

NEWS & EVENTS 2015-2016 Season

Meet the 2015-2016 Flying Scot Club Champions! - Wednesday, June 08, 2016



Francois and Sherry, sailing SAILIFE, are the new Club Champions. Congratulations, guys!

Coming in 2nd was Ray Laguna, on Jigsaw. Dean and Nancy, on ED, pulled in the 3rd spot for the championships.

Finishing off the season with some Memorial Weekend photos, taken by Chef Dave. He also took the photo of our Champions.





End of Season Wrap-Up - Monday, May 16, 2016

The end of the Collene Series, last weekend, wraps up the season's competitive sailing. For the Saturday series, Jigsaw, with Ray at the helm, takes the top honors, followed by Sailife, with Francois and Sherry. Rob, on FS4171, and doing a lot of single-handing, took the 3rd spot. The Collene Sunday series had Jigsaw at the top again, with Sailife in 2nd place. Ghost, with Dave and Ariel, was number three.

The season's Saturday Series was remarkable in the high turnouts. More on that later. Jigsaw, with Ray and his various crews of two Jims, Jeff, and Edward, took 1st place. Francois and Sherry, on Sailife came in 2nd place. Gus, on August Moons, took 3rd. For the Sunday Series, Sailife won the top spot, followed by Dean and Nancy, on ED. Rob, sailing FS4171, gets the 3rd place.

The Club Flying Scot Champions for the 2015-16 season are Francois and Sherry, sailing Sailife. Congratulations, guys! The racing was close all year, point-wise, and Sailife was consistent all season. 2nd place goes to Jigsaw, with Ray and his crews. Another shocker, Dean and Nancy, on ED, managed to squeak by August Moons for the second year in a row, by one point to take the 3rd spot.

Here are some fun facts for the year;

- 24 different Flying Scots sailed in this season - a club record.
- 24 Scots in the Saturday Series
- 16 Scots in the Sunday Series
- The highest, single day turn-out was 18 boats, on 2/6/16, the week before the GWBR - another club record for the Scots
- There were numerous days with 9, 10, and 11 boats
- The GWBR had 41 Flying Scots on the water the first day - a Florida District record. 20 of those came from LESC!
- There are 36 sailing days in our season, and we raced on 28 of those.
- there are 108 possible races in a season, and we sailed in 71 of those this year.

The Memorial Day weekend is the last official event of the season, with fun races on Saturday and Sunday. The Summer Sailstice will be held on June 18 this year.

Week 4 - 2015-2016 Collene Series - Thursday, April 21, 2016

It's been awhile, with so many things going on in "Sailing world", and in "Other". And things are still happening!

It's been a crazy series, too, with higher-than-normal winds more frequently. Overall a good thing, making for some great regattas this early spring, and good club racing too. Sometimes a blowout, though, either by RC decree, or by good prudence.

Now to the racing of almost two weeks ago, with much detail missing. The first race on Saturday was a survival race. The RC clocked 15 to 18 at the beginning. After that, there was enough moderation to get in two more races with only boisterous winds. Jigsaw, Ghost, and FS4171 took the three 1st place finishes, in that order. Sunday's racing time saw winds in the 8 to 10 range, but they slowly built into the afternoon. It was a good racing day! Three races were run, with the three top finishers being Ghost, Jigsaw, and August Moons, in that order.

It's nice to see the top dogs mixing it up a bit! On each day, there were three different 1st place finishers, four different 1st place finishers in two days!

Now move up to the next weekend, last weekend. The seventh and final Flying Scot Florida District circuit regatta was held at LESC - a unique, second, district regatta in a season, due to dock construction at the usual host club. More high winds on Saturday, barely under the club's safety policy of 20/gusts 25. Before the start, there was a gust recorded at 29 on the signal boat. Winds steady in the high teens. Here's a fun progression - 23 boats pre-registered, 16 boats registered onsite, on Saturday 11 boats dared to go out, 9 boats started, 6 boats finished the two races held, 5 boats immediately came back in, and 1 boat capsized and swamped. Jeff and Scott, on Bottsyacht, took a 3rd place finish, and Scott and Monte, on Marooned, took 4th place. Congratulaton! If there could possibly be a way to top that, then it would be that the Bottsyacht placed 4th, overall, in the Florida District Circuit, too! High honors in that group!

There are two more weekends in the Collene Series. This weekend is #5. After racing on Saturday, the AGM, Annual General Meeting, will be held. This is an important event in club administration, and all members should attend. There will be new board members to vote on, and a general review of club events and finances. If you cannot attend, at least send your proxy in to the Secretary.

Week 1 - 2015-2016 Collene Series - Monday, February 29, 2016

The first weekend of the Collene Series was a near bust. Nine Scots showed up to sail in Saturday's light air. The RC managed to get in two races, before calling it a day. Sunday's light winds did not warrant setting a course, and no races were held.

Week 4 - 2015-2016 Norton Series - Tuesday, February 09, 2016

This year's Norton Series was one of extremes. The winds on Lake Eustis for this two month period were higher than usual. So high, in fact, that the Sunday series was cancelled three times out of four! This is the first time in recent memory that there was only one Sunday raced, way back at the end of December, with three races total in the series - a great gift for one lucky boat! Ah, but the Saturday racing more than made up for it. The turnouts have been extraordinary! Three, out of the four Saturdays raced, had more than twelve Scots on the line, and this last Saturday broke a club Scot record with eighteen Flying Scots racing! Cold rain cut the day short at two races, but sailing with that many boats was a real treat, even in the rain.

Ray and Edward, on Jigsaw, won the day's racing with two bullets. Jigsaw takes the Saturday Series 1st spot. Frank and Debbie, on Deborah J, take this Saturday's 2nd place, and Dave and Arial, on Ghost won 3rd place for the day. Ghost is the Series 2nd place winner, one point behind Jigsaw. Larry and Dave, with help from Jim, on Ketchup, round out the Series winners in 3rd place.

The Sunday Series is the complete antithesis of Saturday's racing, with only one day sailed, three races run, and five boats in attendance. In what can only be described as a gift from the gods, Dean and Nancy, on ED, got two bullets and take the series, such as it is. One point behind was Sailife, with Francois and Sherry, in the 2nd spot. Jeff and Scott, on Bottsyacht, were tied on points with Rob and Izak, on FS4171, with Bottsyacht winning the tie-breaker to take 3rd place in the series. Congratulations on your first club racing trophy, guys!

This weekend is the George Washington's Birthday Regatta, the GWBR! This is #5 in the Florida District Point Series. As of now, there are 38 Flying Scots pre-registered, with the promise of a few more. We just might hit 40 Scots this year - a GWBR record, if we do! What's more is that 20 Scots from LESC plan to attend! Yet another record!

Week 3 - 2015-2016 Norton Series - Monday, January 18, 2016

It was another beautiful sailing day on Saturday of week 3 in the Norton Series. Sunny skies, fair winds, and a whole bunch of Flying Scots! Thirteen boats were on the line to race. There were three races and three different 1st place winners. The top three for the day were Dave and Arial, on Ghost, in 1st place, Rob and Charley, on FS4171, in the 2nd spot, and Larry and Dave, on Ketchup, taking 3rd. The series standings have Ghost in 1st, Jigsaw, with Ray and Edward, in 2nd, and Ketchup in 3rd place. There were a couple of interesting points to note. In what may be the first time ever in a club race, there was a general recall for the Flying Scots in one of the races - so many boats that the RC couldn't tell who all were OCS! This is a good problem to have! Also, we had guest sailors, John and B.E., on FS3992, joining us. John will be joining the club, in spite of the fact that he found our resident weed patches right off the bat. That put a damper on his racing.

Sunday was another bust, with winds too high to set a course. They were in the high teens and twenties for a good part of the day, with gusts coming in much higher.

We have two weeks off from club racing. The next outing is Feb. 6 & 7. The GWBR is the following week. Get signed up for that one! Pre-registration discount ends on Jan. 31. Register at the following link.

<http://www.regattaregistration.com/default.aspx?page=default>

Week 2 - 2015-2016 Norton Series - Monday, January 04, 2016

The first club racing weekend of the new year saw chilly temps and cold rain. Saturday was a fair day to be on the water. Not too cold, no rain, decent wind, and LOTS of boats! Thirteen Flying Scots showed up to race! That ties the record from the end of last year, for the highest turnout of our fleet in a club race.

Top honors in Saturday's three races went to Ghost, with Dave and his ace crew of Arial, Ava, and Grace. Jigsaw, with Ray and Edward, was one point behind, taking the 2nd spot. New fleet members, Frank and Debbie, sailing the Deborah J, showed us how it's done up North, by being the day's 3rd place winners. After four races, the Saturday series standings have Larry and Dave, on Ketchup, in 1st place, tied on points with Ghost, which lost the tie-breaker to get 2nd. Jigsaw, one point behind, is the series 3rd place winner. Only four points bracket the first five places in the standings! This is turning into a great series!

On Sunday, the weather turned for the worst, with colder temps in the mid 50s, and drizzle and rain. A few die-hards showed up, "Just in case.", but no races were held.

The next racing weekend is the 16th and 17th of January. Wouldn't it be nice to break that thirteen boat record for turnout? The boats that came to race on Saturday didn't include a number of fairly regular attendees, perhaps because of the holiday. It would seem that we could easily hit fifteen, or better, if we could keep this up. Put your woolies on and come on out and get your bottoms wet!

Week 1 - 2015-2016 Norton Series - Sunday, December 27, 2015

Happy Holidays to All!

Week 1 of the Norton Series made for some good sailing! Saturday started the series off with wind in the low teens, with strong, healthy puffs thrown in for good measure. After one race, most of the Scot sailors, saying in effect, "Let's save it for tomorrow.", went in. The rest followed. The MCs sailed one more race before they, too, retired for the day. Larry and Dave, on Ketchup, won the only Scot race scored. Francois, Jim, and Pat, on Sailife, took the 2nd spot. Newcomer Jeff, with Scott driving and Andrew as third crew, on newly-christened Bottsyacht, are the 3rd place winners. Good job, guys!

Day two of the weekend saw similar breezes as Saturday. Though a little more moderate, they were still in the low teens for a good part of the three races held. The racing was close and exciting. Dean and Nancy, on ED, managed two bullets (*Be still my beating heart!*) for the day! The second was awarded after a DSQ. ED wins the day, with Rob and Izak, on FS4171, squeeking by Francois and Sherry, on Sailife, to win the #2 spot. The Series standings, after three races, has ED in 1st place, followed by Sailife in 2nd. Jeff and Scott, on Bottsyacht, win the tie-breaker for 3rd place over FS4171.

The winds have been uncharacteristically great for this time of year - sometimes even more of it than is wanted! In spite of that, there have been 5-7 Scots, minimum, out in it, and having a blast! As the holidays conclude and with maybe a little less wind, the numbers should improve. Come on out and get your bottoms wet! Next club racing is January 2 and 3, as the Norton Series continues.

Week 4 - 2015-2016 Hartge Series - Thursday, December 10, 2015

The last weekend of the Hartge Series blustered out like a lion! With predicted winds in the high teens and twenties, the turnout was smaller than usual. Seven boats turned out on Saturday, and six boats finished the three races held. Jigsaw won the day with three bullets, and takes the series with a perfect score in the scored races. Congratulations Ray and Edward! Gus, with his imported crew of Wayfarer sailors, Izak and Pat, hung on for 2nd place on the day, and August moons takes the 2nd spot in the series. Dean and Nancy, on ED and sailing two-handed, managed to keep ED upright and are the 3rd place winners on the day and in the series. Saturday's winds were clocked by the RC at 12 to 15+, and in the third race, 18 to 20 mph. There definitely were gusts higher!

On Sunday the wind seemed almost gentle compared to Saturday . . . NOT! Though they were less than Saturday's, the Race Committee had readings in the 12 to 15 range, with times up to 18. Only five Scots braved the three races held. All but one carried a third. Jigsaw again carries the day with three 1sts. Larry and Dave, on Ketchup and the only two-handers, were solid, getting three 2nds and nipping at Jigsaw's heels. Dean and Nancy, with Izak's help, managed to squeak ED past Sailife, with Francois, Lenny, and Pat, by one point, to take 3rd place for the day. The Series final Sunday results have Jigsaw running away with all 1sts in the scored races. Ketchup is the Series 2nd place winner, with Larry and Dave. Sailife takes the Series 3rd place trophy.

This coming weekend is the 1st Annual 'Around the Lake' Regatta. There are a few Scots signed up, but more is better. Come on out and have some fun! The following weekend is the last club racing for 2015.

Week 3 - 2015-2016 Hartge Series - Tuesday, December 01, 2015

This will be the first time this synopsis is not a first-hand account of the weekend. There WAS racing! Three races each day, and rumor has it that the sailing was fine, with lots of thrills and a little drama thrown in to make things interesting. Nine boats came to the line each day, with a total of fourteen different Scots out racing for the weekend!

Ray and Edward, on Jigsaw, took top honors on Saturday. Larry and Dave, on Ketchup, won the tie-breaker with Sherry and Dave, on Ghost, to win the 2nd spot. The Series standings, adjusted for Race Committee compensation, have Jigsaw in 1st, with Gus and Tara, on August Moons, in 2nd, and Francois and Sherry, on Sailife, in the 3rd spot.

Sunday's results were close. Jigsaw and Sailife were tied on points, but Jigsaw's two bullets to Sailife's one sealed the deal. Sherry and Dave, on Ghost took 3rd for the day. The adjusted Series standings show Jigsaw in 1st place, Sailife in 2nd place, and Ghost in 3rd place.

One more weekend in the Hartge Series, this coming weekend. Get out and go racing!

Week 1 - 2015-2016 Hartge Series - Monday, November 02, 2015

The first weekend of the Hartge Series had beautiful weather for sailing. Winds were 10 to 12 on Saturday, and around 8 on Sunday. Six Scots showed up to race on both days, but only two of those sailed both days. In addition, two skippers were out each day due to race committee and safety boat duty. After three races on Saturday, August Moons is in the lead, followed by ED, and then Volée. It was good to see Long Tall Sally out for the first time this season, and Jack did a respectable job holding her down, single-handing in Saturday's breeze.

Sunday's three races were dominated by Ghost, with three bullets. Sailife got all three 2nds, and FS4171, (Rob and Jerry), tied on points with August Moons, wins the tie-breaker to take the 3rd spot.

Sherry got some very nice photos while on safety boat Saturday. A few have been added here to spruce the place up a bit. You can see all of her shots, plus some phone camera pics of Dean's from Sunday at the Dropbox link below.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/a19ms7lnlt4jj2x/AAB5S4RLgCJ9gcOHPm1XLzFia?dl=0>









Week 4 - 2015-2016 Keenan Series - Wednesday, October 21, 2015

The final weekend of the Keenan Series. Eighteen races were sailed, out of a possible twenty-four, nine on Saturdays and nine on Sundays. It has been a pleasant surprise to have this many sailable days this early in the season. Last year we sailed fourteen races in the Keenan. The year before, thirteen. Just sayin', so far, so good! And the turnout! It has been very good from the beginning. We have been getting nine Scots on the line on multiple racing days! On Saturday, the high water mark, so far this year - TEN Flying Scots out to race! We were helped along by guest racers Robin and Leanne, who just purchased FS 5977 from Ray, and will be sailing it out of Davis Island. They spent the day with us and did quite well for themselves in a new boat.

Now for the weekend's racing - Saturday's winds were light and variable, about 4 to 8 mph. The RC got in three races. Jigsaw took the day, with Sailife coming in 2nd. Guests Robin and Leanne took 3rd spot on the day in FS 5977. Nice job in a new boat! For the Series Final Result, Jigsaw is the Keenan Saturday Champion. Sailife is 2nd, and Ghost takes the 3rd spot.

Sunday was like turning a page from Saturday! Winds starting out at 10 to 12, and climbing in the second and third race to 14 and 18! Five Scots braved the strong breeze, and most everyone that could, took a third crew on. It was a wise decision. The courses were long, and the puffs were strong! Though there were only a few boats out, the competition was as fierce as the wind! Ray, Bob, and Edward, on Jigsaw, took the day again with three bullets. August Moons, with Gus and James sailing one of two double-handers,

took 2nd spot for the day. Great job, guys! Dean, Nancy, and Lenny, sailing ED, got 3rd place honors for the day. For the Keenan Series Sunday Championship Final Results, Sailife is on top, followed by August Moons. ED rounds out the trophies with a 3rd.

Lots of stuff going on. This weekend is the third-in-a-row club racing weekend, and the last for a minute or two. Next weekend is the Youth Foundation Inland Lakes Regatta, followed by . . . you guessed it . . . another club race weekend! We have new members coming into the fleet, too. Frank, a snowbird from the DC area, is joining us. He will be sailing in the Wife-Husband Regatta over at Davis Island this weekend, and then bringing his boat over. And Ruby, FS 5690, has been sold. It will stay at the club under a new owner and fleet member. Wonder who? Lastly, a boat, from Ar-Kansas, is rumored to be coming around after the first of the year. We seem to be getting an awesome "dry" fleet. Let's get some of these boats wet!

Week 3 - 2015-2016 Keenan Series - Friday, October 16, 2015

Tough racing last weekend. The wind was not very cooperative. On Saturday, the race committee got in one race, barely, before the wind pooped out. ED took a surprise 1st place after Ghost and Sailife, deep in competition, sailed past the finish on the outside. Thank you, guys! Several boats did not finish in the time allotted, as the wind died. Ghost, Jigsaw, and Sailife lead the series, in that order.

Sunday's winds did not start out much better than the day before, but there was enough to run three races. By the third race, the breeze had come up nicely. Sailife is firmly in 1st place for the series, followed by August Moons. ED is tied with Ghost for 3rd, with ED winning the tie-breaker for that spot.

The big news for THIS weekend was the turnout! We had nine Flying Scots on the line - both Saturday AND Sunday! And they weren't even the same boats! Eleven different Scots out this past weekend. That is awesome!

Florida Flying Scot District News - Tuesday, October 06, 2015

Congratulations go out to the LESC sailors who competed in the first district point series regatta of the season, down in Coconut Grove. Sherry and Scott, sailing FS1885 Ghost, took 4th place overall. Dave and Arial, sailing Randy's FS5697 Dream, were next with 5th place. What a great showing in a tough bunch of Scot sailors! There were twenty boats signed up for this first of seven district regattas, and fourteen boats were scored. The winds on Saturday were in the 20s, and these guys managed what they did with only two-person crews! It isn't hard to believe that the good karma from Ghost's only other owner in its long life was there to help.



This group is showing the way for more LESC Scots to start travelling to these regattas. It's good to finally have club members sailing in the district series who claim LESC as their home club! There will be district regattas that are much closer and easier to attend coming up. Sarasota in November, Jacksonville in December, Charlotte Harbor in January, Davis Island, (Tampa) in March, and Merritt Island in April. Of course, there is our own GWBR in February, which is #5 in the series. Check out the Flying Scot Events Schedule link, just below the club racing results, in the right column.

Week 2 - 2015-2016 Keenan Series - Tuesday, September 29, 2015

This is going to be easy!

On Saturday, the Race Committee managed to get in two races in light and flukey air, before deciding to call it a day. Sailife takes the two-race day with a 1st and a 3rd. For the Saturday Series to date, Ghost, with Dave and Arial, are in 1st place. Sailife and Jigsaw are tied on points, with Francois and Sherry winning the tie-breaker for 2nd place. Jigsaw's Ray and Jim are in 3rd.

On Sunday, with more wind forecast, there was even less! After a long sail out to the race area, and some rather pleasant drift/sailing and socializing, the gravitational pull of the docks took over, and all the boats on the water drifted/sailed back. The PRO must have decided that since there was no one left in the race area, he could abandon for the day.

The best part was the turnout! There were seven Flying Scots on the water on both days, and they weren't all the same Scots! Wouldn't it be nice to see ten boats turning out each week? We could certainly do that!

The Wildcat Multihull Regatta is this weekend, followed by three weekends in a row of club racing. Blame the regatta schedule for that. There is another big youth regatta on the last weekend of Oct.

Last but not least, we have two boats going to Coconut Grove, to the first District Series Points Regatta this coming weekend. Dave and Ariel are taking Randy's Dream, and Sherry and Scott are sailing Ghost. Fair winds to both crews! It's time for our fleet to start thinking about doing some of these travelling regattas. They really are a blast!

Week 1 - 2015-2016 Keenan Series - Friday, September 18, 2015

Welcome back to another season of Lake Eustis club racing. This past weekend marked the beginning of racing, in earnest, with the first weekend of the Keenan Series. Though there were "fun" races two weeks earlier, they didn't count towards this season's totals.

Seven Flying Scots showed up for the first day of racing, in moderate breezes. Dave and Ariel, on Ghost, swept the three races with three bullets. Ray and guest crew, Ray, on Jigsaw, took the second spot, and Francois and Sherry, on Sailife, were number three.

Sunday saw six boats on the line. Sailife, with Francois and Jim, took the day with two 1sts and a 2nd in three races. Gus and Anne, sailing August Moons, squeaked by ED to take 2nd place. Dean and Nancy, on ED, happily took the third spot after getting their first 1st of the season in the second race.

New member, Kirk and his crew, Chris, sailing Badselph, will be a force to reckon with this year. They sailed both days and did quite respectably on Saturday. Len and Lucy, sailing their "new to them" boat, Voleé, are still learning the racing ropes, but they were having a good time mixing it up with everyone on Saturday.

The next race weekend is the 26-27th, followed by the Wildcat Multihull Regatta the next week. After that, we have three weekends in a row of club racing! Here's your chance to get out and get in some exercise and some race time!