

# ★ BULLSEYE ASSOCIATION ★

## THE RUGGS DO IT AGAIN !



*Peter and Caroline Rugg sailing Pegasus to victory with 5th place Lazy Bonz, Dede and Beau Plessner, about to set their chute in hot pursuit.  
Photo by Sarah Porter.*

## THE 2002 NATIONALS, RACE BY RACE THE RUGGS, FATHER AND DAUGHTER, REPEAT

Fishers Island's own Caroline and Peter Rugg co-skipped Pegasus to victory in the 41<sup>st</sup> Bullseye Nationals held this year at Fishers Island on the weekend of August 3-4. In so doing they won the cherished E. L. Goodwin Trophy, as well as a special first place prize, a painting by Charlie Ferguson from Fishers Island. Their victory was an exact repeat of their 1997 triumph at Fishers.

From the Beverly Yacht Club (Marion), Wendy Goodwin and her dad Gordon won second place honors guiding Red All Over to a 4,2,3 and 10 record. Third place was won by the Nuttings, Phil, Cheryl, and Tyler, from Rockport in Dream Days. Another Rockport boat, Whisper II sailed by Connie and Peter Lavigne came in fourth and fifth honors went to Dede and Beau Plessner, skipper and crew of Lazy Bonz, hailing from Buzzards Bay Yacht Club. The Rockport Prize went to Wendy Goodwin for having the best record for a boat from "away" and the Beverly Award for "most improved" since the previous Nationals was won by Cal Beggs from Fishers Island. Caroline and Peter Rugg, in addition to their first place prizes, received the perpetual Fishers Island trophy, a painting by Charlie Ferguson, for the best Fishers Island finish in the Nationals.

This was a four-race Nationals, the beautiful Saturday weather allowing three races. Sunday, on the other hand, was glassy calm until about 1230. The breeze sprang up just in time for one race. Lacking a fifth race, there were no throw outs.

The first race was a windward / leeward twice around course in a light

## HOW IT ALL CAME TOGETHER ON A SUNNY AUGUST WEEKEND

Twenty Bullseyes were registered for the 41<sup>st</sup> Nationals at Fishers Island the first weekend of August, though two were unable to participate. Ten came from off the Island.

On Friday afternoon, the visiting boats were launched at Spicers Marina in Noank, CT, and towed the two and a half miles across Fishers Island Sound to West Harbor. Many thanks to Sandy Riegel and Harris Parsons for the towing.

After registering at the Yacht Club the visiting sailors were put in touch with their hosts who came to pick them up. Cal Beggs presided magnificently and flawlessly over sail measuring. That evening all participants and their hosts enjoyed a convivial and delicious reception hosted by Peter and Meredith Rugg at their new home overlooking West Harbor.

A Race Committee headed by former Nationals champion, Charlie Van Voorhis, assisted by Kevin Farrar and Liz Burnham met with all contestants at the Skippers' Meeting at 0830 Saturday. Mike Posey kindly invited spectators on board his sloop True North.

The first gun was fired shortly after 1000 and two races were successfully run before the flotilla returned to the Yacht Club for lunch. At 1400 the fleet was back at the starting line ready for the afternoon race.

When the racing was completed, all boats headed back to the Yacht Club. After refreshments and chatter on the lawn, the sailors retired to quarters to relax and prepare for the gala dinner at the Hay Harbor Club. The highlight of the evening was a video of the day's racing presented by Sarah Porter and Geordie Loveday. Everyone was so mesmerized by the spinnaker sets, some slightly comic, others of America's Cup quality, that Dave Burnham, Master of Ceremonies, had to shut the tube off to get people settled for dinner.

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*Youngest team in the fleet, David H. Burnham and Meris*



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Today is a sad day. I sailed my last races of the season and packed Celtica up and left her ready to be hauled by the local boatyard. How is it that the summer can pass so quickly? It couldn't possibly have lasted eight weeks. I'm sure that all of you can relate to that inner quiet that causes me to sigh as I drive away from Marion and leave my little boat behind.

This summer we were fortunate to have Fishers Island host our nationals. For those of you unable to attend, you missed a wonderful event at an idyllic venue. Fishers Island truly is a beautiful, special place and one can see why no one would ever want to leave there during the summer months. It's a little bit of paradise. The hospitality and assistance with boat transport were incredible and greatly appreciated. The event was so well organized both off and on the water that competitors were free to just focus on their racing and not have to think of anything else, a luxury that all skippers appreciate. I'd like to thank Dave Burnham and the entire Fishers Island fleet for their tireless work in hosting such a successful event. Special thanks also go to Charlie Van Voorhis, Kevin Farrar, John Burnham and Elizabeth (Liz) Burnham for their race

management. They set challenging courses in sometimes difficult situations.

The Rockport fleet is to be commended for showing such a strong commitment to national competition. Six boats from Rockport traveled to Fishers Island and it was wonderful to see such support for our Nationals. Connie and Peter Lavigne, Jerry Lavigne and Peter Vincent, Phil, Cheryl and Tyler Nutting, Dan Karr and Leslie Cooney, Mark Cohen and Jan Walker, Susie Kinder, and Richard Fahrenz and Joanne Moar all made the trek. One of the perks of national competition is the opportunity to meet new sailors, compete in larger fleets and to touch base with those you have met at prior Nationals and/or Association meetings.

Competing for the first time was my sister-in-law and her husband, Dede and Beau Plessner. They represented the Buzzards Bay fleet from Cataumet, MA. Dede and Beau have a great deal of race experience and are fierce competitors. They live in Florida and race an Ensign there.

Congratulations to Peter and Caroline Rugg for their first

place finish. Past-president Wendy Goodwin and her father Gordon Goodwin placed second and the Nuttings were third. The racing was tough, close, and a blast, and the top boats earned their spots by sailing consistently in variable and challenging conditions.

Lastly, I am thrilled to announce that Joan Tiffany has agreed to serve as our vice president. Joan grew up in Marion, MA sailing Bullseyes, Shields and club boats. She and her husband, Ed are wonderful competitors within our Marion fleet. Joan sails with Suzanne McManmon on Suzanne's boat Blue Heron II in our Thursday Ladies Series and with Ed on their boat, Cove Girl, in our Sunday series. She brings a wealth of nautical knowledge and organizational skills to our association and I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to work with her. She and my Thursday crew, Susan Mead, will co-chair our Nationals next year in Marion.

— Elizabeth Wohler-Berry  
September 2, 2002

## HOW IT ALL CAME TOGETHER... (continued from page 1)

Sunday began hot and windless. Boats crept to the starting line and waited and waited, and waited. Just a little before the 1300 deadline a very delicate and fickle breeze arrived from the Southeast and the final race was on.

A barbecue feast awaited the tired mariners upon their return to the Yacht Club lawn. Commodore Walter Keenan, Meredith Rugg, head of the Prize Committee, and Elizabeth Wohler-Berry, President of the Association, assisted David Burnham with the presentations of awards. Everyone thanked the Race Committee, including John Burnham who had arrived to help on Sunday. Appreciation was also expressed for the warm hospitality of Fishers Island hosts as well as the quality of Hay Harbor's and Sue Lusker's cuisine.

Then it was over. It all seemed to have happened much too fast. The hardy little fleet of visitors took off for Noank, most behind the Riegel and Parsons motorboats, four, only slightly slower, behind their own spinnakers. See you again in 2007! Others please come too!



*Chris Berry guides the chute while his mother, President Elizabeth, steers Celtica intently. To the left the Ruggs and Pegasus are still headed to windward. Photo by Rob Gillis.*

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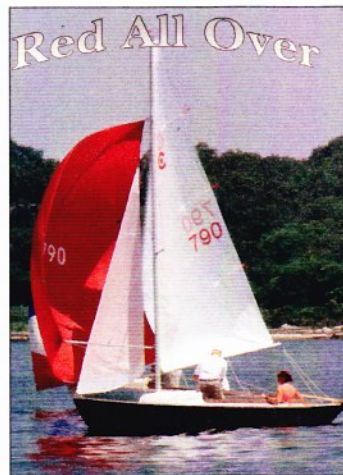
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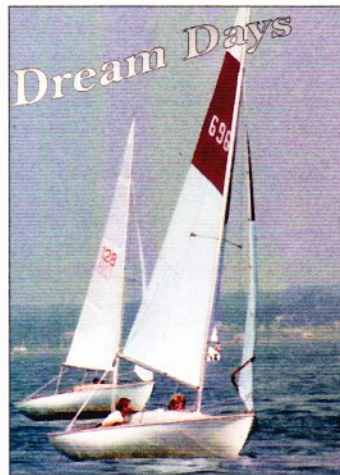
All the participants, eager and hopeful, just before the first race. Photos by Sarah Porter and Rob Gillis.



Peter and Caroline Rugg  
1st place



Wendy and Gordon Goodwin  
2nd place



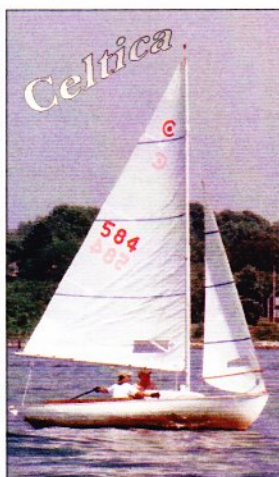
Phil, Cheryl, and Tyler Nutting  
3rd place



Connie and Peter Lavigne  
4th place



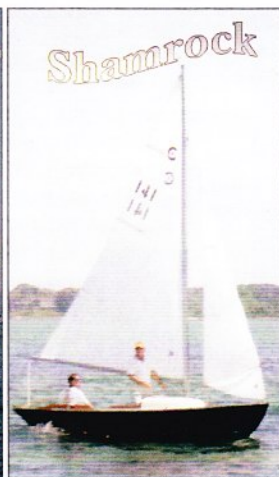
Dede and Beau Plessner



Elizabeth Wohler-Berry



Brad Burnham and



Tom du Pont and



Mark Cohen and



## 41ST BULLSEYE NATIONALS — FISHERS ISLAND, AUGUST 3 & 4, 2002

Finish	Boat	Sail #	Skipper	#1	#2	#3	#4	Total
1	Pegasus	94	C. & P. Rugg	2	1	1	4	8
2	Red All Over	790	W. Goodwin	4	2	3	10	19
3	Dream Days	696	P. & C. Nutting	6	5	5	3	19
4	Whisper II	291	C. Lavigne	3	4	11	2	20
5	Lazy Bonz	782	D. Plessner	5	8	2	7	22
6	Celtica	584	E. Wohler-Berry	1	13	4	9	27
7	Peregrine	128	B. Burnham	8	7	7	5	27
8	Shamrock	141	T. duPont	7	11	10	4	32
9	Tradewynde	285	M. Cohen	14	3	12	6	35
10	Mistral	299	C. Beggs	11	6	9	11	37
11	Osprey	81	C. Ferguson	9	9	OCS	1	40
12	Querida	80	D. Burnham	12	12	6	12	42
13	Day Spring	359	D. Karr	16	10	13	14	53
14	Arrow	123	G. & N. Cutler	10	15	14	15	54
15	Neptune	180	D.H. Burnham	17	17	8	18	60
16	Seasaw	294	J. Lavigne	15	14	15	16	60
17	Sloopy	784	C. Dewey	13	DNS	16	13	63
	On Target	741	F. Spark	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	
	Scoot	582	R. & A. Kraus	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	



Above, Arrow, steered by Ginger and Nat Cutler, youngest skippers in the Nationals, with dad Stewart as crew.

Below, Osprey, sailed by Charlie Ferguson, oldest skipper, with Tim Patterson. Spectacular winners of the 4th race. Photos by Rob Gillis



### RACE BY RACE (continued from page 1)

Chris, got off to a perfect start and Celtica led the fleet around the course. The Ruggs were in 10<sup>th</sup> place at the first mark but worked their way up to second by the end of the third lap and maintained that position. Connie Lavigne finished third, Wendy Goodwin came in fourth and Tom duPont with his son-in-law, Eric Thiel, finished fifth.

The second race was held in a slightly stronger breeze and the course was triangle /windward / leeward / windward. Some boats were over the line early including Celtica which did not get the message until she had gone upwind a couple of hundred yards and then had to set her spinnaker to get back to the start. The Ruggs won this race handily followed by Red All Over, Mark Cohen and Jan Walker in Tradewynde, the Lavignes in Whisper II and the Nuttings in Dream Days. The fleet then sailed in for lunch.

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The third race of the day was also triangle / windward / leeward / windward. The wind was more to the west and the overall course a little longer. Once again, Pegasus showed her heels from the start though Dede Plessner and Beau nipped at them from time to time guiding Lazy Bonz home to second place. Next came Red All Over, Celtica, Dream Days.

Sunday morning the fleet crawled to the starting line on the last whispers of a northerly and everyone was ready for the first gun at 9:30. But then there was no wind at all for three hours. Most boats anchored, many rafted, and numerous swimming parties took place. An abundance of sunscreen was poured over parched epidermis.

The Sailing Instructions had proclaimed that no race would be started after 1300. Those hoping for one throw out had long since given up that dream when the one race of the day began at 1230. It commenced with a daring and

successful port tack start by Charlie Ferguson and Tim Patterson in Osprey. Charlie was second at the windward mark just behind Celtica, dropped to third at the second mark behind Dream Days and Shamrock, then rose again to first for both the third and fourth legs. It was a great race for the Island's favorite artist. Whisper II was the chief stalker on those last two legs earning a strong second place followed by Dream Days, Shamrock, and Peregrine.

In the final standings it should be noted that the second local boat was Brad Burnham's Peregrine. Brad and granddaughter Sofie Malinowski were always in the upper echelons with finishes of 8,7,7, and 5. With all due respect to the Ruggs and this pair of Burnhams, it must be acknowledged that the foreign invaders gave most of the locals some good sailing lessons. Their accomplishments were all the more noteworthy in that they adjusted so well to the strong currents of Fishers Island Sound.

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