, "Oh, Daddy!". Finally, John Pridmore, whether having success in a race or not, maintained a positive outlook and a sensational sense of humor. He was able to laugh at himself and to make you laugh even when breaks went the other way, although the majority of the time they went his way.

I have been fortunate to be part of this wonderful class of sailors for the last thirty years. Over the next two years I hope to lead the Board in a direction that will assist even more Scot owners and sailors to better appreciate the value our boats offer, the friendships we can form, the lessons we can learn, and the memories we can create. 🚣

Once Upon A Burgee

Debbie Peterson Cycotte, FS#4603, Class Historian

Back at the dawn of recorded history - well, back in 1988 - John Beery, owner of "Sloop John B", Flying Scot #4257 (of Fleet #103 from the Fishing Bay Yacht Club in Deltaville, VA), suggested that the FSSA hold a contest to design a Flying Scot class burgee.

He was also the eventual winner.

For those unsure of what exactly is a "burgee", Oxford dictionaries defines it as "A flag bearing the colors or emblem of a sailing club, typically triangular." (Presumably they meant the flag, not the club). Curiously, the word seems to have been derived from the French "bourgeois." Hmmm.

So the contest was announced. There were no design rules or limitations except that the finished size should be in the 12" x 18" range. There were no less than five notices about the contest in consecutive issues of "Scots n' Water."

May/June 1988 "FSSA Burgee", pg. 5

July/August 1988 "BurgEE Designs" pg. 4

Sept/Oct 1988 "FSSA Burgee Designs" pg.6

Nov/Dec 1988 "Still Looking for More Burgee Designs" pg. 4

Jan/Feb 1989 "Last Call for Burgee Designs" pg. 4

All 30 submitted designs, and a "straw ballot", finally appeared in the Jan/Feb 1990 issue on pgs. 13-15.

Without a clear popular choice, the final selection was made by committee: Ira Cohen, the late Florence Glass, and Pat Barry. Details of how the choice was made, and why it took so long for the winner to be announced, have faded into the mists of lost memories. I recently asked the then Class President, Larry Taggart,

about all this and unfortunately he has no recollection at all. Despite my best efforts to find out the names of everyone who submitted an entry, no one I contacted had that information.

But above is reprinted the ballot, and the pages that follow show the designs that were submitted. To discover, or rediscover, the winner, turn to page 19. ▲

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DOES ANYONE REMEMBER THE BURGEE CONTEST?

Quite some time ago, even before I took this job over, there was a contest to have an official FSSA Burgee. Several of you sent in drawings and suggestions. We need to get your votes on which one is the most popular. Under each burgee is a number, please list your first choice, second choice and third choice by these numbers and mail to me at 1209 Southwood Drive, Mahomet, IL 61853 or FAX to me at (217) 355-2587. Results will be forthcoming. The actual entries will be displayed at the Midwinters and there will be discussion of the official burgee there. **PLEASE LET ME HEAR FROM YOU.**

A number of people have done a lot of work preparing a large number of excellent burgee design candidates for the Flying Scots Sailing Association. We are grateful to them. Now it's your turn. Remember, one vote per boat.

BurgEE Straw Vote

Circle your top three choices of designs. Enter the order of the choices in the box. Either photocopy the form or clip it out and mail it to Lynne Hartman, 1209 Southwood Dr., Mahomet, IL 61853 or fax (217) 355-2587.

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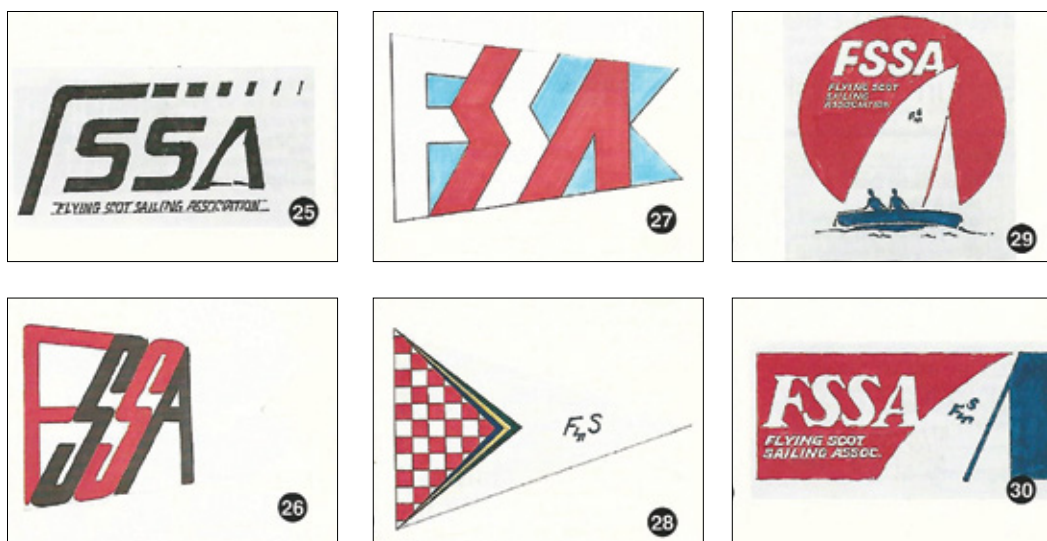
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2019 Fontelieu One Design Regatta

Chris Perez, FS#5384, New England District

There was a time when only Thistles raced in the two-day Fontelieu Regatta in the Long Island Sound off of Westport, CT. After all, the regatta is named after Ted Fontelieu, a capo of the Westport Mafia (aka Thistle Fleet 99). Not that Flying Scots and Lightnings weren't invited - they were - but the Thistle Fleet's East Coast Fall Series participants seemed to dominate the field. Not so this year. Cedar Point Yacht Club's decision to organize a second One Design Regatta (“ODR”) for center board fleets on September 28 & 29 comes just in time for Flying Scots across the region to race at the venue of the 2020 Flying Scot NACs (more to come about that soon). The Fontelieu ODR scores will also count towards the second leg of the 2019 Flying Scot Connecticut Cup, which is held at Sprite Island YC, Candlewood YC and CPYC.

The CPYC ODR for center boarders will include Thistle, Lightning (3 man), Flying



Scot (2 man), WASZP, Moth, UFO, Aero, and Laser fleets, making it a magnet for one design sailors of all stripes. Two racing circles are planned to accommodate the multifarious one design fleets. CPYC is well known for high-quality sailboat racing and race management, while promoting friendly competition, good sportsmanship and camaraderie.

Fall breezes in the Long Island Sound

will add a level of excitement, to say nothing of the post-racing dining and whining. Most importantly for Flying Scots, the event levels the playing field by affording many Scot sailors the opportunity to “play the course” before the championship. Do not miss this opportunity! Enter at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=6101>

For more information feel free to contact me at cnperez@yahoo.com. 🏴‍☠️

2019 NAC at Pensacola Yacht Club – A Great Sailing Venue with Lots of Nice People!

By Diane Kampf, FS#5857, FSSA Web Editor

Photo by Peter Buckley





Melissa and Tom Miller relax between races. Photo by Diane Kampf.

It was so much fun at the NAC at Pensacola that I almost forgot about being sick. Once again, as has been the case for the last 4 years, I found myself waiting for medical clearance to go to a national event. This time the answer was yes – I got clearance on Tuesday to leave for Florida on Thursday. Woohoo!

We had a pretty uneventful trip south for most of the 1,500 miles we drove - until Saturday in Alabama. That's when Hurricane Barry began to affect us. As we drove south the phone's weather alerts kept beeping and flashing tornado warnings, telling us to take shelter. We were on a highway with nothing around but trees, driving a camper pulling a boat – where exactly do you take shelter? SO we continued on, skirting to the east of the storm, and made it to Pensacola totally unscathed. Whew! Meanwhile, west of us, Barry was wreaking havoc on Louisiana, preventing some of our competitors from leaving for the regatta.

At Pensacola Yacht Club, the forecast was for thunderstorms and flooding. But the skies never opened up, so registra-

tion and measurement continued without interruption. The first face I saw at registration was Bernie Knight - what a treat! Bob Madden was also there, making it easy for us to do whatever we needed to do to get checked in. We got our measurement done in what seemed like no time at all and we were free to get our Roadtrek set up for a week of "glamping".

The accommodations at PYC for campers could not have been better. We had a custom-built space for our camper to plug in and get water, with a nice, flat grassy area. And the price was more than fair. What a deal, camping a few feet from the water and the club, with our boat parked right next to us! And we felt pretty comfy with all our Texas friends camping nearby. We were the only boat from Massachusetts so it was great to be honorary Texans for the week.

Sunday night was the competitor's meeting and welcome party, with a yummy Mexican buffet prepared by the wonderful PYC cooks. The club had definitely worked hard to prepare so we could just go out and sail. Race director/regatta chair Tom Pace made us feel right at home, as did Commodore Nicole Ferry. PRO

Hal Smith introduced the Chief Judge, Mike Dawson and team, but asked us not to give them any business and just take care of things on the water. Fair enough. I also met Talbot Wilson, PYC's public relations director, who would be writing articles for Sail World during the week and providing some pictures as well. We also got pictures from Peter Buckley as well as the ones I could take on the water between races so we have plenty of memories in pictures!

Around 10:00 AM Monday we were ready to go out for Qualifiers. The club's tractors were there launching boats with more helpers on the hoist to get us in the water. Hal Smith and his excellent RC ran 3 great races, 4-leg Windward Leeward courses in 8-12 knot southerly winds. The temperature was 89 degrees and skies were partly cloudy. There was lots of chop, which was challenging for some of us lake sailors, although the wind shifts made us feel right at home. We had the usual ABCD divisions where everyone ends up sailing against each other at least once to establish the splits between the Championship and

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| 2019 Flying Scot North American Championship - Pensacola Yacht Club, Pensacola, FL - Trophy Winners | | |
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| Best Sailed Club-Owned Boat | Detroit Yacht Club Cup – Awarded to the best sailed club-owned boat. | Van Rogers, Jack Rogers, Kathleen Rogers, GYA 315, Birmingham Sailing Club, AL |
| 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. | Renee Comen, Corinthian Sailing Club, Dallas, TX |
| Best Sailed Boat with Woman Skipper | Huron-Portage Yacht Club Fleet 20 Trophy – Awarded to Highest Placing Woman Skipper. | Sally Morriss, Birmingham Sailing Club, AL |
| Best Sailed Boat with only Wife/Husband on Board | Ted and Florence Glass Trophy – to hon-or the best sailed Scot with only a wife and husband on board. | Tyler and Carrie Andrews, Deep Creek, Maryland |
| Best Sailed Father-Son Boat | Father/Son Trophy – Awarded to the best sailed boat with a father and son on board, with one as a skipper. | Zeke and Jay Horowitz, Sarasota Sailing Squadron, Sarasota,, FL |
| Best Family Sailed Boat | Mary Douglas Trophy – Awarded to the best family sailed boat with at least one woman on board. | Tom and Melanie McNally, Blue Water Bay Sailing Club, Fort Walton, FL |
| Best Fleet in NAC | Fleet 1 Trophy – Awarded to the best fleet in the NAC. | Corinthian Sailing Club Fleet 23, Dallas, TX For the following winners: |
| | | Tom and Melissa Miller |
| | | Robert and Nina Cummings |
| | | Steve and Renee Comen |
| Furthest Distance Travelled | Travelers trophy | Greg and Diane Kampf, Massapoag Yacht Club, Sharon, MA |
| Best Finishing Skipper – Age 55 and Over | Master Trophy | Fred Soward and Oliver Byington, LCYC |
| Senior Championship – Skipper and crew both Age 60 or Over | Silver Piper Bowl | 1st Charle Buckner/ Dale Oller, 2nd Bill Vogler/ Mark Schilla-beeckx, 3rd Greg and Diane Kampf |
| 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 Junion NAC | Not sailed in 2019 |
| Fleet of the Year | FSSA - Awarded to the Most Active Fleet | Awarded to Massapoag Yacht Club, Sharon, MA, Fleet 76 Captain Greg Kampf |
| CHALLENGER DIVISION | 10th Place | Jim Leggette and Mike Funk, Jackson Yacht Club, Jackson, Mississippi |
| | 9th Place | Joe Price and Don Gray, Lake Norman Yacht Club, NC |
| | 8th Place | Robert and Margaret Muller, Jackson Yacht Club, MS |
| | 7th Place | Greg and Diane Kampf, Massapoag Yacht Club, Sharon, MA |
| | 6th Place | Dave Safirstein and Carol Claypool, Lake Norman Yacht Club, NC |
| | 5th Place | Melissa and Eric Hemker, Rush Creek Yacht Club, Heath, TX |
| | 4th Place | Sally Morriss and Stan Graham, Bir-mingham Sailing Club, AL |
| | 3rd Place - Terry Schroeder Trophy | Chris Herman and Gabe Herman, Birmingham Sailing Club, AL |
| | 2nd Place - Sam Tellschow Memorial Trophy | Bill Vogler and Mark Schillabeeckx, Carlyle Sailing Club, IL |
| | 1st Place - Max and Mary Doolittle Trophy | Steve and Renee Comen, Corinthian Sailing Club, Dallas, TX |

Challenger divisions. Greg and I did not make the Championship cut, but we were just happy to be here and racing! We ate dinner under the full moon right outside

our camper, then called it a night.

Tuesday was another picture-perfect day on Pensacola Bay with the temperature in the low 90’s, the sun shining,

and a southerly breeze at 8-10 MPH with little or no chop. What a great day on the water. After a couple of false starts, with current pushing everyone

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| CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION | 10th Place | Tuomas and Sophia Sandhohm, Mo-raine Sailing Club, PA |
| | 9th Place | Robert and Nina Cummings, Corinthian Sailing Club, Dallas, TX |
| | 8th Place | Andrew and Doug Fox, Birmingham Sailing Club, AL |
| | 7th Place | Van Rogers, Jack Rogers, Kathleen Rogers, GYA 315, Birmingham Sailing Club, AL |
| | 6th Place | Sean O'Donnell and Dave Rink, Lake Norman Yacht Club, NC |
| | 5th Place | Tom and Melissa Miller, Corinthian Sailing Club, Dallas, TX |
| | 4th Place - Ratsey & Laphom Trophy | Tom and Melanie McNally, Blue Water Bay Sailing Club, Fort Walton, FL |
| | 3rd Place - GL Foster Trophy | Fred Soward and Oliver Byington, LCYC |
| | 2nd Place - Tea Party Trophy | Tyler and Carrie Andrews, Deep Creek Sailing Association, MD |
| | 1st Place - Gordon K. Douglass Trophy | Zeke and Jay Horowitz, Sarasota Sailing Squadron, Sarasota, FL |



over the line, the RC cautioned the fleet. The subsequent starts went off smoothly and Hal Smith and crew got in 2, 4-leg Windward Leeward races. With

a wonderful Jambalaya dinner at PYC that night, the sailors had their Cajun taste buds satisfied. Afterwards, as we recounted many stories of past events,

we laughed more than I can remember laughing in a long time!

On Wednesday, it looked like we were
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Preparations are well underway for next year at Cedar Point Yacht Club in Westport, CT, co-hosted by Cedar Point Yacht Club, Candlewood Yacht Club and Sprite Island Yacht Club, In 2011, the last time the NACs were at Cedar Point, we had 80 boats. Can we do better in 2020? We hope to see you there!

going to be onshore for a while as we waited for the sea breeze to appear. But after a short postponement, the breeze filled in and we went out and began race 3 just a few minutes after our scheduled noon start. With a 7-10 MPH SSW wind for the first race, and 10-12 MPH for the second race, Hal Smith and the RC got in 2 more great 4-leg Windward Leeward races. There was not much chop, but there were confusing shifts, so what seemed like a header to tack on would turn into a lift just a few seconds later. With temperatures edging into the high 90's under sunny skies, it was a bit warmer than the previous 2 days. Staying hydrated on the water was really key, and I think lots of people wished they had brought more fluids. After Day 2 the leaders in the Championship Division were Zeke and Jay Horowitz. In the Challenger Division, Steve and Rene Comen topped the scoreboard.

Wednesday night was the FSSA Annual Meeting and election, as the sailors enjoyed another great buffet from the PYC kitchen. Outgoing President, Bill Vogler, thanked everyone for coming, and introduced the people who do the work for FSSA behind the scenes - the Executive Committee, the District Governors, the Fleet Captains, and the Committee Chairs. He recognized five Past Presidents: Bernie Knight, Larry Taggart, Diane Kampf, Frank Gerry and John Domagala. Bill gave a great talk on the value of membership in FSSA that I think everyone should hear as it really high-

lighted all that we get for a very reasonable price. And he highlighted our builders, Tyler and Carrie Andrews, who support our class like no other one design builders that we know. The newly elected Officers include: President Bill Dunham, 1st Vice President Nancy Claypool, 2nd Vice President Jim Leggette, Treasurer-Secretary Nina Cummings, Scots 'n Water Editor Ned Johnston, Web Editor Diane Kampf, and ex-officio members Commodore Bill Vogler and Immediate Past Commodore John Domagala. Please give your support to your Board and they will do the same for you. Let us know if there is anything you need from us.

A big highlight of the evening for me was that our Fleet 76 from Massaapoag Yacht Club in Sharon, MA, was awarded the Fleet of the Year award – what an honor! Our fleet includes Chief Measurer Roger Sharp and Web Editor Diane Kampf, we hold 80+ races with Flying Scots a year, we have a club boat that is used in our sailing lessons, we have 20+ members of FSSA in our fleet, and we are running the Women's NAC this year. We are a small club with a big heart and we appreciate this recognition by the national organization.

Thursday was the final and deciding day of the regatta. With temperatures in the 90's and the breeze down from the previous days at 7 -10 MPH from the SSW, the RC ran a flawless 4-leg Windward-Leeward course, making it longer than previous races for the final race of the event. After

racing, there was plenty of beer and hors d'oeuvres for anyone who had skipped breakfast or was hungry after being on the water. Pensacola Yacht Club put on a great national championship for the Flying Scot Class. It is a club and a venue to which we should think about returning. It is a beautiful spot for both the sailing and social aspects of our NAC. The sailing is close by, the water is wide open outside the channels, and you are always in view of the yacht club and shore. Thanks so much to Tom Pace and Hal Smith for a job well done. We will not soon forget how much fun we had!

Our 2019 National Champions are Zeke and Jay Horowitz and our Challenger winners are Steve and Renee Comen. The Fleet One Trophy for the best fleet at the NAC was awarded for the third year in a row to Fleet 23, Corinthian Yacht Club, Dallas, TX with Tom and Melissa Miller, Robert and Nina Cummings and Steve and Renee Comen. Full results can be found on FSSA.COM under Regatta Results. Congratulations to all the winners – a complete list of trophy winners and special award winners is on the previous pages.

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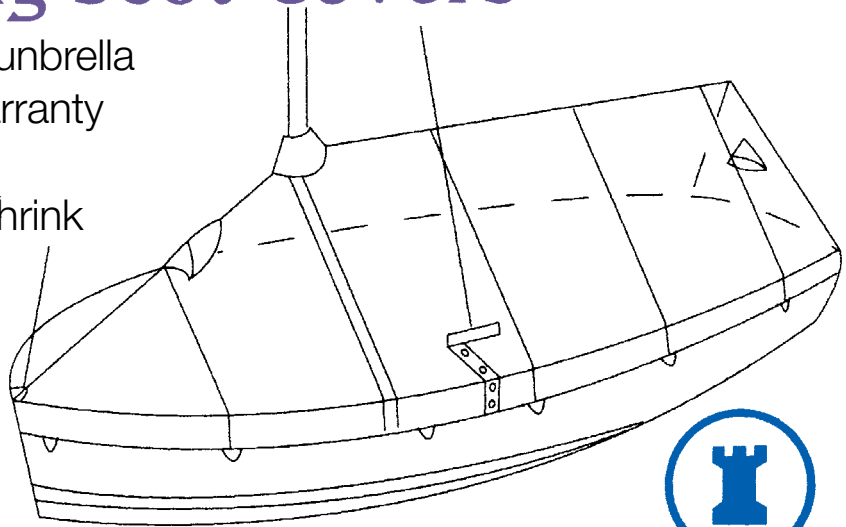
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2019 NAC at Pensacola Yacht Club

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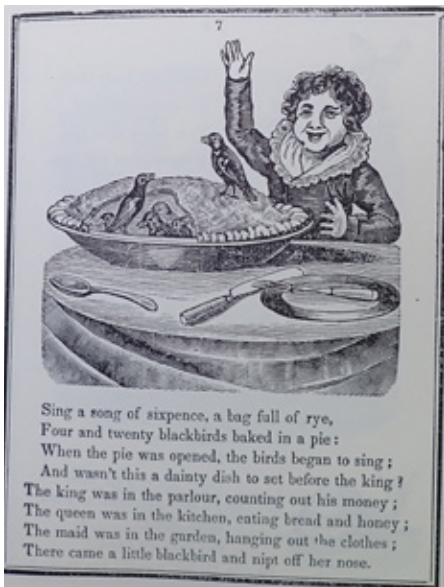


What's in a Name?...

Boat naming: Sing a Song of Sixpence

An ongoing occasional series by Amy Smith Linton, FS#6133, Florida District

Actually, please do **not** sing a song of sixpence. Ever. There was a long regatta road-trip involving a couple of Taylor-made children who would hear nothing but Jane Seymour performing *Sing a Song of Sixpence*. After 8 hours of her posh recitation of those verses, you know who really needed a pocket full of rye?



From the 1833 edition of *Mother Goose's Melodies*.

Never mind that the Mother Goose classic might have served as a coded message — I am NOT making this up — to recruit crew for privateers. The sixpence being a daily salary, the pocket of rye a daily tot of liquor, the four and twenty blackbirds the pirates themselves popping out of a boat in a deadly ambush. Hour after hour, there's only so much a would-be buccaneer can take.

Still, songs and boats go together like Salt-n-Pepa. It goes without saying (*Creola*, *SouthernCross*, I am talking to you) that many boat names are inspired by popular music. Our own Sn'W editor, Ned Johnston, looked to Van Morrison for his Flying Scot's name.



For many years, I referred to former Florida District Govenor Tom McNally as "Sweet Pea," and only with difficulty restrained myself from filling in the musical blank "...apple of my eye." The Amos Lee song of course, not the Tommy Roe one.



Henry Picco at the helm of Sweet Pea, Tom McNally in the hat.

I met this boat at the George Washington Regatta in February, and had to know... Yes, indeed, this Scot was named for what might arguably be the first disco song: The Hues Corporation's "Rock the Boat."



Kirk Ketterer's vessel reminds us with whom to get down.

The possibilities are endless for solid boat names from this source. Just perusing a Country-Western jukebox, and there's *Honkytonk*, *Broken Halos*, or, going back, *Friends in Low Places* (or just *Low Places*), *Ring of Fire*, *Jolene*, *CountryRoad*, *Fancy*, or — possibly the best option for the day: *Chicken Fried*. 🍗

More stories to come about boat names as space and *Scots n' Water* permit. If you'd like me to share your story, drop me a line! You can find me at aslinton@aol.com or on my website www.amysmithlinton.com

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Reflections on the Wife/ Husband Regatta 2018

Brenda Twinem, FS#5141, Florida District



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My husband, Bob, and I do mostly local regattas because we love the scenery and venue here on Sarasota Bay. We have ventured a few 45 minute drives to Davis Island in Tampa for regattas, where we are always graciously hosted by great Flying Scot friends. At one particular pre-race gathering we somehow got talked into visiting a place we never dreamed of going (thanks Mark!). So with the encouragement of a few Floridians who had gone before us, we decided to make the trip to Jackson, Mississippi.

And we are so thankful that we did!

It was a day and a half adventure to get there, with a new trailer tire or two needed on the way, but we made it. I know it's no epic journey to some of the more seasoned Scot road warriors, but this was a way bigger trip than Tampa, which had been an adventure for us. On our first trip to Davis Island we'd even adorned our back windshield with "Tampa or Bust"!

We were welcomed by the people of the Jackson Yacht Club with open arms. Everywhere there were the very helpful "yellow hat" people. We also got to chat with old friends and make new friends.

This branch of the Flying Scot family is known for its friendliness; they're always eager to help. Our accommodations were superb thanks to friends of friends from our fleet. The venue was so beautiful and there were even hills that reminded me of the landscape of my youth, growing up in Maine. The "Rez", as it's appropriately called, lies next to the beautiful JYC clubhouse. It's a spectacular body of water to sail on, the temperature was great, and the light and variable winds, which we love, prevailed most of the time. Actually, the first day it was so light the PRO had to

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postpone for an hour or two, but still we got in 3 races. Bob and I had mixed results that day but who cared? We were there for the experience.

The second day dawned after I had managed to sleep almost 10 hours. Still, I felt a little creek, and said to myself, "Onward, you can do this." However, this second day there was a tad more wind, so I put on my "big girl" foul weather gear and decided there was no need to brabble with the Hubby.

We certainly weren't covering ourselves with glory in the first race, and almost decided not to do the last, but then reminded ourselves that this is why we had come. So off we went. As we tacked on the layline to the weather mark, I didn't see any boats ahead of us and saw many boats behind us. Bob quickly said, "Let's enjoy this while we can". But we were still the first boat at the leeward mark, and (OMG) still, again, at the last windward mark. Now, with the adrenaline pumping and boats getting closer, we headed downwind to the finish. Who's caring now? Many jibes later, we had won the last race in the Championship Fleet. Obviously, with our boat being named "Eightball," you can imagine what I just had to say to the people on the mark boat.

Absolutely nothing was wrong about this regatta. Absolutely everything was right! Even with food names that I couldn't pronounce, a slow-motion morning, and the knowledge that we had a relatively long drive ahead of us (yes...I said relatively) this was the most rewarding trip and regatta ever! 🏆



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