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LIONS AND TIGERS AND BEARS, OH MY! 2020....

I do not think any of us will soon forget the RYC season of 2020. Quarantine's, social distancing, masking – all made the usual “smooth sailing” of the club more challenging. However, the indomitable spirit of the RYC membership enabled us to not only open the club and get on the water, but to run a season full of hearty racing and some much needed, albeit socially distanced, camaraderie. Good for the soul.

Thank you to all who helped to commission and decommission the club this season. Please know, as always - your efforts have been noted and are sincerely appreciated!



RYC Weather Station

You can now check the current temperature, wind direction, wind speed and gusts online. The weather station is managed by the US Geologic Survey and available here:

https://waterdata.usgs.gov/nj/nwis/uv/?site_no=400054075010401&PARAMeter_cd=00045,00021,00052,00035,61728,00036

Alan's Corner for Today....

RYC ~ Sailing in Tough Times

We love boats, we love our club – and clearly, we love each other! These were (are still?) tough times, with a lot of unknowns – we all see that. However, the way we came together this past season was truly remarkable. Not just remarkable – but I would submit to you *admirable*.

Friends – it is the old adage, and it *is* a little trite, but it just seems so fitting – it *is* so fitting; “*When things get tough, the tough get going*”. This year the *going* was the thing since we had a number of unknowns to deal with in the Spring over just how we would proceed. It is not something to make light of - our Board of Directors agonized over how we would proceed and if it “Could work”, to keep everyone safe. For that is, above all, the priority – at that we would all agree, and sailing should come second - but we persevered. The Board and our Flag rank is to be commended, for everyone worked together to find a way. Of course, there was the usual plucky joking and camaraderie amongst the membership under the weight of something so terrible, and it did try to rear its head a few times with some scares, and some postponements. However, we sailed. We sailed and made it work and stayed connected. We worked together and made the season come off, albeit a little shortened in places. Even so, in the midst of it all, I can attest that the level of competition and determination to win was no less abated than in any other season. The sailing was still just as tough and hard fought and...can I say it? Satisfying.

This is the result; despite the vagaries of this world - and they do continue to perplex surely, we persevered all the same, and not just so, but we did it with aplomb and collectively. We have no fear of what is to come – because Riverton survives, as it has for over 155 years, through World Wars, cultural turmoil, political-strife and pandemic. We came together as a club and now occupy our place in the continued history of Riverton Yacht Club. I am proud we continue to be this indomitable little club on the river, that never gives up, and finds a way - as it always has.

ALL THINGS RACING



Oh, what a season! (The fruit of our perseverance – Updates and Scores of racing!)

Lightning

Thursday Night Burgee Series

No official 2020 season results, but the RYC winner's burgee was spotted on a number of different Lightnings this year!

*Lightning Fleet -

By Mark Schneider

We will always be proud of Hugh Hutchinson as President of the International Lightning Class Association. He pulled the class through a very difficult year, and what I have heard is that he is going to do it again in 2021. And for Glenn Smyth as Commodore managing the club through a year unlike any other. This is the lightning fleet. This was 2020. A year where we were isolated but still had fun. The winner of each Thursday night segment won the opportunity to fly the RYC burgee for the next Thursday night event. With our fleet, that burgee flew on many different boats, which means the racing was close and everyone had fun...they were all in the game. Allan Crew's boat 14699, now owned by Hugh, was used and still will be used by people interested in racing...and the class. I bet he would sell it to someone who wanted to join the fleet. Well, we have boats, we have people, and we have fun... what else can you ask for, especially in 2020.



* RYC Flying Scots

by David Breinig

Another successful year of fleet growth and close competition.

This year our fleet continued to grow, adding three new members: Jay Dickinson, Stephen Heptig, and Mike Gillespie.

Eager to sail, we brought our boats to the club quickly after the spring work party. After a delay and a weighing of risks, some of us were able to do some informal sailing and racing and then put together a series including The Governor's Cup that made for some close competition.

Four Scots managed to make the Greater NY District Championships, representing RYC and taking the top three spots in the process!

Well done Dan Walsh, Art Littleton, Bruce Nicholson, and the Keppels.

We hope everyone is doing well and look forward to a time when we can all race and be together safely again.

Flying Scot Wednesday Night Series

1/ #5425

- David Breinig/ Mike Wainwright

2/ #5495

- Art Littleton/ Chris Williams

3/ #5931

- Dan Walsh/ Randy Swartley/ Lynn Mills

All Things Racing cont'd

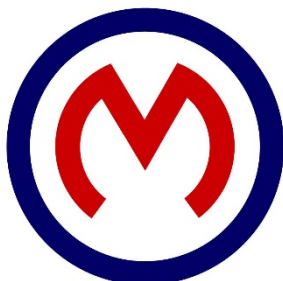
***** Mariner Update *****

by Chris O'Brien

While 2020 was an unprecedented year, the RYC Mariner Fleet ultimately had a successful season of socially distanced recreational sailing. Although the tradition of starting off the season was taken on by the Laser fleet this year, a dedicated group of Mariner sailors appeared on the pier Tuesdays and Sundays from July through October. With Mark Horger, Kate Hickey, and, on occasion Ken Cooper, serving as race committee (thanks to all of you!), the fleet fielded 3-7 boats on any given day. The highlight of the year for the fleet was the Gov Cup, coming down to the last leg of the last race of the regatta as Jim Irwin and John Burns crossed the line with a 3rd win in the Mariner fleet and the Governor's Cup Trophy in hand! Despite the challenges we faced this year, the fleet enjoyed some great sailing and ultimately closed the season with one of the most competitive David Reilly Memorial/Fall Windups hosted in a number of years with 10 boats and participants from Surf City as well as the RYC Flying Scot and J22 fleets. This Fall the fleet welcomed a new member and boat (welcome Giff!) and welcomes Jeff Myers who is the new owner of Silk Purse (welcome Jeff!). Overall, 2021 looks to be a strong year for the Mariner Fleet and anyone interested in joining should reach out to Chris O'Brien. All told, 2020 was a successful year in its own way.



- Mariner**
- David Reilly Memorial Regatta/ Fall Wind Up**
- 1/ #3178
- (Blue Wonder) Jim Irwin/ John Burns
 - 2/ #738
- (Gumby) Tom Green/Chris Scales (SCYC)
 - 3/ #664
- (Mare) Harry Mayer/Fred Rapp



- Mariners**
- Mariner Fleet Overall**
- 1/ #3599 - Chris O'Brien/Rich Headley**
 - 2/ #664 - (Mare) Harry Mayer/ Fred Rapp/ Chuck Flamini/ Daniel Gross**
 - 3/ #1249 - (Silk Purse) Bill Mills/ Russell Young**
- Sunday Series**
- 1/ 3599 - Chris O'Brien/Rich Headley
 - 2/ 3178 - (Blue Wonder) Jim Irwin/ John Burns
 - 3/ 664 - (Mare) Harry Mayer/ Fred Rapp
Chuck Flamini/ Daniel Gross
- Tuesday Series**
- 1/ 3599 - Chris O'Brien/Rich Headley
 - 2/ 919 - Terry Fennel/Fred Daddi
 - 3/ 1249 - (Silk Purse) Bill Mills/Russell Young

All Things Racing cont'd

J22 Tuesday Night Series

Overall

- 1/ Pat Curran - Dan Rau/Patrick McCarron
- 2/ Greg Maute - Jonathon Hickey/Joe Pelosi
- 3/ Clint Neuman - June Neuman/Brendan Neuman

Summer #1

- 1/ Pat Curran - Dan Rau/ Patrick McCarron
- 2/ Greg Maute - Jonathon Hickey/Joe Pelosi
- 3/ Clint Neuman - June Neuman/Brendan Neuman

Summer #2

- 1/ Pat Curran - Dan Rau/ Patrick McCarron
- 2/ Greg Maute - Jonathon Hickey/Joe Pelosi
- 3/ Jim Irwin - John Burns/Bud Starr



Laser Sailing

Overall

- 1/ James Elder
- 2/ Roger Kunkle
- 3/ Skye Mada



Spring Series

- 1/ James Elder
- 2/ Glenn Smyth Jr
- 3/ Roger Kunkle

Summer Series 1

- 1/ James Elder
- 2/ Roger Kunkle
- 3/ David Breinig

Summer Series 2

- 1/ Jon Burnham
- 2/ Skye Mada
- 3/ James Elder

Fall Series

- 1/ Roger Kunkle
- 2/ Natasha Mitchell
- 3/ David Breinig

Pursuit Races in 2020 - Winners

- *Gail Walsh Memorial Autism Awareness Regatta**
 - **J22 MadDog**
(Clint and June Neuman, Devon Rau)
- *Sunset Pursuit Race**
 - **J22 Group Therapy**
(Greg Maute, Jonathon Hickey, Nelson Dimpter)
- *Oktoberfest Pursuit Race**
 - **J22 MadDog**
(Clint and June Newman, Jackie O’Flynn)



PHRF (A/B) Wednesday Night Series

- 1/ Songbird – Craig Greenwood/ John Farr/ Samantha Greenwood/ Catherine Lippincott/ Tod Wentz/ Greg Maute/ Bob Moorer/ Barb “Schultzie” Schultz/ Marty Schindwein**
- 2/ Oh Sheet! – Jack Hope/ Jim Britland/ Hanna Britland/ Steve Creighton**
- 3/ Geezer – Byron Odhner/ Pat Hogan**

**Back by Popular Demand
RYC Sweatshirts!
Pre-orders are being taken NOW
for February delivery**

**Bella Canvas Sponge Fleece
S,M,L,XL (Navy Blue) approx. \$35 each**

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number and size(s) desired**

*Having some post-holiday RYC
Beanie and Hat FOMO?
Beanies and hats-all colors-\$20
Most colors available now for
immediate delivery:
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Proceeds benefit Riverton Steamship Landing Foundation

**New Jersey Governor’s Cup
August 1-16, 2020**

WE HAD WIND!

RYC held our 2020 Gov Cup Regatta with a novel format this year. Saturday was a bluebird day as J22s, Flying Scots, and PHRF fleets took advantage of the nice breeze and perfect weather to set the stage. Sunday started out as a wet, windy, and choppy slog and then just got windier! However, by the third race, the sun started to show and the wind shifted to allow an FCF course that put the action right in front of the club.

Ultimately, the Gov Cup came down to the last leg of the last race of the regatta as Jim Irwin and John Burns crossed the line with a 3rd win in their fleet and the GC in hand as the Lightning Fleet (who came in second) looked on!

Thanks to Mark Penny who served as PRO, the many volunteers who helped register, setup and run a series of outstanding races, and to our stewards who kept it all going!

~ Chris O’Brien



OVERALL WINNER:

Mariner – Jim Irwin and John Burns!



When Anne Kirkpatrick asked me to write an account of the 2020 Governor's cup regatta, I thought, "What's to write?" I am a crew member on a mariner. When I hear "Tack", we tack. When I hear "Jibe", we jibe. It is not rocket science. But when the voice giving the commands belongs to Jim Irwin, it is science married to magical art. Jim has that innate perception to know what the wind is going to do before it does it, so that he can react to the puffs and veers getting every inch of boat progress.

Is he demanding of crew members performance? A definite yes, but no more than he is of his own. Is he "fun" to sail with? Yes, if you like winning. A boat race with Jim is a complete absorption in the race. It is like a vacation cruise with captains: Aubrey, Bly, Ahab and Hornblower rolled into one. Will I crew for Jim Irwin in the 2021? In a heartbeat, if he will have me.

John E. Burns

Results:

PHRF A:

- 1 Shadow Fax
- 2 SongBird
- 3 Esperance

PHRF B:

- 1 Geezer
- 2 Oh Sheet
- 3 Air Biscuit

J-22:

- 1 Clint Neuman
- 2 Greg Maute
- 3 Patrick Curran

Flying Scott:

- 1 Art Littleton
- 2 Dan Walsh
- 3 David Breinig

Lightning:

- 1 Glenn Smyth Jr
- 2 James Elder
- 3 Mary Keppel

Mariner:

- 1 Jim Irwin**
- 2 Chris O’Brien
- 3 Terry Fennell

Thank you – We Could Not Do It Without You!

A big thank you to the many, many volunteers who were able to pull the club together in 2020 despite the challenges. The list below is not exhaustive – there are many, many more members who regularly find the time to lend a hand. The number of people who choose to contribute to this club is truly a testament to the “je ne sais quoi” that makes RYC an exceptional place to race, relax and just enjoy each other. Cheers to you all!

2020 RYC Committees and Volunteers:

1. Legal and Insurance – John Latimer
2. Finance Committee – Mark Johnson
3. Document & Record Storage – Terry Fennell
4. Membership – Mary Keppel
5. Media/Communications: Dan Diflavis
 - Email Communication – Dan Curran
 - Newsletter – Anne Kirkpatrick
 - Website – Sarah Martin & Dan Diflavis
 - Facebook – Roger Pritchard, Kent Steinriede
 - Bulletin boards – Dan Diflavis
6. Dock Master – Bob Johnson
7. Work Parties – Glenn Smyth, Bud Starr, Greg Maute
8. Engineering Room- Bob Keppel
9. PHRF, Rules, Fleet news, PHRF of the Chesapeake – Dan DiFlavis
10. MAYRA – Laura Major
11. DRYL Representative- Craig Greenwood
12. US Sail Representative- Terry Rapp
13. Moorestown High School Sailing Team, (MHSST) liaison– Mark Johnson
14. Learn to Sail- June Neuman, Devon Rau
15. Tenders and equipment - Uwe Mewes, Bob Johnson
16. Steward Coordinator – Chris O’Brien
17. Trophies- Chris O’Brien
18. Ships Store – Chris O’Brien, Lynn Mills, Amy Maute
19. Commodore’s Banquet- Amy Maute
20. Bulkhead Committee: Bob Johnson, Bill Bennet, Hank Croft, Jim Irwin, Roger Pritchard
21. RYC Directory- Mary Keppel, Rich Weston, Suzanne Volmer
22. 2020 Sailing Event Organizers- Chris O’Brien, Mary Keppel, Dan Walsh, Bill Mills, David Breinig, Glenn Smyth Jr
23. RYC History- Roger Pritchard, Nick Mortgu, Mary Keppel

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Thank you! - cont'd from page 7

In addition to those who already volunteer on our official RYC Committees, a few more notable volunteers for 2020:

Race Committees

Laser

Hank Croft
Mary (PRO), Bob and Chris Keppel
Additional Helpers: Lynn Mills, Jill Croft, Donna Wenig,

Tuesday

Katie Hickey (PRO)
Jess Hickey
Robert Graham (and volunteer steward)

Wednesday

Bob Martin
Mark Penney (PRO)
Glenn Smyth Sr

Thursday

George Bader
Glenn Smyth Sr
Barb Smyth

Sunday Mariners/Fall Wind Up

Mark Horger (PRO)
Mary Keppel

Pursuit Races, Gov Cup, other RC volunteers

Mark Penny (Gov Cup PRO)
Bill Mills
Bud Starr
Mary Keppel
Lynn Mills
Rich Headley

Spring Work Party - Greg Maute and the Spring work crew (Glen Smyth, John Hickey, Harry Mayer, Nelson Dimpter, James Elder, Jeremy Wenig, Budd Star)

Fall Work Party - Greg Maute and the Fall work crew (Glenn Smyth Jr, John Hickey, Chris O'Brien, Jim Irwin, David Breinig, Giff Eldridge, John Burns, Terry Fennel, Budd Star, George Bader, Ned Feist, Alan Kirkpatrick)

Clint Neuman and Uwe Mewes- Keeping our Race Team and Sail Camp Boats afloat this year

Lynn Mills and Amy Maute – Ship store volunteers at the pier with over 1000 dollars raised despite COVID19

Hugh Hutchison, Mark Schneider, Uwe Mewes, Dan Curran- Lending out boats to keep the fleets sailing this year

Thanks also to June Neuman, Suzanne McCallister, and our excellent Instructors for holding a successful learn to sail program despite incredible challenges this year and to Ken Cooper, Head Steward, and our great Steward corps who stepped up to keep RYC sailing despite COVID 19 and a deluge of Lantern Flies...

SAILS FOR SUSTENANCE

We have learned of a new charity based in New Orleans that is called "Sails for Sustenance" (<https://www.sailsforsustenance.org>). This charity accepts used sails in any condition (moldy, moth-eaten, tattered) and provides a tax receipt for your contribution. S4S gathers donated sails and delivers them directly to fishermen in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Having a sail allows the fishermen to get off-shore to where the big and healthy fish live. A good catch helps sustain the lives of their family and community. Contact Jay Smith (jcarlylesmith@gmail.com) if you wish to donate but are not close to Oakland, MD. If you are close to Oakland and wish to donate, please read [this letter](#) which gives details.

2021 RYC Calendar of Events
All events and dates are subject to change.

FLEET RACING:

April 18 thru October 17; Sunday's - Mariners

April 26 thru September 1. (18 weeks)

Monday – Lasers

Tuesday – J-22's and Mariners

Wednesday – PHRF, Lightnings
and Flying scots

MARCH

27 Work Party #1

APRIL 3 Work Party #2 (if needed)

25 Sunday racing begins, Mariners, 2:00pm

26 Evening racing begins, 6:00pm

MAY

1 Kentucky Derby (RSLF fundraiser), 4:30pm

15 Rex Showell Pursuit Race, 1:00pm (J-22's host)

JUNE

19/20 NJ Governor's Cup Regatta

21 **Junior Sail Camp Session 1 begins, (ends July 2nd)**

21 Monday evening Laser & Opti Races Begins

JULY

5 **Junior Sail Camp Session 2 begins, (ends July 16th)**

19 **Junior Sail Camp Session 3 begins, (ends July 30th)**

31 10th Annual Pursuit Race – Autism fundraiser, (Mariner's host)

AUGUST

2 **Junior Sail Camp Session 4 begins, (ends August 13th)**

7 Single handed race

16 Final Monday Night Racing

30 Final Week of Evening Racing

SEPTEMBER

1 General Meeting (after racing)

5 Fall Series Laser, Sunfish, Opti (4 Sunday's in September).

11 Luau Party

11 or 12 3rd Annual Female Skippered Regatta (what fleet will host?)

25 Sunset Pursuit Race

OCTOBER

2 Oktoberfest Pursuit Race (Flying Scot's host)

10 Mariners "The David Reily Memorial Regatta"

17 Sunday Mariner Races end

23 Work Party #1, followed by general meeting & election of officers

30 Work Party #2

DECEMBER

10 Commodore's Banquet

OTHER DATES, (to be determined):

Lightning Districts

RC Lasers (Nick Mortgu)

RC Penguin Intergalactic Regatta (Ryan Lippincott)

Learn to Sail session for Juniors in September, and Adult Sail dates