



2014 George Washington's Birthday Regatta LESC Participants



📄 2013-14 Series Racing Final Results - Wednesday, May 14, 2014

Here it is, boys and girls, what everyone has been waiting for, the final tabulation for this season's racing! Say what you will, but the competition was awesome. Our fleet has stepped up, remarkably, in race participation. Within each series there were great competitions throughout the fleet. In the Saturday series, for the year, there were an amazing twenty different Flying Scots on the water at various times! THAT has to be a record for our club! The Sunday series had sixteen different boats participating. The bi-weekly turnout was higher than it has ever been, with one eleven boat race day, and several ten boat days.

Now to the racing. The Saturday Series competition was *extremely* tight, with only one point separating 1st and 3rd place! Larry and Dave, on Ruby, win the series with a score of 6. Ray and Jim, on Jigsaw, and Francois, on Sailife, each had a score of 7, with Jigsaw winning the tie-breaker and taking 2nd place. Sailife gets the very respectable 3rd. Other good competition towards the middle of the fleet, where only two points separated

6th through 9th place, included Zita Rose, SNAFU, Ghost, and Rita Sharo, in that order.

The Sunday Series was a little more cut-and-dried, with Ray and Jim, on Jigsaw, getting a clear 1st place. The fight was for the other two trophy positions. Gus, on August Moons, gets the 2nd place spot, with 9 points. Francois, on Sailife, and Dean and Sherry, on ED, each had 10 points, with Sailife getting the tie-breaker, to win 3rd place. Mid-fleet, four points separated 8th through 13th place, which included SNAFU, Walter Gordon, Rita Sharo, Dream, LESC AdultSail, and Ghost.

So, with all the series results in, the close match between Jigsaw and Ruby continued. By one point, Ray and Jim squeaked by Larry and Dave to win the Overall Fleet Championship for the 2013-2014 season. Congratulations to both boats for a hard-fought year! 3rd place goes to Sailife, with Francois doing a very respectable job with various crew from our Crew List. Good job to all of you! To round out the top ten, 4th place goes to August Moons, followed by ED, Zita Rose, SNAFU, Rita Sharo, Wazoo, and Ghost.

It was an absolutely amazing year on several counts, and everyone should walk away happy! The Memorial Day Regatta is in a couple of weeks, and don't forget the Summer Sailstice, June 21st.

2013-14 Collene Series - Week 6 - Tuesday, May 13, 2014

The final weekend of club series racing for 2013-2014 came to an end with week 6 of the Collene Series. The wind gods provided a fun and challenging day for most of the ten boats that showed up to race. With winds in the shifty 13 to 15 range, and gusting higher, most Scots were carrying three crew, and wisely so. Three races were run, and Jigsaw grabbed two 1sts and a 2nd, to remain on top of the Saturday series. Rita Sharo got a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd to sit in 2nd place in the series, while Sailife has series 3rd place with two 3rds and a 4th for the day. The racing was exciting for everyone, from front to back, with close calls, collisions, and a couple of capsizes, (in that other fleet, of course!). All the Scots managed to keep the pointy end up.

Those wind gods must have exhausted themselves by Sunday, as the conditions were very different from the previous day. Only seven Scots turning out in a light air day. Remember when a seven boat turnout was really good? Mother's Day took its toll on the attendance in all the fleets. The race committee managed to run two races, but after the first one - light and flukey and full of holes, the Flying Scot fleet politely declined the second race, and retired for the day. Francois and Phil, on Sailife, took the honors in that single race, with Henry and Laurie, on Rita Sharo, taking 2nd. Dean and Sherry, on ED, got the 3rd. The Sunday Collene Series ends with Ray and Jim, on Jigsaw in 1st place. Francois takes 2nd, and Gus, on August Moons, takes the 3rd position.

There is one more racing weekend in this season, and that is the Memorial Day Regatta. It's a fun racing weekend, with our fun-loving race committee usually setting up "unusual" courses for us. Racing on Saturday and Sunday, and picnic on Saturday. Since these races aren't the usual "cut-throat" competition we have during the series racing, perhaps it would be a good idea to bring along an extra crew, just to get more people out on the water. All those great people on the crew list, that have helped us out all year, would be a good example. For those on the crew list, come whether you have a ride, or not, and be the guests of the Flying Scot fleet. Everyone should be advised, however, that there may well be an assortment of dihydrogen monoxide assault weapons carried on board some of the boats . . .

2013-14 Collene Series - Week 5 - Monday, April 28, 2014

Week 5 saw another great turnout of the Flying Scot fleet! There were eleven Scots on the line on Saturday, and nine on Sunday. If anyone is keeping track, there have been seventeen different Flying Scots sailing in the Saturday Collene series, and fifteen different boats in the Sunday series. That's a heck of a good showing by anyone's standards! Congratulations!

Saturday's winds were light and flukey, and only one race was held. The Race Committee wisely shortened course before the wind died altogether. Jigsaw was 1st, Rita Sharo came in 2nd, and ED took the 3rd spot.

Sunday was a glorious sailing day. The winds were as predicted - 7 to 9, with a few puffs a little higher. Just enough to keep the single-handers busy, (and tired!). The Race Committee ran three good races. Ray and Jim, on Jigsaw, took three aces for the day, and Jigsaw remains in the top spot for the series. The 2nd places were spread among Dick and Larry, on Ghost, Gus and Lee, on August Moons, and Dave and Jay, on FS 5339. Craig, single-handing LESC AdultSail, took two 3rds, with Dean and Sherry, on ED, getting the other 3rd. For the Sunday series, Jigsaw remains firmly in 1st place, August Moons is 2nd, and Francois, on SailLife, is in 3rd.

The last weekend of the Collene Series is May 10 & 11. The Memorial Day series is May 24 & 25. That is also the last weekend of regular club racing for the season. Plans are in the making for the annual Summer Sailstice on

June 21st. More on that later.

2013-14 Collene Series - Week 4 - Thursday, April 17, 2014

On Saturday of week 4, nine boats showed up to race in light air. Jigsaw took two out of three, with Sailife getting the other bullet. Dick and Larry, on Ghost, coming out for the first time in this series, had an impressive showing with two 3rds and a 2nd. Ruby continues to hold the series lead even though Larry has already migrated North for the summer. Jigsaw is in 2nd place, one point behind, with Rita Sharo in 3rd, one point behind 2nd. Tight racing at the top!

Sunday's air was not as strong as predicted, but the sailing was fun, nevertheless. Jigsaw took all three races, with a mix of Rita Sharo, Sailife, and August Moons trading back and forth for the 2nds and 3rds. Ray, on Jigsaw, holds a strong 1st for the series, with Gus, on August Moons, a distant 2nd, and Francois, on Sailife, coming in 3rd.

There are two more weekends in the Collene series, before the final season event on Memorial weekend. Let's get out and sail, and don't forget to use the Crew List!

FYI, the annual General Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 26, after racing. Everyone should attend!

FYI.2, at the last board meeting the Commodore recognized and complimented our Flying Scot fleet participation this season. He suggested that other fleets might use us as an example. Good job, boys and girls!

2013-14 Collene Series - Week 3 - Monday, March 24, 2014

Week 3 of the Collene was a great weekend for sailing. The weather was warm, the winds were good, but not overpowering, and . . . there were thirteen different Flying Scots on the water over the two days - ten boats on the line, Saturday, and nine on Sunday! Larry and Dave, on Ruby, continue to dominate the Saturday series. Henry, on Rita Sharo, is a few points back, in second, and Ray and Jim, on Jigsaw, are in third.

The Sunday series has Ruby and Jigsaw battling for first, tied in points, with Jigsaw getting the tie-breaker. George and Janet, on Zita Rose, are in third place, with Francois, on Sailife, only a point behind.

Though the top spots usually get all the "press", there has been some great, and very tight, racing going on further back in the fleet. Dream, SNAFU, August Moons, and ED are often neck-and-neck coming down that last leg to the finish. The excitement is the same and the competition is close!

Next weekend is an "off" weekend, followed by the Mt. Dora regatta the first weekend in April. We hope to have a fleet of four boats minimum for that regatta. That is also the weekend for the final district regatta at Port Charlotte. After that, only three more weekends of club racing in the Collene Series, followed by the Memorial Day series, and then we're done for the season! Get out and sail! And don't forget to use those folks on our crew list.

Update On Using the Shroud to Hike - Sunday, March 16, 2014

This is a recent update to the FSSA Handbook, relating to hiking positions.

Specification change dated 01-07-2014 revised Article S-V Racing Restrictions #4 to include the following: The use of the side stay is permitted for a hiking handhold provided that the crew is seated on the deck, aft of the stay, and with their feet inboard of the seat back.

So, boys and girls, we can now legally use the shrouds for hiking. This changes the Chief Measurer's earlier clarification (2012) of the hiking rules.

2014 MC Midwinters - Sunday, March 16, 2014

The 2014 MC Scow Midwinters are over. Former Flying Scot sailor, (and my former skipper), Ron Baerwitz took first place, in a fleet of seventy-six boats. Of the four races run, he racked up three 1sts, and a 26th, (don't ask!). LESC sailor, Dave Moring took third overall.

Our Flying Scot fleet members contributed heavily to the volunteer corps that helped run the regatta. We had eleven active fleet members helping, as well as two former fleet members. Thank you to Dave, Jay, Charley, Mary, (Charley & Mary contributed their power boat as well), Jack, Gus, Francois, Randy, Bob, Pirate Dave, and Dean. Thanks also go to former Scot sailors, Bob and Greg, who each contributed their power boats for on-the-

water support.

The club series continues next weekend with week 3 of the Collene Series.

2013-14 Collene Series - Week 2 - Monday, March 10, 2014

Week two of the Collene Series was a mixed bag. Saturday started cool, with light air, but enough for the RC to run three races. The day was beautiful and there were nine Flying Scots on the line. A rare appearance from Dave, on 5020, showed us how it is done. Ruby must have been paying attention because they beat 5020 in the last race. 5020 won the day, but Ruby is in 1st place for the series, so far, with 5020 in 2nd. Henry, on Rita Sharo, who was single-handing on Saturday, is in 3rd. The racing is tight in the middle of the fleet, with five boats within a three point spread.

Sunday brought no wind to speak of, and the racing was cancelled. By early afternoon, there was barely enough wind for the MC fleet to have their team racing event. This kicks off a week of events for the MCs, culminating in their Midwinter Regatta this coming weekend.

In other news from this weekend, Tom, on Sweet Pea, took 9th out of 25 Scots at the Davis Island Warm-Up Regatta.

Lastly, with the coming of daylight savings time, the sunrise/sunset/twilight schedules are again posted for those sunset watchers and cruisers. Check out the bottom of the left-hand column. There will be hardcopy posted on the clubhouse bulletin board, also.

2013-14 Collene Series - Week 1 - Tuesday, February 25, 2014

Light air both days on the first weekend of the Collene Series. The Race Committee managed to get in two races each day. Eight boats out on Saturday, and seven on Sunday.

2013-14 Norton Series - Week 4 - Friday, February 14, 2014

In the last weekend of the Norton Series, Saturday's racing was rained out - no races. Sunday was a beautiful day, with a nice breeze. To top it off, there were *twelve* Flying Scots on the line! That is a record turnout for this year. It was a good practice day for the upcoming GWBR, this weekend. ED took the first race, and Jigsaw took the second and third races. That put Jigsaw, with Ray and Jim, on top for the Norton Sunday Series final. Ruby placed second in the series, with ED in third. The Norton Saturday Series final was won by Ruby, with Larry and Dave. Jigsaw was second, and Henry, on Rita Sharo, placed third.

The George Washington's Birthday Regatta is this weekend. There are 22 Flying Scots registered, and even though some of the "big guns" won't be there, it ought to be a great couple of day's sailing!

2013-14 Norton Series - Week 3 - Wednesday, January 22, 2014

Good winds on both days this weekend. Almost too much, as ED managed a capsized on Saturday, and Dean got a rather chilly swim in the lake. Jigsaw and Ruby battled it out both days with some fine sailing between the two. Jigsaw won the day, Saturday, but Ruby continues to be top dog for that day's series. Henry and Laurie, on Rita Sharo are in third place.

Sunday, Jigsaw and Ruby at it again, with Jigsaw winning the day and in the lead for the series. Ruby gets second on the day and for the series. Francois, on Sailife, somehow manages to stay in third place, even though he didn't sail this weekend. Go figure!

2013-14 Norton Series - Week 2 - Thursday, January 09, 2014

Norton Series week 2 brought a mixed bag. There were six boats on the line on Saturday, but not enough wind to sail on Sunday. Ruby and Rita Sharo were tied in points at the end of Saturday, with each boat getting a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Larry and Dave, on Ruby, won the tie-breaker, taking the day and keeping 1st place, overall. Henry and guest crew, Arial, on Rita Sharo, settled for 2nd on the day and 2nd place overall in the series. Francois and guest crew, Dan, on Sailife, got the other bullet Saturday, and Sailife is in 3rd place overall. Sunday, even without any wind, turned into a great day to socialize on shore. A good time was had by all.

In other fleet news, Henry is now officially Fleet 150's new Fleet Captain. Congrats, Henry!



2013-14 Norton Series - Week 1 - Sunday, December 29, 2013

The end of the year marks the beginning of the Norton Series. The weekend before Christmas had a reasonably good turnout for racing. There were six Scots on the line on Saturday, and five on Sunday. Saturday's two races were run with enough wind to keep everyone on their toes - low to mid teens. Sweet Pea, with Tom and Arial, swept the two races with bullets. Arial is Scot sailor Sherry's daughter. Tom picked up a good crew in that deal! Arial's friend, Dan got to experience the OTHER end of the fleet, sailing on ED, with Dean and Sherry. Larry and Dave, on Ruby, took second place honors, and Ray and his ace crew, grandson Luke, on Jigsaw, took third for the day. Gus, on August Moons, teamed up with new member John to show him what fun really is!

Sunday morning brought breezy conditions that were close to canceling racing. Close, but not quite. Pretty soon boats were going in the water, and off we went. The RC board for the first race said 15 to 18. Most everyone took on ballast. Ray and Luke, on Jigsaw, had old friend and college kid, Ben, to help them. Gus and John went with Sailife and Francois, and Nancy helped on ED, with Dean and Sherry. The two brave double-handers were Larry and Dave on Ruby, and Henry and son, George, on Rita Sharo. Three races were run, and the competition was good. After the first race, the wind moderated some, and by the third race it had dropped to 8 to 10-ish. Ray, Luke, and Ben on Jigsaw, got two out of three firsts to take first place for the day. Double-handers, Larry and Dave on Ruby, took second place with two seconds and a first. Francois, on Sailife, with Gus, and John, get the third. The sailing both days left little to be desired, with beautiful weather and good wind. Everyone had a great time on the water! Young Luke finished his good weekend off by catching a HUGE bass, off the LESC dock! That fish was big enough to tow a Flying Scot!

It was great to see quite a few new faces out on the courses - some guests, some new crews, and some occasional crews. The interest in the boat we sail seems to be growing.

For complete weekend results, see the Norton links, to the right.

In other Flying Scot news -

- The board has approved the proposal for the club Flying Scot fleet to maintain and repair the club-owned Scot that is currently being used for the Adult Sail Training program. The club will also apply for a "club membership" to the FSSA. The idea is to make this boat race-worthy, and keep it that way. More information will be coming by email in the future.

- The next big task for the fleet to accomplish is to fill the Fleet Captain vacancy. All fleet boat owners and FSSA members will receive emails, shortly, regarding an election for the position. This will be an "email election", to make it easy for most everyone. Please vote!

2013-14 Hartge Series - Week 4 - Monday, December 09, 2013

This was the final weekend of the Hartge Series. We had a great turnout on Saturday, with nine boats out racing! Unfortunately the wind was flukey and, after a couple of course re-locations, the PRO managed to squeeze in a short two-legger to complete the day's racing in dying winds. Ruby stayed on top, with ED squeaking by Sailife by half a length to take 2nd.

Sunday was a much nicer day to sail. Three races were run, with six Scots on the line. Ruby wins the day again, with Sailife 2nd, and August Moons 3rd.

Here are the final results for the series. No surprise, Larry and Dave, on Ruby, sweep both Saturday and Sunday series to take first place. Francois and Gus traded second places, with Francois, on Sailife, taking Saturday, and Gus, on August Moons, taking the Sunday second. Dean and Sherry, on ED, got the 3rd places for

both days. It's worth mentioning that both Francois and Gus raced much of this series single-handed. Good job!

For the complete series final results, click on the links to the right. The next race weekend is Dec. 21/22, and is the first week of the Norton Series. If you are interested in seeing when the series begin and end, check out the calendar at the link under "Flying Scot Events Schedule", to the lower right.

2013-14 Hartge Series - Week 3 - Wednesday, November 27, 2013

Week 3 was a weekend of extremes! Saturday started out with light winds and a postponement until 12:30. After several sailors had left, the wind came up enough for the race committee to set a course - wisely, close to shore and the club. We got in two races before the wind petered out again. Four Scots raced, with Ruby continuing its dominance at 1st. Sailife got a pair of deuces, while SNAFU and ED traded 3rd place.

Sunday was an absolute blow-out, with winds over the upper limit of the race committee's standard. There were a few Lasers out, reaching back and forth and, I assume, competing for number of capsizes.

The first full weekend in December is the last weekend in the Hartge Series. The weekend before Christmas is the first weekend of the Norton Series. We are creeping up on the midpoint of the season already!

Please remember our Crew Pool if you are in need. There are at least four people who are interested in sailing Flying Scots. Let's keep them interested and get them involved!

Have a happy Thanksgiving, everyone, and if you are traveling . . . be safe!

2013-14 Hartge Series - Week 2 - Monday, November 18, 2013

Another overcast Saturday with light winds and a good chance for rain. The Race Committee got almost three races in before the rain started. There was some good racing going on, with nine Flying Scots on the line! That may be the year's high, so far! The racing was as good as the weather was bad.

With only three races in the Saturday series so far, Jigsaw is on top. Ruby and Sailife are tied on points, with Francois getting the tie-breaker.

Sunday's winds were a little higher, but . . . with sun! A beautiful day to go sailing, with winds at 6 to 9. Seven Scots came to race, and the competition was excellent! Ruby took the day, and the series so far, with two bullets. August Moons is second in the series, with Dean And Sherry, on ED, taking a distant third. It was good to see Bob McC down and out . . . back down from up north, and out on SNAFU. Welcome back, Bob.

Don't forget that there are two AdultSail grads, Steve and Rich, that are actively looking for a crew job. Keep them in mind! And with that in mind, you may notice that the adult sailing program Scot is being scored as LESC AdultSail, skippered by Craig. The hope is to keep newly graduated students interested and engaged, in both our webpage and our fleet. As a final class, Craig brings his graduating students to sail in our club races. They will now be able to see their race results against the rest of the fleet. Let's keep these guys interested, use 'em if you need 'em.

The Hartge Series continues with week three, this coming weekend. That's right, back-to-back weekends. Let's keep up the great turnout we've been getting!

For complete overall series results, click on the Hartge links, to the right.

2013-14 Hartge Series - Week 1 - Friday, November 08, 2013

The Hartge started out on a dreary, misty, rainy Saturday, with no wind. Two Scots got their bottoms wet, but then chose to come back in. Later, as a good wind piped up (briefly!), the RC set a course, and two races were run.

Sunday fared much better, with good wind and a beautiful day. Six boats were on the line. Larry K., fresh back from up North, on Ruby with crew, Dave A., reminded us of how it's done with three bullets for the day. Welcome back, Larry, (I think!). Gus and friends, on August Moons, managed three 2nds. Also sailing with us was Adult Sailing Instructor Craig Y., with his graduating student, Steve P. Steve is interested in staying with the Scots, and is looking for a crew job, to start out. Craig's other graduate, Rich T., is also looking for crew work.

Our crew pool is fattening up, boys and girls! there isn't much excuse to not get out and sail!

For complete weekend results, click on the Hartge links, to the right.

Keenan Series - Week 4 - Thursday, October 24, 2013

The final week of the Keenan Series saw low/no winds and a low turnout of Scots. Although Sunday's races were cancelled, there were four boats on the line Saturday, and two races were run. Ghost took both races. Congratulations, Dick and Larry!

George and Janet came out on top of the Saturday Keenan Series on Zita Rose. Francois, on Sailife, took second. Gus and John took third on August Moons.

The Sunday Series was won by Tom, on Sweet Pea, followed by George and Janet, on Zita Rose. Ray and Jim, on Jigsaw, took third.

The Hartge Series begins Nov. 2. For complete Keenan results, click on the links to the right.

Keenan Series - Week 3 - Tuesday, October 15, 2013

Another weekend of fine early season racing! Saturday's wind was missing early on, and the PRO abandoned racing before noon. Later, the wind came up some, and the Race Committee set a short course. They managed to get in four short races. Four Flying Scots were on the line, including Francois, in his newly renamed boat, Sailife. Good to have you back, Francois. George and Janet, on Zita Rose, took the day with three 2nds and a 1st. Almost everyone got at least one bullet that day, so the honors were spread around.

Sunday's racing looked promising in the forecasts, but reality wasn't so great. After a postponement, the Race Committee set a course, and there were six or more Scots on the water, (I forgot to count!). The wind couldn't decide which direction it was going to blow, or at what speed, so after another postponement on the water, the racing was abandoned for the day. It was a nice day to drift around, however! I even hiked once.

This coming weekend is club racing again, and the last for the Keenan Series. Let's keep up the good turnouts.

For Saturday's results, click on the Keenan Series link, to the right.

Keenan Series - Week 2 - Monday, September 30, 2013

Week two of the Keenan Series started out with some exciting sailing on Saturday. Winds from the East-ish fooled sailors into thinking it was going to be a light day, but by the second race, the race committee was clocking winds up to the predicted 15 mph, with gusts higher. Six boats started the day, but the increasing wind took out three boats, and a side game of bumper cars took out a fourth. Only two boats finished that second race. The downwind runs were wild! George, Janet, and Carol on Zita Rose, won the day. Dean, Joe, and Sherry on ED, took second, and Ray and Jim on Jigsaw, came in third.

Day two was just the opposite of day one. The wind started out light, and then got lighter. Only four Scots made it to the line. Both races were long and slow, and the second race was shortened to only one leg before the wind died all together. With a 1st and a 2nd, Zita Rose won the day again. Gus and John, on August Moons, took second, and Charley, on Wazoo (and sailing single-handed), took third for the day.

LESC has started giving out a new award this year. It goes to the winner of the weekend in each fleet. The award is a very nice glass mug, with the LESOC burgee on it, (13 ounces, so it will hold your favorite beverage!). The mug will be given out each club race weekend to the skipper of the winning boat. Mug honors this weekend go to Zita Rose, with a combined score of 8. August Moons and ED tied for second with a score of 14.

For complete results of the weekend, click on the Keenan Series links, to the right.

Keenan Series - Week 1 - Monday, September 16, 2013

The Keenan Series started off with a bust this past Saturday, with not enough wind to start a race. A bit of a teaser came up in the early afternoon, and a few boats ventured out for a cruise, but that, too, pooped out.

Sunday brought enough wind to race, and we had three starts. There were five boats on the line, and one out for some practice. The last race of the day was probably the best, with wind hitting the teens, and even a good rain shower at the end! Sweet Pea was the big winner, with two bullets out of three, followed by Jigsaw, and then August Moons. It was good to see Zita Rose out for the second club race weekend in a row. We hope to see more of her this year.

We also had some new crews out again. They all must of had fun on Labor Day when they first started, because

we got them back! Jim and Janet T., sailing on Jigsaw and Zita Rose, respectively, and John C. on August Moons. Are we seeing the beginnings of some regular crews here? That would be great!

For complete race results from Sunday, click on the link at the top of the right column, under Keenan Sunday Results.

Labor Day Weekend 2013-2014 Season Opener - Wednesday, September 04, 2013

Where to begin?

First of all, welcome to the new 2013-2014 season at LESC. We have a great season ahead of us. There have been a few changes at the club from last year, from invoicing, to US Sailing rule changes, to changes in the PRO. I can't help you with invoicing, and I am still learning the new rules changes, but I know who the new PRO is!

The late invoices for dues are due to a new service that LESC is providing. You can now pay by credit card.

Most of you know that Dave & Joan Williams retired from doing our Race Committee at the regular club races. It will be a long time before we get as good a course set, on a consistent basis, at our li'l ole club races! Bob Armes is our new PRO, and Dave Leather is assisting, along with Mikey, and others. PLEASE, boys and girls, they may talk a tough game, but they are just learning the fine points of this Race Committee thing, . . . so be gentle, OK?

We have new members in our fleet - Tara H. & Jeff L. They took lessons from Craig last year, and are now sailing a Scot at LESC. Look for the dark green hull out there. Give them a warm welcome, if you see them.

And NOW to the racing! Can you believe that we had nine boats at the first start on Saturday? Ten, if you count that "dark green hull" sailing out on the edges! What a great turn-out for the Scots on Labor Day! Flying Scot sailors we haven't seen in quite awhile, Pete S., and his crew, Mary Ann, and George G., sailing with Jeanette A., made the day even better! Ray & Rich won the day on Sat., with Henry and Laurie Z. taking a pair of seconds.

Sunday, the Ace comes to town. Dave C., and son, Jonathon, find out where they last left their Scot, and come out to show us how it is done. Dave takes two firsts, and Ray takes two seconds on Sunday. Henry and Gus split the thirds. Anne and Sherry deserve mention for sailing some really good races, too. Sunday also saw a some guests out racing. Jim T. was sailing with Ray, and his wife, Janet T., was sailing with George. They both sounded like they were happy! Gus has new crew, too - John C.

The winners for the weekend were Ray, in Jigsaw, number 1. Rita Sharo, skippered by Henry, crewed by Laurie Z., was second. Joe & Dean took third in ED. For complete results, click on the link to the right, - Labor Day Regatta

And, as if life wasn't interesting enough, Mother Nature threw a squall at us at the end of the races. Some had a great plane in, some capsized, (close to shore), and some just said, "What the hey, let's just run 'er up on the beach!"

And a good time was had by all . . . !

New Season Right Around the Corner - Saturday, July 27, 2013

The 2013-2014 season start is just around the corner. Take a minute and check out the new, ever-fluid, Safety Boat Duty Schedule, to the left. Currently, the Lasers have been added to the schedule, and the Scots are not always on Sundays anymore. Pick an empty day for your turn, and let Ray or me know, ASAP. After 8/20, or so, we will assign you a day, to fill the remaining openings. So, beat the rush! Act now for your preferred date!

A change in the Velocitek Speedpuck this year prompted Henry to get an official opinion from FSSA Chief Measurer, Bob Neff. Henry wanted to make sure his Velocitek was "class-legal", when used as mentioned. Click [here](#) to see the email exchange.

The Flying Scot Events link, to the right, is being updated. Much of it is now current for the coming year. The District series dates aren't known yet, and a "zero" date is shown. If anyone would like to add an FS-related event to this schedule, please let me know.

Flying Scot on YouTube and other Miscellaneous Items - Friday, July 19, 2013

Gus sent me this link for a YouTube video about the Scot, from a segment of a program about measuring things (?). It has some interesting scenes from the manufacturing process, and some fun video with Harry Carpenter. It's probably old, but I hadn't seen it.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1K_tty3FTSU

I have been house cleaning on our webpage. All of the "News & Events" announcements from last season are archived. You can still see them by using the link at the bottom of the right column. Also, near the bottom of that column, are links to the racing results for the last two seasons. At the bottom of the left column are links to tables for sunrise/sunset, moonrise/moon set, and civil twilight times, for the rest of the summer.

I will post the schedule for sign-up for safety boat duty in the coming season shortly.

Sounds like the conditions weren't great for the NACs . . .

The Kiwis and Luna Rossa are meeting on July 21st for the second time - live on YouTube at ~3PM.

LESC Sailors at the Flying Scot NACs - Tuesday, July 16, 2013

Henry P., with fellow LESC Scot sailor Bob Mc., are sailing in the North American Championships, at Lake Norman, NC, this week. They are sailing on Henry's boat, Rita Sharo. Bob sails SNAFU, when he is south for the winter. He came down to North Carolina for the NACs, to help on Rita Sharo.

There are sixty-seven Flying Scots attending. After one qualifying race, Henry & Bob are currently in 51st place. Interesting statistic; Of the five boats from Davis Island, ALL are in the top 21 for now - Lintons in 3rd, Mark Taylor in 21st.

Henry has promised updates from Lake Norman during the week, as they climb through the ranks, so we may get some news direct from the source.

Here are the links to the LNYC home page. Scroll down to the NAC link, click, and you will find rosters and results there.

http://www.lnyc.org/content.aspx?page_id=0&club_id=716915

Sunset Info - Wednesday, July 10, 2013

Here is a new tool for those of you who are sunset watchers and/or evening sailors. Follow each link to see sunrise/sunset, moonrise/moon set, and civil twilight times. Civil twilight is basically the time beyond which you will need a light to see to do a task, (like putting away a sailboat.). The same calendars will be posted in the clubhouse, on the back, west wall bulletin board. Good for the Wednesday nighters, too!

Links to the lower left.