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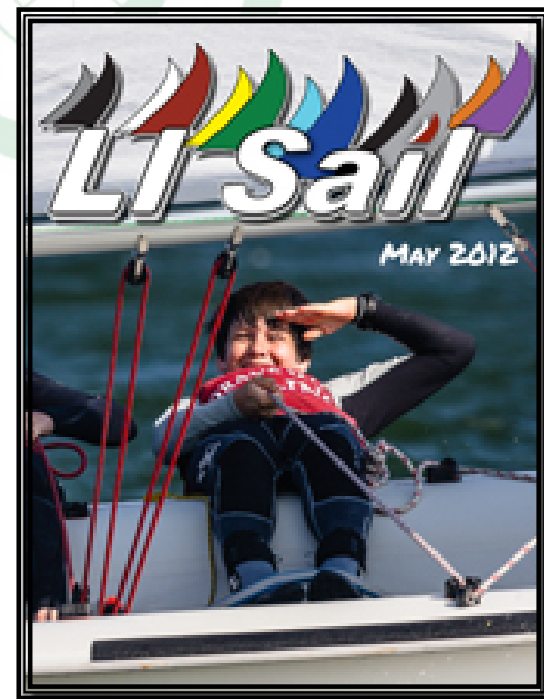
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IN THE 8TH GRADE AT HOR-
ACE MANN SCHOOL BRONX, NY,
WHERE HE IS A FIRST YEAR MEM-
BER OF THE SAILING TEAM.
MICHAEL STARTED SAILING WHEN
HE WAS TEN YEARS OLD (2008)
AS A MEMBER OF THE GREAT
HARBOR
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EDITORS NOTE



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.....It's May and that means that *LI Sail* is back on it's monthly schedule, till December, bringing you sailing news and information from the Long Island region right to your deck top.

We're excited to have [Eagle's Neck Paddling](#) and Mitchell Park Marina as part of the *LI Sail* crew. Eagle's Neck Paddling is a great source for kayaks, stand up paddle boards and bike rentals and The [Mitchell Park Marina](#), centrally located in the heart of Greenport, is the perfect place to dock while you're cruising this summer or racing in any of the great regattas happening on the East End this year.

This month we welcome back author William Schail for his humorous take on "the Optimist fleets" of our junior sailing programs and we continue our look at High School sailing.

I've been getting lot's of information about upcoming events in the region. Keep it coming and be sure to let me know about your organization's big events. Don't count on someone else to do it. I can only get to those events I know about and the more information you can get me, such as history, past competitors, winners and any charity the event helps to support, the better I will be able to cover the event and decide which events I must attend personally. As always your contributions are welcome and greatly appreciated.

Remember as your reading, *LI Sail* is fully interactive. Email and web address are all "hot links," as are Logos, blue underlined text and text within green dashed boxes, making it super easy for you to learn more about our advertisers and the events, people and places we cover.

Till I see you on the water, *happy and safe* boat prepping.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bridget".

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The Tall Ships Are Coming To Greenport

Celebrating the bi-centennial commemoration of the War of 1812, more than 25 tall ships will make their way up the Eastern Seaboard this summer to participate in the TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® Atlantic Coast 2012 series of races and public maritime festivals. Their second of four stops along the Eastern seaboard will be the Mitchell Park Marina in Greenport, N.Y. (May 24-28).



TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® Race
Series 2010
on Navy Pier in Chicago
Photo Courtesy of Tall Ships America

Among the international ships planning to participate in the events are the 191-foot Indonesian Naval barquentine *DEWARUCI*; the French Naval tall ships

LA BELLE POULE and *ETOILE*; and the 179-foot barque *PICTON CASTLE* from the Cook Islands. U.S. vessels include the majestic 295-foot U.S. Coast Guard barque

Three other major ports of call: Savannah, Ga. (May 3-7), Newport, R.I. (July 6-9) and Halifax, Nova Scotia (July 19-23).

"The TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® series is a celebration of our maritime heritage and the fundamental values that define us as Americans." Tall Ships America



U.S. Coast Guard Tall Ship **EAGLE** during OpSail 2000 Parade in New York Harbor
Photo courtesy of the U.S. Coast Guard

EAGLE, *HMS BOUNTY*, *GAZELA*, *LYNX*, *PRIDE OF BALTIMORE II*, and many more.

These events are coordinated

by Tall Ships America in collaboration with local organizers, the TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® fleet will be hosted at festivals in



The HMS **BOUNTY** during a visit to Greenport in the summer of 2004
Photo by [NORTH FORK MEMORIES](#)

Executive Director Bert Rogers said, "The member vessels of Tall Ships America help young people – who are referred to as stu-

dents or trainees – develop confidence, competency and courage through the authentic challenges and adventures of seafaring."

Between ports, the vessels will compete in four offshore races: from Savannah to Cape Fear, N.C.; Greenport to the Chesapeake Bay Entrance; Newport to Cape Ann, Mass.; and Sable Is-

land, Canada, to Halifax. While in port, the ships will be open to the public for viewing, and many will feature dockside exhibits and lively interactions with crew. Each ship has its own educational mission and style, providing

Tall Ships America is a non-profit organization dedicated to enriching youth education through character building and leadership programs aboard tall ships. It is the hub for tall ship activity, ex-

pertise, and information in North America, and is commended by Congress as the Sail Training organization representing the United States.



OPPOSITE PAGE:
The Tall Ship **LYNX**
in Commencement Bay
during the 2008
Tacoma Tall Ships Festival
Photo by Miso Beno

LEFT:
Youth engaging in sail training
aboard Sloop **Providence**
Photo by [Matthew Maples](#)

the American public with a rich selection of programs, all conforming to Tall Ships America's credo: Adventure and Education Under Sail.

"Students and trainees will sail the ships just as was done during the

great Age of Sail" added Rogers. "These races follow long-distance courses on the open ocean, and the ships sail without using engines. It's all to promote international goodwill through friendly competition."



For a list of participating tall ships,
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Hempstead Harbour Club's Junior Sailing Program caters to both first-time sailors as well as experienced racers. Beginning sailors 8-15 years old learn basic sailing skills, seamanship and water safety while more advanced sailors refine their sailing and racing skills.

The club's seven week program begins on **June 25th** with both morning and afternoon sessions and is led by the club's staff of US Sailing-certified instructors. Adult instruction is also available on weekday evenings!

Early registration incentives and other discounts help make this a fun and affordable summer activity for your son or daughter. Class size is limited. Call today to reserve a slot for your son or daughter!

For additional information, send an email to
HHCJuniorSailing@gmail.com
or call Chris at 674-2412.



YOUTH SAILING SCHOLARSHIPS

Hempstead Harbour Club will be awarding two full, all-expense-paid scholarships to the 7-week program for an opportunity to learn to sail and spend the summer on the water. These scholarships are generously provided by the *Heritage Cup Regatta* - a classic wooden boat regatta founded by Captain Mike Emmert of Glen Cove.

Scholarship candidates should submit an essay of any length explaining in detail why they want to learn to sail together with a letter of recommendation. No previous sailing experience is required! Be sure to include your name, age, address and phone number and mail to:

Hempstead Harbour Club Scholarship
P.O. Box 192
Glen Cove, NY 11542.

Entries must be postmarked no later than May 15th. The winners will be notified the first week of June.

Located on Garvies Point Road in Glen Cove, the Hempstead Harbour Club was founded in 1891 "for the encouragement of sailing, swimming and other amateur sports." The club has preserved its rich history and sailing traditions and was recognized as a historic landmark by the city of Glen Cove in 2010. The club's Junior Sailing program runs for seven weeks from Monday, June 25th through August 9th, with half-day sessions held Monday thru Thursday led by the club's staff of US Sailing-certified instructors. The program is open to both members and non-members and caters to everyone from first-timers to experienced racers. Adult instruction is also available. Additional program information and registration forms can be found at;

<http://hempsteadharbourclub.com/html/sailing.html>

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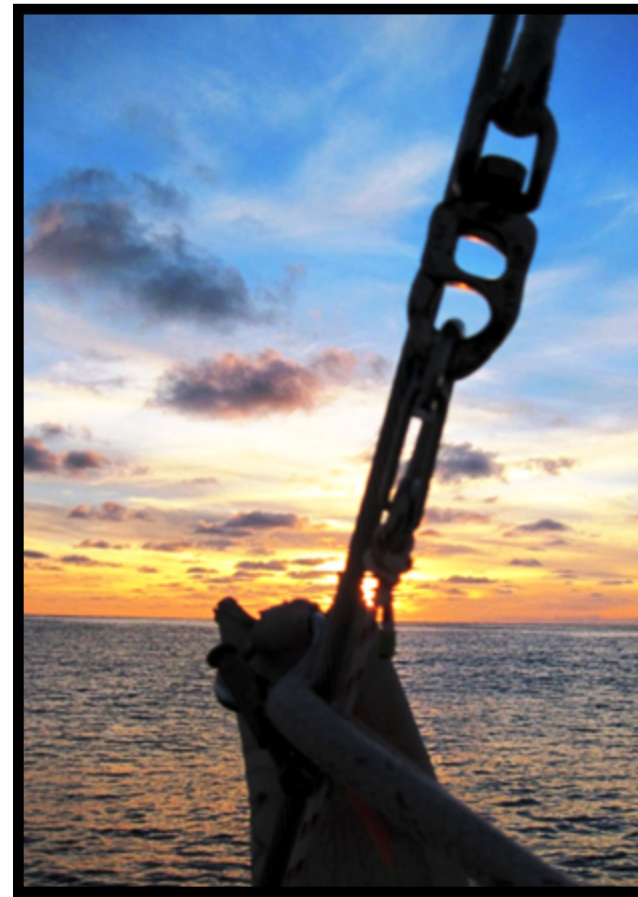
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SkipperTip

Marine Weather Secrets - Five Sailing Weather Tips for Sailors!

By Captain John Jamieson



Would you believe
that the moon
can shine through
ice crystals high
above the earth's
surface to warn
you of rain to-
morrow?

Or that bolts of
lightning sighted to
the northwest will
be on top of you
in a matter of
minutes!

Weather lore has
been passed down
from sailor

to sailor for thousands of years. But if you're anything like me, you'd like to know the simple science behind the sayings.

Here are five well proven tips that you can use for cruising or day-sailing:

***“Lightning from the west or northwest will reach you;
From the south or southeast will pass...”***



Cumulonimbus monster clouds carry high impact charges inside. These self-contained weather-bombs move from west to east, giving off hot charges of lightning as they go.

If you see bolts of lightning between west and north, it will pass over you or nearby.

Make preparations now to get your sailing crew ready for squally weather. Lightning between south and east has passed you. It's no longer a danger to you or your sailing crew.



***“Red sky in the morning is a sailor's sure warning;
Red sky at night, is the sailors delight...”***

Count on this to be accurate about 70% of the time.

Weather moves from west to east. Think of the sun, air (atmosphere), and your small cruising boat all in a line--in that order. When the sun shines through dry air, it can appear reddish. If you see this at sunrise, it means good weather has already passed your location. Wet, blustery weather lies to the west, and will be over your position soon.

On the other hand, a red sky to the west at sunset means that fine weather is on the way. Tomorrow will bring dry air along with a fine sailing breeze!



“The hollow winds begin to blow...”

Use this to foretell the onset of rain or fog.

Have you ever noticed how sound changes from one place to another?

For example, if you clap your hands together outside, the sound will be flat. But if you clap your hands together inside a building, the sound will be louder and echo. The ceiling and walls trap the sound waves inside this smaller, enclosed area. When clouds thicken, they get heavier and lower to form a “ceiling” near the earth’s surface. Sound volume increases and takes on a hollow tone. That’s one reason sounds are so intense in fog. Like a cloak, this heavy, moisture-laden cloud we call fog hovers right next to the earth’s surface.

“The moon in halos hid her head...”

When warm moist air flows in beneath cooler air, it forces high level cirrus clouds aloft. These wispy clouds are made of ice crystals and hang out in the atmosphere at altitudes of over 25,000 feet!

When the moon shines through cirrus clouds, you’ll see a halo form around the edge. Prepare for the long, steady rain of a warm front.



***“Rainbow to windward, rain ahead;
Rainbow to leeward, rains end...”***

Rainbows shine only over air saturated with moisture. Storm clouds move with the winds, so if you see a rainbow upwind, the storm will soon be overhead.

On the other hand, a rainbow downwind tells you that the rain will end soon, followed by clearing skies.

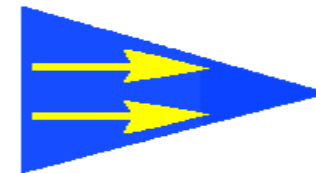
These five sailing weather tips are just a handful of the many weather sayings useful to sailors worldwide. Use them to increase your sailing safety--wherever in the world you choose to cruise.

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Here Come The Optis

Story by William Schail
Photos by Bridget Walter

Here come the Optimists, the little, square-bowed sailing prams widely used both in the United States and abroad for entry level kids' sailing programs.

During the week, you'll see the Optis and their mostly pre-teen skippers sailing in circles around an instructor's boat. Or playing follow the leader. Or practicing capsizing and bailing. Or sailing

off to explore a mystery island. On weekends, you'll find many of them at regattas. Big regattas, small regattas. Some involving only fifteen or twenty boats, others numbering over a hundred.

Wherever the Optis go, there's bound to be action. And drama. How could it be otherwise when most of the skippers are between eight and twelve?



Imagine yourself standing aboard the Committee Boat at an Opti regatta. Big, inflated orange bladders have been placed to mark a triangular race course. A smaller buoy has been anchored opposite the Committee Boat to indicate the other end of the Start and Finish Line. There's a light but building wind, a very slight swell, a bright sun and the view in ev-

ery direction is filled with Optis. Today, a hundred and twelve.

The Optis have been divided into three fleets – Red, Blue and White – based on age. Although some have called them swan-like, most people would liken the micro-yachts to little water bugs as they scoot across the waves, charging madly in all directions

while they wait for the start. There are collisions galore but little damage is done because, unlike boats with real bows, Optis tend to bounce.

A horn sounds.

"Five minutes," bellows a member of the Race Committee through a loud hailer. "That's the five minute warning, Red Fleet."

The racers are supposed to know the signals but many committees are willing to help out a little, especially at the beginning of the season and with younger skippers.

As soon as the horn sounds, the kids with red streamers at their mastheads check their watches





and start to jockey for position.

“Number 4974,” bellows the committee member with the hailer, “this is a start for the Red Fleet. You are in the White Fleet so stand clear of the starting line!”

Number 4974 continues to glide along the Starting Line. He may not have heard. Or he may not recognize his own number. Or he may not be sure what exactly to do.

“4974, this is a RED start. You are WHITE. Please stand clear

of the starting line!”

4974 continues on, oblivious. Then he reverses course and heads right back along the line again.

“4974, GET OFF THE STARTING LINE!”

Earth to 4974! The message

finally gets through and 4974 turns out of the way.

The countdown continues and by the last minute of the sequence most of the Red Fleet is “running the line” – sailing parallel to and very slightly behind the starting line. The shouts of “Starboard!”

and “Get out of there!” And “Oh hi! I didn’t know YOU were going to be here,” are almost continuous. As are the collisions, near and otherwise.

A gun fires. That’s the start. The entire Red Fleet turns up into the

wind, almost as one, and heads for the first mark.

“Clear!” Bellows the fellow with the bull horn, indicating that by some miracle none of the boats was over the line early.



With the Red Fleet off, it’s time for the blues, the next younger, and somewhat larger, fleet. This start goes exceptionally well. Only two boats are over early and have to be called back to

recross the line and restart.

Much to everybody’s surprise, the start of the White Fleet, the youngest and biggest, is almost as orderly, although a number of

boats don’t manage to cross the line until about five minutes after the gun.

The committee, exhausted, takes a few minutes to rummage through the cooler while the action moves out to the course. There the racers are watched over by a small armada of safety boats, most of which are manned by instructors from the various participating junior programs.

About half an hour later, the gun fires as the first boat of the Red Fleet crosses the line, hotly pursued by several others. The winner swings by the Committee Boat to receive the spent shotgun shell, the informal prize for the winner of individual races within the regatta.

Just as the first Blue Fleet boats start to finish, one of the instructors notices a White Fleet Opti which has wandered far off the course and is sailing very erratically. Although it isn’t one of her boats, the instructor realizes she’s the closest safety boat so she goes to investigate. She finds a girl of about ten – soaked

in sweat and reduced to tears of frustration – screaming “I hate it! I hate it! I hate all of this!” Over and over as the Opti tries to sail itself.

Oh god, thinks the instructor as she pulls alongside, puts her own engine into neutral and grabs the Opti’s gunnel. This kid wasn’t ready. Somebody must have pressured her into racing before she was ready. “Not a great day, hunh?” Asks the instructor.

The girl looks at her, not screaming anymore but still muttering “I hate it, I hate it, I hate it.”

“It’s a hot, miserable day, all right. Listen, I’ve got the Opti and everything’s okay so you let go of the sheet – just let the sail flap – and sit down in the bottom of the boat. Then take five real deep breaths for me, will you? Real deep.”

The girl’s face is still swollen and teary but she manages to nod and so what the instructor has requested.

“I’ve got some sodas here,” continues the instructor while still holding on to the Opti, “you want



Coke, orange, ginger ale or root beer?"

The girl makes her choice and the instructor delivers. While the kid sips the soda, and becomes noticeably calmer, the instructor reports to the Committee Boat and asks that an instructor from the girl's program come and take charge.

By now, most of the Red and Blue fleets, and about half of the White Fleet have finished. As predicted, the wind is continuing to pick up. The committee then starts preparations for the second set of starts, which go even better than the first. Throughout the second race, the wind and seas continue to increase as the sky turns increasingly gray.

By the beginning of the third Red Fleet starting sequence it's clear that a number of boats have withdrawn. Among those who still plan to compete is a Red Fleet boy who insists, for some never-explained reason, upon wearing his PFD inside his nylon windbreaker.

A minute or two before the Red start, a powerful gust hits the boy. As his Opti heels more and more, the boy hikes out farther and farther, fighting to hold the boat down. Then he's totally out of the boat, hanging on its high side. It's really hard to know if that's a grin or a grimace on his face.

If anybody ever deserved to win a battle with wind and wave, this kid does. But "deserves" doesn't always apply in the yachting life. Despite the boy's efforts, the boat lurches again and then continues on over. You can almost hear the sound of solid water pouring over the lee rail and filling the boat!

But this kid's hard-core and isn't going to be stopped by a little water. Or a lot, for that matter. The determined skipper slithers back into the boat and starts bailing for all he's worth. Two minutes later he sloshes his way across the Starting Line, his bailer flashing and water flying in all directions.

The White Fleet which starts that third race is also significantly smaller than that of the first. And yet, much to the committee's surprise, one of the competitors is the young girl who had such a discouraging morning. She'd dropped out of the second but is now back for the third.

The girl certainly doesn't cross the Start out front. And she doesn't finish there, either. But she does finish, and the big smile on her face when she crosses the line is one of pure triumph.

As for the boy who crossed the Start bailing, he's still bailing when he crosses the Finish. And he finishes high enough to leave with silverware at the end of the day.

Finally, just for the record, the ever-enthusiastic number 4974 also finishes. Much better than mid-fleet in all three races. When it comes to well-timed starts, it turns out he's something of an artiste. Especially once he's figured out which fleet to start with.

William Schaill, born in Yonkers, New York is no stranger to the water. Having written 6 nautical thrillers, 3 under his name and 3 under the "pseudonym" "Michael Howe", Bill has been entertaining readers with action and suspense filled stories that transport them to the high sea and far below it's surface.



More about Bill and his work can be found at:

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ONE SUMMER DAY IN APRIL

STORY BY BRIDGET WALTER

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Saturday April 21st's weather forecast wasn't very promising. It called for overcast skies, a good chance of rain, with possible thunderstorms later in the day, temperatures in the mid-sixties and a breeze of about 8 knots from the south/southwest.

Not what you'd call a bad day for sailing, but not great either. When the member teams of the Inter Scholastic Sailing Association, MASSA District, Northeast League left their home ports for [The Waterfront Center](#) in Oyster Bay those were not the con-

ditions they were experiencing. Dense fog had engulfed Long Island and there was almost no wind, a rather discouraging start to the day.

By the time the teams arrived at The Waterfront Center conditions had im-

proved a great deal. The once dense fog had just about dissipated, the sun was brightly shining high in the sky over the departing clouds from the weather the night before. The breeze had picked up to about 6 knots. The [Sagamore Rowing Club](#)







teams were on the water taking advantage of the light air and calm bay waters while students from Nassau Community College were out in three of the WaterFront Centers' Sonars, starting their on-the-water portion of their sailing class, fulfilling their Phys. Ed requirements for graduation.

After a brief skippers meeting in front of the offices, the action moved down to the dock where 12 C420s waited to be rigged by members of the 12 teams participating in the Round Robin event. Their shiny fiberglass reflecting the bright light of the sun caught my attention. "A new fleet," I thought to

myself. “What a rare sight where junior sailors are concerned.”

David Waldo, Executive Director of the WaterFront Center, as Race Committee along with safety/mark boat drivers Wesley Yland and Alicia Martorella, who I road with, headed out onto the water shortly after 10 am to set the course for the day. The day would go on to be a game with mother nature.

Wind shifts brought on the need to readjust the marks of the course time and time again and just as they were reset another wind shift would occur.

By the time the “A” teams splashed the fleet and arrived at the starting area, a few hundred yards off the end of the pier, the wind had perked up to a steady 8–10 knots. By 10:30 the first race had begun and the day was





looking to be much better than the forecasters had predicted it would be.

During the first rotation of the "A" teams, [John the Baptist High School](#) took the first win of the day, but Horace Mann won the second race

and took the lead in the regatta which they held on to through the fourth race. With a win in the fifth race the combined team of Ross-Pierson put an end to Horace Mann's control of the lead. In the last three races of the day, Horace Mann and



[Mattituck-Cutchogue](#) finished 3, 1, 1 and 2, 2, 3 respectively, earning Horace Mann the win for the day in the "A" Fleet.

In the "B" fleet Mattituck – Cutchogue came out of the gate strong with two bullets

taking an early lead in the regatta which they held for the rest of the event finishing the next six races in no less than third place. The team from *John the Baptist* held second place securely as Mamaroneck, Horace Mann and Oyster Bay –



Locust Valley battled it out for third, fourth and fifth places respectively. Oyster Bay – Locust Valley held on to third place until two consecutive eleventh place finishes in races five and six

dropped them to fifth place. With each passing hour the wind would bump up a knot or so. This slow and steady increase in wind speed would reach it's peak of a steady



15 knots with gusts to 18 or 19 knots during the last four races of the day. As the winds increased so did the number of boats capsizing while they were run-

ning downwind and jockeying for position at the windward mark. The windward mark had been placed less than 100 feet from the pier which made for very exciting action right in front



of the spectators. As Alicia and I were moving into place to help two boats that had gotten tangled during a collision while approaching the windward mark it finally hit me. What had been bugging me all day about this shiny new fleet of C420s, donated to the WaterFront Center by Betsy and Hunt Lawrence, was the lack of the familiar black “bumpers” on the bow

and stern rails of the boats. In their place was white duct tape. When I asked Alicia about this she explained that a molded vertical bow bumper for a 420 runs about \$100.00, times twelve it's far more than a drop in the bucket. Unlike the Optimist, there are no padded bow or stern covers available in the after market. So with a little creative thinking, white





duct tape and “swim noodles” they created their own. Slitting the noodles lengthwise allowed the noodles to be molded around the bow and stern rails. Using white duct tape to secure them in

place camouflaged them a bit, with only an occasional need to redo the tape, giving the boats an added level of protection during the inevitable collisions between boat & boat, and boat

& dock. In addition to the guards created for the rails of the boats they slipped 1 & 1/2 sections of the noodle over the upper portion of the shrouds before installing the spreaders giving the

boats some extra buoyancy in the rig to help slow the rate at which the boats turtle. This gives the safety boats a little more time to arrive and lend assistance, if needed, and also

helps to reduce the number of times that the masthead gets stuck in the mud, saving wear and tear on the rigs. Using the noodles, as opposed to the familiar plastic jug minimizes the disturbances to the air flow across the mainsail. With all the boats in the fleet having the same treatment no one boat has a performance advantage over any of the others even

though the aerodynamics of all the boats is minimally affected. For a privately owned and raced boat the molded vertical bow guard sold in the after market is the best option, but the added protection, afforded by the noodles, to the rails of a boat being raced in a junior fleet is a good way to protect your investment with minimal effect on the





performance of the boat.

As the day progressed, it became more like summer with temperatures rising into the upper 70s, dry suits were exchanged for wet suits or shorts and a spray top by almost all the sailors and the wind continued to blow. The course was lengthened

to maintain the desired duration of about fifteen to twenty minutes and as the boat speeds rose with the wind speed, the smiles on the faces of the sailors steadily grew larger. This was the kind of day that sailors wait all season for and these kids got it really early this year.



At the end of the day Mattituck – Cutchogue came off the water winning by 29 points with a combined score, “A” and “B” fleets, of 40 points. St. John the Baptist with 69 points, was followed by Horace Mann and Mamaroneck with 70 and 80 points respectively. With 96 points

Rye High School edged out Oyster Bay–Locust Valley in a tie breaker, with Huntington–Oyster Bay just three points behind. With this regatta being an invitational and not a qualifier for a league ladder event, those team members who are in seventh and eighth grade were also

able to race. Many of the 7th and 8th graders race Optimists and Sunfish during the summer at their yacht clubs’ program. For those sailors it’s their first season in the 420 and sailing within the skipper/crew dynamic, making this invitational a very valuable learning experience

in preparation for their participation in ladder events in the years to come.

The high school league’s next event will be held again at The WaterFront Center on May 5th. Come cheer them on!

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LEAGUE INVITATIONAL FLEET REGATTA
APRIL 21, 2012
"A" FLEET

<i>PI</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>
1	Horace Mann	24	5	2	1	5	6	3	1	1
2	Mattituck-Cutchogue	26	4	4	7	2	2	2	2	3
3	Mamaroneck	36	7	1	4	7	4	6	5	2
4	Rye High School	43	3	9	3	4	3	9	3	9
5	Oyster Bay-Locust Valley	47	8	11	5	6	1	4	4	8
6	St. John Baptist	48	1	10	6	3	5	8	11	4
7	East Hampton	49	6	3	2	8	10	7	6	7
8	Ross-Pierson	60	12	8	8	11	7	1	7	6
9	Cold Spring Harbor	65	9	6	9	1	9	10	9	12
10	Shelter Island	67	2	5	12	12	11	12	8	5
11	Huntington-Oyster Bay	76	10	7	10	10	8	11	10	10
12	Mattituck-Southold	83	11	12	11	9	12	5	12	11

LEAGUE INVITATIONAL FLEET REGATTA
APRIL 21, 2012
"B" FLEET

<i>PI</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>
1	Mattituck-Cutchogue	14	1	1	3	1	2	2	3	1
2	St. John Baptist	21	2	2	6	2	1	1	2	5
3	Mamaroneck	44	12	4	2	3	5	8	6	4
4	Horace Mann	46	5	8	7	4	6	10	4	2
5	Oyster Bay-Locust Valley	49	10	3	1	5	11	11	5	3
6	Rye High School	53	9	6	9	9	4	7	1	8
7	Huntington-Oyster Bay	55	11	7	4	6	8	4	9	6
8	East Hampton	59	3	11	5	10	10	6	7	7
9	Cold Spring Harbor	61	4	10	10	11	3	3	10	10
10	Shelter Island	68	7	5	12	8	7	12	8	9
11	Ross-Pierson	74	6	9	8	7	12	9	11	12
12	Mattituck-Southold	80	8	12	1	12	9	5	12	11

LEAGUE INVITATIONAL FLEET REGATTA
APRIL 21, 2012
TEAMS/SCHOOL RESULTS

PL	TEAM/SCHOOL	A FLEET	B FLEET	TEAM TOTAL
1	Mattituck-Cutchogue	26	14	40
2	St John Baptist	48	21	69
3	Horace Mann	24	46	70
4	Mamaroneck	36	44	80
5	Rye High School	43	53	96
6	Oyster Bay-Locust Valley	47	49	96
7	Huntington-Oyster Bay	44	55	99
8	East Hampton	49	59	108
9	Cold Spring Harbor	65	61	126
10	Ross-Pierson	60	74	134
11	Shelter Island	67	68	135
12	Mattituck-Southhold	83	80	163



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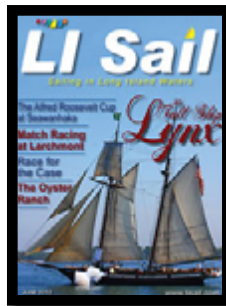


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A GREAT END TO A GREAT SEASON

Story By Bridget Walter
Photos On Land by Susan Davison
Sailing Photos By Bridget Walter





Wander through the back roads of Oakdale and head towards the Great South Bay where it meets the Connetquot River and you'll find [The Snapper Inn](#), the home of JY15 Fleet #38. For the last 20 years or so, founder Jim Ryan couldn't remember exactly when the fleet started, JY15 sailors from all over Long Island have been

gathering here to frostbite on weekends each winter.

On April 15th I joined the fleet for their last day of racing in the 2011 - 2012 Frostbite Season. While the manner by which they launch their boats, sliding them off the bulkhead, appears to be more like a fraternity prank, this group of approximately



45 sailors take their racing seriously, but not themselves. The group originates from the [Wet Pants Sailing Association](#) about four miles east of the Inn in Sayville. Wet pants is a member run organization working to promote the sport and life-style of sailing in an affordable and relaxed atmosphere. The group consists of sailors at every level of

the sport from beginners to world class sailors, all working together to better themselves each other as sailors and a community.

At the start of this last day of their Frostbite season, after 13 racing days 1st place, the team of Mindy Vitale and Jim Ryan, and 2nd place, the team of Lee Montes and Ryan Messina, were



separated by just six points. With three short buoy races scheduled for the day Ryan and Vitale were able to hold on to their lead and finish the season in first place. Although Jim Ryan had won this series before this was the first time he and Mindy had won it sailing together.

But the sailing didn't end there. After the three short buoy races the fleet set off

on an approximately four and a quarter mile down wind race to the Wet Pants Sailing Association club house for bragging rights, a bottle and to enjoy a bar-be-que and awards ceremony. This also served as a more pleasurable way to get their boats back to Wet Pants for the upcoming spring season, rather than putting them back on their trailers and driving them



back to the clubhouse.

The sail back to Wet Pants took the fleet out into the Great South Bay where the sailors were met with a good breeze and heavier chop then they were used

to sailing in the mouth of the Connecticut River, but the conditions weren't anything that this group couldn't masterfully handle. It was a great way to end a great season.







After all the boats were back in the yard or returned to their trailers and final results were worked up by Mindy the group enjoyed the bar-be-que and a variety of Greenport Harbor Brewery beer.

Certificates of appreciation were given the race committee members who were there every week-

end to facilitate the racing. Special honors went to Rowan Davison "Crew of the Year", Ian Holzmacher "Best New Skipper", Elizabeth Frazen, Jim Colletti "Best Swimmers", John Schroeder "Cuttest Crew", for his Cover on *LI Sail*, and Kevin Brink was the recipient of the "Larry Cullen Trophy".

An end to the Frostbiting season at Wet Pants signals the beginning of Tuesday Night

Sunfish racing which starts at 6p.m. and in a few short weeks, May 24th, Thursday Night Handicap racing begins, which also starts at 6 p.m..

No matter what your level of sailing experience is the [Wet Pants Sailing Association](#) offers a great facility and a wonderful group of people to share your sailing time with.





Mindy Vitale
and Jim Ryan
1st Place



Elizabeth Frazen and Jim Colletti
"Best Swimmer Award"

Greg Schneller
4th Place



Ian Holzmacher "Best New Skipper Award"



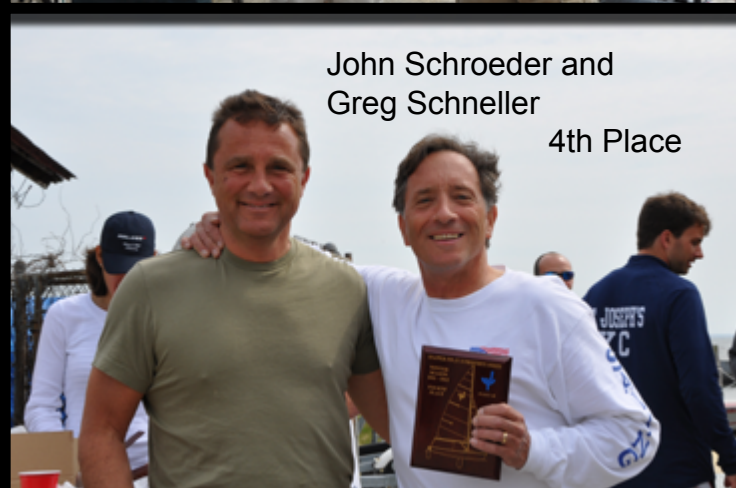
Ryan Messina and Lee Montes
2nd Place



Kevin and Greg Brink 3rd Place
with Kevin's daughter



Rowan Davison
"Crew of the Year"



John Schroeder and
Greg Schneller
4th Place



Peter Judge
5th Place

SKIPPER	CREW	SAIL #	PNTS ALL- RACES	TOTAL PNTS	W/ T OUT
Jim Ryan	Mindy Vitale	2787	240	163	77
Lee Montes	Ryan Messina	0	253	166	87
Kevin Brink	Greg Brink	2168	292	195	97
Greg Schneller	John Schroeder	22	298	199	99
Peter Judge		2782	396	233	163
Ian Holzmacher	Justin Rose	1207	448	259	189
Dave Becker	Julia Jurgilewicz	1533	526	335	191
Erin Collins	Matt Hanson	3883	686	403	283
Rick LaTorre	Justin Schaefer	706	649	350	299
Keith Sneddon	Laura Baisch	2732	699	383	316
Jason Richter	Bob Fisher	39	742	403	339
Tom Samuels	Dave Hulse	3718	716	374	342
Dave Hyer	Tom Devine	2793	804	411	393
Rob Barrett	Fred Liesegang	2102	783	377	406
Dan Hess	Jessica Oswalt	1640	832	421	411
Jim Colletti	Elizabeth Franzen	2206	807	391	416
Tom Davison	Rowan Davison	3	835	385	450
Dan Butler	Laura Baisch	1953	863	414	449
Jason Hitner		8888	899	412	487
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2012 Knickerbocker Cup Qualifier for the 2012 Argo Group Gold Cup in Bermuda -- Requests for invitation now open

2012 marks the 30th Knickerbocker Cup regatta, and officials of Manhasset Bay Yacht Club, the organizing authority for the Knickerbocker Cup, announced today that the Grade 2 Match Race event winner will be invited to the 2012 Argo Group Gold Cup in Bermuda. The Argo Group Gold Cup is a World Match Race Tour event and will be held at the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club, Hamilton, Bermuda on October 1 - 7, 2012.

The Knickerbocker Cup will take place on Manhasset Bay August 29 - September 2. The prize purse of up to \$19,000 will be won by the top competitors of the Knickerbocker Cup. Ten invitations will be issued to skippers who will compete in Swedish Match 40s loaned by the Oakcliff Sailing Center for the event. Competitors are invited by MBYC and requests for invitations to the match race are now open at <http://regatta.manhassetbayyc.org/>. The 2012 NOTICE OF RACE has been [posted](#).

The Knickerbocker Cup has one automatic qualifier, the winner of the 2011 US Match Race Championship. Dave Perry, the 2011 USMRC has received an invitation.

Manhasset Bay Yacht Club and the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club, the organizing authority of the Argo Group Gold Cup, have a long history of a close relationship, including years of team racing in Bermuda. RBYC has won the Manhasset Bay Challenge Cup several times.

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