

April 2021 Newsletter



Bullseye Sailing Association
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***Note from the Editor:** Constant Contact no longer supports the format of our newsletter, so this newsletter is a Word doc. The BSA will seek a solution at the annual meeting.*

From the President

Dear Bullseye Sailors,

I hope that all of you have remained healthy during the difficult winter the pandemic has brought upon the World.

Though the pandemic continues to be an overriding concern for everyone, there is optimism that we may be on the right track towards normalcy and that optimism continues to grow. As such, our friends in Rockport at the Sandy Bay Yacht Club have stepped in and are preparing to host Bullseye sailors this summer for our National Championship. While it has been a rocky road for the Nationals over the last few years, I feel confident that we will be able to gather in July for some spirited competition and socially distant camaraderie. With Sandy Bay this year as this year's host, Fisher's Island in 2022, Card Sound in 2023 and Winter Harbor in 2024, I am confident that the annual tradition of the Bullseye Nationals is back on a winning tack.

However, as we discuss the rebirth of the Bullseye Nationals, we find at the other end of the spectrum that all things eventually come to an end. After 3+ years, I will be standing down as BSA President at the end of this term. Peter Drinkwater of Winter Harbor, ME will be taking over with the approval of the voting membership, of course. I have known Peter for many, many years. He is a successful business owner and real estate agent as well as a longtime Bullseye owner and racer. He has a tremendous passion for the Bullseye, and I can tell you that should you approve his nomination the BSA will be in excellent hands.

Also, I am sure that you all understand that I must announce that this year's Annual Meeting will be held virtually via Zoom, as we did last spring. I am hopeful that since you will be able to connect from your computer, tablet, or phone it will encourage more of you to participate. The meeting is being scheduled for Sunday, April 25 at 4:00 PM. Detailed information regarding the Annual Meeting will be posted on the BSA website early next week along with the agenda. Info on how to connect to the Annual Meeting on Zoom will be provided as we get closer to the meeting date.

I know many of you will be dusting off your Bullseye's in the not-too-distant future and preparing them for launch. It is my fervent hope that the summer of 2021 brings all of you safe and healthy sailing and racing. Hopefully, it will be much closer to a normal type of summer for all of us.

Fair Winds,

Windsor D. Coffin
President

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58th Bullseye Nationals
July 23-25 at SBYC, Rockport MA

The Sandy Bay Yacht Club in Rockport, MA is excited to welcome you for the 58th Bullseye Nationals and super excited to be resuming some of our long delayed traditions. We first hosted the Nationals in 1969, and this will be our fourteenth time as hosts. We welcome you to a club that was established in 1885.



This year, Covid is foremost in everyone's minds. SBYC is fortunate to have held a full racing program last summer, so many of the safety protocols are well established, if still needed. These included things like masking on the dock and in the launch, limiting passengers in the launch to those for one boat. Whether those restrictions are still in place will depend on the guidance from the Town and the SBYC Board, but they didn't limit our enjoyment of racing last year and won't this year.

The other concession we have made to Covid is to ask participants to reserve space in an inn or B&B at this time. We hope that we will be able to open up housing at members' homes late this spring for hosts and guests who have been fully vaccinated (if they are eligible for a vaccine).

Now, back to the important stuff!

To sail in Sandy Bay is to sail in a relatively protected bay because the outer breakwater, about three miles out, was built in around 1900 to create a harbor for Teddy Roosevelt's Great White Fleet. Inside the outer breakwater, the current creates gentle swirls, a subject of constant debate. Racing outside the breakwater puts us in significant current and ocean swells, sometimes allowing us to race to Thacher Island (yes, a relative of our own Joan Thacher Tiffany) which sports restored lighthouses, keeper's houses, and opportunities for thousands of kayakers, campers and overnight guests throughout the summer.

Our club has all the simple amenities needed for an active sailing and social program –a snack bar, an outside grill area, and a fabulous view from the rocking chairs on our porch. Our hoist is essential to sailors; dropping your boat in the water is a simple procedure at any tide. We will arrange storage for your trailers.

Rockport has a long history as an artists' colony and a small walking town with many historic homes and interesting shops. It is increasingly well known as a music center, in part because of the opening of the Shalin Liu Performance Center five years ago. It is the home of the Rockport Chamber Music Festival as well as jazz, folk, pop and world music concerts throughout the year.

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We look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones at the Nationals. ***The registration materials will be coming out in a day or two.***

Laura Hallowell and Jo-Ann Lavigne

Nationals Co-Chairs

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BULLSEYE SAILING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021 – 1600 HOURS

Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Connection information will be provided as we near the meeting date and will include audio-only call-in instructions

Once again, the BSA Annual Meeting will take place via socially distant video conferencing. While I know that we would all prefer to gather together for the Annual Meeting, hopefully the pandemic conditions that we have been enduring over the last year will improve such that we will be able meet in person in 2022.

The Bullseye Sailing Association Annual Meeting will have a full agenda including election of officers, reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, discussion and updates related to the 2021 Bullseye National Regatta in Rockport, MA (July 23-25), planning for the 2022 Nationals and other business.

Meeting Agenda will be posted on the BSA website in the coming days.

We hope that you will connect/call-in and participate in our Annual Meeting!



Card Sound Sailing Club father/son sailors Matt and Phil Pilon round the mark, February 27, 2021
Photo credit – Bob Broton

April 2021 Newsletter Winter Harbor Yacht Club Report

Plans are well underway for a regularly scheduled summer of racing at the WHYC. All 9 of our historic Winter Harbor 21's are currently undergoing their yearly maintenance and our fleet of 26 Bullseye's will start to emerge from their winter storage by May and prepped to launch in June. So, a normal racing summer is tentatively scheduled for our fleet. However, our Junior Sailing program needs US Sailing certified instructors for this summer. If you have any ideas or leads, please pass them on to Richard Brown of the WHYC's Junior Sailing Program Committee at rbrownarchitects@yahoo.com. Thanks, and happy sailing!

Fair winds,
Windsor D. Coffin
President
Bullseye Sailing Association

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

The time has come to pull off the winter cover & sand & paint the bottom. At least once a year we receive a panicked call from an owner who thinks their keel is falling off because they see a crack between the hull & lead keel. Today I received just that call. As our boats here in New England go through a phase where they sweat in the spring, the lead keel, fiberglass deadwood, filler material & bottom paint expand/contract at different temperatures. After about 5 years or so the filler that connects keel to hull will flake off/fail. Your keel is not falling off, the filler material is just in need of replacement. At that point, it's usually also time for a bottom job. You need to rout-out all old filler & apply new. Strip all old antifouling & apply new. The brand of body filler can be any, just make sure it's for under water use.



Here is what your Bull's Eye looked like when new. Here is the start of the bottom stripping job & then the final outcome once the new filler & antifouling are applied. Happy spring!

Sincerely,

Wendy J. Goodwin
President

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Bullseye Class Association Executive Committee Meeting 1/27/21 Minutes

This meeting was conducted by Zoom at 6:00 P.M.

Present : Windsor Coffin, David H. Burnham, Kathryn and Chris Collings, Peter Drinkwater, Wendy Goodwin, Laura Hollowell, Conrad and Jo-Ann Lavigne, George Lucas; Chris Verni joined the meeting about 6:30p.m.

The minutes from the Annual Meeting on May 3, 2020 were accepted. Hollowell reported that memberships are almost exactly the same as at this time last year.

Treasurer Burnham reported that he generally keeps about \$1000 in the Pay Pal account. Currently, BSA funds are approximately \$13,800, higher than usual because we have not had Nationals expenses for two years. Hollowell asked Burnham to check on our ad on the one design page of US Sailing. This is time of year when it generally renews.

Vice President Drinkwater reported that the Herreshoff Marine Museum is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the museum this year. They have recently reached out to the BSA.

Nationals: Burnham reported that FIYC cannot host the Nationals this year. As an island with no inns or B&Bs, it still does not seem wise to be hosting visitors in members' homes in the middle of a pandemic. SBYC had been asked to be the backup. Hollowell said that SBYC has reserved July 23-25 for the Nationals in Rockport. She stressed that the SBYC Officers will have the final say on whether the regatta can go forward, depending on the pandemic. Lavigne emphasized that, since SBYC is on Town property, the club must abide by any regulations in place to deal with Covid; the

club is under higher scrutiny than a club on private land would be. Still, SBYC is confident that they could plan a Nationals. It is likely that guests would be asked to book overnight accommodations in inns or B&Bs.

Chris Collings thought that perhaps the Herreshoff Marine Museum would be interested in including our Nationals as part of their Classic Boat race. While some of the boats race three days, we could race just two. The organization would be up to the HMM, and sailors would be coming to an area with plentiful places to stay, rather than in peoples' homes. That would be safer for all. This even usually occurs in late August.

The committee was enthusiastic about this possibility. It would be exciting to be part of this event, and would help to regenerate interest in our Nationals. Drinkwater will reach out to the HMM to see if this is a possibility.

Goodwin made a generous offer: If all else fails and both SBYC and HMM fall through, or if a hurricane comes through at the wrong time, etc., Cape Cod Ship Building can be a backstop. She is determined to make sure that we can have a Nationals this year.

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New Business: Chris Collings reported that the Community Sailing Program in Marion has a very enthusiastic leader and is interested in hosting some sort of sailing event this summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Hallowell

Boats for Sale

Please refer to the website for the current listings

For Sale - \$4,000 Owner: Herreshoff Marine Museum, 1 Burnside Street, Bristol RI 02809 Phone : 617-529-5832, w.ylnn@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 - \$12,000 Owner: Salli Curry, 12 Hidden Ledge Road, Manchester, MA 01944 Phone 978-526-4073, smcutty@gmail.com Boat location: Manchester MA. Sail no. ??? Boat Name: Scott Sails: Main, roller furling Genoa, Working Jib, Spinnaker, all by North Sails in good condition Gear: spinnaker pole, boom vang, compass, anchor, boom rest, cockpit cover, Winter cover. Trailer : Triad Trailer, year 2010. Boat was restored by Classic Boat Shop, Bernard, ME. Photo available.

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:
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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
Marion, MA
Miami and Key Largo, FL

David H. Burnham
Marcia Browne and Chris Verni
George Lucas

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Rockport, MA
Saunderstown, RI
Winter harbor, ME

Susie Kinder
Al Maybach
Windsor Coffin

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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