

## September 2020 Newsletter



**Bullseye Sailing Association**  
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### **From the President**

Dear Bullseye Sailors,

I hope this message finds you well. As summer concludes and we continue to find ourselves experiencing the COVID-19 pandemic, I hope that all of you were able to do some Bullseye sailing or racing this summer.

As you are aware from the spring BSA News Flash, our National Championship was called off for 2020. While I know that we are all tremendously disappointed that we will have a second consecutive year without a Nationals, this was absolutely the correct decision given the continued pandemic safety protocols. However, we are thrilled that the Fisher's Island YC has agreed to host the Nationals in 2021. Their enthusiasm towards Bullseye racing and hosting the Nationals is steadfast. I want to thank the FIYC for their tireless work organizing this year's event and their willingness to host in 2021. Thanks must also be given to the Sandy Bay YC and our successive host clubs for their support and understanding as we push all tentative Nationals hosts back by one year.

In this newsletter you will find minutes of our Annual Meeting which was held for the first time in a virtual setting. While my slow satellite connection in Florida precluded me from joining by video (I participated audio only), I could certainly hear during the call and from reports afterwards that the use of video conferencing was a tremendous success. Going forward we will discuss how videoconferencing can be used in the future for Executive Committee purposes and for member purposes with the hope that we can get more of you involved in the decisions made for the Bullseye class.

I wish all of you a very safe and healthy Fall and Winter as we all hope that there are calmer seas ahead for our planet in 2021.

Fair winds,  
Windsor D. Coffin  
President  
Bullseye Sailing Association

### **Bullseye Class Association Annual Meeting 5/3/20 by Zoom Minutes**

### **2020 Bullseye National Championship will be hosted by Fishers Island Yacht Club August 7, 8 & 9, 2020**

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

Present : Windsor Coffin, David H. Burnham, Chris and Kathryn Collings, Peter Drinkwater, Wendy Goodwin, Gordon and Linda Goodwin, Laura Hallowell, Jed Hoffer, Niko Kotsatos, Kym Lee, Conrad and Jo-Ann Lavigne, George Lucas, Susan Mead, Garret Sayia, Joan and Ed Tiffany, and Chris Verni.

President Coffin called the meeting to order after everyone had joined the meeting.

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Secretary Hallowell gave the secretary's membership report to date: 56 individual memberships and 24 family memberships for a total of 80 memberships and 104 members. This is just about the same as the last two years, although less than the years before that. The minutes of three previous meetings, the Annual Meeting of 4/28/19 and the Executive Committee meetings of 10/1/19 and 2/5/20 were unanimously accepted.

Treasurer Burnham reported that our December 2019 was \$13,420.20, about \$3000 greater than the previous year. Three notable events and expenses from previous years did not occur in 2019 which altered the bottom line significantly.

1. The Association did not sponsor a Bullseye National Regatta in 2019. In past years the Association has contributed a nominal amount to support the operation of the host.
2. Due to disruptions, there was not enough time to insert advertisement into Sailing Word at a rate of \$750.00. This will likely be reflected in the 2020-21 annual report.
3. Lastly, the amount of disbursements towards Association needs was reduced after the Championship Trophy was fixed in 2018.

Dues received totaled \$2925.00, but PayPal deducted approximately \$160 for fees. Additional income was received in the form of advertisements placed in the quarterly newsletter. Disbursements of significance included a reimbursement for newsletter publication \$278, Chubb Regatta Insurance \$501, and annual membership with US Sailing \$500.

There was some discussion about the fact that PayPal takes about \$1.60 per payment. Other methods of paying on line were suggested. The consensus was to keep Pay Pal for now, but keep our eyes open for other methods. Pay Pal allows direct use of a credit card, and our members are used to it.

President Coffin acknowledged that it has been a challenging couple of years, both at Winter Harbor YC and at CSSC. He reported that things are still up in the air for Bullseyes at WHYC. He thanked Burnham for his work as Treasurer and for organizing the Zoom meeting, and he thanked Hallowell for all her behind the scenes work.

Nationals: Burnham reported on the decision made by Fishers Island YC to cancel the Nationals this year. The island has a policy of 14 day quarantine for new arrivals, so socializing would have been difficult. There are no hotels or B&Bs; members might not have been willing to open up their homes in this situation. There is no hospital; a "sea stretcher " takes people to New London in emergencies. FIYC wanted to put on the best show possible after the gap last year, and this year's circumstances would have made that very difficult. There was great support for the FIYC decision. The intention is to support FIYC in hosting the Nationals next year. If it turns out that members' homes cannot be used again next year, Sandy Bay YC, the next in the rotation, will be ready to switch with them. Dates will have to be reserved by both clubs.

Technical Committee: no report

Competition Committee: Clubs planning the Nationals should get in touch with Kathryn Collings if they need any information.

Election of Officers: Windsor asked that all appointed officers stay in their positions for another year. The slate of elected officers is the following:

President: Windsor Coffin

Vice-president: Peter Drinkwater

Treasurer: David H. Burnham

Secretary: Laura Hallowell

The motion to approve the slate of officers passed unanimously with 20 additional votes from proxies.

Revisions to the Class Rules:

Amendment to the Rules for Regattas: Background - As it is currently written, 7.3 limits host clubs from starting no later than 1300 on the last day of racing and assumed that the last day of racing would be a Sunday. Adding part (a) allows flexibility to host clubs who may have their last day of racing on a Saturday in far away locales like Winter Harbor, ME or Key Largo, FL where Sunday may be a travel day.

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### 7. Schedule of Races

7.3 No races will be started after 1300 hours on the final day of racing.

(a) This may be amended by the Organizing Authority, but any change must be included in the event's NOR and SI

The motion to approve passed with all at the Zoom meeting (who had not sent in proxies) voting yes, proxies 19 yes, 1 opposed.

Proposed amendment of Article VII, Section 3 of the BSA Constitution: Background - In the past we have had Executive Committee members who were not members-in-good-standing of the BSA with no language in our Constitution to compel them to make their membership current. This language will do so.

### 3. Executive Committee

3.6 Any individual elected as a Bullseye Sailing Association Officer, appointed as a committee chair or sent to the Executive Committee as a Fleet Representative must be a member in good standing of the Bullseye Sailing Association.

The motion to approve passed with all at the Zoom meeting (who had not sent in proxies) voting yes, proxies 20 yes, 0 opposed.

Report on Community Sailing in Marion: Chris Collings reported that all will depend on policies set by the Marion Recreation Department. However, the harbor masters, who were at the windward mark last year had a lot of fun and hope it goes forward, possibly single-handed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Hollowell

## **2021 National Championship will be hosted by the Fishers Island Yacht Club**

More information will be forthcoming in 2021

### **COVID-19**

The pandemic is wreaking havoc on all areas of life, including our favorite escape from reality, sailboat racing. These have been challenging times for yacht clubs as they try to balance the safety and health of members with their desire for boating and racing. Several members responded to a request for information regarding how their club managed racing during the pandemic. Despite initial concerns, there was racing at the clubs that responded.

*Winter Harbor Yacht Club: (reported by Windsor Coffin)*

Organized racing for both classes of sailboats raced at the WHYC, the Bullseye and the Winter Harbor 21, was canceled for the summer. However, we offered informal racing with crew's from the "same household." this was very successful and some members were able to "single hand" their Bullseye's which helped keep the numbers of boats on the start line up. One Saturday we had 13 boats take the start which was a great sight to see in this challenging year. Our Junior Sailing program was offered, but with COVID-19 protocols recommended by the State of Maine, US Sailing and others and was done so with great success and no infections whatsoever. It certainly was a VERY different summer.

*Beverly Yacht Club: (reported by Wendy Goodwin)*

March 2020 began with warmer than usual temperatures. Owners were anticipating an early start to the sailing season when Covid-19 put racing to a halt. Boats were cautiously launched, some remained in storage and a few Bull's Eyes, new to our fleet also appeared. The Race Committee at Beverly Yacht Club met every 14 days as restrictions by our Governor prevented tournaments in phase 1 and phase 2. Although races could not be run by our yacht club, owners were encouraged to day-sail and safely organize for fun. For 3 Sundays, The Goodwin family ran races aboard our work boat "the Gillie" for Bull's Eyes & Herreshoff H-12's to keep our skills intact. In early July, BYC races began for boats that

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carry small numbers. There were precautions; no gatherings after racing meant the fun was on the water only. Many appeared, not because they would be scored or receive a trophy but because racing was a way to simply enjoy what we love. The competition on Thursdays and Sundays didn't suffer. There was a moon-light race with perfect light on the race course and the singlehanded challenge spotlighted impeccably what makes the Bull's Eye so unique for social distancing. As it's now the end of September and the hurricane conga line is terribly active, we are reluctant to haul our Bull's Eyes in hopes to extend the season into fall racing. The 2020 pandemic may have shortened the season here on Buzzards Bay, but not our spirits!

### *Sailing at Sandy Bay Yacht Club, summer 2020 (reported by Laura Hollowell)*

Despite some serious concerns in May, our club has been surprisingly active this summer. We were able to start our racing season shortly after Memorial Day. With appropriate social distancing and wearing masks whenever at the club, we have all been able to get out to race three days a week. Our fleet has raced 23 races this summer, and will keep going until the weekend after Labor Day.

While there are no gatherings at the yacht club, we can chat 6 feet apart while waiting for the launch. The launch just takes the people for one boat at a time so it is a little slower than usual. Most people have felt safe not wearing masks once on their own boat.

Besides the racing schedule for four classes of boats, our recreational Sailing program has allowed people who do not own boat to go out in the club boats. The adult sailing classes started in July and has had quite a few classes, although not as many as usual. They were either private lessons or the people had to be in the same "bubble".

One big plus has been our Junior Sailing program. Classes were smaller and the Optis were rigged by the instructors. On the dock the kids had to stay 6 feet apart, but once they were in the boats there was no problem. We had 150 children involved in sailing classes and we believe we were the only program like it on the North Shore of Massachusetts.

We are so grateful that we were able to experience an almost normal sailing summer.

### *Fishers Island Yacht Club (reported by Louise Burnham Packard)*

The Fishers Island Bullseye fleet redefined our summer racing for the COVID era and had a whole lot of fun in the process. There were challenges. For a variety of reasons including travel restrictions, surgery and wedding plans, four of our regular racers did not put their boats in the water. And, due to COVID restrictions, the Yacht Club did not offer formal racing for the Bullseyes, IODs and J-70s. Nevertheless, on most summer Saturdays, 3-6 Bullseyes gathered at 2pm at the mouth of West Harbor, agreed on a course and declared the race started when the boats were reasonably evenly positioned. The casual format drew new racers in club-owned bullseyes; a mother with two small children ("we'll race until we run out of goldfish"); and a couple who had not raced together in over a decade, perhaps longer. As with any racing season, boats gained and lost on shifting winds and tricky tides and there were even a few breakdowns. But in the midst of the complexities of 2020, it was the laughter and informality of our summer racing season that we'll most remember - and how the simple pleasure of sailing buoy to buoy on a Saturday afternoon could lift our spirits and keep our socially distant friendships strong.

### *Card Sound Sailing Club (reported by Windsor Coffin)*

As a winter club, the Card Sound Sailing Club is unique in that we experienced the beginnings of the COVID-19 pandemic. As the news of this virus built in January and February, we knew that there was a strong possibility that it would affect the tail end of our 2019-2020 season. With so many unknowns by the time mid-March arrived and an increasing concern amongst our members, we chose to cancel the last three weeks of our season. Going forward, our new Commodore for the 2020-2021 season has implemented a "soft opening" approach. We will start racing in November, as usual, but it will be informal racing with regular series racing and social events canceled until the beginning of 2021 at the earliest with this calendar under periodic review. As the northern clubs experienced this past summer, it looks to be quite a different season ahead for the CSSC.

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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](mailto:editor@bullseyeclass.org)*

Dear Wendy:

This winter we restored our old Bull's Eye & put the builder's plaque away for safe keeping. Now that it's spring, we can't find it. Can we purchase a replacement plaque? We don't recall what numbers were on the plaque.

Yours truly,  
Lost Larry

Dear Larry:

To order a replacement builders plaque, we would need the old one in return. This is a difficult response to send to someone, but with Cape Cod built boats older than 1976, the builders plaque is the only age identifier on the boat. Continue to be on the look-out for that plaque as it hopefully was put in a safe place. Since the 1940's we have followed the same method for assigning hull numbers on the builders plaques; every model starts at 1 each year (1st Bull's Eye built, 2nd Bull's Eye built, etc.) and the last two digits are the year the boat was built (In the year 2000, we started using four digits for the year).



Does your Bull's Eye have a 12 digit HIN# etched into the upper starboard stern? If so, we could then determine at least your Bull's Eyes age/hull number. Starting in 1976 not only did we supply the builders plaque but we also began to etch the HIN# on the upper starboard stern. Attached are photos of what the builders plaque & the corresponding HIN# look like on a Bull's Eye built in 2014. On all boats built by Cape Cod Shipbuilding, the HIN # begins with CAC. The HIN # also contains the type of boat, the hull #, the year & month it was invoiced. In the example shown, this was that first Bull's Eye built in 2014. On Bull's Eyes the plaque is typically installed on an aft bulkhead, near the lazarette. As these plaques are sometimes removed for winter work or refurbishing, they can unfortunately be lost over time. The boats sail # is not the best way to determine her age as sails sometimes are swapped or owners have from time to time purchased sails but neglected to use the number assigned. Don't hesitate to reach back out to us to let us know the HIN # and we'll then be able to let you know a little more history about your Bull's Eye.

Sincerely,

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Follow up:

Dear readers; I'm thrilled to let you know Lost Larry located the original builders plaque & fastened it back to the bulkhead.

Wendy Goodwin

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### Boats for Sale

Please refer to the website for the current listings

**For Sale - \$1,000** Owner: Alfred Maybach Jr., North Kingstown, Rhode Island, 02852 Phone: 401-295-5848 Email: [cormorant61@verizon.net](mailto:cormorant61@verizon.net) Boat location: North Kingstown, RI Colors: Deck; Lt grey, Top side; Blue, Boot top; Red, Hull; Blue/green Hull number; 3559, Date of Manufacture; 1965, Boat name; BIB Sails: Sail number; 635 (?) Main sail by Doyle/Sterns in good to fair condition, Genoa by UNK in poor condition, Working jib in good to fair condition, Spinnaker by Quantum/Thurston in excellent condition, Second Spinnaker Hard in fair condition. Gear: Anchor, spinnaker sheets, jib boom, spinnaker pole, pump, outboard bracket. Comments: Floatation bags in cockpit and stern, Fwd. bags separate, Cockpit seats are wood and need work. Price includes homemade trailer. Boat was rescued from sinking on Block Island. She needs some hull work.

**For Sale - \$4,000** Owner: Herreshoff Marine Museum, 1 Burnside Street, Bristol RI 02809 Phone : 617-529-5832, [w.ylenn@herreshoff.org](mailto:w.ylenn@herreshoff.org) Boat Location: Bristol, RI Sail number: 701, Boat name: Smoke Sails: Main by Horizon in good condition, Genoa by Horizon in good condition Gear: Spinnaker pole, Boom vang, and has varnished wood seats. Remarks: 2013 National Regatta Champion - needs some work, but Smoke was a great proven winner.

**For Sale - \$4,500** Owner: Dennis M. Ring, West Bath, ME 04530 Cell phone: 207-449-0416, Email: [dring1939@comcast.net](mailto:dring1939@comcast.net) Boat location: Boothbay Harbor, ME Colors: Deck; light gray, Topside; gray, Boot top; red, Hull; white, Bottom; green Hull number; 23, Date of mfg. 1961, Sail number; 495, Boat name Weskate. Sails: Main sail by Thurston on good condition, Genoa made by D+D in good condition. Gear: Genoa tracks, winches, anchor, boom rest, cockpit cover in good condition. outboard bracket, hand pump, topping lift, whisker pole. Trailer: Homemade in 2018, in excellent condition.

### 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  
34 Parker Street  
Rockport, MA 01966

Email:  
[boatcoordinator@bullseyesailing.org](mailto:boatcoordinator@bullseyesailing.org)

### 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:

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Marion, MA  
Miami and Key Largo, FL  
Rockport, MA  
Saunderstown, RI  
Winter harbor, ME

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Marcia Browne and Chris Verni  
George Lucas  
Susie Kinder  
Al Maybach  
Windsor Coffin

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