



THE HEADWAY

Yankee Point Fall Single Handed Race

By Dick Sisson

YPYC has two of these races each year, one in the Spring and one in the Fall, and they rank in my top favorites, since coordinating crew is not a factor. If my count of boats that made the start for this one is accurate (about 13), there was an incredible turnout! I believe everyone raced non-spinnaker.

I was almost too late for the start. The prediction had been for the dreaded light and variable, so I hadn't taken it seriously enough. I hadn't gotten up in the middle of the night to motor up to Yankee Point for their breakfast. I hadn't gotten out there an hour before the

start to get wind data. In fact, if there hadn't been a little delay, I wouldn't have made the start. I barely had time to get the sail cover off of "Joe Cinque," raise the main and get the bearing of the start line when the six minute sequence started.

Wind conditions were light from the get go. The situation deteriorated to flat calm, at least where I was, at the point where most boats were on the first windward leg of the 2nd triangle, and then picked back up to just barely adequate for navigation. At this point Dwight Timm in "Silver Fox" was in the lead and close to

the mark. The committee apparently decided to shorten the course but did not have time to set up a finish at the "windward" mark; they set up a finish about half way across the next leg. Conditions continued very light, and, with somewhat over two hours elapsed, the race was abandoned.

About the time I had my main flaked to motor back to Carters Creek some passable wind materialized.

There were at least four boats from RRYC in this race. Both Stan

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Yacht Clubs Destroyed by Katrina: Jr. Sailing to be rebuilding priority

In the Monday, September 19, 2005 SCUTTLEBUTT, a digest of major yacht racing news, commentary, opinions, features and dock talk with a North American focus, we find this report on yacht clubs and Katrina. We think we have problems at RRYC—this gives us some perspective!! How can we help them? Contact any board member with your ideas.

Gulf Yachting Update

The following are some excerpts from a letter Ron Richards, President, Gulf Yachting Association Foundation, Inc. sent to Peter Commette concerning

recent letters published in *Scuttlebutt*.

"An astounding 15 Gulf Coast Yacht Clubs have either been totally destroyed or received substantial damage to their clubs,

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Commodore's Message

By Blaine Liner, Commodore

- You are going to be surprised, again, at just how fast winter arrives. Hard to believe with the sweltering heat that continued in September. But, it is time to think about getting the most out of the coming pleasant fall weather. Get out on the water. Cruise, race or help out on the race committees. Winterizing? Oh, No! It's too early for that.
- As we approach the Holiday Season be sure to buy an extra box or can of non-perishable food for the less fortunate when you go grocery shopping, and bring it to the club's November or December meeting. Kent White and Diane Owens will have a box at the entrance to collect these items. They have for many years contributed our club dinner food (when any is left!) to the needy of Irvington and vicinity, so they have established avenues for making sure the foods get to the right folks. I'd like to thank both of them for this community service on behalf of the RRYC.
- The annual Sarnowski Labor Day Cruise and Bash was, once again, a huge success. This year's addition of a very "tuned in" band provided music that appealed to the over 100 club members in attendance, many of whom came by boat. Thanks, Joe and Carole. This is always a super event for the club.
- We are absolutely delighted with all of our new members. The class of 2005 is young, vigorous and very experienced in the art and science as well as rewards of sailing. It is fast becoming a vintage year! We are closing in on our maximum of 150 members. The Board elected three new members at the September meeting—see descriptions on later pages.
- We have some really good neighbors. I particularly want to thank club member Bruce Sanders, owner of Rappahannock Yachts. For as long as I can remember, I've parked my car on his property when our parking lot overflowed. I'd just like to put a thank you from the club in writing for his kindness and good neighbor attitude. Also, he has been very helpful to us in thinking through our drainage and grading issues.

SSL

(Sailing as a Second Language)

Tang: One of the metal fittings, screwed or bolted to a mast or spar, to which a vessel's rigging is attached. (More well known as a drink for Astronauts!)



Flying Scot Fleet #185 News

By Thomas Richardson, Flying Scot Racing Fleet Captain

The 2005 RRYC Flying Scot Fall Series started in September with perfect weather. We have had two race days already and the results are listed below. Race Committee duties have been handled extremely well by Lew Thatcher and Marshall Orr, thanks guys! A Sunfish Regatta was being held at the same time as RRYC Fall Series 1 and the river

was full of one-design sailing, it was a beautiful sight. "Feral Cat" has been tough to beat so far, however they have been challenged on a couple races by the Fleet. "Shark Fin," "Scotty," and "Solas" are in a tight race for second overall with two more race days left. Out of a Fleet of ten Flying Scots, six have participated in the first two days of the series.

It would be awesome to see all ten boats at a race! If anyone is interested in crewing on a Flying Scot please give me a call and I'll hook you up with someone in the Fleet. Stay tuned for news from the Flying Scot Atlantic Coast Championship being held this year at FBYC and more racing this Fall at RRYC.

RRYC 2005 FALL SERIES 1

Flying Scot #	Owner / Crew	Boat Name	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Total
2027	Motley /	Greenock	6 (DNS)	6 (DNS)	6 (DNS)	18
2398	Johnson / Richardson	Shark Fin	5	3	3	11
4256	Thatcher /	Etlee Albinagh	6 (DNS)	6 (DNS)	6 (DNS)	18
4603	Clark / Norris	Scotty	2	2	5	9
4899	Latell / Latell	Feral Cat	1	1	1	3
5206	Orr / Brydon	Rivordance	6 (DNS)	6 (DNS)	6 (DNS)	18
5443	Sarnowski / Gester	The Red O	6 (DNS)	6 (DNS)	6 (DNS)	18
5447	Mihills / Starke	Solas	4	5	2	11
5449	Birdsall / Ryan Jayne	Spitkit II	3	4	4	11
5586	Radtke / Radtke	Ladies First	6 (DNS)	6 (DNS)	6 (DNS)	18

RRYC 2005 FALL SERIES 2

Flying Scot #	Skipper / Crew	Boat Name	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Total	Series Total
2027	Motley /	Greenock	6 (DNS)	6 (DNS)	6 (DNS)	18	36
2398	Johnson / Richardson	Shark Fin	2	2	4	8	19
4256	Thatcher /	Etlee Albinagh	6 (DNS)	6 (DNS)	6 (DNS)	18	36
4603	Clark / Norris	Scotty	4	4	3	11	20
4899	Latell / Latell	Feral Cat	1	1	1	3	6
5206	Orr / Brydon	Rivordance	6 (DNS)	6 (DNS)	6 (DNS)	18	36
5443	Sarnowski / Gester	The Red O	5	5	5	15	33
5447	Mihills / Starke	Solas	3	3	2	8	19
5449	Birdsall / Ryan Jayne	Spitkit II	6 (DNS)	6 (DNS)	6 (DNS)	18	29
5586	Radtke / Radtke	Ladies First	6 (DNS)	6 (DNS)	6 (DNS)	18	36

Yankee Point Race

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Crockett's "Miss Daisey" (Cape Dory Typhoon, 312 PHRF) and Pete Knight's "Salute" (Pearson 34, 168 PHRF), were up there toward the front of the lead group of boats at the time of

abandonment. Alan Young in "Wild Goose" and myself were further back in the pack. (Pete had finished 1st in the September 11 RRYC/YPYC Joint Race!)

We owe a debt of gratitude to the fine people at YPYC for

sponsoring these Single Handed races and giving their time and effort. These races are more fun than a barrel of monkeys! They don't require a PHRF certificate. I advocate more participation from our club in the future.

October Racing News

By Jerry Latell, Racing Fleet Captain

There were three big events for RRYC racers in September. The Flying Scots saw local and big event action, and the keelboats had several events including the YPYC Fall Regatta and single-handed race. Be sure to read Dick Sisson's blow-by-blow of the single-handed race.

Thirty-five Flying Scot skippers and crew descended on Fishing Bay Yacht Club this past weekend to compete in the second annual **Flying Scot Atlantic Coast Championship Regatta**. This was not a regatta that favored the light air sailor. There was plenty of wind. Saturday the wind built steadily throughout the day and the last race saw sustained gusts well over 20 knots.

Three teams from RRYC competed in the event and all made good showings. The fleet was split into Championship (23 boats) and Challenger (12 boats) divisions. "*Spitkit 2*," sailed by Frank Birdsall and Ryan Jayne posted the most impressive results. After winning the first race Saturday they slipped to 3rd and 5th in the next two races to put them in second place at the end of day one. They then turned in a very consistent two second place finishes which put them into first place for the regatta. "*Shark Fin*," sailed by Tom Richardson with Glen Oxford as crew finished 5th in the Challenger Division.

Jerry and Andrea Latell raced in the Championship division. In

this 23 boat fleet they finished a respectable 9th. They had a couple of mishaps that cost quite a few points. It is really amazing to be in 5th place at the first mark, foul somebody, and by the time you have done a 720 degree penalty turn (which takes about 30 seconds) the other 18 boats have passed you. It was a very skilled fleet and a really great regatta.

A couple more RRYC members were involved with the regatta. Carol and Joe Sarnowski allowed two crews to stay in their guesthouse, and Mosby West brought his powerboat over and served as a mark boat. It was a very well run regatta and a great time was had by all.

While the Flying Scots were out crashing around Fishing Bay a lone RRYC keelboat racer was out on the Rappahannock River competing in the YPYC Fall Regatta. Pete Knight sailed "*Salute*" to a 1st place finish in the non-spinnaker class. We are lucky to have Pete as a member and hope he will continue to win races for RRYC. He will be surely be a key member of our Cup Race team.

In October we have the Turkey Shoot Regatta, the RRYC Fall Regatta, and then the Rappahannock Cup Regatta. I hope to see lots of RRYC racers participating in these events. See you on the water!

Moser Makes the News

RRYC member Norm Moser and his Urbanna-built Crosswater, a 49 foot power catamaran, is the lead article in the October *Chesapeake Bay* magazine. The article reviews his 1st place finish in the West Marine Bermuda Cup race in June—Hampton to Bermuda in 51 hours!! RRYC member Hal Sutphen was a crew member on the race. For more on the race and the boat, go to page 16 of the October issue.

Gulf Yachting Update

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fleet and marinas as a result of Katrina. Other storms in recent months have affected other area clubs and their members. The members of our yachting community are naturally in shock and certainly pre-occupied with their personal disasters at this time.

Concerning the presently non-existent funds that we were to receive at some future date, we believe that the best use in keeping with the purpose of the GYA Foundation of supporting the sport of sailing in our area, would be to direct these funds to the rebuilding of junior sailing programs in the affected clubs. In the coming months, and years, when we can determine the magnitude of the donations, we can solicit appeals from the affected clubs for funding their program rebuilding requirements and then begin distribution in a fair and equitable manner. We will of course establish an account to receive such donations that is separate and apart from our endowment fund and our cash account. No administration charges will be levied against these funds and every dollar will be distributed to the aforementioned yacht clubs.

Thank you and all of our other brethren in the yachting community for your concern. We only pray that you and others will never have to experience the trauma that we have incurred during the 2004 and 2005 hurricane season. We will be years in our rebuilding efforts but we will be stronger."

Aviator Night A Great Success

By Nan Liner and Ronnie Gerster,
Social Committee

Members and guests of RRYC enjoyed a great evening while getting to know each other a bit better in the process. Some aviators and/or their wives were most generous with appetizers. Those who assisted Board Representative, Carl Gerster, and wife, Ronnie, included Michael and Lynn Chapman-Adler; Craig and Jan Akers; Ken Flagel and Mary Kay Hanke; Diane Jordan; Pete and Cynthia Knight; Sam Marshall; Ron and Cheryl Mihills; Dick Muller; Joe and Carole

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REAR COMMODORE'S CORNER

By Charles Springett, Rear Commodore

This column is back after a short absence. The beavers continue to work on the South ditch, repairing the pool deck and the dock. The Whaler is out of the water for the winter and a decision must be made whether we keep it as a racing chase boat or whether we sell it.

We are getting a price from Bay Flooring to redo the floor in the men's bathroom; it has also been proposed that we eliminate one of the commodes and turn the other one through ninety degrees and enlarge the stall. The position of the window in the men's bathroom causes the existing stalls to be uncomfortably short. The Rear Commodore would appreciate feedback (pro or con) from the male membership before a decision is made to make the change.

One last small item may be of interest. Doggets Disposal concluded that our trash skid was beyond redemption so we have nice new one.

No Wake, Idle Speed Zone Established at RRYC

In the previous issue of the *Headway* it was reported that your Board of Directors had approved a ban on PWCs, a ban that was not going to be implemented until the membership had ample time to comment on this rare restriction of member privileges. We have heard many pro and con comments from you since then. Some members were quick to point out that wakes, noise and/or speed issues were not confined to just PWCs. The Board agreed with this sentiment, and at the September 17 meeting a new policy was crafted that comes closer to solving the problems we have experienced. Instead of banning just jet skis (PWCs), we elected to implement a policy that applies to all powered watercraft using our ramp or floating dock, or operating from or near the RRYC dock. The intent is to slow

down the traffic, which will help eliminate noise, wakes, and unsafe operation.

Appropriate signs will be placed to warn boaters that when operating near and within our area they must proceed at idle speed and minimize their wake. This broadens our intent to impose common sense regulations on behalf of club members while at the same time not restricting privileges on any particular class of craft, such as jet skis. All are being asked to observe this new policy.

We will provide telephone numbers to call to report violators and will have forms ready to file to make official complaints about violators. Every club member shares some responsibility for monitoring and reporting on unsafe conduct. We can attempt to

control our own members and our own area. Outsiders and watercraft outside our immediate vicinity pose a much more challenging problem, and we will be working with other institutions on tackling similar issues that exist for the entire creek.

This new policy was derived in great part from the many members who spoke up on the proposed ban on PWCs. We hope you will see this action as even-handed. Good management occurs by obtaining feedback from members on important issues, which is what happened in this case. Your Board of Directors is always open to opinions of the membership and that helps keep our club policies appropriate, effective, pertinent, and, we hope, supported by all of the membership.

Membership Notes

By Sally Clark, Membership Chair

New Members:

We are pleased to announce that at the September meeting the Board approved William (Tripp) and Michelle Westbrook, William and Carol Powell and Burke and Susan Johnson for Active Membership.

Tripp and Michelle Westbrook own "8-ball," a Flying Scot, located at Rappahannock Yachts. Tripp has been sailing since he was 10 years old, and has great memories of learning how to race at RRYC. He raced for many years in the San Francisco Bay and Long Island Sound, and the waters around Austin, Texas. In 2004 Tripp crewed on a J-80 that raced in the Southern Circuit, placing 4th in the North American Championship and 5th in the World Championship. Having recently moved back to Virginia, Tripp and Michelle believe that RRYC would be the right place to introduce their two young daughters to sailing. They both look forward to sailing and social activities of our club. Tripp plans to actively participate in the Flying Scot fleet as well as the youth sailing program and race committee.

Bill and Carol Powell own "Cruise-Zen," a 37' Tartan located on Carter's Creek at Bill's Father's home. Bill grew up sailing on Carter's Creek and enjoyed using our facilities pre-RRYC days. The Powell's plan to return in the future to retire in the Irvington area. Bill has sailed most of his life, beginning at Camp Sea Gull near Oriental, NC. He has crewed on Tartan 37s and Bristol 38s, cruising around the Bay, and first purchased a Tartan 27 based out of Galesville, MD. Today, with their Tartan 37 they are learning the joys of cruising the River's ports of call and other areas of the Bay. During their monthly sailing trips, they look forward to joining others who have the same passion and love for cruising. Bill and Carol are interested in the Cruising Committee, Race Committee and the Junior Sailing Program.

Burke and Susan Johnson share ownership of "Shark Fin," a 19' Flying Scot, located at RRYC. Burke grew up in Tidewater where he learned to sail and race on a variety of boats. In addition to sailing in Hampton Roads, he has sailed the Bay, the Main Coast and the British Virgin Islands. Now living in Irvington,

Burke looks forward to continuing to sail and involving the family more in sailing. Susan would like to learn, and their two sons have taken sailing lessons in Maine, at Indian Creek and with Premier at RRYC. Burke is interested in racing at RRYC. He is also interested in serving on the House & Grounds Committee.

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Resignations

The Board accepted with regret the resignation of Richard J. Dickson from inactive membership.

A REMINDER TO RRYC RACERS

15th Annual Turkey Shoot Hospice Regatta

Friday, September 30, Saturday, October 1, and Sunday, October 2

For classic design (i.e. the design is at least 25 years old)

or wooden classic style sailboats -- on the Rappahannock River.

The winner qualifies for the National Hospice Alliance Championship Regatta
next spring in Annapolis.

www.hospiceturkeyshootregatta.com

Aviator Night A Great Success

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Sarnowski; Lou Thatcher and Barbara Luce; Bob and Fran Westbrook; and J. D. and Pat Willet. Many thanks for your help in serving and clearing as well as letting us in on some of your flying past.

Our next RRYC social at the club will be held on Saturday, October 15 at 1730, and will be catered by Ann Kirkmyer. She has planned an interesting choice of traditional German fare noted in the menu below. Remember to make reservations ASAP to Dinner@RRYC.org or by sending in the clipped reservation form attached to the newsletter. When

you send in a reservation by E-mail, you should receive a confirmation. Please resubmit your reservation if you do not receive a confirmation. Always make your reservation with Dinner@RRYC.org as the person accepting reservations sometimes changes. Thank you for helping with this small detail. As you know your cost for the dinner includes not only food, but also wine and beer; paper products; soft drinks and ice; and lastly and very importantly, additional help in the kitchen and with cleanup following the event. Come, join in on the fun!

October Menu

Roladen
(stuffed beef rolls in a rich, creamy gravy)

Rotkohl
(sauteed red cabbage)

Spatzle

Rye Bread with Dill Butter

Apple Strudel with Caramel Sauce

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AFFIX
STAMP
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Saturday, October 15: Dinner and Social
Cocktails 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM
RSVP by Wednesday, October 12.

Roladen (stuffed beef rolls in a rich creamy gravy)

Rotkohl (sauteed red cabbage)

Spatzle • Rye bread with dill butter

Apple strudel with caramel sauce

_____ # Adults @\$17⁰⁰ _____ # Children (10 and under) @ &5⁰⁰

_____ # Cocktails only @5⁰⁰

_____ Name _____

Club Calendar

(October-November 2005)

October 1 - 2	Turkey Shoot Regatta	October 22	Rappahannock Cup
October 2 or 3	"Up the Creek" cruise returns	October 23	Rappahannock Cup
October 6-10	Annapolis Boat Show	October 30	Flying Scot Fall Series 4
October 8	RRYC Fall Regatta		Daylight Savings Time Ends
October 9	Joint Race #4	November 5	Urbanna Oyster Festival
October 15	Board / Social Norm Heller: Coast Guard Rules	November 13	Frostbite Race 1
October 16	Flying Scot Fall Series 3	November 19	Annual Meeting of RRYC
October 20	Private Party Northern Neck Entertains	November 20	Frostbite Race 2
October 22-23	Autumn Cruise to Kings Creek (Cape Charles)	November 27	Frostbite Race 3

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