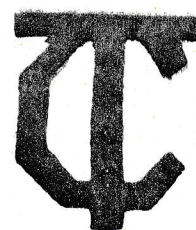


NTCA NEWSLETTER



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MT. HOPE BAY FLEET TO HOST FIRST NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA ON AUGUST 5-6

The Mt. Hope Bay Fleet, which has led a remarkable revival of Townie racing in Rhode Island, will be hosting its first national championships at the Touisset Pt. Community Club on the weekend of August 5-6. All Townie skippers are urged to participate because:

1. They might win. In any case it should be good fun.
2. A good attendance will help rebuild our class.
3. The Mt. Hope Bay Fleet deserves our support in its campaign to restore Townie racing to the Narragansett Bay area.

Dick Hallberg and Ray Stafford head up the committee that is organizing the regatta. They tell us the clubhouse will be open from 9 a.m. to dark on Friday, Aug. 4, and from 7:30 a.m. Saturday for registration and launching. Skippers' meeting at 10:30 Saturday and first race 11:30. Three races are scheduled for Saturday, two Sunday. Lunches at clubhouse both days, steak fry Saturday night, and breakfast Sunday morning. Dancing to 1 a.m. Saturday night.

Although the clubhouse is only a little more than an hour from Boston, skippers and crews can find beds for Friday and Saturday nights with Mt. Hope Bay members if they apply early. Or they can stay at Howard Johnson's in Somerset, Mass., or at Ramada Inn or Eileen Darling's in Seekonk, Mass., only short drives away.

The Mt. Hope Bay Fleet is heir to the old Narragansett Bay Townie Fleet, which held its last and only Nationals in 1963, when Charles Chorlton of the host fleet won it. The next two years at Marblehead and Newburyport Bob Puleston of Narragansett also won. Several boats that once sailed at Narragansett now sail with Mt. Hope Bay, which boasts of excellent sailing water. Ten active boats were expected for the local racing this season.

Winners of top awards for the 1977 series, presented at the Labor Day Dinner, were in order of finish Bob McRoberts, Al Hurewitz, Dick Hallberg, Tom Sheridan, and Jon Smith.

DIRECTIONS TO TOUISETT PT. COMMUNITY CLUB: Coming from Boston area, take either Rts. 95 or 24 off Rt. 128. If Taking 24, turn west on 195 at Fall River, leave 195 at Exit 4B onto 103 West (S. Swansea), go 3 mis. to R.I. border, take left at island onto Long Lane, go to end bearing right onto Barton Ave, right onto Touisset Rd, right onto Touisset Pt. Rd. to clubhouse. There will be special Townie signs from Long Lane. If by 95, turn east onto 195 at Providence, take exit No. 2 onto Rt. 136 at Newport-Warren sign, go 3 mis. south to stoplight, turn east onto Rt. 103 (Childs St.), go 3 mis. to island, turn right onto Long Lane, follow directions as above.

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Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____
Fleet _____ Sail No. _____ Need Bed _____ Fri. _____ Sat. _____ Steak Fry _____

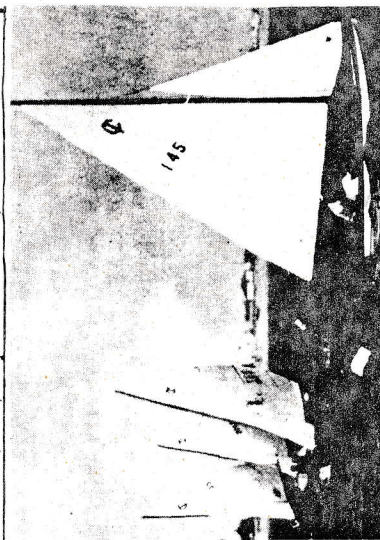
Mail with check to Dick Hallberg, 160 Touisset Pt. Rd, Warren, RI 02885 (401-245-3305). Steak tickets are \$8.50 per. Registration (probably \$5) payable at clubhouse.

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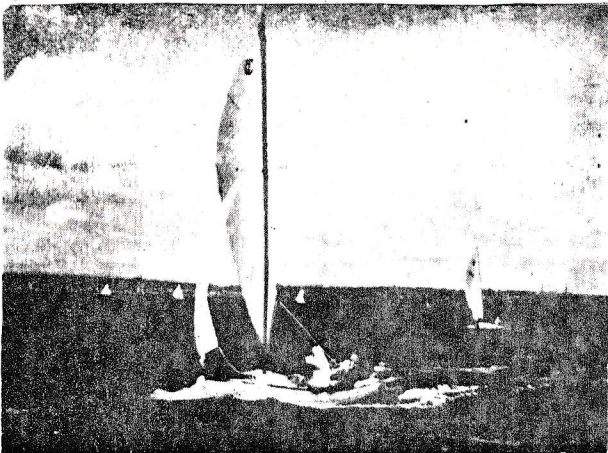
BE SURE TO READ NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AT NATIONALS, AUG. 5, ON PAGE 3.

NAME	No.	FLEET	1st Race	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Points	Place
David Dougherty	601	Marblehead	1	3	8	2	2	54	1st
John Cort	N37	Nahant	4	7	1	5	2	112	2nd
Elwood Willey	2054	Massapoag	7	1	9	3	3	132	3rd
Len Garfield	2049	Marblehead	3	2	3	7	14	15	4th
Rene Michaud	1129	Nahant	2	8	4	6	5	17	5th
Bob Foglietta/Ray Torto	16	Marblehead	8	9	6	2	4	20	6th
Bill Pivacek	937	Nahant	6	12	2	8	7	23	7th
Wilson Tibbo	N8	Nahant	9	5	18	4	6	33	8th
Alleg Badger	2064	Nahant	5	13	12	12	9	37	9th
Harry Edwards	45	Nahant	15	4	18	13	8	40	10th
Ed Tarlov	N35	Nahant	11	16	5	9	16	41	11th
Joe Naroski	1050	Marblehead	13	6	13	14	11	43	12th
Greg Lindin	2073	Massapoag	14	11	14	10	10	45	13th
Harriet Steeves	1017	Nahant	10	10	10	16	16	46	14th (tie)
Dick Weeks	2086	Independent	12	14	11	11	12	46	14th (tie)
Ted Sylvia	1098	Nahant	16	15	7	16	16	54	15th

With three firsts and a third in five races (one throwaway) Dave Dougherty of Marblehead easily wrested the national championship from John Cort of Nahant. Cort might have made it close if he hadn't gone the wrong side of a mark while leading in the second race, but in the light air on Sunday, Dougherty was hot, took both races and would have won anyway. Elwood Willey of Massapoag won the second race, had two thirds on Sunday and wound up third overall, only two points behind Cort. Len Garfield of Marblehead led the field after the first three races, but had bad luck on Sunday and finished fourth. Rene Michaud of Nahant had his best performance and came in fifth. Wind and weather were good on Saturday, a bit light on Sunday. Sarge Goodchild did a good job as race committee chairman. The 1977 Nationals were scheduled for Marblehead originally, but when the Marblehead fleet decided the best they could do was to combine it with Race Week, the decision was made to return to Nahant for the second successive year.



TOWN CLASS ASSOCIATION MEETING CALLED FOR AUG. 5th AT MT. HOPE BAY



There will be a meeting of the National Town Class Association right after the last Saturday race at the Nationals Aug. 5th, at the Touisset Pt. Community Club in Warren, R.I.

The meeting should be short. Principal business will be the election of a new specifications committee chairman, discussion of Marblehead fleet's proposal to combine the 1979 Nationals with Race Week, and the question of resuming construction of new Townies.

Brad Clark, who succeeded Pert Lowell at Parker River Marine, sole builders of Town Class boats, told an NTCA committee on April 16, 1977, that he intended to resume production and have a boat available for the 1977 Nationals. He has still not delivered on that prediction. Recently he informed NTCA President John Cort that he had a hull in the mold, but could not finish it because of other work. There is some doubt as to whether it will ever be finished and the meeting should consider the possibility of obtaining another builder.

Each fleet should notify the meeting, or Allen Badger, secretary-treasurer (70 Fletcher St., Winchester 01890) as to the names and addresses of its representatives on the board of directors and specifications committee. Two reps on board for fleets with 3-10 boats, four reps for 11-30 boats, six reps over 30. Each fleet. Each fleet should name one rep on specs committee. Fleets should name reps no later than annual meeting.

The by-laws also provide that the National Regatta Committee shall consist of the Regatta Director (Dick Hallberg) plus any members of the board of directors who are not contestants, but the Regatta Director may appoint additional members if necessary to make up a committee of five.

JOHN TUCKER WINNINGEST SKIPPER AT MARBLEHEAD

John Tucker's boat Long Shot has belied its name, judging from the results of Townie racing at Marblehead last summer. With firsts in Race Week, the combined Sunday, 2nd and 3rd Twilight and Fall Series, John clearly established himself as the fleet champion, with National Champion Dave Dougherty in second place.

Winning all but two races at Race Week, Tucker easily proved himself top skipper, besting Dougherty and John Cort of Nahant with a low total of 4½ points to their 16 and 18½.

Other Marblehead winners were Dougherty (1st in 1st Sunday, 2nd in Combined Sunday, 3rd in 3rd Twilight, 2nd in Fall); Bob Cowell (2nd in 1st Sunday, 3rd in 2nd Sunday, 1st in 1st Twilight; Fleet President Jane Cooke (2nd in 2nd Sunday, 2nd in 3rd Twilight, 2nd in MRA); Sherwood Mooradian (1st in MRA); Bob Foglietta and Ray Torto (2nd in 1st Twilight); Len Garfield (3rd in 1st and 2nd Twilights, 3rd in Fall).

The number of competing boats was 12 in 46 races. Boats registered was 16, although 37 boats are still on the Marblehead list.

The "famous Jane Cooke-Out" will be held again at Jim and Jane Cooke's, 69 Kenneth Rd., Marblehead (back yard on Alexander Circle) on Saturday, July 29, during Race Week. Notify Jane (631-0750) or Fleet Secretary Terry Tucker (631-5114) by July 25 as to choice of lobster, steak or hotdogs. Beer, clams, corn also served plus salad and dessert.

ANNUAL MASSAPOAG REGATTA SEPTEMBER 16-17

Massapoag Yacht Club will hold its annual regatta Sept. 16-17, including Town Class races. Registration \$6. Send names, addresses, boat class, fleet, sail number, checks (made out to Massapoag Yacht Club) to Harold Lavien, 69 Arbore Drive, Sharon 02067. Out-of-town skippers welcome.

MASSAPOAG FLEET ACTIVITIES FOR 1977

Massapoag Yacht Club's Fleet consisted of seven boats racing, an increase of one boat over the 1976 season. Jim Orton acquired Townie No. 856 from Al Badger of Nahant for some lake sailing.

Awards for the first Sunday Series went to Bill Smith, first; Elwood Willey, second; and Jack Canton, third. For the second Sunday Series Jim Orton placed first (sailing 2054); Ed Coombs second, and Ira Gray third.

Among other activities Elwood Willey and Greg Lindin trailered to Nahant in August for the Nationals. A highlight of the season was the Townie participation in the annual MYC Regatta in September.

Four guest boats trailered from Maine (Dick Weeks 2086), Nahant (John Cort N37) and Rhode Island (Al Hurwitz 409 and Jon Smith 22). Eleven boats raced and Don Stoddard, 1968 National Champion, showed all skippers how to do it again by capturing first place! Townie skippers, mark your calendars and plan to attend this year's MYC Regatta to be held Sept. 16 and 17. You'll enjoy brisk fall lake sailing and Massapoag hospitality.

Elwood Willey

Ed. Note: Modest Willey neglected to mention that he placed second in the MYC Regatta and third in the Nationals.

WILSON TIBBO RE-ESTABLISHES SUPERIORITY AT NAHANT

Wilson Tibbo, starting late, re-established his ancient superiority as top Nahant skipper by winning most of the August and September races in 1977, including the Labor Day Trophy Race. John Cort finished first in the Saturday Series and Ed Tarlov took the July 4th Trophy Race. Other winners were Harry Edwards (2nd in the Saturday Series) and Harriet Steeves (3rd in the Saturday). In the Sunday Series Tibbo was first, Rene Michaud second and Allen Badger third. Michaud again won the Whalen Trophy for "most persistent skipper" and climaxed several years of steady improvement by placing third in the Nationals.

Early returns from 1978 racing indicated loss of several boats with skippers leaving town, offset by a gain of several boats, with about ten competing. The race committee has introduced new, shorter courses, with up to three races on both Saturday and Sunday, a somewhat more exciting arrangement than the single long courses. John Cort won the July 4th Trophy with two firsts and a third.

A RACING TIP

After the discovery, several years back, that yarn telltales on the luff of the jib could be invaluable in determining if a boat was pinching or bearing away too much on a beat, some time elapsed before anybody was able to figure out where to set telltales on the main to get maximum drive from that sail.

The word now is that they should be set (1) two thirds of the way aft and one third of the way down; (2) second pair two thirds of the way aft and two thirds of the way down; (3) Single pieces of yarn trailing from leech about one and two thirds way down.

If the jib is set right, then the main should be set so that yarn telltales (on either side) stream together aft. If telltale on windward side is not streaming aft, bring in main. If telltale on leeward side is not streaming, let it out. Be careful that both jib and main are not strapped in too tight, especially in lighter air. Telltales on leech are extra check on proper airflow and should stream directly aft.

NOTICE TO FLEET CORRESPONDENTS

Dues for each boat in your fleet should be sent to A. A. Badger, 70 Fletcher Street, Winchester, Mass. 01870. A list of names and addresses of the paid up members should accompany payment.