

Windscoop



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WINDLASSES

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FROM THE HELM

Jutta Kohl, Captain

Hello to All

Just a short and mostly personal note:

I had the most amazing thing happen to me yesterday! No, the Marina Driveway is not finished - on the contrary, it will probably take at least another two or so weeks for the job to be done. So, Sunfish sailors bear with it, and keep launching from the Dunedin Causeway. And No, the stockmarket ist still way down.

No, I received a Thank-You-Note from my 15 year old grandson Trent for a little birthday gift I had sent him. And it was not one of those ordinary cards, which you could tell were written by his mother and signed "Love, Trent". No, it was the most lovely personal coherent nice note I could imagine, in which among other things, he told me that he would love to go sailing with me this coming summer. When reading it in amazement, I felt as if he had grown up into a wonderful young man Human Being just overnight.

That's all. See you all on Thursdays to share our love of sailing.

Nominating Committee

Georgia Jensen, Ex-Officio

The election of the 2008/00 Windlass officers will be at the next general meeting on May 8th (prior to racing). Here are the fine women the committee has nominated for 08-09:

CAPTAIN--Susan Lucas

RACE CHAIRMAN--Sarah Erb

ASS'T RACE CHAIRMAN--Jeanie Byrd

SECRETARY--Jan Bowers

TREASURER--Barbara Carrier

CRUISE CHAIRMAN--Birgit Geiger

EX-OFFICIO--Jutta Kohl

According to our by-laws, if you want to make a nomination of your own, it must be submitted to the nominating committee in writing and have prior consent from the nominee.



2008 SPRING SCHEDULE



Spring Series

Mar 6 1st Race Day
Mar 13 St. Patrick's Race
(Board Meeting)



Mar 20 2nd Race Day
Mar 27 3rd Race Day

Apr 3 Spring Break - No Sailing
Apr 10 4th Race Day
Apr 17 5th Race Day
Apr 24 Big Boat Cruise
(Board Meeting)



May 1 6th Race Day
May 8 Grandmother's/Empty
Bracelet Race/
General Meeting

May 15 Island Race
May 22 Spring Luncheon/
Board/Annual Meeting
May 29 Shrimp Cruise



Jun 5 Joint Board
Meeting

Bretzius Sportsmanship Award

It's time to think about who you wish to nominate for this special award which will be presented at the Spring Luncheon/Annual Meeting on May 22. It is a rotating trophy given to the member who in the opinion of the group most embodies the special qualities of good sportsmanship on and off the water. Please give serious thought to who you would like to nominate for this coveted award. There is an envelope on the bulletin board containing nomination forms, or you may print them from the web site. Just fold the form and place it in the envelope. A list of former recipients may be found on the web site. The nominations will be reviewed by a committee of former recipients who will present a slate of nominees. We will vote on the nominees at the General meeting on May 8th. The deadline for nominations is April 24th. Think about this now! Spring is right around the corner!

CRUISE NEWS

Patti Boylan—Cruise Chairman

Please plan on enjoying good company, and hopefully, fair weather, at our February 28th Soup Cruise. Paddle a kayak, sail a sunfish, sign up to take a pram, or just come for the food and fun. Our theme is Mardi Gras, so wear your finest beads and feathers and be ready to "Let the good times



roll". Who will be the Queen of our Mardi Gras celebration? Come and find out! We will have games and prizes, and of course, the wonderful culinary creations of our Windlasses. Bring a soup, salad, or appetizer, or chocolate dessert. Our team of judges will choose the tastiest soup and dessert.



April 24th is the date for our America's Cup Big Boat Cruise. Paula Shur is signing up the "big boats" and Mary Sanders is in charge of the power boats. Contact Paula at 797-0697, pshur@tampabay.rr.com or Mary at 733-0552, marysanders1@verizon.net, if you have a boat that we can use for this great cruise.

Set May 29th aside for our last cruise of the season, the Caribbean Shrimp Cruise.



FWSA

Dotty Wolski

Windlasses received many kudos for the FWSA Winter meeting we hosted. Thanks to Anne Morris for making the arrangements with Island Way Grill and twisting their arm to get the price down.

We participated in "For The Love of Sailing" with the Bow Chasers and the Solmates in Clearwater. There were 5 clubs sailing prams and 6 clubs sailing sunfish. Christine Ross and New Salt Michaela Mahoney represented the Windlasses in prams. Captain Jutta Kohl, Paula Shur and Anne Morris sailed sunfish. The Bowchasers had a RESTRICTED gate. February 22 two of our ladies are competing at Treasure Island with the T.I. Tackers.

Home interclub Monday, March 3. Need boat handlers to sign up. Need RC volunteers. Rainbow Regatta is Tuesday, March 25 is in Boca Ciega Bay at the Boca Ciega Yacht Club in Gulfport.

America's Cup Cruise April 24th

Clear your calendar for our 4/24 America's Cup Big Boat Cruise to Three Rooker Bar. If you have not already agreed to crew, please sign the Passenger Sheet in the Pram Shed. The passenger sign up deadline is April 17th. Placement on boats will be on a first come / first served basis. The sheet with the red background is for **Spectator (power) boats**. The sheet with the blue



America's Cup

Passengers are asked to bring their own lunch, drinks and life vest. The boat



owner will call you to invite you on her boat and give you details as to when and where to meet. If you will not be able to make it on 4/24, please let the boat owner know ASAP. Expect to be out on the water for the day. We plan to arrive at Three Rooker around 11:30 am.

Thank you Anne Morris and Susan Lucas for once again volunteering to shuttle our sweet little 100 pound selves into shore. Thank you in advance to all Big Boat owners who have graciously volunteered their sail and powerboats for this wonderful day on the water. If you have any sailboat sign up questions, please contact Paula Shur. If you have any powerboat sign up questions, please contact Mary Sanders.

CUPID'S ARROW RESULTS: PRAMS

A	Fran Abilock
AA	Bonnie Proefke
AAA	Janet Shellenberger
B	Jean Shelling
BB	Barb Ewert
BBB	Robin Babka
C	Judy Neland
CC	Donna Templin



SWEETHEARTS' RESULTS: SUNFISH

A	Paula Shur
AA	Jutta Kohl
B	Kim Thinel
C	Ann Morris



Sweethearts all! Terri Schweiger serving as both committee boat and support boat ; Bobbe Hall and Betty Dick, indispensable once again, for race committee duties; and ten racers who contributed to such a fun sailing experience in our new temporary location near the Dune-din causeway.

SPECIAL RACES
Susan Foote/Leah Hayes

Following are comments from Ann Newton on the Pram Cupids Arrow race course.

As an observer on the mark boat on the Pram course, I would like to offer the following comments:

1. The leeward mark was essentially a "gate." In the first and second group out, there was a "follow the leader" mentality. For those close to the leaders, it just might have paid to go around the other mark and get clear air. The marks were set as evenly as possible in the current wind direction.
2. In the second group out, at the leeward gate the first time, there was a group of four approaching the right hand mark, all over-lapped. There was some discussion about overlaps, but because there were intervening boats, the outside boat was obligated to give room to all three inside boats. She did not, and the innermost boat was shut out. Justice prevails, because the then inside boat did not alter course to windward, kept going downwind, despite the fact that she was obligated to come up to her proper course (to windward). The "shut out" boat was able to benefit from this and rounded the mark while the other three were duking it out. In the first instance, the outermost boat of the four was wrong and had to give room to the other three. In the second instance, the leewardmost boat had to assume her proper course because the others had the right to luff her to their proper course. Again, justice prevailed, and the innermost boat stalled out and didn't get going to windward until some time after the others did.
3. The wind shifted a lot, and the current definitely was a huge factor trying to go to windward. Most did well.

Jutta and Terri with our new chase boat.
Thanks Windlasses!



Race Committee
Denise Bissonnette

Is it possible we are at the last series of the sailing season? Where has the time gone? Don't worry. There are still races to be won and plenty of time on the water. The Spring Series consists of 6 race days, 3 special races and 2 cruises.

Even if spring is just around the corner, we could hardly have asked for better weather during our last series. I have noticed most of you sailing in shorts and t-shirts throughout the winter series.

Our goal this year was to SAIL, SAIL, SAIL. As November rolled around and the chase boat motor failed, our theme became STAY FLEXIBLE. The year's challenges have been met by doing whatever had to be done to continue racing. In the absence of the regular chase boat, our power boat "volunteers", Happy Jordan, Terri Schweiger, and Karl Bohlmann kept us on the water. Then in January our chase boat problem was solved with the purchase of the 14' Carolina Skiff. Thank you, Captain Jutta for your unending efforts to find a boat. Thank you, Terri Schweiger for towing it to the marina.



We had not yet finished cheering the purchase of our chase boat when we got the news that the marina road to the boat club was impassable due to the work being done to the southwest seawall. The Sunfish would not be able to launch at the ramp. Again we pressed on with the help of many. The Sunfish were not phased by this new challenge and continued to race by launching their boats from the Dunedin Causeway.

Now, it is time for me to say THANK YOU to all the Race Committee members, chase boat operators, and committee boat personnel for volunteering their time and talents this year. It could not have been possible without each and every one of you. It has been my pleasure to serve Windlasses as your Race Chairman. The time has come to pass on that responsibility to your Assistant Race Chair, Sarah Erb. Sarah will be overseeing the upcoming spring series. Please send your comments and suggestions her way. Congratulations, Sarah!

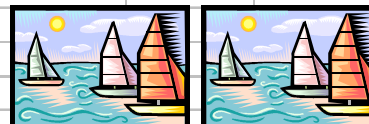
2008 WINTER SERIES FINAL SCORES

PRAMS

A FLEET			AA FLEET			AAA FLEET		
PLACE	NAME	TOTAL	PLACE	NAME	TOTAL	PLACE	NAME	TOTAL
1	Mabe	4	1	Bissonnette	5	1	Shellenberger	5
2	Hardgrave	11	2	Robinson	12	2	Massarelli	9
3	Conlon	14	3	Byrd	13	3	Patton	10
4	Abilock	16	4	Grieger	14	4	Goldberger	13
5	Szelistowski	17	5	Rush	17	5	Renner	16
6	Foote	19	6	O'Malley	17	6	Ross,C.	25
7	Page	22	7	Proefke	19	7	Kirk	28
8	McIntyre	27	8	Risberg	21	8	Currey	40
9	Story	27	9	Wolski	24	9	Hackett	40
10	Lucas	34	10	Bohlmann	34			

B FLEET			BB FLEET			BBB FLEET		
PLACE	NAME	TOTAL	PLACE	NAME	TOTAL	PLACE	NAME	TOTAL
1	Russell	8	1	Donnelly	13	1	Babka	6
2	Bowers	15	2	Norberg	14	2	Young	12
3	Bugenhagen	19	3	Donovan	15	3	Mahoney	20
4	Meyer,S.	22	4	Ewert	17	4	Espy	23
5	Shelling	23	5	Jordan	20	5	Wagner	27
6	Sanders	23	6	McShane	33	6	Blake	29
7	Boylan	32	7	Windsor	39	7	Carsey	37
8	Kolb	38	8	Casey	45	8	Borree	50
						9	Rothberg	54

C FLEET			CC FLEET		
PLACE	NAME	TOTAL	PLACE	NAME	TOTAL
1	Todd	8	1	Templin	7
2	Hart	9	2	Seal,C.	24
3	Root	18	3	Seal,S.	24
4	Anderson,S.	28			

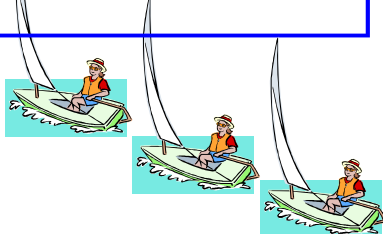


SUNFISH

A FLEET			AA FLEET		
PLACE	NAME	TOTAL	PLACE	NAME	TOTAL
1	Komar	8	1	Hayes	7
2	Williamson	11	2	Kohl	13
3	Shur	16	3	McConnell	18
4	Irving	20	4	Horn	20
5	DeCosta	32	5	Twining	20
6	Reeves	34	6	Meyer	24
7	Glaser	38	7	Schw eiger	29.5

B FLEET			C FLEET		
PLACE	NAME	TOTAL	PLACE	NAME	TOTAL
1	Thinel	6	1	Probst	8
2	Wieher	9	2	Morris	9
3	Phelps	16	3	Martens	11
4	Williams,S.	28	4	Jacobi	17
5	Elwood	31	5	Gattas	48
6	Erb	39	6	Seal	48
			7	Williams,F.	48

Sunfish Spring duty and fleet assignments will be available in the pram shed.



FLEET ASSIGNMENTS - SPRING SERIES 2008

A	AA	AAA	B	BB	BBB	C
Abilock	Babka	Currey	Bowers	Boylan	Borree	Anderson
Bissonnette	Grieger	Goldgerger	Bugenhagen	Donovan	Casey	Hart
Byrd	Proefke	Hackett	Donnelly	Edson	Kolb	Neland
Conlon	Risberg	Kirk	Meyer	Ewert	Todd	Newsome
Foote	Robinson	Massarelli	Rothberg	Hallstrom	Wagner	Root
Hardgrave	Shellenberger	Patton	Russell	Jordan	Windsor	Templin
Lucas	Wolski	Renner	Sanders	Mahoney		
McIntyre			Wernet	Norberg		
Page			Young	Pinkowski		
Story						
Szelistowski						

A's & AA's start at: 9:15
AAA's & B's start at: 10:30
BB's, BBB's & C's at: 11:15

PRAM DUTY ASSIGNMENTS SPRING SERIES 2008

RACE WEEK DATE		3/6	3/20	3/27	4/10	4/17
A's	Painters and black hose out.	Byrd	Babka	Wolski	Hardgrave	Foote
	Crash boat duty at 10:30 (if needed)	Conlon	Grieger	Page	Selistowski	Proefke
	Pram shed radio duty at 10:30	Story	Proefke	Robinson	Shellemberger	Wolski
	Race Committee (if needed)	Foote	Risberg	Lucas	McIntyre	Byrd
AA's B's	Crash boat duty at 8:30 (if needed)	Currey	Goldberger	Bugenhagen	Bowers	Donnelly
	Pram shed radio duty at 8:45	Renner	Patton	Young	Russell	Rothberg
BB's, BBB's & C's	Recover crash boat and equipment. Crank up boat to clear seawall. Flush engine, pull plug and leave in boat. Rinse equipment and put in Windlasses locker. Lock Davits.	2 people Boylan Jordan	2 people Norberg Todd	2 people Windsor Casey	2 people Pinkowski Ewert	2 people Mahoney Donovan
	Painters and hose in.	Anderson	Newsome	Root	Templin	Hallstrom
	Sweep pram shed and empty trash. Lock locker, pram shed and club house. <u>Lock dock & Sunfish ramp.</u>	2 people Edson Borree	2 people Kolb Wagner	2 people Hart Neland	2 people Boylan Anderson	2 people Jordan Todd

IT IS THE SAILOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND LAST MINUTE REPLACEMENTS FOR THEIR DUTY ASSIGNMENT!

Save The Date!!

We need to borrow some Radio-Controlled toy boats – please call Susan Robinson 727 415 0781 if you can loan yours for the party.



What: 2008 Windlasses' SPRING SOCIAL

When: Saturday evening, May 3rd

Where: Diane Borree's house at 813 Weathersfield Dr, Dunedin

MUCH MORE INFO TO FOLLOW – BUT MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

Bring Your Date!!

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