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Blowin' at d'Bluenose

By Chet Ensign, Flying Scot Fleet Captain

There was jazz in the air at Spruce Run Reservation on Saturday, September 15th. It wasn't alto sax or trombones; it was Flying Scots and the event was the annual Bluenose Challenge regatta.

The Bluenose Challenge is the annual race between the best skippers of the club. The skippers invited are those who are highest ranked in their fleet for the entire season. Each year, a different club fleet is chosen as the host boat and this year, for the first time, that fleet was the Flying Scots.

And that was probably a very good thing because, with NW winds topping 20 mph at times, there aren't too many other boats you'd have wanted to be out in, champion sailor or no. The morning was distinctly unpromising with rain showers blowing over as the boats were rigged. The skippers meeting itself was held in the shed. But by the time the fleet headed out to the race course, the clouds were breaking up, temperatures were up and the sun was shining through.

Principal Race Officer Elliot Zimmerman chose to run simple 3-lap windward / leeward races with the leeward mark just a bit forward of the start line and the finish on a line set by the safety boat at the windward mark. To get as much fetch on the course as possible, the See Which One was set close by the pumping station on the dam and the windward mark was set just down from the campgrounds. This let the skippers cross the finish line and quickly sail down to safety boat two for the transfer between boats.

Five skippers competed in this year's Bluenose:



Guido Bertocci, Scott Callahan, Dave Davies, Bob Griswold and Gordon Sell. Boats were assigned at random and the crews took off.

Race 1 was sailed in fairly strong winds and very strong gusts. Bob Griswold won the start and led the race end to end. The downwind legs were particularly thrilling to watch as hefty gusts played down the right side of the course and the boats that got into them flew. Yes, Virginia, Flying Scots do plane and watching those bow waves jumping back about 1/4 the way back down the hull and seeing the boats surge forward left several RC spectators more than a little jealous.

Race 2 was sailed in the strongest persistent winds of the day, with the gusts topping 20 and spume starting to blow off the whitecaps. The race showed how different the strategies can be even between top skippers. Some in the fleet took the left side and others the right. The middle of the course was empty until the boats converged towards the windward mark and the spread around the windward mark was tight. On the downwind legs however, Guido and Scott played the big gusts on the right hand side particularly well and opened up the gap. Scott was able to slide into an inside overlap position at the leeward rounding each time and Guido, in the heavy winds, wisely leaving him ample room to round. However, playing the shifts right on the way upwind, Guido was able to eke out a lead to take race 2.

That sent the fleet into race 3 with 3 boats tied for 1st place: Bertocci, Callahan and Griswold. The winds had moderated a touch by the time the 3rd race started, but the gusts were still as strong as ever and race 3 showed that Guido and Scott had figured the boats out well. Guido neatly won the start at the RC boat and he and Scott opened up a gap on the rest of the fleet from the start and closing nip-and-tuck on the finish, with Guido winning by a small margin.

At this point, Scott Callahan had to withdraw for

a personal event, so the final race was sailed by the remaining 4 skippers. Guido and crew continued to display their championship form, handily leading wire-to-wire to win the Bluenose Challenge Trophy with a 3-1-1-1 score. The order of the remaining skippers was Bob Griswold, Dave Davies, Scott Callahan and Gordon Sell.

Thanks to Flying Scot owners Chet Ensign, Mark Kaplan, Andy Lindgren, Gary Nackman and Gordon Sell, the Bluenose set the bar for exciting sailing. And thanks to PRO Elliot Zimmerman and crew, a heady race came off without a hitch.

Elliot Zimmerman thanks the top notch RC CREW of: Chet Ensign, Bob Orr, Nathan Altomare, Gary, Avery and Ian Nackman and Lynn Christopher.

The Bluenose Trophy itself will be presented at the HSC annual dinner on November 17th. Hope to have good jazz there as well!

Final Results

RACE #	1	2	3	4	PNTS	Place
Bertocci	3	1	1	1	6	1
Griswold	1	3	4	4	12	2
Davies	4	4	2	2	12	3
Callahan	2	2	3	6	13	4
Sell	5	5	5	3	18	18



Commodore's Corner

As we approach the end of the 2007 sailing season, I would like to recap some of the club's accomplishments this year, with a tremendous sense of gratitude to all who have been instrumental in helping us to reach these milestones: we have a new shed, which has helped immensely in our sailing and training programs, making access to equipment not only possible but relatively easy; our training programs at all levels were filled to overflowing, my only regret being that we were not able to accommodate all the children and adults who wanted to learn to sail; our club Sunfish have been in use on a regular basis throughout the summer, by adults and kids alike, and we have added several boats of various kinds to our fleet; our membership numbers are higher than at any time in recent memory; we initiated a new learn-to-sail program for children in the 7 to 10 year old category, and we have many more kids sailing than in previous years; we have a newly revised website, as well as revised sailing instructions and by-laws; and much, much more. Thanks to all of our dedicated HSC volunteers!

Bob Orr

ROOKIE REGATTA

Several years ago, we started the "new tradition" of a series of races among new sailors. As a result of the outstanding work of Vice Commodore Elliot, participation in this regatta has grown over the past couple years. Our old model for sail training provided a few days of basic boat handling skills, leaving a big gap between sailing around and competing in a low key regatta.

This year, we had ten participants, five juniors and five adults. The race committee of Elliot Zimmerman and Sharon Holmsburg ran 5 races. Only 10 points separated the top 6 sailors.

Great stuff – see page 5 for results.

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Force 5's Compete in Millard Fillmore Memorial Regatta

September 16 – The fleet's annual bow to mediocrity. President Fillmore is not well known, and has clearly earned his obscurity in history. We believe that sailors who demonstrate mediocrity should be recognized for not being just bad (or good) on a particular day.

This year, we also recognized other presidents by naming the first place award the "George Washington," the second place award was the "John Adams" and the third place was the "Thomas Jefferson." The sailor who came closest to accumulating 43 points won the "W."

Byron clearly wanted to avoid mediocrity and ran off 4 bullets. Susan appeared to be aiming for the middle of the fleet in the first race, but awoke to the possibility of humiliation and improved quickly and consistently. Rich, Tom and Ray showed that there could be only 4 points between Jefferson and Fillmore.

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Place	Name	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Byron Hicks	1	1	1	1	4
2	Susan Mallows	5	2	2	2	11
3	Rich Baumann	3	4	5	3	15
4	Tom Oryniak	4	5	3	4	16
5	Ray Buchanan	6	3	4	6	19
6	Blaine Bauer	7	7	6	5	25
7	Bob Mattison	2	6	8	10	26
8	Ted Janulis	9	8	7	10	34
9	Mike Incantalupo	8	9	9	10	36



Hunterdon Sailing Club Annual Dinner



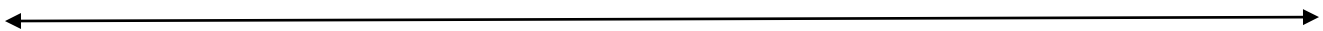
**November 17, 2007
6:00 PM. 10:00 PM**

**Mountain View Chalet
Exit 11, Route 78
Pattensburg, New Jersey**

Dinner includes:

- Salad Bar**
- Full Buffet**
- Dessert Cart**
- Soft Drinks, Coffee, Tea**
- Cash Bar**

**Prices: \$20 per adult; \$12 for children 12 and under
Features: Club awards, tall tales and fun.**



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If you intend to come, but can't get a check in the mail please let me know so we can get an accurate headcount for the dinner. Thanks!

Names of attendees:

Adults _____ \$ _____
Children _____ \$ _____
Total \$ _____

Labor Day Classic - Sunfish Regatta



Nicky Einthoven

Doug Brown

Steve Manson

Name/Race	1	2	3	4	Points	Place
N. Einthoven	1	2	1	1	5	1
D Brown	3	3	3	5	14	2
D Davies	4	5	9	3	21	3
G Bertocci	8	7	6	4	25	4
S Mallows	6	4	11	7	28	5
N Altomare	5	9	8	6	28	(1 st Jr.)
S Manson	2	1	2	RAF	29	7
S Betocci	7	10	4	8	29	(2 nd Jr.)
R Baumann	9	14	5	2	30	9
N Mentasana	11	6	7	10	34	10
R Rosswaag	13	16	12	9	50	11
B Benson	14	11	15	14	54	12
C Engler	17	8	19	11	55	13
N Swyzen	16	15	10	15	56	(3 rd Jr.)
M Wheeler	12	13	14	17	56	15
A Khutoretsky	18	12	16	13	59	16
J Bardwil	10	19	18	RAF	71	17
G Swyzen	23	21	17	12	73	18
K Gold	22	23	13	18	76	19
A Manson	15	17	22	RAF	78	(4 th Jr.)
S Meszkat	20	20	DNF	16	80	21
Barb Benson	19	18	20	DNF	81	22
E Greenhorn	21	22	21	RAF	88	23

Check out the picture on page 8. Is that a sight?

Labor Day 2007 was a beautiful day to go sailing. The weather was warm and there was wind. The Junior Fleet was well represented, as was the Ladies Fleet. There were also several families with more than one member racing. Bertocci, Manson, Swyzen, and Bensons.

On the second leg of the first race, I (Nicky) was in the lead and Nick Mentasana was in second. Behind him were Steve Manson, Dave Davies, and Doug Brown. As I rounded the leeward mark I looked back for Nick, but I saw Steve Manson instead! I managed to hold them off for the rest of the race and took first place.

In the second race I had a good start, and was leading at the first mark again. At the last windward mark, I decided to practice a perfect rounding, but I missed the mainsheet and the back of the sail hit the mark. I made a turn including one tack and one jibe while Steve caught up. He asked me what I was doing. Now he was close enough behind me that he could take my air on this downwind leg, so I had to choose a side and get clear air. I chose wrong. Steve got the puff first and passed me. He has good downwind boat speed! Try as I might, Steve remained ahead and won that race.

In the last race, I had a really bad start... When I rounded the last windward mark, the 4 ahead of me went right, which is generally the favored side for downwind legs today. I figured out that they would be fighting each other for clear air, and were already off course. I went slightly left. On such a long leg, they might get the puffs first, but I would get them too. I capitalized on every puff, while they fought for clear air. I put my boat on the fastest point of sail and kept every puff for as long as I could then I went up in the lulls, ready to adjust to the next puff. I sailed around the other four boats and was leading at the leeward mark. I won the race and the regatta!

Ed. Note: Parts of this article (in italics) were submitted by the Labor Day winner, Nicky Einthoven. Other parts are commentary by the Editor.

Great sailing Nicky.

**PAST COMMODORE BILL
WAGGONER, 1936-2007**

A 40 year HSC member, and 1969 Commodore, Bill Waggoner died on September 6 following a recurring illness.

In addition to having been very active at HSC and an avid Sunfish (LBJ winner) and Day Sailer enthusiast, Bill had been an officer of the NJYRA and of the Day Sailer Class, a member of Raritan YC and had spent the last 19 years as a member of the New York Yacht Club Race Committee. Bill was PRO for innumerable Class regattas including many for HSC Jet Fleet 51. He piloted his plane on many cross-country trips, and was also a pilot for Angel Flight NE.

Many HSC members can tell you memorable stories about Bill. My wife Bobbye remembers when they were on RC one day and a sloop came up to the See Witch with their crew in great pain because she had wedged her finger in the centerboard slot and couldn't free it. Bill, seeing the problem and with no hesitation, dove under the boat and somehow was able to force the centerboard up, freeing her finger. That was Bill!

Our sympathies to Nancy and all the Children. Bill will be missed!

Charlie Engler

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