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## BULLSEYE CLASS ASSOCIATION

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### President's Message

Hello from Winter Harbor, Downeast Maine.

I met a bunch of you at the Nationals in Rockport this summer but, for those that I have not met me, I live in Winter Harbor, Maine and have been sailing Bullseyes for about 25 years or so.

I would like to start out by thanking Windsor Coffin for being our president the past three years and steering us thru this covid period. Thanks Windsor!

I would also like to thank the Sandy Bay Yacht club for taking on the Bullseye Nationals at the last minute; Thanks go out to Laura Hallowell and Jo-Ann Lavigne and their crew for the excellent event that they put on. Next year the Nationals will be at Fishers Island,

and I hope to see a good turnout for the races.

We were thinking about putting some videos on the web site or Facebook page; If you have some videos that you would like to share of how you have your boat rigged or a "how to" video of replacing the rub rail, or anything that you can think of, please send them along to the Webmaster or me.

We have a new newsletter editor, Kyle Stearns, and if you have anything that you would like to put in the next newsletter, please send it along to him. If we have enough articles, maybe, we can do one in the Winter.

Hopefully everyone had a great summer on the water either just poking around harbors or participating in your local races. Stay safe and wear your PFD!

-Pete Drinkwater

## Waypoints

News, Events, Articles



### 59th Annual Bullseye Nationals Regatta, Sandy Bay Yacht Club, Rockport, MA

By Laura Hallowell

The 58<sup>th</sup> Bullseye Nationals at Sandy Bay Yacht Club in Rockport Massachusetts was held with a variety of weather and wind conditions. On Saturday the wind was light and disappeared entirely for an hour or so after the first race. The RC was able to eventually get in three races. Boats were often very close together, making the racing exciting in slow motion. Joan and Ed Tiffany (BYC) built up a substantial lead with two firsts and a second, while Phil and Cheryl Nutting (SBYC) were firmly in second place.

Sunday morning was a bit different with strong, gusty SW winds and a rainstorm in the midst of race 4, so racers had to use a different set of skills. The best story was about Ed Tiffany, who went swimming between race 4 and race 5 to clear a line from between the rudder and hull yet managed to get back to the starting line. That's real problem solving on the water!

The Tiffanys and Nuttings held on to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places respectively; Peter Drinkwater and Kyle Stearns (WHYC) were third, Conrad Lavigne and Suzanne Gosselin (SBYC) were fourth, and Ken Jennings and Randy Johnson (NH) were fifth. Full results are on the website.

In addition to the perpetual trophies below, the Herreshoff Museum endowed a special trophy in honor of David C Burnham for the top sailor over 75. The Fishers Island Masters Trophy was won by Conrad Lavigne.

Here are comments from two visitors:

The team at the Sandy Bay Yacht Club did a great job organizing the event and were so warm and welcoming to us visiting sailors. Uncle Gabe and Cousin Jake (Stern) and I were fortunate to sail in a tip-top loaner boat--Deja Bu--with a freshly washed bottom. Although we didn't do her full justice, we loved the competition, camaraderie, and continuity of tradition that the regatta represents. Especially after not having Nationals the last two years, it was so wonderful to get back. I love the commemoration of Dave Burnham, and we're hoping to follow his example and win the "most improved" trophy every other year or so! Uncle Gabe and I have been sailing in the Nationals since I bought my Bullseye ADE back in 2011, and despite the long drive, I love coming back every year from Michigan, seeing old friends, and sailing with family. We're looking forward to Fisher's Island next year."

-Michael Barr, from Michigan

We had some really great competition on the starting line. Boats were moving fast and jockeying for position without interfering. It was a true test of sailing with the physical and mental aspects on full display. The social events were wonderfully simple and focused on having the competitors interact with each other to rekindle friendships. Personally, I enjoyed the warmth and hospitality of the SBYC Fleet who went out of their way to ensure that the visitors were taken care of and had their needs met.

-David H Burnham, FIYC

Perpetual trophies <http://www.bullseyesailing.org>

E.L. Goodwin Bullseye National Trophy, regatta winner:	Joan and Ed Tiffany
The Beverly Trophy, most improved,	Joan and Ed Tiffany
The Rockport Trophy, best non-local boat	Joan and Ed Tiffany
The Card Sound Filial Trophy, two generations of same family:	David H and Paul Burnham
The Fishers Island Master's Trophy, best over 75	Conrad Lavigne



## Bullseye History

Our beloved Bullseye floats on a long-loved history of multi-generational sailors who continue to keep our fleet alive and thriving. One of the earliest fleets found itself amongst the Fishers Island families, and the legacy continues. In the September issue of "Windcheck", our own John Burnham shares his family legacy with the sailing community in his article titled *Bullseyes, FIS 31s and H-23s: The Herreshoff Legacy Lives On.*



Click Link Below to Read

**Bullseyes, FIS 31s and H-23s: The Herreshoff Legacy Lives on**

## Editor's Note

As you may have noticed by now, the Bullseye Class Association newsletter has a new look; Thank you, Mr. President, for the introduction! You may have seen me crewing for Peter Drinkwater, my father-in-law, in past Nationals and periodically in the Winter Harbor Yacht Club summer series. I grew up on Narragansett Bay sailing with my family and racing for East Greenwich Yacht Club's Greenwich Bay Sailing Association. My wife & I have since moved to Maine, and her family has introduced me to the Bullseye and this great community. We recently acquired hull #1660 and hope to have her ready for next season's events! I welcome any comments, suggestions, and recommendations for the newsletter; please forward them my way. Thanks! -Kyle Stearns



## Yacht Club Reports



### Sandy Bay Yacht Club

Sandy Bay Yacht Club had a good summer. With an early series in June, full racing started July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. Bullseyes race three days a week. Our Wednesday night series is very popular for two reasons: no spinnakers, so it gives less experienced boats a chance, and dinner at the club afterwards.

Because of the high vaccination rate in Rockport and the fact that everything at the club is essentially outdoors, we had no restrictions due to Covid. It felt like a normal summer. Hosting the Nationals was a highlight. Interest in Bullseyes has been strong, in part because we teach adult lessons in Bullseyes as well as Rhodes 19s. Reaching out to new members to include them in our local fleet helps us to make new friends and build the sailing fleet.

-Laura Hallowell



### Fishers Island Yacht Club – Bullseye Fleet Racing Report for Summer 2021

The Bullseye fleet returned to racing after the 2020 hiatus with great enthusiasm. Thirteen different skippers participated over the course of the summer and there were typically 7-10 boats on the line with all four of our club-owned boats competing on at least one Saturday.

Our biggest challenge was the wind. On the first race day, July 10, we waited for the afternoon breeze to fill in, but it never showed. Fortunately, there was wind on the next three Saturdays, so we were able to string together six races for our Saturday series. In August, we had one race day followed by our annual Picnic Race (the wind died during the picnic, so there was no afternoon race) and then the following week we canceled the races and instead prepared for the arrival of Hurricane Henri. Our final Saturday was very windy, and we raced without spinnakers.

The season started with the annual Independence Day Trophy Race and concluded with the Labor Day Trophy Race. These races use government marks for buoys and give us a chance to sail a longer race outside of our typical racing area.

Kudos to all of the winners including season champions Meris Enright (1<sup>st</sup>); David C. Burnham (2<sup>nd</sup>); and Tom duPont (3<sup>rd</sup>).

-Louise Burnham Packard, FIYC Fleet Captain

## Winter Harbor Yacht Club

After a 2020 where the sailors of the Winter Harbor Yacht Club raced on a limited basis due to COVID protocols, the 2021 season ended up being normal, though the weather could have been better. We were only able to race on five of the nine scheduled race days this summer and one of the days was a junior member race. The days we did race, however, were perfect Downeast Maine days. As you can tell from the fact that we only had nine scheduled race days this summer, ours is a truly short season. I know all of us who sail on the waters of Winter Harbor and Frenchman Bay hope that good weather will permit a more complete season in 2022.

This will be my last report to you on the status of Bullseye sailing at the Winter Harbor Yacht Club as I have stepped down as Fleet Representative to our club and area. BSA President Peter Drinkwater has tapped another keen Bullseye sailor to take the reins, Greg Hodges. I can think of no one better from the WHYC to represent our club and our area as Fleet Representative than Greg. First and foremost, he is a great person. But Greg is also an exceptionally fine sailor and is someone who genuinely loves his Bullseye. I know he will be a valuable contributor to future BSA committee discussions and an integral part in forging the future path of the BSA.

It has been an honor to have been part of the BSA, both as an officer and as Fleet Representative. Though my time representing the interest of Bullseye sailors is ending, I can tell you that I am looking forward to seeing many of you at future Nationals.

Fair winds,

Windsor D. Coffin

Former Fleet Representative – Winter Harbor



**Ask Wendy**

*Have a question about your boat? Ask Wendy! Wendy Goodwin, President of Cape Cod Shipbuilding, is happy to answer your questions & enlighten us all. Please submit questions to [editor@bullseyeclass.org](mailto:editor@bullseyeclass.org)*

Dear Wendy,

Thank you for hurrying the parts out the door which I have installed and used for a week now. This is just a quick note to report back on how well the new club jib works (which you already know) on our 1963 Bullseye. The design, with the club attached perpendicular to the headstay above the second fitting on the jib luff and almost bisecting the sail edges at the clew, the curvature of the club, and the jib sheets pulling straight down to the fairleads produces excellent sail shape. I was quite shocked. Doing some hunting on Google shows that this is not all that common with self-tacking jibs. Two other advantages are excellent as well: the jib sheet can be adjusted from either side of the boat and you have a stiff foot for going wing on wing. With the hook on the boom pushing the clew out, the load on the jibsheet is noticeably reduced over just having a sheet do the work. The sheets now only have to adjust the sail angle and don't have to hold the sail out. I also appreciate the numerous holes in the fitting so I could fine tune the sail curvature to my jib. I started with one of the middle holes and the jib was way too flat. I ended up with last hole and the jib curves like the boom itself on either tack. In this setting all four tell-tales on the jib luff have laminar flow. This is much harder to get right with only a sheet on the clew. So was the club jib your family's design? Or was it a Sidney Herreshoff design? The older wooden 12 1/2's all seem to have a regular boom on the jib. One just has to appreciate the thinking, experience, and trial and error that went into the design.

Sincerely,  
Andy Admiration

Hi Andy:

The Bull's Eye jib boom is something Nat Herreshoff designed when the Fishers Island group asked him for an improved Herreshoff H-12 1/2. Instead of the straight jib boom, he designed the curved boom that connects to the forestay. I'm glad you are thrilled with the sail shape as it is faster than the H-12's straight self-tacking jib for sure! Neither Sidney nor my Grandfather could claim the design as it was pure Nat Herreshoff. See attached evolution, the center boat shown is the wooden Herreshoff Bull's Eye built by Herreshoff MFG for the Fishers Island fleet & the boat to it's right is the fiberglass Bull's Eye. Also attached is the blue-print close up of the jib boom itself. Thank you for the feedback as it's nice to simply appreciate the design!

Sincerely,

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## Meeting Minutes

### Bullseye Class Association

Annual Meeting 4/25/21

### Minutes

This meeting was conducted on Zoom at 4:00 P.M.

**Present :** Windsor Coffin, Kristen Bock, John Brim, David H. Burnham, Dan Butler, Jean and John Childs, Kathryn and Chris Collings, Doug Doben, Peter Drinkwater, Tom DuPont, Bob Fay, Wendy Goodwin, Laura Hallowell, Cindy Harper, Niko Kotsatos, Conrad and Jo-Ann Lavigne, Kym Lee, George Lucas; Cheryl and Phil Nutting, Pam and Bob Prichard, Fran Reardon, Joan and Ed Tiffany, and Chris Verni; Gordon Goodwin joined the meeting about 4:30p.m.

President Coffin called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Secretary Hallowell reported that we have 94 memberships and 122 members (28 family memberships). This is an increase of about 18. Many members are not in racing clubs. We should try to provide better support for these members.

The minutes of the Annual meeting on 5/3/20 and the Executive Committee minutes of 1/25/21 were approved.

Treasurer Burnham reported that our funds have increased to \$15,571.33, largely because we have not had the expenses of the Nationals for two years. Funds may be available for some special projects. Better support could be given to new members on rigging and caring for their boats. Hallowell mentioned that she often sends photos of the rigging on her boat to new members, but realizes that there are many, many variations. Perhaps we could create a “library” of ways boats are rigged. Members should send photos to Niko who will coordinate with Wendy.

The treasurer’s report was approved. It was suggested that Burnham look into Directors and Officers Insurance.

President Coffin remarked on his almost three-year extended tenure as President, admitting that he was ready to have more free time. He has dealt with many challenges in those three years, including the effects of Covid 19 on the Nationals and on racing in individual clubs. He thanked both Fishers Island YC and Sandy Bay YC for working out a way to hold the Nationals this year, and thanked Wendy Goodwin for her offer to host them if all else fails. He also thanked many of the Executive Committee members who have helped the BSA and Laura Hallowell for all the ways she works to keep things running.



Chris Collings spoke for the Technical Committee; he asked that members keep bringing their questions to his committee.

Reporting for the Competition Committee, Kathryn Collings said they will be considering changes in the Regatta Rules that would be presented for approval next year. Coffin remarked on how very helpful her work had been to Winter Harbor YC in running the Nationals.

George Lucas presented the slate of officers:

President, Peter Drinkwater; Vice-President, Chris Verni; Treasurer, David H. Burnham; Secretary, Laura Hallowell. There were no nominations from the floor. The slate was approved unanimously.

Hallowell reported that planning for the Nationals at SBYC is well under way, and the NOR and registration materials were sent out in early April. SBYC is waiting for the results of the Special Meeting to finalize the maximum number of races sailed. Loaner boats are available, and SBYC hope to be able to accommodate some sailors in private homes. There will be no single-handed racing on Friday; it would have added an additional layer of complication to an already complex situation. Fishers Island YC is enthusiastically looking forward to hosting next year. FIYC expects to have 2-3 loaner boats.

Chris Collings reported that the Marion Recreation Community Sailing program with Bullseyes is restarting after not sailing last year. The Harbor Master is very enthusiastic and wants to host an event, including loaner boats and a cook-out. There were questions such as could there be different levels of expertise and could there be short courses for new racers.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Hallowell, Secretary



## Classifieds

*Please refer to website for most up-to-date listings*

**For Sale - \$8,500** Owner: Berry Kleider, Minneapolis , MN 55408-1929 Home phone: 612-481-0354 e-mail: [bkleider@sihope.com](mailto:bkleider@sihope.com) Boat location: Minneapolis, MN Sail number 2062, Boat name: Wakayzu, Hull number: 2062, Date mfg. 1962 Boat colors: Deck; Lt. blue, Topside; cream, Boot top; red, Hull; dark blue. Sails: Main sail by Quantum 2020 in excellent condition, Genoa by Thurston in good condition, Working jib by Quantum 2020 in excellent condition, Spinnaker by Thurston in good condition. Includes a second set of sails, main and jib. Gear: spinnaker pole, genoa tracks, boom vang, compass, jib clutch, anchor, boom rest, lifting sling, cockpit cover in good condition Trailer: Triad, year 2010 in excellent condition, purchased new in 2010, includes locking extension bar. Remarks: The boat is in excellent condition. Fully restored for 2014. Indoor winter storage since purchased in 2009. Bright work redone for 2021, Trailer stored off-street in summer, electrical system good, tires near new.

**NEW RUBRAIL & ADHESIVE** - \$159.00 + Shipping Haz. Mat Contact: Bradley D. Babcock, Lakewood, OH 44107-6148 Home phone: 216-228-4990 Cell Phone:216-386-2281 Email: Launchman27gmail.com Remarks: Boat not for sale but, I have a new unused rubrail and sealed can of adhesive that would look better on your boat then my shelf. Purchased in 2010.

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*Corrections or to remove your listing on this web site E-Mail the [Bullseye Webmaster](#).*

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### To List Your Bullseye for Sale

To list your Bullseye for sale, download and print the Bullseye For Sale Form PDF and mail it along with a \$25 check made out to the Bullseye Sailing Association to:

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## About Us

Fleets located all along the East Coast keep in touch through this newsletter, which is packed with sailing tips, stories, regatta information, and results.

Established fleets and their fleet representatives are below:

Fishers Island, NY

David H. Burnham

Marion, MA

Marcia Browne and Chris Verni

Miami and Key Largo, FL

George Lucas

Rockport, MA

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Saunderstown, RI

Al Maybach

Winter Harbor, ME

Greg Hodges

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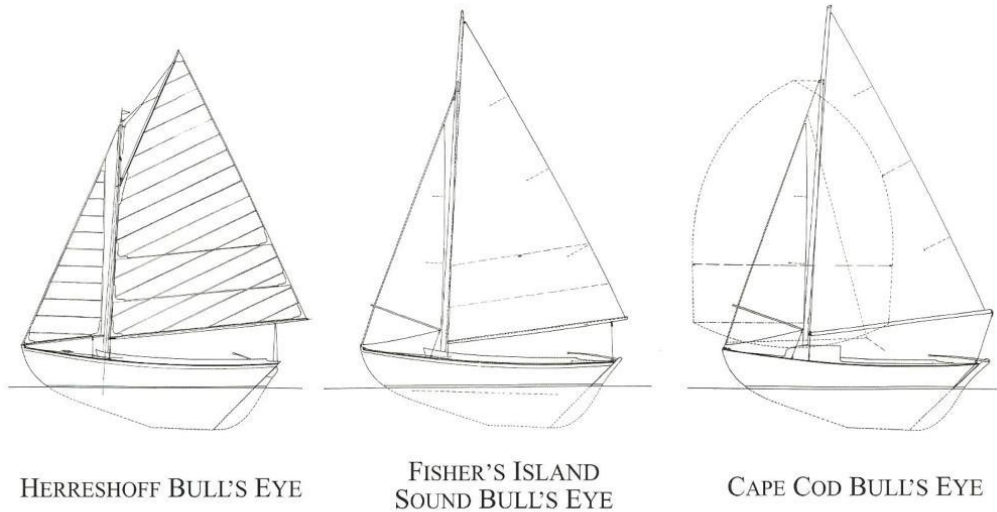


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