

★ BULLSEYE ASSOCIATION ★



Going down the line waiting for the gun on a glorious day in March at the Bullseye Nationals at Card Sound in 2000. Photo by Lucy Otzen.

COMMODORE'S WELCOME

On behalf of the Card Sound Sailing Club I invite all Bullseye sailors to participate in the 2005 National Championships on March 4th and 5th. We intend to supply our usual beautiful weather, fair winds and friendly Keys hospitality. Aside from the great racing on Card Sound, we have included a number of social events which everyone will enjoy. They include registration, cocktails and dinner Thursday evening (of course, first we launch the boats and get ready for the next two days of racing). After two races on Friday morning we sail into the Anglers Club for a sumptuous brunch, then back into the boats for the final race of the day. Friday evening it will be my pleasure to host all of you at my home for cocktails and appetizers. Then it's off to dinner at your choice of restaurants on the Reef or drive into Key Largo. Saturday morning we will finish with the final two races, pack up the boats, relax a little in the afternoon and conclude with our awards dinner in the evening.

Each participant will be offered a temporary Ocean Reef Club membership which allows use of all facilities ...restaurants, golf, tennis, croquet, health club/spa, and beach. Those wishing to extend their vacation are welcome to stay as long as they like to enjoy our beautiful weather and fine facilities. We hope to make a few Bullseyes available for charter, but, they may be scarce because of our club members' interest. We will try to place all interested racers with host families. Because this is peak season I encourage you to make your plans as early as possible to avoid being shut out of this year's event. Further information will be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

We look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones here in our little corner of paradise. Please plan on joining us.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELPS ASSOCIATION STEER ITS COURSE

The Executive Committee of the Bullseye Association met over dinner on November 16 at President Joan Tiffany's home in Boston. Those present were Cal Beggs, representing Fishers Island, Dave Burnham, Secretary, Mark Cohen, Treasurer, Wendy Goodwin, Commodore, with her father Gordon, both representing the Beverly Yacht Club, Jo-Ann Lavigne from Sandy Bay, Phil Nutting, Technical Chair, and the two hosts, Joan and Ed Tiffany. Also joining the group was John T. Koopman,

from Marblehead, an international measurement specialist.

The main topic for discussion was the measurement of Bullseyes. Do we need to tighten our measuring procedures, and, if so, how much? The issue had come to the fore last summer when a protest was filed over a recently restored boat which was deemed just too different to be allowed to race. President Tiffany arranged for the boat to be measured and compared and the boat was found not so different that it should be disallowed from the Bullseye Nationals. The incident, however, triggered the need for a thorough review of our measurement standards. Consequently, President Joan has appointed a committee comprised of Phil Nutting, chair, John Koopman, Cal Beggs, and Dave Burnham to do just that.

Other topics were the excellent 44th Bullseye Nationals hosted last summer by the Sandy Bay Yacht Club and plans for the 45th Nationals to be held March 4 and 5, hosted by the Card Sound Sailing Club on Key Largo, Florida.

The Executive Committee set April 17 as the date for the Annual Meeting and Dave Burnham was asked to invite Katie McDowell and Isabelle Kinsolving, U.S. representatives in the 470 Class at the Athens Olympics to be our guests and tell us of their experiences leading up to their excellent 5th place finish.

ANNUAL MEETING: APRIL 17, 2005

Mark the date on your calendar now. The 2005 Annual Meeting and Dinner will take place Saturday evening, April 17. The speakers will definitely be 470 Class

TAKING OUR MEASURE

It seems to be time to take the measure of our class, but we must move very gingerly in the process.

There is, of course, no good reason why a Bullseye owner should not be free to tinker with his boat as he sees fit - unless he races it or hopes to sell it to someone who races. Then there must be limits. For example, we have become much more serious about sail measuring before each Nationals and have ruled out certain sails which allow more surface, despite fitting basic specifications. Now President Tiffany has appointed a measuring committee to look into how much tolerance is acceptable within our hull and rigging specifications.

Taking the measure of our class is not easy to do. Some boats are over fifty years old; new ones are produced each

year. Some older ones have been restored and look like new, but may have minor alterations. In such a fleet there must be room for some variation. The question is, how much?

We who enjoy Bullseye racing do so because of its relatively relaxed style, its sociability, and to some extent because our boats are not clones. Each has a little of the owner's stamp upon it. We don't want the measuring team to spoil the delightful, perhaps unique, ambiance of the racing we have enjoyed over the years. On the other hand, we must guard against variations which might possibly allow one boat to be consistently, significantly, faster than the competition, race after race.

Good luck, measuring team!

— Dave Burnham

JOAN TIFFANY HONORED

President Joan Tiffany was awarded the Peggy Dyer Trophy for 2004 at Beverly Yacht Club's Cups and Flags event on Labor Day. The presentation was made by Gordon Goodwin, last year's recipient.

This trophy was established in 2001 by the Dyer family and the Bullseye Fleet and awarded to a senior member who reflects Peggy's enthusiasm and dedication to the Beverly Yacht Club, love of sailing, and zest for life.

Joan has been an energetic organizer of the Bullseye Fleet in Marion. She also headed the committee that planned the very successful Nationals in 2003, and is currently the President of the Bullseye Association.

HEAD FOR CARD SOUND

Every Bullseye owner should go to Card Sound for a Bullseye Nationals. The fourth Nationals hosted by the Card Sound Sailing Club at the Ocean Reef Club on Key Largo will take place on March 4 and 5. If you go, you will have a wonderful time. The problem, of course, for most owners, is getting there. But I guarantee that the long asphalt voyage is worth it. Take a good look at the Notice of Race and Entry Form enclosed with this Newsletter. Ponder them.

If enough people sign up, a trailer truck will be hired by Cape Cod Shipbuilding to take boats to Florida and back, departing from and returning to the company's plant in Wareham, MA. A sign-up form is enclosed but I suggest calling Wendy Goodwin at CCSB ahead of time to check final plans before sending it in. Call (508) 295-3550. In 2000 two owners towed their boats to Florida behind their own vehicles. If you are hoping to charter, send your registration in as soon as possible because there will probably be more requests than there are boats available.

Think about this venture! While the snow is still on the ground and the winter winds are howling, you will wish you were way down on the southern tip of Florida at the helm of your boat, soaking in the sun, or in a pool after a day of sailing.

— Dave Burnham



The grace of the Bullseye as presented on a perfect day at the 2000 Nationals at Card Sound. Bill Peterson's Chance, 817, and Kiwi, 705, George Fenner and Bob Holzman. Photo by Lucy Otzen.

LAST DUES NOTICE

If you find a dues slip in this mailing, that means that according to our records you have not renewed for 2005. The more dues payers, the more money for better newsletters. Also, one must belong in order to race in the Nationals.

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FROM THE RACING FLEETS

BEVERLY YACHT CLUB, MARION MA

June Series: 1. Red All Over, Wendy Goodwin; 2. Cove Girl, Joan Tiffany; 3. Carol Anne, Jack Rankin
 July Series: 1. Death and Glory, Bill Tift; 2. Lady Susan, Chris Memoli; 3. Arioso II, Richard Pline
 August Series: 1. Cove Girl, Joan Tiffany; 2. Red All Over, Wendy Goodwin; 3. Lady Susan, Chris Memoli
 Special Race Winner: Van Rensselaer Race Day—Wendy Goodwin

CARD SOUND FLEET, KEY LARGO, FL

After four weekends of racing, Al and Lynne Mast are in first place with 10 points, followed by Don Wright and Sandy Chapin with 15, George Fenner and Bob Holzman with 23, and Stuart Pinfsof with 25. Other hot competitors are: Lou Bevier and Linda Noble, and Jim and Peter Leenhouts.

FISHERS ISLAND YACHT CLUB, FISHERS ISLAND, NY

July Series: 1. Peregrine, Brad Burnham; 2. Mistral, Cal Beggs; 3. Querida, Dave Burnham
 August Series: 1. Mistral, Cal Beggs; 2. Peregrine, Brad Burnham; 3. Querida, Dave Burnham
 Overall Season Series: 1. Mistral, Cal Beggs; 2. Peregrine, Brad Burnham; 3. Querida, Dave Burnham
 Special Race Winners: Independence Day—Shamrock, Tom duPont; Labor Day—Querida, Dave Burnham

SANDY BAY YACHT CLUB, ROCKPORT MA

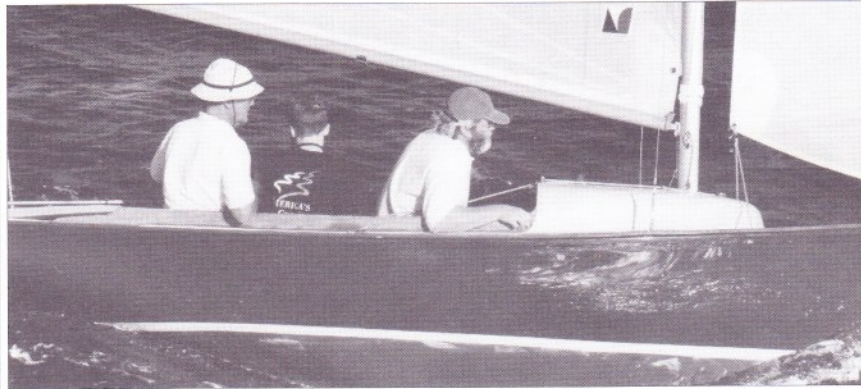
June Series: 1. Templar, Walter Luikey; 2. Sea Saw, Jerry Lavigne; 3. Just Ducky 2, Norma Brettall
 Saturday Series: 1. Templar, Walter Luikey; 2. Whisper II, Connie Lavigne; 3. Beaver II, Laura Hallowell
 Sunday Series: 1. Templar, Walter Luikey; 2. Whisper II, Connie Lavigne; 3. Sea Saw, Jerry Lavigne
 Special Races: Memorial Day—Walter Luikey; July 4—Walter Luikey; Labor Day—Walter Luikey; George Warren Smith Race—Connie Lavigne; Peter Vincent Race—Walter Luikey

SOUTHWEST HARBOR FLEET, SOUTHWEST HARBOR, ME

July Senior Series: 1. Silver, Pete Welles; 2. Purple Cow, Newhall boys; 3. Scotch Mist, Charlie Hudson
 August Senior Series: 1. Scotch Mist, Reggie Hudson; 2. Pamina, Sean Beaulieu; 3. Silver, Pete Welles
 July Junior Series: 1. Zack Stewart; 2. Nate McMullen; 3. Cady Spruce
 August Junior Series: 1. Wally Bacon; 2. Nate McMullen; 3. Cady Spruce
 August Single-Handed Race: 1. Silver, Pete Welles; 2. Alert, Sam Lawrence, Jr.



Brad Burnham's Peregrine with grandson Nick Malinowski at the helm between races, blocks out the bulk of Pumpkin Island, famed at Card Sound for its "you decide which way" circular race. Photo by Dave Burnham.



Querida with her three-generation crew composed of grandpa David Burnham steering, grandson David, and son Paul braves the silky smooth waters of Card Sound. Five years later, which one is the tallest? Photo by Brad Burnham.

THE THREE PERPETUALS

It's time the Newsletter described the three perpetual trophies which are presented each year at the conclusion of the Bullseye Nationals. The host yacht club is responsible for presenting them when awards are made:

THE E.L. GOODWIN BULLSEYE NATIONAL TROPHY. This trophy, awarded each year to the winner of the Bullseye National Regatta, is a varnished, wooden half-model surrounded by the plaques of past winners from Larchmont in 1962 until the present. Every year the new recipient is asked to add a plaque with his or her name and yacht club on it. Originally known as the Bullseye Annual Trophy, the name was changed in 1984 to honor E.L. Goodwin of Cape Cod Shipbuilding Company who began building the fiberglass Bullseye in 1949.

THE BEVERLY TROPHY. The Beverly "Most Improved" Trophy was initiated in 1994 by the Beverly Yacht Club. It is a perpetual trophy awarded to the skipper who shows the most improvement from one National Regatta to the next.

THE ROCKPORT TROPHY. The Rockport "Away" Trophy is a perpetual trophy awarded to the highest finishing boat that is not a member of the host fleet in a National Regatta. The trophy is a pen and ink drawing by avid Rockport sailor Peter Vincent, generously donated to the Bullseye Association. The Rockport Bullseye Fleet first awarded this trophy at the 1999

THE GOOD SHIP WICK

It has come to the editor's attention that a couple of years ago when MIT purchased a new fleet of TECH dinghies, boat #4 was named Emily Wick. Emily was Dean of Students at MIT when women's varsity sailing began there. Sailors from the Sandy Bay Bullseye fleet in Rockport, MA joined together to donate this dinghy as an appropriate way of celebrating Emily's 80th birthday. Belated congratulations to our Association Historian and

MORE SCENES FROM 2000



Top: *Kiwi*, 705, with George Fenner driving pursues Jim Leenhouts in *Nonsense*, 757. Are they ahead or behind all those boats on the left? Photo by Lucy Otzen.

Center, left: Cal Beggs has just backed *Mistral* onto the Fishers Island ferry in March of 2000, ready for the long asphalt voyage to Card sound—and a change of climate. Look for 299 in the page 1 photo.

Center, right: The four clearly recognizable boats are from left to right: 778, *Scallion*, Skip Shumway; 817, *Chance*, Bill Peterson; 784, *Sloopy*, Gene Corley; and 705, *Kiwi*, George Fenner and Bob Holzman. Photo by Lucy Otzen.

Bottom: The most obvious boats are, left to right, 720, *South Wind*, Jim Dawson; 810, *Taurus*, Suzy Sanders; 291, *Whisper II*, Connie Lavigne; 817, *Chance*, Bill Peterson; and 699, *Kim*, Dick Elliott. Looks like the fleet is around. Photo by Lucy Otzen.



BOAT FOR SALE

Built 1967. Topside light blue, hull dark blue. Complete set of sails in excellent to good condition. Boat has a good racing record. Boat is on a cradle and located in Marblehead, MA. Owner Larry Powers, email: candlpowers@att.net. Phone (941) 729-3798 or cell (941) 730-8647. Price \$6,000.

HELP WANTED

Rebuilding an older bullseye and in search of a mast, sails, club and miscellaneous parts/gear. Please email or call if you have anything of interest you no longer need. lukeandpat@msn.com / cell 508-415-4960 SE MA. Luke Lomeland

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