

# 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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## 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT REGATTA DATES

July 11-13	1 <sup>st</sup> District Championship (CA)	Focus
July 26-27	Marblehead NOOD (BH)	Tri-Dist Qual, Focus
Aug. 2-3	Sunapee Open (Sun)	Tri-District Qualifier
Aug. 23-24	New England Masters' (BH)	
Sept. 13-14	Bedford Pitcher (CLIS)	Focus, Nash
Sept. 27-28	Nutmeg Regatta (Mid)	Nash
Oct. 11-12	Larchmont Columbus Day Regatta	Nash

## FIRST DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

July 11-13

See the Notice of Race on pages 3-4 for further information.

## THOUGHTS ON VOLUNTEERS

Recently Scuttlebutt (editions 2626 and 2627) had a couple of letters about volunteerism as it relates to sailing. By and large our sailing organizations, from race committees to regatta organizing committees to local fleet management are run by people who love the sport of sailing and are willing to put in the time necessary in order to keep the sport going. However, as pointed out in these letters which are given below, the idea that one should volunteer to do this work is something which seems to be passing with the passing of a generation which was born in an era when, as President Kennedy expressed it, the motto was "Ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country." This sentiment also applied to local organizations, and doing things for the benefit of the community was a way of life. Now, however, there is a distinct lack of this sort of community cooperation.

For the Star Class here in the Northeast this factor can have a very definite and negative outcome as expressed in the final sentence of the second letter. In order to continue to have a well organized 1<sup>st</sup> District we need to continue to have volunteers to fill the various positions from fleet secretaries and fleet captains to regatta management committees to race committees. Without these volunteers we will have no organization, and in the end no racing.

**Scuttlebutt 2626:** From Jeff Butzer: US SAILING's mandatory dues episode has concluded, but that doesn't also mean the reason they wanted it went away. A too-high percentage of work burden comes from volunteers. Example: even though I volunteer year-round, doing Race Committee & Protest Committee around the country, I'm a big consumer of US SAILING volunteered efforts. Consumption is in the form of rules publications written by volunteers, Race Management & Judging seminars put on by volunteers, etc. I've met many of the long-time, serious, visible, volunteers. They work hard for our sport, receiving recognition that is nowhere near being commensurate with their contributions. Many of these contributors are getting closer to the end of the pier. I can only imagine the fright-filled speculation that US SAILING must

have when considering how the efforts of these people are going to be replaced. Bottom-line is that the work effort has to come from somewhere. They didn't get the money, so they / we will need volunteered work effort even more. Find a way to contribute to our excellent sport.

**Scuttlebutt 2627:** From Gregory Scott: The position expressed by Jeff Butzer in Butt 2626 is quite true. But where did it all go wrong? Finding volunteers is becoming more difficult across the nation. And sailing is only a tip of the iceberg!! The generosity of people's time is wearing thin. I see it as the convergence of a cultural shift and fatigue arriving at the mark at the same time. In all areas of our day, more is being asked of "us" to shore up support systems. Taxation (in all forms) can't keep pace with need. So, more people are working at hospitals, school libraries and US Sailing - and those people are of a generation that are post war, "put your shoulder to the wheel and carry on" types. (as in people 80 - 70 - 60 -50)

At the same time, we have an over burdened dual income generation swimming like mad to get upstream. These people aren't the frugal post-war work / save / pay off the house. They are the work/ work/ spend/ buy generation who have very little energy, time or interest in volunteering. (partly because they have the kids swimming Monday - tennis Tuesday - Kumon Wednesday - soccer Thursday - add in parent night at school etc.) At the end of their week, bobbing up and down on a race committee boat isn't on. Yes, Jeff Butzer is right. When this group who have been carrying the load walk out the door, we all will be wondering where it all went wrong.

**A Final Thought:** With unfortunate frequency I hear people screaming and yelling at volunteers because things aren't to their liking. At some point the volunteer says to himself, "I have had enough of this shit. I'm out of here!" Now here is a novel thought: Maybe instead of screaming and yelling, if you don't like the way things are set up you should volunteer your services and help with the organization of your fleet's activities.

## MARBLEHEAD NOOD

July 26-27

For further information and housing please contact

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781-639-1121

## LAKE SUNAPEE OPEN

August 2-3, 2008

For further information and housing please contact

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**65<sup>th</sup> Arms-White Regatta**

June 21-22, 2008

Mid-Connecticut Star Fleet

Twenty boats from six fleets in the Tri-District area attended the 65<sup>th</sup> running of the Arms-White regatta.

Saturday gave the fleet light shifty winds out of the south. Peter McChesney / Kip Gardner seem to have the knack of finding the right direction to go and won all three races.

On Sunday it seemed that there would not be very much wind, but after the start of the first race the wind continued to build from the southwest and according to the race committee there were a couple of gusts of about 20. Between a break-down and other reasons some boats either did not finish or did not sail out to begin with.

It was John MacCausland / Kevin Murphy's turn to sweep the two races of the day. After the 4<sup>th</sup> race McChesney and Gardner figured that there was no chance for the runner up to catch them in the series standings and so sailed in to be able to get a quick start on the trip home.



Photo: Guy Gurney

John MacCausland / Kevin Murphy, Peter McChesney / Kip Gardner,  
Ched Proctor / Matt Semler

**Arms-White Results**

Pl	Sail	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	Subg.	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Points
1	8264	--	Peter McChesney	KipStar Gardner	AN		1	1	1	3	dnc	6
2	8195	Erin	John MacCausland	Kevin Murphy	CR		4	8	2	1	1	8
3	8159	--	Ched Proctor	Matt Semler	CLIS	M	2	3	3	4	4	12
4	8067	Pampero	Tomas Hornos	Luis Hornos	BH		5	2	4	8	2	13
5	8007	Serendipity	Bill Watson	Roger Sharp	CLIS	GM	6	5	8	2	5	18
6	7951	Mona Lisa	Peter Cusick	Roman Gotsulyak	Mid		8	4	7	5	3	19
7	8063	Grinch	Bert Collins	Guy Avelon	AN		3	11	5	6	7	21
8	8013	My Horse III	Rick Dhein	Clark Dhein	LG		7	9	6	10	6	28
9	8132	Claudina	Thierry de la Villehuchet	Lee Dayton	Mid	GM	12	7	10	9	10	36
10	7565	Telluride	Jack Button	Pat Valteau	Mid	VGM	13	10	13	11	8	42
11	7959	Bel Ami	Thorny Cook	Mike Young	CLIS	GM	15	13	12	7	11	43
12	8052	Don't Look Back	Stephen Braverman	Jim Mullane	BH		16	6	11	12	dnc	45
13	7952	Le Mar	Craig Morgan	Valteau / Coffey	Mid	M	10	17	16	13	9	48
14	815	Impromptu	Guy Gurney	David Bolles	CLIS	GM	9	12	9	dnf	dnc	51
15	7890		Rusty Bodden	Bud Converse	Mid	M	14	14	15	dnc	dnc	64
16	8152	Maria II	Don Gray	Jessica Kirchoff	Mid	VGM	18	15	14	dnf	dnc	68
17	7724	Bittersweet	Joseph Giunti	George Noise	Mid	EVGM	11	dnf	dnc	dnc	dnc	74
18	7306		Don Cronan	Kevin Elterman	Mid	GM	20	18	17	dnf	dnc	76
19	7554	Troika	Emil Karlovsky	Ed Linke	Mid	DND	19	16	dns	dnc	dnc	77
20	8043	Found Goods	Trevor Nederlof	Maurizio Martinovic	CLIS		17	dnf	dnc	dnc	dnc	80

**INTERNATIONAL STAR CLASS  
2008 FIRST DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP**

**BLUE EVENT, GREEN EVENT,  
MASTERS (ALL AGES)  
JULY 11 – 13, 2008  
ROCKPORT, MASSACHUSETTS**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1. Rules**

The Regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* for 2005-2008 (RRS) and the rules of the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association (STCR). The Organizing Authority is the Sandy Bay Yacht Club in conjunction with the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association (ISCYRA). The host fleet is Cape Ann.

1.1 Decisions of the Jury will be final in accordance with RRS 70.4.

1.2 RRS Appendix P will apply.

1.3 The prescriptions of the national authority, ISCYRA shall apply.

**2. Alterations to the Racing Rules**

2.1 RRS 32 will be changed to provide that courses will not be shortened.

2.2 RRS 33b will not apply.

2.3 RRS 35 will be changed to provide that boats not finishing within 60 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing.

2.4 RRS 62.2 and 66 will be changed to shorten the time for requesting redress and the requesting that a hearing be re-opened on the last day of racing.

2.5 RRS A4.1 will be changed to provide that a boat failing to check in prior to the warning signal will be scored the same as a boat not starting in that race without a hearing.

**3. Advertising**

Boats will not be required to display Event Advertising on the forward part of the hull.

**4. Eligibility and Entry**

4.1 Entries eligible in accordance with STCR 21, 26, 29 and 30 may compete.

4.2 Entries shall be submitted on the Official Entry Form not later than July 3, 2008 to the District Secretary, Luis Hornos at 41 Nason Road, Swampscott MA, 01907, and the Cape Ann Star Fleet, Fax: (978)546-6212. Entry forms are available at [www.sandybay.org/stars](http://www.sandybay.org/stars).

4.3 Only skippers and crew eligible to compete under the ISAF Eligibility Code, RRS Regulation 19, shall be eligible to compete in this regatta.

4.4 Proof of marine liability insurance (property and injury) in the amount of \$300,000 covering the person in charge (RRS 46) during this regatta is required.

**5. Entry Fee**

The entry fee of \$225.00 includes boat and trailer parking, launching, hauling and invitations to social events for skipper and crew. Checks must be drawn on a US bank and made payable to the Cape Ann Star Fleet.

**6. Schedule of Races**

July 10: Registration & weigh-in, 1700 to 1900

July 11: Registration & weigh-in, 0800 to 0930

Skippers' Meeting, 0930

Races 1 & 2 – harbor start at 1000 and first Warning at 1100. Beer, soft drinks, hot dogs and snacks following racing.

July 12: Races 3 & 4 – harbor start at 1000 and first Warning at 1100. Cocktails and dinner following racing

July 13: Race 5 – harbor start at 1000 and warning at 1100

No warning signal will be made after 1430

Awards ceremony following completion of the racing

**7. Disclaimer**

The Organizing Authority shall require each competitor to sign a waiver for loss, damage or injury to persons or property occurring in conjunction with the regatta or on the property the Sandy Bay Yacht Club.

The Organizing Authority, their members, employees, officers and/or agents shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury that may occur to person or property whether ashore or at sea as a consequence of the participation of any boat.

**8. Measurement**

8.1 Measurement will take place at the Sandy Bay Yacht Club. Each participating boat shall have a valid Measurement Certificate, and Weight Certificate. Only boats that have completed registration, paid all entry fees, and passed the prescribed measurement check procedure by 1000 on July 11, 2008 are entitled to race. The Jury may order that a boat be re-checked during the regatta.

8.2 Crews shall demonstrate compliance with crew weight limits in accordance with STCR 31.1.3 prior to 1000 on July 11, 2008. Crews may be re-weighed during the event at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

**9. Sail and Bow Numbers**

9.1 Each boat shall show the sail number as indicated on the Official Entry Form and approved by the Measurer.

**10. Sailing Instructions**

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration at the Sandy Bay Yacht Club.

**11. Racing Area**

Racing will be conducted in the areas specified in the Sailing Instructions.

**12. Courses and Procedures**

Courses and procedures will be according to STCR 34.

**13. Scoring**

The Low Point Scoring System, RRS A, will apply, modified so that each series score will be the total of her races scores with her worst score excluded if more than four (4) races are completed. Five races are scheduled, of which three races shall be required to constitute a series, except as provided in STCR 27.3

**14. Berthing and Hauling**

14.1 Boats shall be at the Sandy Bay Yacht Club commencing at 0900 hours on July 11, 2008 until the conclusion of racing.

14.2 The Organizing Authority may impose haul-out restrictions.

**15. Prizes**

15.1 Perpetual Trophies will be awarded according to STCR 24.

15.2 Series prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first through third.

15.3 Master's trophies will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first through third in the Series for skippers aged 50 through 59 before the start of the first race. Competitors in the Master's Division will also compete for Series prizes (see 15.2).

15.4 Grand Master's trophies will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first through third in the Series for skippers aged 60 or over before the start of the first race. Competitors in the Grand Master's Division will also compete for Series prizes (see 15.2).

15.5 Daily prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first in each race.

**16. Information**

16.1 For questions:

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16.2 Housing

Please visit [www.rockportusa.com](http://www.rockportusa.com) for a list of area hotels and motels.

**FOR SALE / WANTED**

**STAR CLASS MEMORABILIA:** If you have anything which you think should be in the Star Class Archives at Mystic Seaport Museum please contact the editor ([d.bolles@worldnet.att.net](mailto:d.bolles@worldnet.att.net)) (203 882 9428). Anything from a single photograph to a collection of correspondence, Starlights, Logs, program notes, or anything else related to the Star Class and its activities would be most welcomed.

**7306** Mader (1987) Specially built by Mader for Durward Knowles and one of the first of the 7300 through 8100 series of Maders built between 1987 and 2003. Second in the 1988 Bacardi (Paul Cayard, skipper) and the 1988 Masters. Lightly sailed recently and in fair condition. Good mast, newer SparTech boom, and trailer included. Boat located in Milford, CT. Price: \$5,000 Call Don Cronan @ 860-810-8934 / [doncronan@gmail.com](mailto:doncronan@gmail.com) / [DCronan@acc.comnet.edu](mailto:DCronan@acc.comnet.edu) (6 / 08)

**7620** Mader (1992) Lightly sailed and in excellent condition. Good mast, sails, and trailer included. Excellent racing record, boat located in Boston. Call Ken Allen @ 603-219-4379 (11 / 06)

**7741** Folli (1994) Two masts and one boom. Two sets of sails. Mast and boat covers. Double mainsheet and Lillia-style backstays. A good regatta boat in very good condition. Located in Milford, CT. \$12,000. Contact Rodrigo Meireles at 203 283 1884 / 619 549 1126 / [rodrigo@od.northsails.com](mailto:rodrigo@od.northsails.com)

**7830** Mader (1995) This boat is a creampuff. Campaigned by Paul Cayard, meticulously maintained, race ready. This boat is probably around \$16k give or take. In storage in Sunapee. Andy Ivey: [andy@apiadv.com](mailto:andy@apiadv.com) (1 / 07)

**7982** Folli (1999) Ready to go sailing. The keel was completely refinished in November, 2005. The boat is in inside storage in Williams Bay, WI, on Lake Geneva, 85 miles northwest of Chicago, IL. All measurement documents are up-to-date and the boat was measured at three World's Championships. Valid titles for boat and trailer. Spartech and Emmeti masts, Quantum sails. Photos available via email upon request. \$23,000. Call Jane Pegel at 262-245-6242 for details, email: [sailing19@charter.net](mailto:sailing19@charter.net) (4 / 07)

**8112** Folli (2002) Spartech mast; hyfield levers on uppers for downwind speed; double mainsheet; new Spartech Boom; Spare mast and lots of sails; boat maintained annually by John MacCausland. Contact J. Joseph Bainton: [Bainton@BaintonLaw.com](mailto:Bainton@BaintonLaw.com) (1 / 07)

**Wanted:** Boats, masts, etc. in various conditions. For the Milford Y.C. Sailing Foundation located at Milford Y.C., Milford CT. Contact Dick Hovey. Tel: 203 795 3008 / e-mail: [rhovey@optonline.net](mailto:rhovey@optonline.net) (7-07)

**Wanted:** older masts, booms and sails: We have a growing fleet of older boats at Olympia, WA. We need D-section masts and booms as well as other stuff we can use on the old wood boats we are fixing up. If you have anything please contact Bill Brosius, [billandcecilia@comcast.net](mailto:billandcecilia@comcast.net)

**Wanted:** F Section masts, even those broken at or below the mast band. David Bolles: 203 882 9428 / [d.bolles@worldnet.att.net](mailto:d.bolles@worldnet.att.net) .

**Wanted:** D or F Section mast. Rob Reuter, 64 Haskell Ridge Road, Rochester, MA 02770 (508) 763-9533 or [robreuterjr@aim.com](mailto:robreuterjr@aim.com)

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**EARLY STARLIGHTS**

From December 1923 through January 1924

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[http://www.mycstar.org/Stardust/starlights\\_back\\_issues.htm](http://www.mycstar.org/Stardust/starlights_back_issues.htm)

**2008 REGATTA SCHEDULE**

Date	Org.	Event
July 11 - 13	Dist. 1	1st Dist. Championship (CA)
July 12 - 13	Dist. 9	Star Trophy Umersee
July 18 - 20	Dist. 9	Rostige Kanne
July 19 - 20	Dist. 5	The Lipton Cup
July 26 - 27	Dist. 1	Marblehead NOOD
Aug. 2-3	Dist. 12	Lake Sunapee Open
Aug. 19 - 21	ISCYRA	Olympics
Aug. 23 - 24	Dist. 1	New England Masters' (BH)
Aug. 30 - 31	Dist. 9	Versoix GP
Sep. 6 - 7	Dist. 5	Harris Series
Sep. 8 - 13	ISCYRA	North American Championship
Sep. 13 - 14	Dist. 1	Bedford Pitcher (CLIS)
Sep. 13 - 14	Dist. 5	Olympic Classes Regatta
Sep. 27 - 28	Dist. 1	Nutmeg Regatta (Mid)
Oct. 11-12	Dist. 1	Larchmont Columbus Day Regatta