

BULLSEYE CLASS ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

Hello all from Downeast Maine; I hope everyone had a great sailing season wherever you live!

First off, I am sorry that this is so late in the year being sent out to all of you. I have been trying to find another site for the Bullseye Nationals for 2023. We thought we might be able to have them at the Herreshoff Museum in the Fall, but I just found out last week that they are booked up with weddings next year.

If your yacht club would be interested in hosting the Nationals in 2023 let me know. Hopefully Card Sound will be back in the rotation in the next few years. So, right now, Winter Harbor would be the host in 2024.

I would like to thank Fisher Island Yacht Club for hosting the races in 2022, and congratulations to the 2022 winner Meris Enright & Kathrin Leuchtenberg! Also, I would like to thank the volunteers that hosted the visiting sailors and helped with the chase boats and meals.

We had great turnout with 16 boats on the starting line. There were 3 boats that sailed across the Sound on Friday morning. Kyle and I were heading out of Spicer's Marina, Noank, by 7:30 am, and the tide and light wind took us right out into the Sound. A couple of hours later, and with continued light winds, we made it to Fisher Island. The Collings and Tiffany's sailed out of Noank Shipyard, next to where we launched, but they just missed the tide and with the Westerly

wind they ended up getting towed out to the Sound. Laura and crew came over on the ferry and borrowed a local boat.

Onto another subject. I would like to see us have our annual meeting in person this spring. If any club or person knows of any sites that they would recommend where we could hold it, let me know. If you have any suggestions for a speaker or activity let me know that, also.

Well, most of us northern sailors have our boats put away for the winter (I know a couple of you still sail all winter up North here) And the southern boats are just getting their season going. It's great that we have this group to keep the Bullseye spirit going year-round!

Pete Drinkwater

President



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Photos from Bullseye Nationals 2022 [photo album](#), submitted by David H. Burnham, below.

Waypoints

News, Events, Articles

**60th Annual Bullseye Nationals Regatta,
Fishers Island Yacht Club, Fishers Island, NY**

By David H. Burnham



Dear Bullseye Membership,

The 59th Bullseye Nationals Regatta was held from August 19th – August 21st and hosted by Fishers Island Yacht Club on Fishers Island, NY. The weekend was full of energy with visiting crews from BYC, WHYC, and SBYC joining 12 local FIYC boats making for a busy starting line. The team of Meris Enright and Kathrin Leuchtenberg, sailing *Grouchy Ladybug*, won the 5-race series edging out Oliver and Jennifer Parsons by one point. Third place went to Brad and Tucker Gibbs, also representing FIYC. Full results can be found on the [Association website](#).

Friday night's welcome reception gave competitors an opportunity to reconnect, swap stories, and speculate about the current within Fishers Island Sound. Daylight broke on Saturday morning with light winds and the postponement flag went up until late morning. Four races were completed on the first day of racing with the top of the standings yielding ties for first and third. Sunday morning started off foggy, but a steady breeze built throughout the morning giving sailors a beautiful racecourse consisting of five legs. *Grouchy Ladybug* crossed the line seconds before the Parsons in *Double Cross* to secure the championship.

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Meris and Kathrin appear to be the first all-female boat to win the Nationals, as judged by the champions plaques on the back of the E. L. Goodwin Trophy. Other perpetual award winners include:

- Beverly Trophy (Most Improved) – Louise Burnham Packard FIYC
- Card Sound Filial Trophy (Best Family Boat) – Oliver and Jennifer Parsons FIYC
- Rockport Trophy (Best Visiting Boat) – Joan and Ed Tiffany BYC
- David C. Burnham Masters Trophy (Best Skipper, aged 75+) – Joan Tiffany BYC

A [photo album](#) of the weekend can be found here.

Bullseye sailors are encouraged to prepare for the next National Regatta, tentatively scheduled for September 2023; details to follow!

David H. Burnham

Regatta Co-Chair

Querida #80



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Yacht Club Reports

Card Sound Sailing Club

Bullseye sailing down south at CSSC started with a Welcome back lunch at the beautiful home of Rick and Lesley Chanin. The next two days a team of members led by Windsor Coffin and Chuck Cook launched and rigged about 12 boats.

Gary Sayia invented a special non-series race called the Wild Turkey Regatta with a highlight (for me at least) winning the last race with crew of my son-in-law Mike Buckley and great granddaughter Kailie, age 2. A filial combo of skipper and jib-girl totaled 90 years of experience.

At the opening lunch we introduced the request by Cmdr Drinkwater for invite chance for Northern Bullseye sailors to come down and experience the warmth and direct sheeting of jibs. The sense of the group was generally OK but hedged by a very solid series schedule. We will try to find a time, but it will have to be limited to about 6 visitor boats to borrow. We will let you know if and when we find a date and plan. [Special] Thanks, Laura, for your continuous work for the BSA.

George. #701 WAHINI



Winter Harbor Yacht Club

The Winter Harbor yacht club has continued to see its fleet of Bullseye grow. These boats are featured in a series of races, held each Wednesday in July and August. While weather can always pose a challenge, the flexibility of the skippers helped the Club to enjoy a competitive and lively race series over the course of the summer. The race calendar included a number of events that were intended to afford greater accessibility and to afford experience to younger skippers.

The Youth Sailing Program at the Winter Harbor Yacht Club developed its program so as to include opportunities in Optimis, 420s and Bullseyes. Participants in the Program could then develop the skills, tactics and techniques that are so important to racing Bullseyes. Special attention was paid to the flying of a spinnaker. It was a delight to look out toward the Schoodic Peninsula and see a fleet of Bullseyes on a spinnaker run. The fleet is preparing for the opportunity it will have in the summer of 2024 to welcome you to the Nationals in Winter Harbor.

Fleet Representative,

Greg Hodges

From the Editor

Please keep the Bullseye Class Association Newsletter in mind as we go through the winter and into the 2023 season: feel free to submit any notable events, regattas, interest items to me, and I'll gladly save them for the Spring newsletter. If your fleet is playing hard and sailing harder, send some photos of the fun!

Of separate note, the Bullseye Class has graciously made grants available to assist our local fleets; the Marion Community Sailing Center was a great success story with a \$1000.00 allotted to help improve their maintenance and allow their sailors a better experience! Reach out to the Bullseye Officers for details on the availability and grant process.

On behalf of the Bullseye Class Association, have a safe & healthy holiday season, and we'll see everyone in the New Year!

Best,

Kyle Stearns, Editor

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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

Dear Wendy:

I'm contacting you today about our Bullseye built in 1960. With a recent boom replacement, we can again roller reef. The problem is that our mainsail is held to the boom using clips. When the sail is rolled around the boom to reef, it chafes against the clips & creates small tears in the sail. We need a new mainsail anyway, so we are thinking about a bolt rope; Or, we could go with a loose foot approach? Do you have an opinion on which is best?

Marty Mainsail

Dear Marty:

Thank you for the question about sail toggles vs bolt rope. Today, the standard Bullseye mainsail comes with bolt rope on both the foot and the luff. Bolt rope not only will give you better performance over sail toggles but can also be easier to hoist in older spars. There was a time in the 60's where quite a few Bullseyes had mainsails with sail slugs, so its common for some owners to assume this was the standard issue. They most likely were equipped with sail toggles as it was thought they were easier to raise the mainsail while single-handling. Sail slugs require a sail stop to be inserted in the sail feed of the mast and once in, you shouldn't have to feed the mainsail when hoisting. This modification however then prevents you from being able to use the standard cockpit cover. We have sold a few cockpit covers that allow for the additional sail material gathered above the sail feed/sail stop but there is an added cost for the custom cockpit cover.

On older masts, the sail slugs may not always go up easily. Sometimes slugs teeter in the sailfeed groove so you have to raise/lower, raise/lower. As you are about to make a sail purchase, plan on a suit of standard daysailing sails to be in service about 8 to 10 years. I commend you for recognizing the need to keep the roller reefing gooseneck in the boom functioning. The sails will need some care and maintenance too. I prefer the bolt rope, not only because our Bull's Eye races but also because I like using the cockpit cover to protect the mainsail & keep rainwater out. Here are some tips

about care when the sails with bolt-ropes are new. 1. Assure the outhaul is completely off before you raise the mainsail. A sure way to tear your new sail is to leave the outhaul tight. 2. Always have hands feeding the luff into the sail feed. 3. If single-handing, take your time and never pull on the halyard if the boltrope is kinked. As the sailcloth gets older, the sail is more forgiving but also can be more fragile as you have discovered. When sails are new, they are not as flexible & are also susceptible to damage if handled improperly.

You raise a good point about loose footed mainsails but the Bull's Eye Class Association would have to be approached to discuss. Currently, the class rules allow sail slugs or boltrope only.

Sincerely,

Wendy J. Goodwin
President

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Meeting Minutes

Bullseye Class Association

Annual Meeting 4/24/22 Minutes

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

Present : Windsor Coffin, David H. Burnham, Dan Butler, Sherri Casey, Jean and John Childs, Kathryn and Chris Collings, , Peter Drinkwater, , Wendy Goodwin, Laura Hallowell, Ken Jennings, Niko Kotsatos, Conrad and Jo-Ann Lavigne, Kym Lee, George Lucas, Charlie Nichols, Chris Sears, Louise Packard, Kyle Stearns, Joan and Ed Tiffany, and Chris Verni; Gordon Goodwin joined the meeting about 4:30p.m.

President Drinkwater called the meeting to order at 4:05 P.M.

Both the minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting and of the 3/9/22 Executive committee were approved. Secretary Hallowell reported that we have 64 individual memberships and 23 family memberships, for a total of 87 memberships and 110 members. This is about the same as the past couple of year.

Treasurer Burnham reported that we have \$15,144.29 on hand. Major disbursements in the 2021-2022 fiscal year included: Advertisement with Bonnier Corp. for digital advertising in [Sailing World's One-Design Showcase](#). US Sailing Membership with placement in the [US Sailing One-Design Central](#). A donation to the Marion Community Boating effort, spearheaded by Chris Collings. And finally, the regatta insurance underwritten by Chubb Insurance and the Gowrie Group. 2022 also included an additional disbursement of \$500 to Fishers Island Yacht Club in support of the 2022 National Regatta. Burnham suggested that we use some of our funds to better support local fleets. This was discussed later in the meeting.

President Drinkwater thanked SBYC for hosting the Nationals in 2021 on short notice, and expressed his support for the upcoming Nationals at Fishers Island.

Technical Committee co-chair Chris Collings stressed the importance of the BSA gift of \$1000 to the Community Sailing Program in Marion It allowed the program to upgrade and standardize their boats. Collings felt that sometimes simple ideas and modest funds granted from BSA can help to keep boats active in a club. It might be extra spinnaker poles to run a regatta, or even to assist in buying a club Bullseye. Further discussion showed that it might be a way to help smaller fleets bring in new members. The funds would be for club boats, not individuals' boats. Collings moved that the BSA grant authority to the Executive Committee to grant up to \$5000 in the 2022-23 year to fleets to improve club Bullseyes, for fleet education, and to improve fleet participation. The motion was seconded and passed 15/1/1.

Competition Committee Chair Kathryn Collings reminded the membership that their charge is to ensure consistency at the Nationals. Kathryn reminded sailors of the North U seminars and Dave Dellenbach's Speed and Smarts seminars.

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Nominating Committee Chair Coffin presented the slate of officers:

President: Peter Drinkwater; Vice-President: Chris Verni; Treasurer: David H. Burnham; Secretary: Laura Hallowell. The slate was approved unanimously.

He then presented the officers appointed by Executive Committee: Editor: Kyle Stearns; Technical Committee Co-chairs: Chris Collings and Niko Kotsatos; Historians: Jim and Kristen Pluntze; Nominating Committee chair: Windsor Coffin; Commodore: Windsor Coffin; Competition committee chair: Kathryn Collings; Nationals Chair: Louise Packard. These were also approved unanimously.

2022 Nationals and Nationals Rotation: Planning at FIYC is well under way. The NOR and registration materials have been posted. Registration is through Phlotilla. People who want loaner boats should request them by May 15; after that they will be released to the FIYC members. They are hoping to have 20 boats on the line.

We need a venue for the 2023 nationals since WHYC has withdrawn. The most promising suggestion was that we join the Classic Boat Regatta in Bristol. Drinkwater will contact the Herreshoff Museum.

The rotation is as follows:

2023 TBD

2024 WHYC

2025 BYC

2026 SBYC?

2027 FIYC? SBYC and FIYC may switch depending on what other regattas have already been scheduled at FIYC

There has been some concern that our website may have been compromised. Webmaster Richard Robbins has recommended the following:

1. Upgrade the site to HTTPS from HTTP. This would cost \$149.99/year. The hosting and domain name are paid to 2026. Google and most browsers expects this from website these days. The credit card on file with GoDaddy so we would need a credit card or maybe it can be paid from the PayPal account (if there is money in the account). The motions to make this change was approved unanimously.

It was also requested that David H. Burnham should be the contact person for apparel. The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Hallowell

BSA Secretary

Classifieds

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

For Sale - \$5,750 Owner: Penobscot Bay YMCA, Rockport, ME 04856 Phone number: 207-236-3375, mroberts@penbayymca.org. Boat location: Rockport, ME Sail No.: 359, Colors: Deck: grey, Topside: grey, Hull: med. grey. Sails: 2 Main sails in good condition, 2 Working Jib in good condition, Spinnaker in good condition, all made by North Sails. Gear: spinnaker pole, spinnaker whisker poles, compass by Danforth, winches, anchor, boom rest, tiller extension, cockpit cover, winter cover in good condition, lifting sling, outboard bracket, tool kit, rope and chain. Trailer: Home made in good condition. Remarks: Bucket of lines.

For Sale - \$16,500 Owner: Jim Sullivan, Cell phone: 973-476-6284, Fax: 973-540-8019, e-mail: jsullivan@sullivangraberlaw.US Boat location: Saunderstown, RI. Sail No.: 34, Boat name: Boomer, Hull number: 34, Date of mfg. 1963. Boat colors: Deck; white, Topside: cream, Hull: ice blue. Sails: Main by Harding in excellent condition, Working jib by Harding in excellent condition. Gear: anchor, boom rest, cockpit cover in good to excellent condition, pump. Trailer: Triad, year 2017, in good to excellent condition. Remarks: Boomer was professionally restored to like new condition in 2017. Boomer has been maintained in pristine condition since then, by same boatyard. Winter storage inside.

Used Sails Wanted

Looking for a used Bullseye spinnaker. Contact: Murray Hestley, hestley@gmail.com, 216-244-1260, Bullseye #429

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

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:

Conrad Lavigne, Boat Coordinator
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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 (FIYC)

Marion, MA

Chris Verni

Beverly, MA

Richard Pline (BYC)

Miami and Key Largo, FL

George Lucas (CSSC)

Rockport, MA

Sherri Casey (SBYC)

Saunderstown, RI

Al Maybach (SYC)

Winter Harbor, ME

Greg Hodges (WHYC)

Everyone comes together for the National Regatta. The location of the regatta rotates around the fleets. Come join the fun! It only costs \$30 to join. You can find the form on our website, www.bullseyesailing.org



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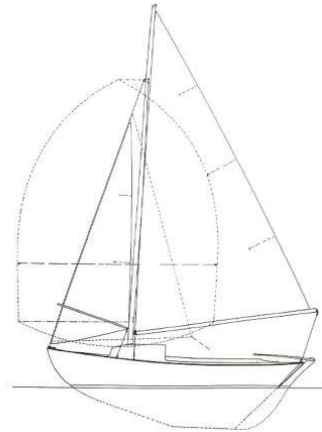
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