

★ BULLSEYE ASSOCIATION ★

OLYMPIANS MCDOWELL AND KINSOLVING TO GRACE ANNUAL DINNER MEETING



Photo courtesy McDowell/Kinsolving

The guest speakers at the Bullseye Association Annual Meeting and Dinner on Saturday, April 16 will be the 470 women's team who represented the United States at the 2004 Olympics in Athens. **Katie McDowell**, skipper, and **Isabelle Kinsolving**, crew, take the audience with them as they describe their journey to Athens and the action leading to their excellent 5th place finish. Their presentation, complete with slides and video, will be at the Herreshoff Marine Museum in Bristol, Rhode Island. For details and registration slip see the insert accompanying this Newsletter.

Katie, a Rhode Islander from Barrington, graduated from Moses Brown School in Providence where she was an outstanding member of the sailing team. She went on to Tufts for two years and then transferred to Brown. She was a five-time college All American and a four-time National Champion. In June 1997, Katie made collegiate sailing history by sending the first-ever all women's team to the Coed Nationals in Portland, Oregon. There, she was the "A" Division skipper. Presently she is the Assistant Sailing Coach at Dartmouth College.

Isabelle is a New Yorker, the city in winter and Fishers Island in the summer. She graduated from Groton School and from Yale. A versatile athlete, she rowed and played ice hockey before deciding to concentrate upon sailing, a sport which had basically been her summer recreation. Her record includes a first overall in the New England Women's Championship in 2002, 5th in the Women's North Americans, and 10th in the Coed North Americans that same year. Isabelle continues to sail and is considering her career options.

The team of McDowell/Kinsolving was formed after the two sailors met in late 2000 and began sailing 470s early the following year. Bullseye Association Secretary Dave Burnham proudly points out that Katie was at Moses Brown when he was headmaster and Isabelle once upon a time crewed for him at Fishers Island. As a matter of fact, his Bullseye Querida once belonged to Isabelle's grandparents.

MASTS WIN 2005 NATIONALS CHAMPIONSHIP

Local sailors came in 1-2-3 at the 2005 Bullseye Nationals hosted by the Card Sound Sailing Club of Key Largo, Florida on March 4/5. Al and Lynne Mast won with a convincing 13 (5, 2, 1, 4, 1) in the five-race regatta. Former champion Don Wright and Sandy Chapin took 2nd with 26 followed closely by Sally and Bob Martin with 28. From northern climes came the 2004 champion Wendy Goodwin and her dad Gordon to win 4th place, having trailed Red All Over from Marion, MA. Boston based Class President Joan Tiffany and husband Ed achieved a solid 5th in a borrowed boat.

The E. L. Goodwin Nationals Trophy will reside with the Masts for a year. The Goodwins have retained the Peter Vincent Trophy awarded to the boat from "away" that performs best in the Nationals. Card Sound's George Fenner was awarded the Beverly Trophy for being the skipper who improved the most from one Nationals to the next. For more on awards see page 2 and for a full account of what happened at this unlike-Florida-weatherwise Nationals read the following delightful article by Jim Leenhouts describing many details of the 44th consecutive Nationals.

EVERYBODY WON!

The 2005 Bullseye Nationals produced winners galore. After the Awards ceremony, Card Sound Sailing Club Commodore Linda Noble finally kicked off her shoes, smiled, and said it best, "Everybody won!!"

At the top of the list of winners was the Ocean Reef Community. The 2005 Bullseye Nationals Sailing Championship was a great spectator event. In the two-day series, there were two dismastings, one severe swamping, groundings, high winds, close calls and bumps at the marks, intense one-on-one battles, three general recalls, and a heartbreaking halyard shackle failure that smashed the dreams of a former champion as he and our own commodore fought for first place just short of the finish line. Great drama!

One third of the fifty competitors were from four "northern" yacht clubs: Beverly, Coral Reef, Fishers Island, and Mattapoisett. The host club, the Card Sound Sailing Club, also came out a big winner as the northern clubs seem to have sent their finest and nicest representatives to compete with us. Each "Away" competitor enriched this Bullseye Nationals with skill, gentle personness, and welcome, helpful suggestions. The northern yacht clubs' commitment to the Bullseye class has been steady and is fundamental to the success of the fleet at the Card Sound Sailing Club. Without this deeply appreciated commitment, a significant loss in prestige and sailing interest at Ocean Reef would surely occur.

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MASTS IN COMMAND

Pretails steered by Al with Lynne as crew dominated the 2005 Nationals. Photo by Rick Fenner.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

All sailors should plan on attending a Bullseye Nationals for super hospitality and wonderful sailing! Yet again, a great time was had by all at the Card Sound Sailing Club. Thank you to Commodore Linda Noble, Regatta Chairs Frank and Shirley Shumway, Fleet Representative George Fenner, plus a terrific committee of hosts, race committee, and sailors. The entire club pitched in to make this 44th Nationals a complete success. The Friday/Saturday schedule was an appreciated innovation.

Coming up on Saturday, April 16 is the Bullseye National Association Annual Dinner at the Herreshoff Museum in Bristol, Rhode Island. Everyone is encouraged to come and to invite others to join us for an evening that will include special tours of the Museum and a lively presentation by Olympic sailors: Katie McDowell and Isabelle Kinsolving. This dinner is a wonderful opportunity for socializing and introducing others to the Bullseye Fleet. Come! Invite your friends!

Phil Nutting, Fleet Measurer, John Koopman, International Measurer, with committee members Dave Burnham and Cal Beggs are working on updating the Bullseye specifications. Watch the website for information and to provide your comments.

If you are interested and willing to be more involved as a volunteer with the Bullseye Association, your participation is welcomed. Let us know.

Hope to see you on April 16! — Joan Tiffany

LUCKY?

When I emailed the champions for biographical information, I got a very modest response. "We got lucky," says Al Mast, "Some really good sailors could have won if not for a small mistake here and there. Sometimes it is better to be lucky than good." Al tells me he and Lynne raced Lightnings for many years, starting to race Bullseyes in 1994. They have two children: a 1st Lieutenant in the Marines and a daughter working in New York City. Other interests are golf, fishing and racing radio controlled EC12. Two editorial comments: something more than luck was at work March 4 and 5, and let's hope the Masts can come to the 2006 Nationals, scheduled for Southwest Harbor Maine. I have a hunch they will be "lucky" again.

UNLUCKY

A few days before commencing to tow Mistral from Fishers Island to Key Largo, Cal Beggs found he needed a new transmission. That achieved in the nick of time, his battery was dead on the morning of departure. A snowstorm beset the tandem in Washington DC, but Cal, driving solo, made his way to Jacksonville where his son Brian joined him. All went well and Mistral tasted the water of Card Sound in plenty of time for the regatta. Except for one unprotested collision of dubious responsibility, Mistral had a good first day. However, the next morning when Cal and Brian arrived at Baker Harbor set to sail, Mistral was obviously tasting too much Card Sound water. She had sprung a leak and Cal and Brian decided they had better not race. So after the racing Mistral was returned to her bed on the trailer and after the evening party she was homeward bound. There ought to be a Cal Beggs prize for dedication!

SOME WON MORE THAN OTHERS

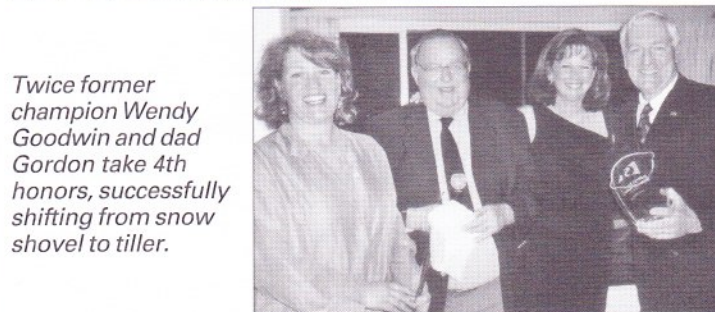


Nationals Chairman Frank Shumway and Card Sound Commodore Linda Noble surrounded by champions Lynne and Al Mast.

Don Wright and Sandy Chapin receive their 2nd place reward from Frank and Linda.



Skipper Sally Martin and husband Bob are honored for their 3rd place finish.



Twice former champion Wendy Goodwin and dad Gordon take 4th honors, successfully shifting from snow shovel to tiller.



#5 Bullseye President Joan Tiffany and her husband Ed descended from Boston to take 5th in a borrowed boat.
Photos by David Burnham.

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Hopefully, the following highlights will add color to a most successful sailing adventure:

FRIDAY, the FIRST DAY

In the words of Christopher Robin, "It was a most unusual day." Heavy mist gave way to increasing winds as squall lines crossed the skies. The exquisite preparations by the Race Committee went on trial as the committee boat and the marks themselves dragged their anchors. As much as Nature contrived to frustrate the Race Committee, so did the brand new, state-of-the-art sequential, computer-operated, quartz-timed, starting horn system which shorted out, blew a fuse and croaked after a single weak, pathetic bleat. It was manual starts after that.

First Race. Gowrie and Noble got an easy first followed by Martin and Martin in second and Wright and Chapin third. Rippingille and Schoedinger provided the first sailing problem when they lost their mast after a shroud turnbuckle exploded.

Second Race. The winds piped up another notch and really began soaking the crews. Brad Burnham, Jr. and Brad Burnham, III, in a great feat of survival and sailing skill, after partially swamping their boat up to the seats, still managed to keep it upright in the winds and dewater fast enough to avoid last. Gowrie and Noble found too much starboard traffic at the windward mark and eventually had to settle for a near last. Goodwin and Goodwin took first followed by Mast and Mast and Wright and Chapin took third.

As the crews repaired to the Anglers Club for the famous conch chowder, sandwiches and cookies, it was obvious the Club dining room would have to be closed for a week if the sopping posteriors were even to briefly contact the precious needlepoint chair covers. Masses of folded beach towels saved not only the cushions but also provided enough rump warmth to allow skippers to flog their soggy crews back to the boats for the:

Third Race. The winds abated slightly but the seas were still rough enough to give skippers trouble figuring out a way to keep

the little Bullseyes moving. This time Mast and Mast moved up to first, while Goodwin and Goodwin picked up a second followed by Martin and Martin. Gowrie and Noble, moments from a good finish, lost their mainsail when their halyard shackle opened, and were unable to recover. A very exhausted set of competitors wearily tied up their boats for the night. ButSomehow, everybody was completely revived at four bells and joined a great party at Commodore Noble's home. The highlight was an introduction of each of the "Away" sailors by Dave Burnham that all agreed was an excellent tracing of Burnham DNA.

SATURDAY - SECOND DAY As Ocean Reefers would like to say, "We only get 364 days like this a year, so we have to take advantage of it when we get it". And it was picture perfect, warm, with clear skies, and a 10-12K breeze. However, Friday's survival instincts were replaced by raw aggression.

First Race. Twice the Race Committee had to issue a general recall as the too-eager sailors fought like tigers to be the first across the starting line just as the now repaired, starting horn blared. On the third try, there was a fair start but a collision immediately occurred that unfortunately dismasted the Klimowicz and Klimowicz boat. In the end, it was a three-boat race with Martin and Martin first, Leenhouts and Wyman second, Gowrie and Noble third.

Second Race. The winds lightened considerably requiring a course change during the race. The right side was now favored, and the shift was picked up by Mast and Mast who finished first. Fenner and Holzman followed and Shumway and Goldstein took third. Goodwin and Goodwin, who were fighting valiantly for top honors, had their most disappointing race finishing in the middle of the fleet.

While the sailing part of the Nationals was now history, the fun continued at the traditional "Hotdogs at the Nooner" event that gave the "Aways" a taste of why some sail at Ocean Reef just to eat these hotdogs.

The new Bullseye National Champions are skipper Al Mast and crew Lynne Mast of the Card Sound Sailing Club. But, everybody won!

— Jim Leenhouts

CARD SOUND SAILING CLUB — KEY LARGO, FLORIDA
44TH BULLSEYE NATIONALS, MARCH 4/5, 2005

Place	Sail #	Yacht	Skipper/Crew	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	700	Pretsail	Al/Lynne Mast	5	2	1	4	1	13
2	91	Target	Don Wright/Sandy Chapin	3	3	6	7	7	26
3	778	Scallion	Sally/Bob Martin	2	4	3	1	18	28
4	790	Red All Over	Wendy/Gordon Goodwin	6	1	2	5	16	30
5	512	Bob-O-Link	Joan/Ed Tiffany	10	6	11	8	8	43
6	705	Kiwi	George Fenner/Bob Holzman	4	7	5	26	2	44
7	699	Kim	Dick/Valerie Elliott	14	5	8	6	11	44
8	141	Shamrock	Tom duPont/Eric Thiel	7	11	10	13	6	47
9	704	Wasp	Dan/Eileen Mullray	18	8	4	14	10	54
10	819	Dead Eye	Spencer Gowrie/Linda Noble	1	20	26	3	9	59
11	708	Duckling	Shirley Shumway/Vicky Goldstein	24	14	9	9	3	59
12	757	Nonsense	Jim Leenhouts/Tom Wyman	11	19	17	2	12	61
13	36	Quicksail	Genevieve Orr/John Sherry	16	16	14	12	4	62
14	613	Remora	Ed/Sandy Kirschner	20	13	15	16	5	69
15	80	Wahini	Dave/Paul Burnham	12	9	13	19	17	70
16	817	Chance	Bruce/Ben Jeffries	8	21	20	15	13	77
17	575	Bobber	Nanna Buckley/Lila Goldfarb/Susan Mead	13	18	12	17	22	82
18	785	Reef Racer	Stewart/Evelyn Pinsof	9	12	26	21	19	87
19	810	Taurus	Suzanne Rice/Suzanne McManmon	15	17	18	18	20	88
20	299	Mistral	Cal/Brian Beggs	21	10	7	26	26	90
21	354	Rywhitkin	Harvey Pentleton/Susan McGowan	22	23	19	11	15	90
22	128	Bluebird	Brad/Brad Burnham	17	24	26	10	14	91
23	141	Serena	Jerry/Linda Klimowicz	19	15	16	26	26	102
24	774	Tomcat	Frank Schneider/Jeanette Ragucci	25	22	21	20	21	109

PAGE 4 PHOTO IDENTIFICATION, l-r, top-bottom: Former champion Spencer Gowrie and Linda Noble steered Dead Eye to 1st in race #1; Fishers Islander Dave Burnham in Wahini (80) and Tom duPont (141) in Shamrock duke it out; Kiwi, George Fenner and Bob Holzman, winner of the Pumpkin Key Race and always a hot contender; Will Brad Burnham in Bluebird (128) make a port tack start?; No, will he clear the pin?; Sally Martin in Scallion (778) leads now champion Al Mast in Pretsail (700); Former champion Don Wright's Target (91) slips by Nanna Buckley in Bobber (575); Author of "Everybody Won" Jim Leenhouts makes Nonsense show winning form; The Masts' Pretsail (700) and the Goodwins' Red All Over (790) battle it out; As it looked from the Committee boat, Masts, Goodwins, and duPonts, in race #1; Gowrie and Noble (819) and Jerry and Linda Klimowicz (141), race #3; duPont (141) and Pentleton (354) at the start of the last race. At last the wind has calmed. The sun is out.; Joan Tiffany—the sheer joy of sailing! Photos by Rick Fenner and Lucy

44TH BULLSEYE NATIONALS — CARD SOUND SAILING CLUB—KEY LARGO, FLORIDA

