

2014-15 Season Finals - Wednesday, May 20, 2015

The competitive club racing season has come to a close for us. The results are in, the totals are tallied. Ray, and his "most of the time" crew, Edward, made a clean sweep of ALL the series, sailing Jigsaw to eight consecutive 1st places, as well as the Saturday and Sunday Series 1sts. This is the second year in a row that Jigsaw has been the Club Flying Scot Champion. Well done, Jigsaw!

Though twice the points of 1st place behind Ray, Francois nevertheless sailed awesomely well this year, bringing Sailife to the podium in 2nd place for the championship. With steady 2nd places throughout the year, and 2nd in six of the series, Francois with his Saturday crew, Janet, and miscellaneous Sunday crews, shows that consistency pays off.

At almost triple the points of the 1st place finisher, Dean and Sherry, on ED, win the final championship trophy spot. In 3rd place for the season, ED came on strong in the last series to edge out August Moons by a dozen points. ED's position is as much a tribute to "showing up" as it is to improved sailing.

And speaking of "showing up", here are a few tidbits that some of you may find interesting.

- There were seventy-four races in this series racing season; thirty-one on Saturdays, and forty-three on Sundays.
- The top five boats were also the only five boats to sail at least once in all eight of the series.
- Eighteen different boats sailed in the Saturday Series
- Sixteen different boats sailed in the Sunday Series
- Eighteen boats sailed for the Overall Flying Scot Championship. (Last count, we have twenty-two Flying Scots in our fleet.)
- In eight series, ED took one 5th, five 4ths, one 3rd, and a 2nd. The point? You don't have to win races to win trophies. Just SHOW UP!

Homage has been paid to the top of the list, and the very bottom is inhabited by our occasional sailors, many of whom would be much higher in the results if they could sail more. We all know how life gets in the way of sailing. A nod should be given to that whole center section of the list, where there has been some serious kick-butt racing going on. That group has been tightening up, and scores reflect that. The racing is close in the middle of the fleet, as well as at the back! It doesn't matter if the last three boats in an eight boat fleet are half a leg behind, if they are all overlapped as they cross the finish line! THAT'S fine racing!

This weekend, Memorial Day Weekend, is the very last of our official season. There will be racing Saturday and Sunday - usually something squirrely from the Race Committee, like diamonds or reaching legs. This weekend's racing stands alone as far as scoring. It's just for fun! There will be a picnic on Saturday. Let's get a good Flying Scot turnout one last time! See you there.

Week 6 - Collene Series 2014-15 - Tuesday, May 19, 2015

The Final week! The last of six weekends of the Collene series, and the last of regular club racing for the year! Seven boats came to race on Saturday, and in light air, two races were run. Jigsaw wins the day's racing with two 1sts. Then things got complicated. There was a four-way tie for 2nd, all with 7 points. Sailife takes 2nd for the day on tie-breaking rules, ED was 3rd, followed by Long Tall Sally, then FS5339. How many ways can you make "7"? The Collene Saturday Series was comprised of twelve races with thirteen boats participating. The final winner is Jigsaw, with Ray and (mostly) Edward. Congratulations! Francois and Janet, on Sailife, nailed down a solid 2nd place, and Dean and Sherry, on ED, took a comfortable 3rd.

On Sunday only four Scots showed up for *the last day of club racing!* In the two races run, ED traded 1sts and 2nds with Sailife, only to lose the tie for 1st on the day. Dave and Jay, on FS5339, got the 3rd spot. There were fourteen races in the Collene Sunday Series, and thirteen different Flying Scots participated. Ray and Edward, on Jigsaw, again take the top honors spot for the series final. Dean and Sherry, on ED, came on strong in the last few races and snatched the 2nd place away from Francois, on Sailife, who came in 3rd.

It seems to me that the racing got more competitive and the finishes, no matter where you were in the fleet, got a lot closer as the end of the year approached. The turnout could have been much better - we had more boats more often last year - but the racing AND the sailing was great, and there were improvements throughout the fleet!

The year-end final results for the Saturday Series and the Sunday Series, as well as the Club Championship, are already done. I will wait a short while, for dramatic effect, and post all the results soon.

Week 4 - Collene Series 2014-15 - Wednesday, April 22, 2015

The Week 4 scores are posted.

Seven boats on Saturday, with two races in light air. Jigsaw remains in 1st place. Ruby is hanging on to 2nd, for now, and Sailife is 3rd. Guest sailors, Kirk and Brad, sailing Kirk's newly acquired Scot, took home a respectable 4th for the day, behind Jigsaw, Sailife, and Long Tall Sally.

Sunday's wind was better, and three races held, but only four Scots showed up to race. Jigsaw holds the top spot for the series, and second for the day. Sailife won the day, but is in 2nd for the series. August moons was 3rd for Sunday. Ruby is currently 3rd place in the series.

Two more weekends of the Collene Series, then Memorial weekend series, and that's it, boys and girls! Get out and sail!

Week 3 - Collene Series 2014-15 - Monday, March 30, 2015

Week 3 saw only one day of "official" racing. On Saturday there was a celebration of the Youth Sailing Foundation's 10th anniversary, and the dedication of the Jim Hoffman Sail Training Center at the LESC clubhouse. Fun races were held that involved not only our fleet, but also sailors from LEYSF, and the general public. By all accounts, it was a success.

Our regular scored races picked up again on Sunday, with three races run and ten boats coming to the line to race. Larry and Nancy, on Ruby, took race #1, with Ray and Edward, on Jigsaw, taking the 2nd spot. Occasional racers, Charlie and Mary, on Wazoo, took 3rd. The second race saw positions one and two reversed, with Jigsaw taking the bullet and Ruby coming in 2nd. Gus, on August Moons, gets the third spot. In race #3, Jigsaw again wins, with Dean and Sherry, on ED, taking 2nd place and Randy and Jim, on Dream, getting 3rd place.

As the series stands right now after three weekends, Jigsaw is in solid 1st place, Ruby is 2nd, and ED is a distant 3rd. There will be a fight for that 3rd spot in the final three weekends, as there is only a five point spread between 3rd and 5th place.

We had a special visitor on Sunday when Harry Carpenter, who is the builder of our fine sailboat, stopped by to deliver a shiny new FS 6068 to Al.

This past weekend was the Mt. Dora 62nd Annual Regatta, with the meager Flying Scot fleet composed mostly of our LESC sailors. In a five boat fleet, with four from LESC and one from Jacksonville's Rudder Club, the hotly-contested 1st place honors ended up in a points tie, with Dave and Sherry, sailing Rob's FS 4171, winning the tie-breaker to take top honors. Ray and Edward, on Jigsaw, took 2nd place, after struggling with rudder problems. Randy and Gus, sailing on Dream, took the 3rd place trophy. Dean and Nancy, on ED and partners in life, racing together for the first time, were only one point behind 3rd place . . . and are still friends . . . and happy with their performance. A fellow named Al and his crew, from the Rudder Club, capsized in the considerable winds on Saturday and were never seen again. When the wind blows on Lake Dora, it can certainly be a tough place to sail!

Week 2 - Collene Series 2014-15 - Wednesday, March 11, 2015

Saturday, of week 2 in the Collene Series, started out a bit chilly with light winds, but it didn't take long for the day to warm up, and for the winds to come up nicely. We sailed in 10-11 mph air, puffy and shifty. Only four Scots showed up to compete on Lake Eustis, with a couple of regulars opting to sail the Trans-Monroe, over in Sanford, instead. Francois and Janet, on Sailife, took the day with two 1sts out of the three races run, and are in 2nd place in the series. Larry and Nancy, on Ruby, are the leaders in the series by a handful of points, even with a 3rd place finish in the first race. They also had a 1st and a 2nd, putting them in the number two spot for the day. Dean and Sherry, on ED, got a rare string of 2nds, plus a 3rd to get them the day's third spot, but are back in the pack for the series. Ray, on Jigsaw, managed to spend the day in Sanford and still hold on to the series third spot.

Sunday's wind predictions called for 6-8, but again it was puffy and shifty, and by the end of the third race, had dropped to about zero, then popped up again as we all paddled in. At least we could sail the last couple hundred yards! Seven Scots made the line, and though the same couple of boats stayed on top, there was some pretty closely packed roundings, and in the last race, six boats finished within just a few minutes of each other in the failing wind. Jigsaw stays on top with three bullets for the day. Ruby is in second place with two 2nds and a 3rd, and Sailife holds the number three spot.

Though the winds were quite flukey at times, the weather was wonderful. It was a great two days to be out on a sailboat! Nice to feel the warm weather again. There were guest MC sailors with us, too, as they start to come in for the upcoming MC Midwinters this coming Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Eighty Scows from all over the country are expected.

Also coming up is the Mount Dora Yacht Club Regatta at the end of this month. There is only one Flying Scot signed up so far, and we need four boats to get a trophy class. It's always a fun regatta, so come on out and travel all the way to Mt. Dora!

Week 1 - Collene Series 2014-15 - Monday, March 02, 2015

Better late than never. The last club race weekend was week one of the Collene Series. This is the last series of the season, and the longest at six weekends.

The race committee got in all three races on Saturday, and there were six Flying Scots out on the water. Ray and Edward took the first and third race, and Gus got the one in the middle. After three, Ray leads the series, Gus is 2nd, and Larry and Nancy are one point back in 3rd.

Sunday's winds were iffy, but the RC managed to get one race in for the eight Scots attending, before they died altogether. Dave, sailing the club Scot with his ace crew, Ava and Grace, won the day. Dean and Sherry were 2nd, and Ray and Edward came in 3rd.

Club racing continues this coming weekend, with week 2 of the series. The weather is warming up, so come on out and sail!

2015 GWBR - Wednesday, February 25, 2015

The 45th Annual George Washington's Birthday Regatta was a big success! Fifty-nine boats in all showed up to race, including San Juan 21s, Wayfarers, Lasers, Club 420s, and Optis. The Largest class by far, was the Flying Scots, sailing in #5 of the Florida District Point Series regattas. Twenty-five Scots on the starting line on Saturday! The wind gods were kind, too, with Saturday's three races

sailed in winds between 9 and 12 mph. The first race on Sunday had winds in the mid to upper teens, prompting some Scots to stay in. That and mechanical issues reduced the number of Scots on the water Sunday to seventeen. By the second and last race the wind had moderated to a "paltry" 9 or 10 mph. Though a bit cool, the weather was beautiful on both days, making for some great sailing!

The winners of this year's regatta - no surprise - were Jeff and Amy Linton. Giving a lesson in the importance of consistency, they had only one bullet in the five races run. A string of 2nds and a 4th put them two points in front of 2nd place winner, Jay Horowitz. The 3rd spot was held by former LESC member, Tom McNally, eleven points behind 2nd. In 4th place, and the highest scoring LESC member, was Dave Chapin and his son, Jon. Rounding out the five-deep trophies, in 5th place was Florida District Governor, Mark Taylor and his girlfriend, Michelle. It's interesting to note that the 3rd through 6th spots were within a three point spread. That's tight racing! The top LESC sailors, after Chapin, spend most of their sailing time on MC scows. Dave Moring and Robert Newland took the 8th spot, and Scott Tillema and friend, Spencer, took 9th. Former LESC member and MC sailor, David Moorhouse, with Monte Stamper, lost the tie-breaker for 10th, and placed 11th. For the complete results and literally hundreds of pictures, click on this link; <http://www.lescfl.com/Racing/Regattas/GeorgeWashingtonBirthday.aspx>

After racing on Saturday, the fleets were treated to an awesome barbeque dinner, catered by the Black Bear Smokehouse in Mt. Dora, washed down with adult beverages sponsored by Merrill's Sidewalk Bistro, in downtown Mt. Dora, and ServPro of Lake County. All this to the accompaniment of a steel drum band. To top off the day, Ray Laguna sponsored a Sunset Celebration with piña colodas. A special thanks to Keven Briggs and Sonic Restaurants for their continuing support and sponsorship of LESC regattas. Also, thanks to the approximately twenty-five volunteers it takes to run a show like this! Everyone did a great job!

Week 4 - Norton Series 2014-15 - Thursday, February 19, 2015

The final week of the Norton Series, overshadowed by the pre-regatta, Schurr Sails sponsored, Andy Fox Flying Scot Racing Clinic, organized by Ray, and the impending GWBR, the 45th Annual George Washington's Birthday Regatta, only a week away! The all-day clinic was a success.

Ray wins the Saturday Series, on his boat, Jigsaw. Francois, on Sailife takes 2nd, while Gus and August Moons hold the 3rd spot in the series final.

For the Sunday Norton Series, Ray again! But, for the 2nd spot . . . a spoiler has entered the room. Ace Laser sailor, and new Flying Scot owner, Rob, on FS4171, grabs the number two spot from Francois, who comes in 3rd.

GWBR news is coming soon!

Week 3 - Norton Series 2014-15 - Monday, January 26, 2015

Great sailing weather last weekend! We had two good days of wind and fun! Nine Scots showed up to race in 9 to 12 mph winds on Saturday. Jigsaw continues to lead the series, followed by Sailife and then August Moons. Fourteen different Flying Scots have sailed in this Saturday series, so far. It was nice to see Larry, back on Ruby for the first time this season. After a "Late Start" DNS in the first race, Larry showed there is no rust on him as he charged on to take a bullet in the second race. Welcome back!

Sunday's winds picked up where they left off the day before. The Race Committee clocked the wind at 13 mph in the first race, then an exciting 18 mph in the second! By the third race the winds had dropped to 12 - a snooze after that second race! Included in the eight boats on the line, we had the welcome company of several good MC Scow sailors, working out their love/hate issues with the Scot, in preparation for the GWBR. Commodore Dave, and his trusty crew Monté, showed us a thing or two, taking two 1sts out of three. The other MC-powered Scot with Scott, One of the Other Daves, and Ava, also did well after a slow start, taking a 2nd and a 4th. For the series, after averaging for Race Committee duty, Ray, on Jigsaw, will be 1st. Rob, on FS 4171, is in 2nd, and Francois, on Sailife, is in 3rd place.

This coming weekend is the Wayfarer Midwinters/ MC Train Wreck Regatta. Come on out to the club and support any way you can. The weekend after is the last weekend of the Norton Series. Saturday is also the FS racing clinic, put on by Andy Fox. Sign up with Ray. And THREE weekends out is our own 45th Annual George Washington's Birthday Regatta! Get yourself registered!

Week 2 - 2014-2015 Norton Series - Wednesday, January 07, 2015

What a difference between week 1 and week 2! Last time there was barely enough wind to run a race on both days. This weekend it was hard keeping the boats upright. Both days saw winds between 10 and 12 mph, with some higher gusts.

Saturday, ten Flying Scots turned out for the first race, but by the second race there were only five left. Three boats dropped out because of wind, and two because of breakage. For those that stayed the course, the racing was quite exciting! Ray and Jeff, on Jigsaw took the day with two 1sts, and remain in 1st place for the series. Gus and Scott, on August Moons, were 2nd for the day, and are 3rd in the series. There was a tie for 3rd for the day between Dean and Sherry, on ED, and Al and Randy, on FS4226, with ED getting the tie-breaker. Sailife, with Francois and Janet, were 5th on the day, but Sailife is 2nd in the series.

Sunday was a repeat of Saturday, with winds starting out brisk, and slowing a bit by the end of racing. With Jigsaw's skipper doing Race Committee, the front was opened up for some fresh winners. Sunday Scot sailor, Rob, and his crew Brandon on FS4171, won the day with two bullets and a 3rd, and are currently in 1st place in the series. Francois, on Sailife, went three-up with crew Ariel and

Dan, to take 2nd for the day and 2nd in the series. Another tie for 3rd for ED again, going three-up with crew Sherry and Dave. ED managed a rare bullet in the second race to win the tie with Walter Gordon, sailed by Dave and Scott. ED is 3rd in the series.

Both days were beautiful days for sailing, with thrills and near spills, with crashes and close finishes. If the sailors weren't tired by the end of each day, then they weren't out there sailing!

The next race weekend is Jan. 17-18, then we skip two weeks because of the Wayfarer Midwinters and the MC Train Wreck Regatta at the end of this month. We return to club racing Feb.7-8.

Happy New Year, everyone!

Week 1 - 2014-2015 Norton Series - Tuesday, December 30, 2014

Light air on both days allowed only one race each day, on the first weekend of the Norton Series. Not too bad of a turnout though, with seven boats both days, and not the all the same seven.

Wishing everyone a great holiday and a happy New Year.

Week 4 - 2014-2015 Hartge Series - Thursday, December 11, 2014

The final week of the Hartge Series was a mixed bag, starting with a sneaky Saturday that fooled the Race Committee into setting a course . . . only to barely finish with two Scots completing. Three other boats, thinking there would be no racing for the day, missed the start and ate DNS crow, because they didn't make the start in time. The wind came up for a leg and a half and then died again. Jigsaw won the solitary race, finishing only minutes before the time limit for the race, and Long Tall Sally finished second, again only minutes before the 20 minute limit from the winner's finish.

Day two was much better, wind-wise, but only five boats made the line. Winds were 7 to 10 and steady. Dean and Sherry, on ED, pulled out a 1st in the first race, after Francois and Nancy, on Sailife were OCS. Ray, with Tara and grandson Luke, on Jigsaw, were 2nd, and August Moons, with Gus and Aaron were 3rd. The next two races were carbon copies, finish-wise. Jigsaw was 1st, Sailife 2nd, and August Moons took 3rd.

For the series finals, Ray and Jeff take the Saturday Series by a mile on Jigsaw. Francois and Janet, on Sailife, snag the 2nd spot, and Jack and Bob, on Long Tall Sally, and only two points behind, take 3rd place.

The Sunday Series had more races, (eleven), but fewer competing Scots. Jigsaw dominates again, with Ray and Tara. Francois and Nancy sealed the 2nd spot, on Sailife, while Gus, on August Moons, came in 3rd for the series.

The Norton Series begins on the next club racing weekend of Dec. 20-21. Let's try to get some good turn-out for the last competitive sail of the year! And don't forget, the unofficial Last/First Sail. Get out on New Year's Eve Day and New Year's Day for the last day of the year and the first day of the year sail - no racing, just fun!

Week 3 - 2014-2015 Hartge Series - Wednesday, November 26, 2014

If you have been disappointed with the winds so far this season, then you should have been well satisfied with week three of the Hartge Series. Saturday's winds were clocked at 10 to 13 by the Race Committee, which got off three races for the five Flying Scots in attendance. Francois, on Sailife, and the only one with two crew, took the first race but fell to 2nd for the next two. Jack and Bob, sailing Long Tall Sally for only the second time out this year, came on like gangbusters, taking a 2nd and two 1sts for the day. August Moons mopped up 3rd in all three races. For the Saturday Series, Jigsaw maintains 1st place, after Race Committee duty credits are averaged in. Sailife is in 2nd, with Long Tall Sally in a strong 3rd spot.

Sunday's forecast was spot on, with steady winds at 15 mph and gusts up to 20, as recorded on the water! Only three Scots braved the breeze, sailing three races with nary a capsize. Gus and Izak, on August Moons, sailed to 1st place twice. Francois and Nancy, on Sailife, were close behind for two 2nds. Dean and Janet, on ED, brought up the rear, but still managed to get two 3rds! The second race saw a close finish and a good bashing of the Racing Rules of Sailing between August Moons and Sailife. In the third race, after a good start, ED held on for a rare 1st place finish, while August Moons came in 2nd, and Sailife finished 3rd. For the Sunday Series, Jigsaw is in 1st place, Sailife is in 2nd, and August Moons is 3rd overall.

The final weekend of the Hartge Series is Dec. 6 & 7. Have a Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

Week 2 - 2014-2015 Hartge Series - Wednesday, November 19, 2014

Saturday of week 2 had the best turnout so far. There were ten Flying Scots out to race, and some of the racing was close and exciting, indeed! It was fortunate that there was a long finish line that day. In the second race, the downwind finish saw four Scots abreast, spinnakers flying, all finishing within a half boat length of each other! Throw a couple of MCs into that group, and it was quite a finish. Three races were held, the first of the Saturday series. Ray and Jeff, on Jigsaw, got three bullets, Dick and Nancy, on Ghost, are in second place with two 2nds. Dave and Sally, on Walter Gordon, are in 3rd, just one point in front of Sailife.

Sunday's racing was also good, with decent wind, but half the boats. There were a couple of very close finishes this day, also. Jigsaw, with Ray and Tara, continue to hold first place in the series. Francois and Nancy, on Sailife, are in second place, only one point behind. August Moons holds onto third without even racing this weekend.

The second of two club racing weekends in a row is coming up this weekend. So far, the wind looks quite good! Let's have another great turnout!

Week 1 - 2014-2015 Hartge Series - Tuesday, November 04, 2014

Welcome to Week 1 of the Hartge Series. Saturday's races were cancelled due to high winds. It was SO windy that there were whitecaps on Monte's delicious home-made soup! Winds were consistently over 20, with gusts well in to the 30s. A few kids went out, close to shore, to get some high wind experience and a bath, but they came in soon . . . wet, cold, and happy.

Sunday was a glorious day, weather-wise. It was bright and sunny, not as chilly as expected, and the wind, though shifty, had moderated considerably to about 8-10. Five Flying Scots were out on the line, and there was some close competition in all three races. ED had a guest skipper and crew, Dave and Arial, and took the day with two bullets and a second. (OK, so it's NOT the boat!). ED and Jigsaw mixed it up all afternoon, for some exciting racing. Ray and Tara, on Jigsaw, came in 2nd for the day, with a 1st, a 2nd, and a 3rd. Francois and Nancy, on Sailife, rounded out the top three.

The safety boat got some video snippets of Sunday's racing. Not the greatest quality, but interesting. These were taken with a phone camera, and between the sunglasses and the bright day, the screen was not view-able, so there are some great shots of sky and water! Here is the link to Dropbox. https://www.dropbox.com/sh/o75zltfdsq1gkrp/AAAzLkmAgm8VIIzDVchJA_90a?dl=0

Next weekend is the MC fleet's Southeast Regional Regatta, followed by club racing two weeks in a row, Nov. 15-16, and Nov. 22-23. Get out and sail, and don't forget to use the crew list!

Week 4 - 2014-2015 Keenan Series - Tuesday, October 21, 2014



This weekend's racing wraps up the Keenan Series. As is often the case this time of the year, there were many lost races, due to early season lack of wind. There were only five races in the Saturday series, out of a possible twelve. Apparently "Hope springs eternal", because we had Ten Flying Scots on the line Saturday - the biggest turnout yet!

The Race Committee managed to get in two races, after postponing from shore for awhile. The wind did finally come up, only to peter out later. Jigsaw wins the series, and Sailife and August Moons get the 2nd and 3rd, with only one point between them.

Sunday's breeze was much better, and the RC got in three good races, even though shifting winds necessitated moving the windward mark to the right a good bit. Seven Scots competed. By the third race, the wind had fallen to half of its former self, but still good enough to finish the W4. With nine races in the Sunday series, the usual suspects are at the top. Ray and Tara, on Jigsaw, get the gold. Francois and Nancy, on Sailife, won 2nd place, and Gus and James, on August Moons, came in 3rd.

The first weekend in November is our next club racing date, and marks the beginning of the Hartge Series. As we get closer to our winter season, the winds usually cooperate more and we will have fewer cancelled races. We also will start seeing the return of the Snowbirds. It will be good to see old friends again. Keep up the good turnouts!

Week 3 - 2014-2015 Keenan Series - Monday, October 13, 2014

Week three was a total bust as far as wind to sail. This is the first time in a long time that there were no races at all, on either day. On Saturday, the wispy breeze toyed with us for a couple of hours, until the RC abandoned racing for the day, THEN we got a little wind. A mixed group of about a half dozen Scots and MCs went out for a little casual sailing, only to have the wind die again. The high point of the day was sailing to Crazy Gators for refreshments.

Sunday was the same, though the forecast predicted better wind than Saturday. Most of the sailors wised up from the day before, and didn't bother to launch boats. The PRO waited until almost 1 PM to call the racing off for the day. By the time a very nice sea breeze developed, it was late afternoon, and no one was about. Aah, that early season inland lakes racing!

We will try again this coming weekend, as there are back-to-back club racing weekends, due to the regatta schedule. With a little tropical activity off the coast, we MAY have some wind to sail in. If nothing else, come out later and do a little social sailing!

Week 2 - 2014-2015 Keenan Series - Monday, September 29, 2014

Saturday's light easterly's allowed for two races, before being called for the day. With five boats on the water, Jigsaw continues to hold a strong lead after three races. Sailife is second, and there is a three-way tie on points for third. August Moons won the tie breaker over ED, and Ghost.

Sunday brought better wind for most of the racing. It *might* have made it up to the 7 predicted for the day, a few times. Six Scots had a good day's sailing, with some brisk racing thrown in. Most everyone got put away before the heavy rains came. Ray and Tara, on Jigsaw, hold the Sunday series lead, after six races. Francois and Aaron, on Sailife, are in second place, and Gus and James, on August Moons, hold third.

The Wildcat Regatta, for multihulls, is this coming weekend, followed by two club race weekends in a row, and then LEYSF's Inland Lake Championship Regatta. The weekend after that is club racing, then the MC Scow South East Regional Championship Regatta. Phew! A busy place, that sailing club, leading up to Thanksgiving!

In "That Other Fleet" News, LESC's Baerwitz 5th, Helmick 12th, Moring 17th, at the MC Scow Nationals, this past weekend in Augusta, GA.

Week 1 - 2014-2015 Keenan Series - Thursday, September 18, 2014

The first weekend of club series competition got underway Saturday. There were eight Scots out to race and one just out spectatin'. The Race Committee managed to get in one very long race for the day. The windward mark was so far away, several boats didn't find it until they were halfway up the course! The wind was light and flukey, and after trying to get a second race off, racing was abandoned for the day. Ray and Jeff, on Jigsaw, took the top spot, followed by Francois, single-handing Sailife, and Dick and Nancy, on Ghost, in third spot.

Sunday brought better wind and three races. Five Scots came to the line, and some pretty close racing ensued! ED pulled a second out in the last race to break Sailife's string of Seconds, but it was "too little, too late". At the end of the day, with three races in the bag, Ray and Tara, on Jigsaw, lead the series. Francois and Nancy, on Sailife, are in second place, and in third, one point behind, are Dean and Sherry, on ED.

The next club racing weekend is Sept. 27-28. Hopefully things will have started to cool down a little by then!

2014 Labor Day Regatta - Season Opener - Friday, September 05, 2014

LESC's 2014-2015 season opened with the Labor Day Regatta, held this past weekend. Mother Nature decided to take it easy on the fleets in their first outing, by providing very little wind on Saturday, and only a bit more on Sunday. There were eight Flying Scots out for the Portsmouth race on Saturday, along with MCs, Wayfarers, Lasers, and 420s.

Sunday's racing saw fewer boats out, but the wind was marginally better. the Race Committee managed to get in two races - first a Portsmouth, then a fleet race, but with all fleets starting at the same time. On a shortened course, Dave and Caroline took 1st in the fleet race, and 1st overall for the weekend. Ray and Tara, on Jigsaw, were 2nd in the fleet race, and Dean and Sherry, on ED, took 3rd.

Thanks to Janet for taking some great photos of everyone from the committee boat on Saturday. You can see them at this link.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/fszlvz7o9kvfh8/AABgxTBJsQFQkUGj9EjoWfx-a?dl=0>

Also, thanks go to Anne and friend, Joe, and to Charley and Mary for taking the first two Flying Scot safety boat duty days of the season.

The racing season starts in earnest next weekend with the first races of the Keenan Series.



End of Summer Day Sailing and New Scot Fleet Members - Sunday, August 17, 2014

With only two weeks left in the summer, before our 2014-2015 season starts, there have been quite a few good sailing days, and quite a few sailors taking advantage of them. This past weekend, the Lasers did their usual thing, and a few MCs on a different course, prepping for the coming racing season. There were three Flying Scots out practicing on Saturday with the MCs - Francois and his new crew, Phil, on Sailife, Charley and Mary, with Nancy, on FS4145, and Dean and Sherry on ED. It was obvious that there was some rust here and there! Dave L., our chief PRO and recently back from jolly ole England, set the course for the day.

No racing on Sunday, but the Flying Scot turnout was pretty darn good! Over the course of the day there were SIX Flying Scots out on the lake! That, my friends, is as good as some of the club race turnouts we have had in recent years - and it's summer sailing! Nobody sails in the summer, right? The wind was anywhere between 5 and 8-ish, and nice and steady. Dave and Jay were out in FS5339, Dean and Nancy in ED, Charley and Mary in FS4145, and Anne and her visiting nephew from St. Kitts in FS5366. Jeff and Tara joined the fray in their Scot, which is so old they hadn't invented numbers yet, (just kidding, I don't know their hull number.), and our newest club members and proud new Flying Scot owners of FS4166, Bill and Holly, with their great kids, Brandy, Will, and Chad, (you guys got a LOT to learn about watergun sea battles!!). Yeah, we had the THIRD battle of Trafalgar on Sunday. Have to

initiate the new guys, right? Francois offered to crew for Bill and Holly on Sunday, to help them out. Too bad hiding behind the jib didn't save him from Ship-of-the-Line ED's withering fire! Needless to say, a good time was had by all!



Brandy and Chad getting ready to break the "camera" truce!



Charley and Mary demonstrating the "proper" way to sail a Flying Scot!

Obviously, it was a great weekend for sailing. Labor Day weekend is just two weeks away, and that starts our new season. Get your boats tuned and your happy faces on. It's time to go racing!

North American Championship, Tom's River, NJ - Monday, August 04, 2014

The following is an excerpt from Henry's email, regarding the Flying Scot North American Championship Regatta, in Toms River, NJ. Henry's boat, Rita Sharo, was the only entry from LESC this year.

A great week of sailing, food and friends was missed last week at the Flying Scot North Americans in Toms River. Sailing conditions ranged from very light to very heavy, including four spectacular spinnaker runs in 25 knot gusts that left Harry Carpenter to state, "that made the price of admission worth every penny!". We could not have agreed more.

I had the pleasure of sailing with Ariel H. (Sherry M's daughter). We had a blast & she got some terrific GoPro videos of the week's action.

Sherry joined us very early on Thursday morning; catching a ride on the photo boat Thursday and a spectator boat on Friday, she was able to enjoy two of the best days, with a genuine cold front having gone through, yielding beautiful blue skies.



For photos taken by Sherry, and video from Ariel's GoPro, click on the link, below.

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