

New Castle Sailing Club

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Commodore's corner

November and December are a time of transition for the Sailing Club, as we wrap up the business of the past season and plan for the new. The grand finale of 2009 was the Annual Fall Dinner and Members' Meeting, held on November 14th at the Riverview Inn. For those of you who missed it, I'll touch on some of the highlights. One of the exercises we do at the end of each season is look at the fleet usage statistics which tell us how our members are using the boats, and help guide future purchasing decisions.

The good news is that fleet usage is up – way up – this year, from 415 total sails in 2008 to a whopping 537 outings in 2009. The increase has occurred mainly in instruction and cruising, with the numbers for racing remaining about the same. The Flying Scots continue to increase in popularity, leading the pack with an average of 54 sails per boat, followed by the Hunter at 49, and the Thistles at 41.

Congratulations go to Norm Yoerg, who aced out Sailing and Instruction Director Bob Cann by just three sessions to win the coveted Helm award, given to the instructor with the most on-water teaching sessions. Almost half of the 228 outings had either Norm (52 sessions) or Bob (49 sessions) as instructor – mighty impressive! Thank you to ALL of our instructors who took the time to come out and help our new members work towards earning their keys.

Jim and Connie Tait were presented with a special “certificate of appreciation”, along with a framed painting of the Red Thistle rounding a mark to honor their 12 years of service as boat captains of the Red Thistle. A much deserved honor!

Treasurer Len Saari presented the financial status of the club. We finished up the year just \$1111 under budget, and with the recent influx of new members are in a healthy financial situation going into 2010. Nominating committee co-chair Don Grant presided over elections of the new officers for 2010. Leading the sailing club this coming year will be:

Len Saari, Commodore
Kathy Leef, Vice Commodore
Dave Koppeser, Secretary
Mike Hennessy, Treasurer
Mike Berninger, Fleet Captain
Bob Cann, Sailing and Instruction
Dan Rakus, Property
Louise Eliason, Membership
Norm Yoerg, Racing

A winning team! I am especially pleased that Len Saari has agreed to serve as our next Commodore. I knew after his first two months on the Board that he was ‘Commodore material’, with a unique gift of building consensus on difficult issues that come before the Board. I was worried that Len would never leave the Secretary position, where he served for five years, but once he moved to Treasurer I knew there was hope!

This will be my last column as Commodore, so let me wax poetic on a few things. First of all, it has been a very rewarding experience to serve on the Board for the last 9 years, and I feel especially honored to have had the distinction of being the first women commodore of the

New Castle Sailing Club....hopefully the first in a long line! I want to thank those who I have had the privilege to work with on the Board the past two years:
Len Saari, Treasurer (09) and Secretary (08)
Dave Koppeser, Secretary (09) and Treasurer (08)
Dick Ebersole, Fleet Captain (08-09)
Kathy Leef, Vice Commodore (09)
Norm Yoerg, Vice Commodore (08)
Rick Pennell, Property (08-09)
Scott Buehler, Membership (08-09)
Tom Bayliss, Racing (08-09)
Bob Cann, Instruction (09)
Sally Rusk, Instruction (08)

My job has been made easy by the dedication and effort that these folks have given to the sailing club. Thank you all for your hard work and friendship. I look forward to lots of sailing – and less emailing (!) – in the coming season.

Happy Holidays,

Nancy Pepper, Commodore



Welcome to our new members!

Jeff and Jodie Almodovar
Dave and Louise Watral
Lloyd and Sally Johns

Glad to have you aboard!

Upcoming Events:

Sat. Feb 6th Classroom sessions begin
Sat. Feb.13th Work sessions begin

Look for more details in upcoming newsletters

The Fall Dinner and Business Meeting

Fifty club members attended the dinner meeting at the RiverView Inn in Pennsville, NJ. Several new members were present and recognized during the dinner. After feasting on shrimp scampi and lasagna Commodore Nancy Pepper gave a presentation on the club's activities and boat usage over the past sailing season. The new board members were introduced to the group and Nancy passed the club's burgee to new Commodore Len Saari. The party continued afterwards as club members enjoyed the live music and dancing downstairs at the bar. Be sure to watch out for the Spring dinner next year.

Vice Commodore Kathy Leef

HaulOut 2009

It was a dreary and rainy day on October 31st as the club met to haul out the sailboats and drag up the moorings for the end of the 2009 sailing season. The sails and boats were tucked away, and afterwards members enjoyed a wonderful chili and cornbread lunch that was provided by Nancy Pepper. Spring will be here soon.

Vice Commodore Kathy Leef



Property cleanup Nov 7th and 21st.

It took two Saturday's to cleanup and four Wednesdays for the DPW to pick up the yard waste. We have taken back the property the ivy and over growth has taken from us. We cleaned up the over growth around the back of the Barn and Dingy shed. We have exposed areas some of us have never seen before. Did you know the barn has a back door? Taking back the flower beds around the club house from the ivy, overgrowth and stumps was a challenge within itself. We leveled the ground and prepped the flower beds. Thanks to generous plant donations (from our club members) we planted shrubs and flowers that will bloom from spring to summer. I would like to thank all the members who contributed there time and efforts cleaning up the property.

*Danny
Property management.*



THANKS TO THOSE WHO MADE THE 2009 RACING SEASON POSSIBLE

As the outgoing Racing Director, this is my opportunity to thank all those who made the 2009 racing season a success. First on the list to be thanked are the intrepid sailors who braved the elements to come out and compete with their fellow club members. The racing program wouldn't exist without your willingness to brave those hot, cold, windy and windless days, as well as the perfect ones that seem to arrive when least expected.

Even though he is a self-described "wind wimp," Chris Poulouin deserves special credit for the best attendance of any NCSC racing skipper. Chris skippered a Thistle in a twenty-six different races over the course of the regular season. Dick Harrison (twenty races) and Mike Hennessy (eighteen races) deserve honorable mentions.

Jack Ziegler, Dick Ebersole, Bill Davis, Danielle Bower and the Cavenders deserve special thanks as mainstay crews who put up with nutty skippers despite ground which would have made mere mortals mutiny. You and your compatriots never get enough credit for the success of your skippers.

Second on the list to be thanked are those people who served as Race Committee, especially those who did not race on a regular basis but who pitched in anyway. Mike Wong, Kathy Leef and Dave Koppeser deserve a special "shout out" for being extremely capable and extremely cheerful volunteers towards the end of the season, when volunteers are generally hard to find.

Third, thanks go out to the NCSC Board, led by our fearless former commodore Nancy Pepper. The Racing Program has made considerable strides thanks to your enthusiasm, your good ideas, and your seemingly endless patience, especially when progress seemed halting.

Fourth, thanks go out to Norm Yoerg, my fearless successor, whose skill and energy promise to make next season the best Racing Season we've seen in many years.

See you all on the water more often next year,

Tom Bayliss
Racing Director

2009 DELRIPETT RECAP

The Delripett Regatta is always challenging, and this year was no exception. Heavy rain, wind, low visibility, big waves and crowd pleading capsizes all made an

appearance this year. But one thing made this Delripett Regatta stand out: the close result. The five top finishers finished within two points of each other, in large part due to an unprecedented four-way tie for second place (ultimately resolved using the applicable tie-breaking rules).

The first race featured an incredibly crowded windward mark rounding and a sprint to the leeward mark in which every boat in the fleet remained within three boatlengths. Earl McMaster, Danielle Bower and Jeff Mitchell sailed an excellent race, only to see their hopes dashed when the Race Committee informed them that they were over early. The highlight of the second race was a fantastic double-capsize by Team Bayliss. Shortly after getting into a losing fight with the boom of Thistle # 4012, skipper Bayliss dunked the offending spar and his crack crew of Chris Hamilton and Mike Hennessy for good measure. All had a merry time bailing until a poorly executed tack afforded the sailors a second round of "Thistle calisthenics," while the rest of the fleet looked on in glee. The third race proved the decisive one. Craig Quigley and his crew in Thistle # 3791 proved their mettle by snatching the race from Dick Harrison, Trish Cavender and Liza Matthews in Thistle # 3972. The fourth race was not to be. Shortly after the Race Committee started the starting sequence, a line squall capsized team Harrison, completely obscured the race course with driving rain, and sent the fleet scudding to the moorings.

Congratulations to Craig Quigley, Norm Yoerg and Jim Hopkins for their victory with eleven points and for besting a bevy of twelve-point finishers. Vice McIntosh deserves special recognition for jumping into a Thistle for the first time despite the daunting conditions. Thanks to Dave Koppeser, Kathy Leef, Mike Wong, Dave Bird and Ken Cavender for running a great regatta.





Delripett Results 2009

Delripett - October 24, 2009

Chair: Dave Koppeser Driver: Kathy Leef Assistant: Mike Wong

Boat	Captain	Crew	Crew	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Total	# Races	Average
3971	Craig Quigley	Norm Yoerg	Jim Hopkins	DNF	2	1	11	3	3.7
4012	Tom Bayliss	Chris Hamilton	Mike Hennessy	1	DNF	3	12	3	4.0
3881	Kevin Foley	Bill Davis	Ben Foley	2	4	6	12	3	4.0
3972	Dick Harrison	Trish Cavender	Lisa Matthews	5	5	2	12	3	4.0
3902	Tilo Stahl	Chuck Shorten	Vince McIntosh	4	3	5	12	3	4.0
3927	Mike Berniger	Nancy Peffer	Dick Ebersole	3	6	4	13	3	4.3
3847	Earl McMaster	Danielle Bower	Jeff Mitchell	OCS	1	7	15	3	5.0

NCSC OVERALL SERIES RACE RESULTS 2009

SPRING SERIES FINAL STANDINGS 2009

Place	Skipper	Spring 1 Total Score	# Races	Spring 2 Total Score	# Races	Spring 3 Total Score	# Races	Spring 4 Total Score	# Races	Spring 5 Total Score	# Races	Total Score	Total Races	Series Aver
1	Dick Harrison	9	5	13	4					4	4	26	13	2.00
2	Tom Bayliss	13	5	6	4	4	2					23	11	2.09
3	Chris Annand			6	2			7	4	6	2	19	8	2.38
4	Scott Buehler			3	2	9	3			7	3	19	8	2.38
5	Dave Deptula	12	5									12	5	2.40
6	Mike Hennessy					3	1	9	4	4	1	16	6	2.67
7	Kevin Foley					11	3	8	4			19	7	2.71
8	Earl McMaster	4	2	12	3	10	2					26	7	3.71
9	Chris Poulouin			25	4	8	3			12	4	45	11	4.09
10	Mike Berniger			16	4							16	4	4.00
11	Nancy Peffer					13	3					13	3	4.33
13	Jeff Mitchell			6	1					8	2	14	3	4.67
14	Tilo Stahl	20	4									20	4	5.00
15	Norm Yoerg			11	2							11	2	5.50
16	Jim Tait			14	2							14	2	7.00

Races required for series = number of events = 5; Attendance at a minimum of 2 race days

Summer SERIES FINAL STANDINGS 2009

Place	Skipper	Summer 1 Total Score	# Races	Summer 2 Total Score	# Races	Summer 3 Total Score	# Races	Summer 4 Total Score	# Races	Summer 5 Total Score	# Races	Total Score	Total Races	Series Aver
1	Tom Bayliss	5	4	3	1							8	5	1.60
2	Chris Poulouin	10	2	8	5	9	4			8	4	35	15	2.33
3	Dave Deptula	6	2			10	4			7	3	23	9	2.56
4	Dick Harrison	7	3					6	2	6	2	19	7	2.71
5	Mike Hennessy	3	1	17	5	9	4			4	2	33	12	2.75
6	Kevin Foley	11	4							4	1	15	5	3.00
7	Nancy Peffer			15	4			14	4			29	8	3.63
8	Chris Annand							5	4			5	4	1.25
9	Tilo Stahl			7	5							7	5	1.40
10	Sally Rusk							3	2			3	2	1.50
11	Mike Berninger									11	4	11	4	2.75
12	Scott Buehler					12	4					12	4	3.00
13	Norm Yoerg							14	4			14	4	3.50
14	Jim Casey							18	4			18	4	4.50

Races required for series = number of events = 5; Attendance at a minimum of 2 race days

Fall SERIES FINAL STANDINGS 2009

Place	Skipper	Fall 1 Total Score	# Races	Fall 2 Total Score	# Races	Fall 3 Total Score	# Races	Fall 4 Total Score	# Races	Fall 5 Total Score	# Races	Total Score	Total Races	Series Aver
1	Earl McMaster											0	0	
2	Mike Berninger			8	5							8	5	1.60
3	Scott Buehler											0	0	
4	Chris Poulouin											0	0	
5	Tilo Stahl			9	4							9	4	2.25
6	Dick Harrison	No Quorum				No Quorum		No Quorum		Too Windy		0	0	
7	Kevin Foley			3	1							3	1	3.00
8	Nancy Peffer											0	0	
9	Chris Annand			9	3							9	3	3.00
10	Jeff Mitchell											0	0	
11	Norm Yoerg											0	0	

Races required for series = number of events = 1

OVERALL FINAL STANDINGS 2009

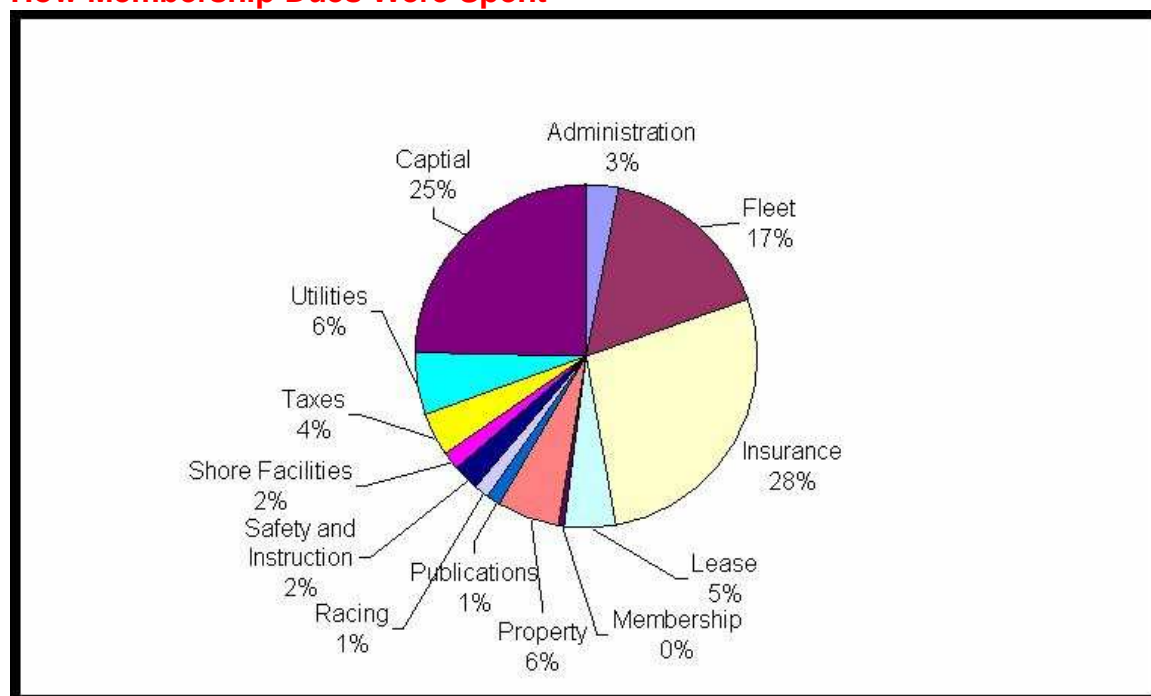
Place	Skipper	Spring Total Score	# Races	Summer Total Score	# Races	Fall Total Score	# Races	Total Score	Total Races	Series Aver	Qualified?
1	Tom Bayliss	23	11	8	5			31	16	1.94	y
2	Chris Annand	19	8	5	4	9	3	33	15	2.20	y
3	Dick Harrison	26	13	19	7			45	20	2.25	y
4	Dave Deptula	12	5	23	9			35	14	2.50	y
5	Scott Buehler	19	8	12	4			31	12	2.58	y
6	Mike Berninger	16	4	11	4	8	5	35	13	2.69	y
7	Mike Hennessy	16	6	33	12			49	18	2.72	y
8	Tilo Stahl	20	4	7	5	9	4	36	13	2.77	y
9	Kevin Foley	19	7	15	5	3	1	37	13	2.85	y
10	Chris Poulouin	45	11	35	15			80	26	3.08	y
11	Nancy Peffer	13	3	29	8			42	11	3.82	y
12	Sally Rusk			3	2			3	2	1.50	n
13	Earl McMaster	26	7					26	7	3.71	n
14	Norm Yoerg	11	2	14	4			25	6	4.17	n
15	Jim Casey			18	4			18	4	4.50	n
16	Jeff Mitchell	14	3					14	3	4.67	n
17	Jim Tait	14	2					14	2	7.00	n

Races required for series = number of events = 10

NOVICE SERIES FINAL STANDINGS 2009

Place	Skipper	Novice 1 Total Score	# Races	Novice 2 Total Score	# Races	Novice 3 Total Score	# Races	Novice 4 Total Score	# Races	Total Score	Total Races	Series Aver
1	Jeff Mitchell	4	3							4	3	1.33
2	Scott Buehler	5	3							5	3	1.67
3	Mike Hennessy	11	3							11	3	3.67
4	Dick Ebersole	12	3							12	3	4.00
5	Trish Cavender	14	3							14	3	4.67
6	Bill Davis	5	1							5	1	5.00
7	Jack Ziegler	12	2							12	2	6.00

How Membership Dues Were Spent



Fleet usage statistics

	2006	2007	2008	2009	Ave. # sails per boat type
Thistles					41
3791 (Red)	26	42	63	37	
3972 (Gold)	37	64	58	55	
3847 (Burg.) 4012 (Red Stripe)	54	27	41	46	
3927 (Green)	39	62	38	37	
3881 (Grey)	13	32	25	52	
3827 (Navy)	55	29	25	24	
3902 (Sky Blue)	20	16	21	27	
3858 (Green Stripe)	31	29	15	48	
	275	301	286	326	
Scots					54
5223 (Red Stripe)	21	44	56	62	
2906 (White)	29	37	35	35	
3900 (Blue Stripe)				65	
	50	81	91	162	
Hunter	60	55	38	49	49
TOTAL	385	437	415	537	
Cruising&Instruction		70%	71%	80%	
Racing		30%	29%	20%	
Ave. # boats/race day	5.65	5.04	4.92	4.78	
Ave. # crew/boat			2.5	2.55	
Instruction sessions			181	228	

Instruction statistics 2009

Instructor	# sessions	
Norm Yoerg	52	Winner of the Helm award!
Bob Cann	49	
Danny Rakus	30	
Phil Iannelli	15	
Jan Garber	14	
Don Grant	12	
Pete Burg	12	
Nancy Peffer	9	
Don Hurst	9	
Kathy Leef	8	
Dave Koppeser	7	
Mike Hennessy	7	
Preston Cooper	6	Keyed in 2009:
Jim Tait	6	
Dotti Brabson	6	Danielle Bower
Kevin Foley	5	Brian Pierce
John Ingram	5	Dave Crossan
Tilo Stahl	5	Jay Cotton
Brian Pierce	5	Eric Mancini
Earl McMaster	4	Jack Ziegler
Larry Meisenzahl	4	Diane DiMattia
Tom Bayliss	3	Ray Cichocki
Chris Poulouin	3	Louise Eliason
Len Saari	2	
Jim Casey	2	
Dave Deptula	2	
Jeff Mitchell	2	
Scott Latham	1	
Lorna Lee	1	
Dick Harrison	1	
Malcolm Carlock	1	
Sally Rusk	1	
Dick Ebersole	1	
	290	

Total number of instruction sails = 228 (sometimes more than 1 instructor)

The Hunter Party

