

New Castle Sailing Club

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Thistle Class Association- Central Atlantic District Regatta, June 24-26

The New Castle Sailing Club was proud to host this year's Central Atlantic District competition. The fun began on Friday evening with a racing clinic with Allan Terhune from North Sails (our sail maker). Local and visiting skippers and their crew participated in the event. The winds were heavy with some chop as the Thistles launched from the beach or moorings. In the committee boat Allan followed each Thistle and gave advice on trimming the sails to improve speed. Afterwards, the sailors met at the clubhouse for pizza and drinks while reviewing racing strategy. The racing action started on Saturday with seventeen Thistles on the starting line. Visiting skippers and crews came from Annapolis, Washington, DC, Owings, MD, Richmond, and Williamsburg. Local skippers- Kevin Foley, Scott Latham, Earl McMaster, Scott Buehler, Dave Deptula, Chris Anand, Chris Poulouin, Mike Evans, Dick Harrison, Mike Berninger competed in club boats or their own Thistles. After a skippers meeting boats were launched from the beach, as well as, the moorings. The winds were steady with a strong current and provided excellent conditions for strong competition. Four races took place on Saturday and everyone

was off the water around 4 pm. The dinner crew was busy setting up and barbecuing a chicken/seafood feast for all the hungry racers. Larry and Veronica Giglio did a fantastic job as grill masters preparing the chicken.

A section of Battery Park was condoned off in order to give Thistlers a place to park their boats overnight. On Sunday morning the action resumed with three more races. An awards ceremony was held at the sailhouse after the races were completed. First place in the Central Atlantic District regatta went to skipper Jesse Gaylord (defending champion) with middle crew Nick Moreau and forward crew Sarah Hoyt from Long Island Sound Thistle Fleet 34. Second place went to skipper Charlie Krafft and crew Foster Stolte from Annapolis. Local skipper Scott Latham and middle crew Bryan Jerman and forward crew Natalie Hill placed third. Seven races in two days proved to be quite a challenge. For all the results be sure to visit the club's website.

The success of Central Atlantic District regatta depended on the participation of all racers and crew, but especially on volunteers. A big shout out goes to all the volunteers. Race committee volunteers included Len Saari, Phil Iannelli, Rick Pennell, Tom Bayliss, Chris Getty, Tina Deptula, Dave Koppeser, Jim Tait, and Vince McIntosh. Registration volunteers were Faith Zimmer and Mari Tyler. The dinner crew included Larry and Veronica Giglio, Faith Zimmer, Patti Parziale, Dave Deptula, Brenda Smyth, Len Saari, Patrick Martin, Nancy Pepper, and Ruth Evans. Thanks to PRO John Quay, our racing official. The Central Atlantic District planning committee included Scott Latham, Scott Buehler, Kevin Foley, Earl McMaster, and Kathy Leef.

Faith Zimmer was busy organizing the dinner. An outdoor picnic in the clubhouse yard provided a great place to relax after a long day of racing. The weather even cooperated, and any chance of rain held off.

After the event was over visiting skipper and winner Jesse Gaylord had this to say about the New Castle Sailing Club- "Thanks again for an awesome weekend. We had a blast and on the way back, Sarah, Nick, and I couldn't get over how awesome the New Castle team was. You guys have a special thing going over there. We would come back and sail/hang out/go to Jessup's Tavern any day." Jesse will be writing an article about the regatta and will be published in the Bagpipe. Be sure to look for it in the next issue. Here's to Central Atlantic District regatta 2015!



Boat trailers added to the ambience



Veronica and Larry Giglio



First, second, and third place skippers and crew. Congratulations!



The New Castle Sailing Club would also like to thank the City of New Castle, Good Will Fire Company, and the Trustees of Battery Park for their support of this event. We had so many people asking about the club and the weekend's event as they were walking by in the park. Great promotion for the club!

Several members were very gracious hosts/hostesses and offered to open their houses to our visiting sailors. A special thank you goes to Patti Parziale (awesome crabcakes, btw!), Nancy Pepper, Dick Harrison, Earl McMaster, and Scott Latham.

Skipper Earl McMaster with Danielle Bower and Chuck Shorten



The pictures of Central Atlantic District regatta were taken by Chris Getty and Tina Deptula.



Instruction

The club would like to acknowledge and thank all the members who have given their time and support for the on-the-water instruction classes. The success of the club depends on new members earning their key.

Please note that in **August** on-the-water instruction classes on **Saturday** will be held at 9:30 am instead of 1:30 pm. Sunday classes will still be held at 1:30 pm. Be sure to arrive at the sailhouse about 20 minutes prior to the starting time so that students can be matched up with instructors.

Another great time to be on the tiller and practice sailing skills is the Fun Sails on Wednesday evenings. Keyed members are there and are always willing to share the tiller with newbies. Depending on the number of people who show up, Scots and Thistles are used for the Fun Sails. Even the Hunter goes out.

Dave Koppeser, Safety and Instruction director



Pictures from last year's capsized drill. Proper technique for righting the sailboat are reviewed. The committee boat is nearby. Life jackets are important to wear while sailing, no matter what the weather conditions are.

Capsized!! Now what?

We have a 100 percent survival rate for capsized sailors and we prefer to keep it that way!

There are things to learn from every capsized event which is why we ask for a report whenever you capsize (except for racing events). Please submit a detailed report on the event with lessons learned to me or Len Saari.

Also everyone on board should know what to do if the boat capsizes, including your guests for the day. You can read the procedures or you can watch a video; but the best way to prepare is to participate in our capsized drill. We will capsize a boat under supervision and under controlled conditions at the moorings. This is beneficial to both old and new members and is scheduled for Sunday **August 14**. More details will follow soon.

Dave Koppeser
Safety and Instruction Director



Fourth of July Sail

Thanks to Ted Richmond for his attempt to get us out on a lively sail to celebrate the Fourth of July. The wind misbehaved and was quite tranquil, but the sky was

as blue as could be to celebrate the Fourth. As usual, we were determined to sail and that we did. We followed the sail with camaraderie around lunch on the dinghy house. No matter what the weather holds, we have a fun time! It was too hot for our ice cream sundaes so they will have to wait until Labor Day. We will keep you posted!!

Mary Davis, Vice Commodore



All out of words and just showing pictures now.

Bastille Day Eve Sail

A hearty band of three Scots and a Thistle rounded Pea Patch Island on the Eve of Bastille Day, July 13. The current was favorable for a southern route and return to the moorings. There were strong enough winds to get the boats there and back. Fort Delaware was impressive in the late afternoon glow of the sun. The peppy wind enhanced our journey there and back while sailors enjoyed their French libations, cheese and grapes. Under the light of the glimmering moon we lighted sparklers on the beach and celebrated Bastille Day. Many thanks go to Bob Cann, our cruise director, for his planning of our adventure. If you weren't there... we missed you!

Mary Davis, Vice Commodore



Novice Series with Danielle Bower as skipper and Colin Caputo and Mike Hennessy as crew. Sorry we can't see you, Danielle

Upcoming Events

On **Saturday, August 13th** we will have our annual Founder's Day Regatta (the founders of our club). The regatta will be a fun, competitive event. If you're interested in being a skipper or crew, be sure to mark your calendar and sign up. More details will follow.

On **Tuesday, August 16th** there will be a racing clinic. On July 19th four Thistles were out practicing starts and rounding a windward mark. It was a short course that gave new crew an idea of starting sequences and racing skills. Come out and enjoy some competitive fun.

On **Monday, September 5th** our last holiday sail for the season is scheduled. Mary Davis is promising ice cream sundaes for the party after sailing. More details will follow.



24th Annual Frank Nelson Memorial Charity Regatta

July 16, 2011 was a beautiful day for a regatta, with 3 Thistles and 2 Flying Scots competing for the Frank Nelson Memorial Trophy. The winds were light (5 to 10 mph) and fluky at times, and the Flying Scots had some problems starting against the current in some of the races. Nonetheless, the race committee managed to start (and finish) 5 races.

The very exciting fourth race deserves a special mention: Jeff Arriza was barely able to hold off Chris Poulouin for a photo finish win. At the end, Chris Poulouin and crew Scott Dieselkamp came in first, with second place going to Kevin Foley and crew Bill Davis Sr. and Bill Davis Jr. In third place just one point behind was Jeff Arriza and crew Patti Parziale. Hunter Ficke with crew Dolly Bellhouse sailing a Scot was fourth, and Don Grant with Tom Gorman and brand new member Eric Cobelens in a Scot came in as an honorable fifth.

Most importantly though, the NCSC members stepped up once again to donate more than \$375.00 to the Delaware Chapter of the March of Dimes. Longtime NCSC member Frank Nelson started the Charity Regatta to benefit the Delaware Chapter of the March of Dimes more than twenty years ago. After Frank passed away a couple of years ago, the Charity Regatta was renamed to honor Frank for all his efforts and support for the March of Dimes. The March of Dimes campaigns to fight prematurity and birth defects.

