

BULLSEYE SAILORS AT ROCKPORT



Sailors at the 48th Bullseye Nationals posed before dinner in front of the Sandy Bay Yacht Club. The first day of racing is over. Everyone is happy though some smiles may be broader than others. Photo by Dan Karr.

CHRIS AND KATHRYN COLLINGS REMAIN AT THE HEAD OF THE CLASS

Victors at Fishers Island in 2008, Chris and Kathryn Collings swept through the fleet once again at the 2009 Nationals sponsored by the Sandy Bay Yacht Club at Rockport MA on August 1, 2. Representing Marion's Beverly Yacht Club, the Collings couple in their swift Puff won two of the five races and accumulated a mere 7 points, a 5 being their throwout.

Marion's Will Tiffitt in Death and Glory crewed by son and daughter, Axel and



The champions at Rockport: Chris and Kathryn Collings and Puff. Photo by Beth Leahy.

Anna, finished 2nd with a score of 11. No firsts but three 2nds on the first day demonstrated amazing consistency. Third place went to Arla skippered and crewed by Sandy Bay sailors Larry Brown and Cheryl Nutting. They won two races but ended just behind the Tiffitts with 12 points.

Fourth, fifth, and sixth places all went to Beverly sailors: Wendy Goodwin and her dad, Gordon, followed by Joan and Ed Tiffany. (Talk of consistency, how about the Tiffany's three 4ths in a row bracketed by a pair of 6's!) Class President Chris Memoli, son Nicholas and Kym Lee rose on the second day from the middle of the fleet, achieving an excellent 2nd and a magnificent 1st, a race in which their Lady Susan led all the way.

Three races had been planned for Saturday and two for Sunday and that is exactly what PRO Charlie Clark and his Committee provided. They attempted a first race just outside the harbor but the faint northerly dwindled into

nothing. All ships were called home. After a sun-baked interlude tiny ripples appeared to the east of Straitsmouth Island. The Committee boat upped anchor with alacrity and headed full steam for the outside course north of Thacher's Island. Eighteen little whitefeathered chickens obediently followed the mother hen.

The three Saturday races were all in light and shifty air. The first two courses were windward/leeward twice around and the last race added a triangle. In general, those boats which went to the right on the long beat to the mark north of Thacher's made the right choice. They found more wind and less opposing tide. Judging the lay line for the final starboard tack was not easy, some sailors easing sheets too soon only to discover a strong tide near the mark which tended to bounce towards one's boat at just the wrong moment. There were a number of last-minute desperate port tacks.

Sunday's southerly breeze was substantially stronger than Saturday's uncertain flutters, allowing the race committee to set up courses in the inner sailing area outside the harbor and making somewhat longer courses possible. The grand finale was a triangle-windward-leeward-windward which proved lengthier than expected when the breeze gradually faded. Current was less of a factor than the previous day but needed consideration as the wind died. As on the

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FROM THE EDITOR

Without a doubt this year's Nationals at Rockport was one of the best organized and most competitive ever. Take this from a guy who has not missed a Nationals since he first competed in 1975. Applause for Jo-Ann and Connie Lavigne and all the Sandy Bay folk who pitched in with gusto and smiles despite Friday's welcoming drizzle. Applause also for the Marion sailors (5 of the top 6) who so successfully found the puffs and played the currents on what to them were foreign waters. Congratulations to Peter Allen and Peggy Crevey who towed their boat from Rochester NY. Skippers Elliott, Fenner, and Lucas were tough competitors in borrowed boats. They will lure many of us to Florida for the 2010 Nationals.

Yes, the Card Sound Sailing Association invites all Bullseye sailors to Key Largo for the 49th Nationals which will be held on Friday and Saturday, March 19, 20. What a wonderful way to welcome spring! Something to dream about while dozing before a winter fire. Several local boats will be available for visitors but a search is in process for a truck to take 6 or 7 Bullseyes south at a reasonable price. Stay tuned to www.bullseyeclass.org. Meanwhile smooth and happy late summer sailing to all!

— Dave Burnham

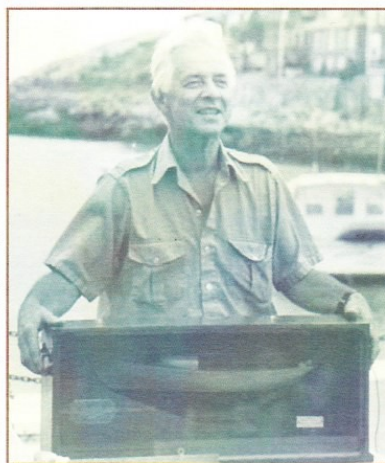
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previous day, boats within 50 yards of each other often experienced quite different wind conditions. Seldom has there been a Nationals requiring more skill at reading the wind shifts and sensing the right place to be. That's what made Chris Memoli's victory all the more impressive, as he steadily increased his initial lead throughout the race. Equally impressive was Chris and Kathryn Collings' accomplishment. After a disastrous start, they simply "motored" through the fleet to 2nd. Yet when the boat was hauled in that afternoon there were no rubber band poppers.

After the racing, competitors came ashore to enjoy a delicious barbecue followed by the presentation of awards many of which were beautiful and useful mementos crafted by Cynthia Curtis, a local potter. These went to the first, second, and third place finishers and to those who won individual races. Chris and Kathryn Collings have returned home with the E. L. Goodwin Perpetual Trophy for winning the Nationals and the Peter Vincent Award for the best showing by a non-local boat. It was simply a weekend

FAREWELL TO TUT

A memorial service for Irving W. "Tut" Tuttle will take place at the Sandy Bay Yacht Club in Rockport MA at 1300 on Sunday, September 27. Friends are encouraged to come and share memories.



Here is "Tut" Tuttle looking like the happy recipient of the E.L. Goodwin Bullseye National Trophy. Actually, with his characteristic exuberance he is passing the trophy to Dave Burnham after the 1985 Nationals at Rockport. Tut had won the previous year in Marion. Photo by John Harper.

round trip for these trophies. The Beverly Trophy for the skipper who improved the most from the previous Nationals was won by Joan Tiffany.

Thanks to Bob Jorgensson, Phil Nutting and many others, the visiting boats were all pulled out of the water safely as the afternoon progressed and were soon on their way home dripping Sandy Bay brine. The 48th Nationals was a great success and a smooth operation thanks to the combined and willing contribution of many people: Charlie Clark and his race committee, Susan Mead and her donation of protest flags, Shirley Preston in charge of all meals aided by Ben Loiacono, Susie Kinder, and Richard Fahrenz among many others, Pam Prichard who arranged for the ceramic awards, Cheryl Nutting who arranged housing, Susanne Gosselin and her team who handled registration and Commodore Steve Fritch who was always present and ready to help. And let us not forget Phil Nutting, sail measurer par excellence.

At the heart (in fact the heart) of the whole operation were the Lavignes, Connie and Jo-Ann. They pulled the team together inspiring local helpers and visitors alike with their energy,

enthusiasm, and willingness to do whatever was needed, whenever.

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48TH BULLSEYE NATIONALS — August 1, 2, 2009 — Sandy Bay Yacht Club, Rockport, Massachusetts

Pl	Sail #	Skipper & Crew	From	Boat Name	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	I
1	766	Chris Collings & Kathryn Collings	Beverly Yacht Club	Puff	3	1	-5	1	2	7
2	639	William Tift, Anna Tift & Axel Tift	Beverly Yacht Club	Death & Glory	2	2	2	-5	5	11
3	151	Larry Brown & Cheryl Nutting	SBYC	Arla	1	-9	1	6	4	12
4	790	Wendy Goodwin & Gordon Goodwin	Beverly Yacht Club	Red All Over	4	5	-9	3	3	15
5	512	Joan Tiffany & Edwin Tiffany	Beverly Yacht Club	Cove Girl	-6	4	4	4	6	18
6	885	Chris Memoli, Kym Lee & Nicholas Memoli	Beverly Yacht Club	Lady Susan	8	-11	8	2	1	19
7	705	George Fenner & Peter Fenner	Card Sound, FI	Mistress	7	3	6	8	-10	24
8	64	Jody Smith, Kristina McDavid & Cheryl Greenfield	Beverly Yacht Club	Lois T	-16	14	7	7	8	36
9	701	George Lucas & Jack Lampman	Card Sound, FI	Dreamboat	12	8	3	-17	14	37
10	291	Conrad Lavigne & Suzanne Gosselin	SBYC	Whisper II	5	6	12	15	-17	38
11	670	Laura Hollowell & Jim Hungerford	SBYC	Beaver II	-10	10	10	10	9	39
12	80	Dave Burnham, Paul & David H. Burnham	Fishers Island	Querida	-15	15	11	9	7	42
13	699	Dick Elliot & Valarie Elliot	Card Sound, FI	Speedwell	13	7	-15	12	13	45
14	359	Robert Jorgenssen & Daniel Karr	SBYC	Dayspring	9	13	-14	11	12	45
15	747	Alfred A Maybach Jr., Jill & Audie Osgood	Saunderstown, RI	Essex	11	12(19\DNF)	14	15	15	52
16	337	Peter Allen & Peggy Crevey	Rochester, NY	Col. Lee	-18	16	13	13	11	53
17	409	Pam Prichard & Bob Prichard	SBYC	Seaglass	14	-17	16	16	16	62
18	621	John Preston, Larry Kenney & Ben Loiacono	SBYC	Last Dance	17	18(19\DNF)	18	18	71	

PRIZE WINNERS,
joined by Sandy Bay
Commodore Steve
Fritch. Photos by Wendy
Goodwin and Dan Karr.



Right, Chris and Kathryn Collings hold the E. L. Goodwin Perpetual Trophy for winning the Nationals.



Above, President Chris Memoli, son Nicholas, and Kym Lee with awards for winning the last race.



Left, Joan and Ed Tiffany receive the Beverly Trophy for being "most improved."



Upper left, Axel, Will, and Anna Tift, 2nd Place.



Left, Larry Brown and Cheryl Nutting, 3rd Place.



Right, Chris and Kathryn Collings take home the Peter Vincent etching for "best boat from away."

DEAR
WENDY

*How do I know if
my lifting ring eye
is safe to use?*

*Sincerely,
Harry Hoistuser*



Dear Harry:

From time to time I hear owners telling me "The lifting ring was on the keel bolt when I bought my boat used." It is important all owners know that the lifting ring eye must be removed when not in use. Only screw the lifting ring eye onto the keel bolt when you are going to lift the boat, and then remove it & store it with your lifting sling. If you leave your lifting ring eye on the keel bolt it will rust in place, you won't be able to remove it easily, and slowly the lifting ring eye will rust/deteriorate to the point where it is no longer safe to lift the boat with the ring. You should follow the same procedure even if you have a new stainless steel lifting ring eye (see photo) as stainless steel will rust on the surface making it difficult to remove as well. If there is any question about the strength, age or quality of your lifting ring eye then it's best to replace it. A \$20.00 investment can prevent a much more costly repair.

Recently there was a close call at the 2009 Nationals where a lifting ring eye failed during the hauling (see 2nd photo). Luckily the boat was above the trailer so the boat was OK & no one was injured. In this second photo, the bottom part of the lifting ring eye parted & left the keel bolt intact. If you are unable to remove your rusted lifting ring eye; take a reciprocating saw & cut part way into the side of the lifting ring eye by holding the saw vertically. Do not cut all the way through as you will damage the threads of the keel bolt. Then take a mallet & a long handled cold chisel & crack the lifting eye open.

Wendy Goodwin
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Jerry Higgins and Lia on a sparkling morning on San Francisco Bay. Photo by Jerry's brother.

THE VIEW FROM BEHIND

A year ago Jo-Ann Lavigne described the Fishers Island Nationals in a Newsletter article entitled "The View from Ashore." I present my version of this year's Rockport Nationals by extolling the view from behind. I have never had such a good view. All those pretty boats with colorful spinnakers make a grand sight. If you get far enough behind you can see them all! When working to windward you can not only keep your eye on your tell tales but can see all the action, all the little duels taking place all over the course. None of that awkward turning around to see who is following you. You can breathe easy. No one is.

There ought to be a prize for being last but I suppose the view itself is reward enough. But don't get too far behind. Binoculars can be awkward while steering. Another thing that can happen is that the crew loses some of its zip. They think you are not trying. The friendly advice about being too low or too high dwindles away into moans and sighs and then sheer silence, a dreadful silence broken only by the faint kiss of an occasional ripple as the boat moves sluggishly ahead. Ah, there's the culprit, the boat itself woke up on the wrong side of its mooring. But who can complain?! The view from astern is wonderful! Everyone should have this experience, once!

— Dave Burnham

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THE 2009 NATIONALS AT ROCKPORT — A Gallery Presentation by Beth Leahy



1. Puff. Always alert, always working, Chris and Kathryn Collings were the champs.
2. Death and Glory. The second place family crew of Tiffts caught every zephyr.
3. Arla. Rockporters Larry Brown and Cheryl Nutting on the way to a well deserved third, having won two of the five races.
4. Red All Over. The main looks slack but the fourth place Goodwins are wizards at keeping the spinnaker full.
5. Cove Girl. With 3 fourths and 2 sixes Joan and Ed Tiffany fully deserved their fifth.

ABOUT BETH LEAHY

All photos on this page and the next were taken by Beth Leahy whose address is 43 Marmion Way, Rockport, MA 01966. Beth will send for \$30 a CD with over 400 images of the Nationals. Every boat in the Nationals is pictured more than once. If photos are not for personal use, please email your request: elizleahy@joimail.com.

THE LEAHY GALLERY Continued



1. Three sisters, *Arla* (151), *Speedwell* (699), and *Dreamboat* (701) sailed by Larry Brown, Dick Elliott, and George Lucas, respectively. Who is the choreographer?
2. *Death and Glory* (Tiffits. 639) overtakes *Whisper II* (Lavigne and Gosselin, 291) in a whisper of a breeze.
3. Father and son, Chris and Nicholas Memoli, and Kym Lee demonstrate the concentration which makes *Lady Susan* always a formidable contender.
4. The Fenner brothers, George and Pete, the former at the helm, edge their *Mistress* (705) inside *Dayspring* (359) sailed by Bob Jorgenssen and Dan Karr.
5. The old lady of the fleet, *Lois T.* (64) looks sleek in pursuit of *Lady Susan* (885), the youngest boat. *Red All Over* (790) hides behind the mark and *Beaver II* (670) has a slightly different breeze. Skippers are (L-R) Chris Memoli, Jody Smith, Wendy Goodwin and Laura Hallowell.

