

New Castle Sailing Club

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Founders Day Regatta – coming together



Commodore's Corner

We have had an interesting if not unusual season. We started out by having blizzards which delayed sailing classes and have had a summer of extremely hot weather at various times. In spite of the disturbances, we have six new members that have become "skippers" and have received their keys. Congratulations to Chris Getty, Mike Evans, Khalid Ibrahim, Lelan Hurst, and Chuck Diestelkamp, and Patti Parziale! This is a significant addition to the membership of our club and reflects positively both on the determination of the new members and the dedication of current members to coach and teach. Thanks to all involved.

The recent Founder's Day Regatta is in honor of the founders of the NCSC. Accordingly, a good turnout by club members to race in the regatta is testament to their vision and foresight. Thanks to our Racing Director, Norm Yoerg, for organizing a successful day. Also, special thanks to former Commodore, Nancy Pepper, for hosting a fun post-regatta party.

Upcoming is Labor Day and another Holiday Sail. Hope that you can participate in this event as well as the other planned events such as Fun Sails, etc. Join me in maximizing the remaining time on the water this season.

Len Saari, Commodore

Capsize Drill

On August 7th, six brave students participated in the club's capsize drill. Bob Cann and Scott Latham coordinated the event with Scott surviving all those capsizes. The drill was performed at the moorings under controlled conditions without sails, and then with sails off the mooring. Students were able to get a good feel for a capsize and how to right the boat.

*Bob Cann
Safety and Instruction*



Congratulations to newly keyed members

Chris Getty was keyed on the Flying Scot.
Lelan Hurst was keyed on the Flying Scot and checked out on the Hunter.
Scott Diestelkamp was keyed on the Thistle.
Khalid Ibrahim was keyed on the Thistle.
Mike Evans was keyed on the Thistle.

There is still time for you to get your key.

*Bob Cann
Safety and Instruction Director*



NCSC's Open House Saturday, September 25 from 12-4PM

Ahoy everyone - please help spread the word! This is the perfect opportunity to invite your neighbors and friends to **NCSC's Open House Saturday, September 24 from 12-4PM - same day as New Castle's Art of The Green!** (This way non-interested spouses or family can also come down and enjoy the day in New Castle.) A soon-to-be crafted flier will be on its way to all members to forward to 5 or more friends or neighbors.

Look for NCSC members' group email soon of the volunteer tasks that NCSC membership needs filled from signage to skippers to old foul-weather clothing to lend to walk-ons.

NCSC Now Open for New Members

NCSC re-opened club membership last month (after closing it February, 2010, upon reaching the goal of 110 active members and 30 sign-ups for indoor sailing instruction). We have a short wait list of novices that plan to come to the upcoming September 25 Open House.

Meet Our Newest Member, life-long sailor, Collin Caputo

Please join me in welcoming new 2010 NCSC member, Collin Caputo. Collin's email is: collincaputo@hotmail.com. Collin and his wife, Leah (and their 2 1/2 year old daughter) are life-long sailors.

When Collin replied that he couldn't attend our September Open House because he will be sailing from *Annapolis to Baltimore*, Norm quickly helped us out! And Collin, an avid sailor, jumped right in to race in NCSC's Founders Day Regatta the very next day! Gotta love that kind of enthusiasm and sailing experience! So, please join me in contacting Collin to sail (and Norm to race!) today!

Louise Eliason
NCSC Board & Membership Director

Looking ahead to 2011.....

Even though the 2010 sailing season is still in full swing, your Nominating Committee is already thinking ahead to select a slate of candidates for next year's NCSC Board of Directors, and identify club members willing to serve on the various committees, including Finance, Membership, Racing, Sailing and Instruction, Publications, and Programs.

The Nominating Committee is comprised of all Honorary Directors (i.e. past Commodores) plus other appointees selected by the Commodore. The members of this year's Nominating Committee are Nancy Peffer (chair), Len Saari, Don Grant, John Ingram, Phil Iannelli, Bill Barber, Dick Harrison, Neil Brechtel, Joe Irr, and Charlie Paschall.

The Board of Directors is there to serve the membership. With that in mind, if there is someone that you would like to recommend for a position on the Board (including yourself), please let one of the Nominating Committee members know. Also, if you would like to be active on one of the committees, or have an 'untapped' expertise that you think could benefit the club – please let us know that as well. There is a lot of 'behind the scenes' work to be done, and the more we share the load, the better!

Nancy Peffer, chair
NCSC Nominating Committee



SAILHOUSE SIGN

Ever since membership began declining I felt there was a need to advertise our club and its benefits with minimum cost. Three years ago I was inspired by a yacht's nameplate design in the British Virgin Island and began a three year Odyssey to create our own. While my background is in graphic design and I have all the computer software to design our sign I have none of the power table tools or the skills to use them. I had to rely on other club members to help me,

I would like to give special thanks and recognition to both Bill Knapp and Les Proctor for the invaluable help in bringing my project to successful completion. Bill helped me with the power jig saw and planner, and initial assembly. Les helped with the final routing, scrollwork, support structure and storage box.

Hopefully, all our work will attract more members to our club activities at the beach, and increase our membership

Chris Poulouin

Racing News

As Shakespeare is reputed to have exclaimed while hiking out on an early version of our Thistles, "weather to be or not to be, that is the question." And our weather finally was "to be" for our racing over the past month.

With fine winds and conditions, we had grand participation and exciting races for summer series 2 and 3 and novice series 3 as well as for the Charity and Founders Day regattas on Saturdays from July 17th through August 14th. So our decision was a good one to continue from last year the time change for our races to be in the afternoons for the month of August.

The recent Founder's Day regatta was emblematic of that weather refrain. The winds were 10 to 15 miles per hour, with frequent wind shifts. And we had a great turnout, with enough participants to fill five Thistles and two Flying Scots with a skipper and two crew each. Jim Tait and Kathy Leef ably handled the committee boat and running of the races, with Kathy also taking some fantastic pictures of the races. Although we had planned to give the Flying Scots a five minute head start, they certainly did not need it and both finished first and second place in all of the races except one without any handicap.

At the conclusion of the Founder's Day regatta, Nancy Peffer handed out to our top three finishers beautiful trophies decorated with our sailboats in racing action.

Mike Hennessy as skipper with Nancy Peffer and Chris Getty as crew won the first place trophy; Bob Cann as skipper and Patrick Martin and Danny Rakus as crew won second place; and Dick Harrison as skipper and Lisa Mathews and Ruth Evans as crew won the third place trophy. Congratulations to the winners and also all others who participated. Nancy Peffer and Jeff Arriza then hosted a fabulous post race dinner and party at their home which was greatly enjoyed by all.





And while we are on the subject of trophy winners, your slow moving racing director (that can be interpreted two ways, both of which are correct) finally figured out how to calculate the winners of the Spring series. So congratulations to Earl McMaster as the winner of that series as well as Scott Buehler in second place, and Chris Poulouin in third place.

For the remainder of August, we will have novice series 4 on August 14th and summer series 4 on August 28th.

And then don't forget we will be returning to morning racing again on September 4, for summer series 5 on September 4th, Fall Series 1 on September 11, the Pea Patch Island regatta on September 18th, and Fall series 2 on September 28th. So be sure to mark your calendars for those events. It tends to be more breezy in the months of September and October and I am sure Shakespeare would be quoting from *The Tempest* for an apt phrase for that as he was stretched out vertically on the rail.

*Norm Yoerg
Racing Director*



The Stern View



A line of sailboats move through the body of water off the coast of New Castle, NH, on a hot and humid afternoon.