

★ BULLSEYE ASSOCIATION ★

GET READY FOR THE NATIONALS!



The 38th Annual Bullseye Nationals will be held June 25, 26, and 27 in Rockport, Massachusetts and is sponsored by the Sandy Bay Yacht Club. Complete information about this exciting event can be found on the Invitation and Notice of Race enclosed within this Newsletter. Also enclosed is an entry form.

The officers of the Bullseye Association, the members of the Sandy Bay Yacht Club, and especially the chairpeople, Jerry Lavigne and Susie Kinder, are hoping for a record number of entries. Please consider coming to Rockport. The sheer fun, win or lose, of sailing with Bullseye lovers is something not to be missed.

Rockport artist and Bullseye sailor Peter Vincent on the left and Association President Ed Desmarais display the Peter Vincent Trophy which will be awarded at the Nationals to the boat from a visiting yacht club that places highest. Photo by Connie Lavigne.

ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Annual Meeting of the Bullseye Association took place on April 22, 1999, at the Holiday Inn in Newton, Massachusetts. Thirty-six Bullseye owners, friends, and family members enjoyed the dinner and good fellowship after which a very productive business meeting occurred led by President Ed Desmarais. The evening concluded with a fascinating slide presentation by Association Vice-President Wendy Goodwin-Kelley who described the first hundred years (1899-1999) of the Cape Cod Shipbuilding Company.

The major item of business was the able presentation by Technical Chairman Phil Nutting of a new measurement ruling for mainsails, which was unanimously approved after discussion. The ruling is actually a simplification over the old ruling because now only the leech and girth need be measured, and there is a new procedure for measuring girth. All floating track sails made prior to April 22, 1999, are grandfathered as are all traditional sails which have been approved at a previous Nationals and are clearly so marked. Neither category has to be remeasured for a subsequent Nationals. (For more detail see box on page 2.)

Brief reports were made by Wendy Goodwin-Kelley, Treasurer Mark Cohen, and Secretary/Editor Dave Burnham. Wendy announced that Cape Cod Shipbuilding Company will present a special trophy to the winner of the last race of this year's Nationals, the last race of the century, as a fitting way to mark the company's 100th anniversary. Mark reported that the treasury is in good shape and membership is up from 171 to 178. Dave expressed his hope that more people, whether cruisers or racers, will send him articles and pictures!

Jerry Lavigne and Susie Kinder, chairpeople for this year's Nationals in Rockport, spoke enthusiastically about the arrangements being made for the event and urged everyone to participate and encourage others to do the same. President Ed informed us that the sites of the two subsequent Nationals have been confirmed. The Cape Cod Shipbuilding Company

Fenner, faithful correspondent to the Newsletter, is the new commodore and will be in charge of arrangements. Much more on this event will be in the next two issues. Then, in 2001 the hosts will be the Bullseye fleet at Southwest Harbor, Maine.

The 1981 and 1984 National Champion, and former Association president, I.W. "Tut" Tuttle was at the meeting. "Tut" and Betty have presented a trophy (see photo) to Ed Desmarais. This half model, complete with names on the back of all past presidents of the Association, will be passed by each president in the future to his or her successor, a most gracious gift to tantalize a chief executive on snowbound winter days.

The meeting concluded with the presentation by Emily Wick, Chair of the Nominating Committee, of the slate of officers for 1999-2000. By unanimous vote all of the present officers were reelected. (See photo p. 2)



"Tut" Tuttle and President Ed Desmarais hold the President's Trophy given by "Tut" and Betty Tuttle in honor of the presidents, past, present, and future, of the Bullseye Association. Each

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring usually arrives when I take the cover off Acadia and begin preparations for the upcoming season. This year Spring began with our annual meeting. We had many new attendees and a full agenda.

The most significant item was the resolution of the technical specifications for the tackless sail. There is a difference in the way the class will measure mainsails, but the net result is that there is no difference in the overall dimensions and shape of the sail. A few days after the annual meeting, I was at the local sailmaker and had the opportunity to watch the measuring of a new mainsail constructed prior to the changes adopted at the annual meeting. The new sail was exactly on the mark. I want to thank Phil Nutting for his long hours and thorough presentation at the meeting, Wendy Goodwin-Kelley for her research, and all of you, particularly Steve Homer and George Fenner, for your comments on this mainsail issue. The second item of significance was the dedication of the President's Trophy which Tut and Betty Tuttle donated last year. I was pleased that Tut was able to join us from his Hanover, New Hampshire, winter moorings. Dave Burnham, has done an excellent job of reporting on the other aspects of the annual meeting in another section of this newsletter.

While it was great to see old friends and meet new ones at the annual meeting, I hope that many of you will be able to attend the National Regatta in Rockport, Massachusetts, on June 25th through 27th. Susie Kinder and Jerry Lavigne and the rest of the Rockport fleet have been working on the Regatta since last December and I am sure that they have everything planned down to the last detail (except for the weather). The Regatta team set an early date for the Nationals with the hope of encouraging many sailors to come before other race, fleet and summer commitments preclude travel. Similar to all other previous Nationals, I am confident that there will be the usual opportunities to excel on the water, many tales to tell, and enriched friendships. See you in Rockport!

Ed Desmarais

MAINSAIL MEASUREMENT RULING

The Bullseye Association held its Annual Meeting on April 22, 1999. At that time the members voted on a change in the Class Technical Specifications regarding the mainsail measurement method and mainsail girth measurement. It was decided to change the measurement method for Bullseye mainsails to the mid-leech-to-nearest-luff method and to change the maximum girth measurement from 6'3" to 6'1" and the minimum girth from 6'0" to 5'10". Note that because of the new measurement method these reduced numbers do not mean a reduction in the size of the sail. Most sails made under the old measurements will measure in perfectly under the new system.

All tackless mainsails made prior to April 22, 1999, will be grandfathered as will all sails approved for a previous Nationals as long as the approval markings are still legible. All makers of Bullseye sails have been notified of these changes.

Further details can be found on the Bullseye home page at www.shore.net/~bullseye/techspe.htm.

1999/2000 OFFICERS OF THE BULLSEYE ASSOCIATION



From left to right, seated, are Wendy Goodwin-Kelley, Vice President, and Emily Wick, Historian; standing, Ed Desmarais, President, Mark Cohen, Treasurer, Phil Nutting, Technical Committee Chairman, and Dave Burnham, Secretary/Editor. Photo by Connie Lavigne.

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FUN AT THE PIN IN MARION AT THE 1998 NATIONALS!



CONFESSIONS OF A BEFUDDLED EDITOR

It did not have to happen! I simply should have held higher, sooner. But, oh no, with my exquisite sense of timing I knew I could slip past the pin with lots of momentum. And then, the pin jumped out at me. Those things sail around at their tether! In the top photo it looks as though I might fake no contact. But one can't do that with a lawyer son for crew. Besides, the guy in the motorboat and the photographer know better. The second photograph shows a luffing mainsail, the outward symbol of rage, bafflement, and embarrassment as a champion of yesteryear wonders how to save face before his son and 11-year-old grandson on board for the first time. Proper decorum and vocabulary must be maintained at all times. In the third photo it appears that Querida (80) is going to just go ahead anyhow, but that isn't so. One has to stay out of the way of Jean Childs in Good Shot (579) and fall off only after she falls off to make another pass at the line. Oh, well, we really wanted to be on port tack anyhow!

Needless to say, Jack Rankin in Carol Anne (732) has made another one of his brilliant starts though someone to his left in the first photo may have the sweetest start of all. The other identifiable players in this act are in the first photo Gib Patterson in Gondolier (63) getting a perfectly healthy start and Wendy Goodwin-Kelley in Red All Over (796) who, judging by the luffing, is stalling till the other folk go by. What are she and Dan saying to each other at this moment? In the second and third photo we see Suzanne McManmon in Blue Heron (444) basically waiting for the traffic to clear. Is that Marcia Browne's Tobsam (536) second from the right? The third photo shows Arioso II (B-5), behind the pin. Dick Pline is just fine. Another boat further away, just over the tip of the pin cannot be identified by the editor's eyes. These photos were sent in by Wendy Goodwin-Kelley who "thinks" her mother Linda took them. Thank you, Linda, or whoever it is, for so successfully portraying my embarrassment.

Dave Burnham

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have not paid your dues or would like to join the Association. Mail a check for \$20 made out to Bullseye Association to Mark Cohen, Treasurer, 203 Washington Street, Marblehead, MA 01945.

For more information on Bullseyes. Contact Philip Nutting, 16A South Street, Rockport, MA 01966, 978-546-2594, or David C. Burnham, 44 River Street, Rehoboth, MA 02769, 508-252-3442. Or use the internet: <http://www.shore.net/~bullseye>.

To sell a Bullseye. Contact Connie Lavigne, 28 Parker Street, Rockport, MA 01966, 978-546-2071, email: lavigne@shore.net.

TRAILER FOR SALE??

Jim McCray would like to buy a Bullseye Trailer in good condition. Contact Jim at 520-299-5877 or by fax at 520-299-5871, or email McCray 9 @ earthlink.net.

Bob McKie is also looking for a good trailer. He sails out of Cottage Park Yacht Club in winthrop, Massachusetts and can be reached at mckie@openmarket.com.

MAST, SAILS, RIGGING

Chris Sampson at 508-748-2710 or email: sampsons@massed.net would like to buy a mast, sails, and miscellaneous rigging in good condition.

BULLSEYES FOR SALE

Built 1964 Sail #499 \$5600

Excellent boat. Four sails. White hull with red bootstripe. Smooth green bottom. Varnished coamings. Nearly new cockpit cover. Factory motor mount. Very complete inventory. On 1990 Triad trailer with new galvanized wheels. Ready to launch. Contact James F. Craig, 8351 Somerset Road, Thornville, OH 43076. Tel: 740-323-4499.

Built 1961 Sail #384 \$3300

Well equipped boat with good trailer and outboard motor. Contact Leonard Schwartz, 21 Ashwood Drive, Brick, NJ 08723-3401. Tel: 732-477-4231.

Built 1959 Sail #259 \$3500

Boat in excellent condition. Good trailer. Antique Seagull motor runs like new. Thurston cover. This is an outstanding boat. Contact W.J. "Steve" Stevanus, 8524 Vollmert Ave., Baltimore, MD 21236. Tel. 410-256-8008.

BRAND NEW BULLSEYES: Contact Cape Cod Shipbuilding Company, Wareham, MA 02571. Tel. 508-295-3550 or ccsb@four.net.