

★ BULLSEYE ASSOCIATION ★



Parading out the cut at Hay Harbor, Fishers Island at low tide in the 1930's. This painting by Charlie Ferguson shows the original fleet of wooden Bullseyes at Fishers with their marconi rigs. Because of the narrow channel, the boats were eventually moved to West Harbor. Charlie portrays himself "at work" in the lower right corner.

MID-SUMMER RACING RESULTS

Bullseye racing is certainly enjoying an active summer. Most clubs are reporting increased participation just as President Wendy Goodwin-Kelley reports is the case for the Beverly Yacht Club in Marion. (See President's Message, p.2.)

The July Series results for Beverly are: 1. Robert and Allison Stickles, 2. Gordie Goodwin, 3. Jack Rankin, 4. Dick Pline, 5. Nana Buckley. In the Thursday Women's Series for July, Cathy Reed has won top honors followed by Faith Paulsen, Sheryl Greenfield, Betsy McManemon, and Phyllis Partridge.

At Fishers Island Paul Burnham and son David won the July Series closely followed by Cal Beggs, Stuart Cütler, Charles Kadushin, and Tom Cashel. The Burnhams also won the July 4th race.

The Sandy Bay Yacht Club in Rockport has a full summer series on Saturdays and another on Sundays. The Saturday leaders are Emily Wick, Dan Karr, and Jerry Lavigne. For Sundays the order at present is Connie Lavigne, Ed Desmarais, and Emily Wick. Ed Desmarais won the Memorial Day Series and the June (Founder's) Series and Connie Lavigne dominated on July 4th.

At Southwest Harbor, first place for July went to L. Sawyer, followed in order by Pete Welles, Jean Beaulieu, Nancy Homer, the Rolfes, M. Kelley, Anne Mazlish and Reg Hudson.

The racing season at Card Sound concluded long ago but no summary has been presented until now. In the Connors Series in January the top five were, in descending order, Don Wright (National Champion), Al Mast, Linda Noble, Gene Corley, and Ed Flynn-Lampman. For February's Magic Series the names are the same, the order slightly changed: Corley, Noble, Mast, Wright, Flynn-Lampman. The victors in the season-ending Pumpkin Island Race were the team of Holzman and Fenner.

We regret that space does not permit a fuller listing of competitors and the names of their boats.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NATIONALS 2001

The Southwest Harbor fleet has announced that the '01 Bullseye Nationals will be held the weekend after Labor Day, September 7-9. Save these dates!

THE RENDEZVOUS 2000

August 26,27

Come to the Herreshoff Rendezvous! It is open to all Herreshoff designed yachts. A New England clambake follows the racing on Saturday, August 26th. Additional races and the Wind Hill Trophy race around Prudence Island for Herreshoff 12-1/2 Footers and Bullseyes takes place on Sunday, August 27th. Contact Teri Souto, Herreshoff Marine Museum, (401) 253-5000 for a registration packet. Let's have a good Bullseye turnout!

BULLSEYE CLOTHING

Enclosed with this letter is an order form for Bullseye shirts, hats, and ties. Please note that the first two will be mailed when your order is received. There will be a delay of two months for the ties.

FOR SALE

A Bullseye currently on cradle, needs paint and TLC for \$1500. Contact Ed Rose, 8975 Saddlecreek Drive, Boca Raton, FL 33441, by phone (561) 482-0986 or email: iarerose@aol.com. Photos available.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Bullseye racing at Beverly Yacht Club has never been more active. The Thursday Ladies Series especially deserves mention as we now get 16 Bullseyes on the starting line. The Sunday Series has been challenging with light air drifters and Buzzards Bay Souwesters. New boats have entered our fleet and keep us all alert.

The Beverly fleet has just finished measuring 29 suits of racing sails. Many Bullseye sailors do not have the means to travel to the Nationals, but enjoy competing locally when the Nationals are at home. Some sails may go through five seasons before they are measured for Nationals competition. Sail material changes due to use and age, and unless the sailmaker measures your new sails in front of you, we are putting faith in our sailmakers that sails will comply with the new regulations.

The Beverly fleet made this decision to make sure we are all on the same playing field at a local level. Most new sails have measured in, some older ones have stretched or shrunk. They are after all made of cloth! This measuring process does not mean Beverly sails can be used for nationals competition. All sails without a Nationals mark must be measured before a nationals competition. Helpful hints: When you order a new suit of sails, provide the sailmaker with the current specifications, and describe how you use your boat and the conditions you sail in. When your new sails are ready, get them

measured for Nationals at the first opportunity, as once they are marked, they are grandfathered. If you are going to Nationals with an older suit of sails, get them checked by your sailmaker ahead of time.

It has always been my goal to encourage sailors to go to the Nationals. The Beverly fleet especially has a reputation for not traveling. With the increase in local attendance it is my hope that Beverly sailors will see how much fun it is to share their knowledge and sail in someone else's backyard.

After years of tiller hogging, I have handed the hiking stick to my parents who are successfully racing Red All Over in the Sunday Series. The best sailors are those who know how to work together as a team. If you add family members to the mix and still get the job done, that makes racing all the more special. This season, my husband and I are embarking on a new (to me) sailing experience. We have purchased a 23' Herreshoff Marlin, which is basically a big Bullseye. For years I have promised my husband, Obie, that I would go cruising with him if he would crew for me in local club racing. I will feel totally out of my element as we leave Marion harbor without a 5 minute start. You will probably catch me arriving in Edgartown looking for the finish line. Wishing you all an enjoyable rest of the season!

Wendy J. Goodwin-Kelley



Four Bullseyes experience the joy of racing at the Nationals in Rockport, 1999. Photo by Kathy Desmarais.

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