

# NODS

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## WORLDS HELD IN BLUSTERY TAWAS MICHIGAN DONATELLIS DO IT AGAIN

Tawas Yacht Club was the host for our annual Big Event held on August 5,6,7. The Worlds Regatta was attended by 12 boats from our stalwart fleets in Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan. **John Gramsas** again traveled from Colorado to sail NOD 709 with Chicago area **John Durkin** as crew and **Valerie McHugh** came from the Washington D.C. area to crew for her mother **Jolly Booth** in NOD774. Absent were our old friends from Leland and Nova Scotia who have shown up for past Worlds Regattas.

**Judy and Guy Donatelli** prevailed again handling the trying conditions well enough to finish with the gold. The Tawas winds tested the strength of equipment and crew. There were many "baths" during the three-day, ten race regatta. There were also heroic acts of kindness by fellow sailors. **Eugene Damiani** interrupted his racing to help rescue young **Lewie Roberts** from the cool waters of Tawas Bay. **Jolly Booth** jumped on board **Donatelli's** craft when his wife/crew **Judy** had to be immediately evacuated from the racecourse due to an allergic reaction to a bee sting. When the winds became too strong for some of the crew combinations; people shifted boats and took up new positions. With the conditions on the bay, even the third and second place boats were not immune to a

dunking. **Laurie O'Connor** on the tiller and **Lynn Geiss** as crew gave NOD704 a bath but still brought home the bronze. **Dave Novak** (NOD780) with his daughter, **Lindsey** took both a swim and the silver in this regatta. Following in fourth was **Eugene Damiani** in NOD826 with **Tim Gibson** as crew and fifth was secured by **Dave Moledar** and daughter **Sara** in NOD 745.

Congratulations to all. A job well done!  
[See full results on page 6].



The top three positions were captured by the beaming crews pictured above. From left to right are Lynn Geiss (crew) and Laurie O'Connor (skipper) taking third. Guy (skipper) and Judy (crew) Donatelli finishing first and Dave (skipper) and Lindsey (crew) Novak bringing home second.

## JOHN MAKIELSKI MEMORIAL OLD TIMERS REGATTA

What a turnout for the last major gathering of NODRA sailors. Seventeen boats and eighteen crews gathered at Eagle Lake which proved to be an ideal setting for this mid September regatta. The winds were light Saturday morning allowing only one race to be sailed. By afternoon the winds picked up and three races were completed. Sunday morning again brought a nice breeze so that the regatta finished with two more races for a total of six that allowed a throw out for scoring.

Old timers and some new timers showed up to participate and to socialize. The two **Makielski “boys”, Mark and Paul**, made a showing in the first race of the regatta. These two “old timers” joined the rest of the sailors in a tribute to **John Makielski**. They also showed that they have not lost their touch for sailing the National One Design. They finished fourth in the first race with a borrowed boat, NOD707. **Tom Vanderven** arrived from North Carolina to add to the Old Timers roster and we saw **Lew** and **Nina Roberts** back in the National letting someone else handle committee duty.

A few new faces were also seen. **Tom Silver** (NOD644) from Hueston Woods is proving to be a loyal National sailor. He has been to every regatta this year. We also had some visiting sailors join us. **Bill and Diane Kremer**, from ELSC, spent the weekend with the National sailors in another borrowed boat, NOD755. They did quite well finishing fourth overall. Bill made a point of telling us that it is the people that made our fleet so special and he truly enjoyed sailing with the National sailors. What a compliment!

Old Timers was also a regatta full of young sailors. **Lewie Roberts** (8) sailed with his

dad, **Eric**, on NOD848. **Patrick Ogretz** (12) once again joined his father **Richie** on NOD700. **Monica Marion** (10) crewed for her mother, **Sara Makielski** in NOD821. **Laura Makielski**(12) joined **Carolyn Hahn** on NOD818. **Thomas Sniadecki** (13) was out on the waters with his father, **Paul**, in NOD823.

The ability for the young and the older sailor to compete together is one of the assets of the National. It is a boat that is competitive for all ages yet is still a challenge to master.

[Please see sailing results on page 5]

### The John Makielski Perpetual Trophy

This August the Board of Governors decided to initiate a new trophy to recognize the outstanding sailor that promotes sailing of the NOD/Dolphin. “Recognition will be based on that sailor’s promotion of the class or his/her humanitarian action during a racing event or sportsmanship conduct during a race or other commendable actions advancing the sport of NOD racing, be it recruiting, supporting, or promoting the joy of sailing the NOD”. The Board graciously named the trophy after long-time lover, participator, and supporter of the “sweet and sleek” National One Design sailing yacht, **John Makielski**. The Makielski family was asked to chose the 2004 recipient and to present the trophy at the Old Timers Regatta commemorating John. Although there are many who qualify for recognition, the Makielski family members felt it only appropriate to award the trophy to the two individuals that have over the many, many years shared their father’s love, dedication, and tireless support for the NOD, **Lew and Nina Roberts**.

## Attention on Deck!

### A Note from the Commodore

Mother Nature is certainly bringing the 2004 sailing season to an end.. The days are shorter, the air is brisk, and the leaves are changing to a thousand hues of gold, red, and yellow. Frost has been spotted on the lawns in the early morning and a cool mist covers the lake till midday. The calendar says that summer is over, Thanksgiving is near, but it is always hard to let go!

NODRA has held all of the scheduled regattas. We have raced round and round. We have played. We have launched new endeavors and we have said goodbye to a dear friend. For those who participated, the summer was eventful and exciting. Those who came to watch were treated to great competition and loving camaraderie. Those who missed the events will surely come next season to join the fun.

June brought Great Lakes at Hueston Woods where one day was a gusty trial and the second a near drifter. All the sailor's skills were tested and all enjoyed a welcomed dinner at the lodge. The Canadians raced their Nationals in late July with two boats battling it out hard in the last couple of races. Wine, cheese were shared and laughter was heard over the water in the evenings. August brought us the World Championship in Tawas, MI. Wild winds and wild parties were the layout for this event. I think it was easier to count the boats that did not capsize that weekend!

In September we celebrated with the John Makielski Memorial Old Timers Regatta and in October some headed to Cave Run in Kentucky for a last dash of summer fun.

We are presently rigging the #827 hull and are making ready for the Chicago Boat

Show in late January. We are planning a whole new summer of fun and frolic for the 2005 season. Winter will come for sure and the lake will freeze. On that you can bet! But fear not sailors...we will keep the NODRA fires burning throughout the cold winter months. So make your plans now for the boat show in January: a winter meeting/party in February and yet another fun-filled summer of sailing the NODs!!

With all the fun, great racing and wonderful events that have occurred and are still going on in the NODRA family, I am sure one person in particular is very pleased. As you may know by now, John Makielski passed away this summer. He was a loyal National sailor, mentor and leader to us all. He was also a member of our "NOD Family". He is and will always be missed dearly! I know in my heart that he is smiling every the boats and people gather. I am also betting he is trying to talk St Pete and others into buying a new NOD, starting a fleet, and getting active in the Association!

Thank you John. For everything!

Mark

An apology is extended for the lateness of this edition of the NOD newsletter. Not only did we lose a strong supporter of the NOD with the unexpected death of John Makielski but also our Rear Commodore who for years has kept us "in the know" concerning NODRA doings. This duty is temporarily assumed by his daughter and Vice Commodore, Joan Sniadecki.

## NODRA SAYS GOODBYE

NODRA had to say goodbye this year to two longtime sailors and supporters of the beautiful National one Design/Dolphin boat. **John Makielski** from Eagle Lake Sailing Club, Edwardsburg, MI and **Reg Leach** from Mayflower Sailing Club, Plymouth, England were loyal sailors who began sailing the National/Dolphin in the mid 30's/40's and continued sailing until this year. They were both among the first wave of avid sailors to acquire a National/Dolphin in their respective countries. John began his love affair with the National the year Crosby submitted his design for construction to Rudder in 1936 and Reg began his in 1946 when he brought the same design (different name) to England for the first time. John and Reg began their friendship in 1964 when US NODRA discovered a sister fleet existed in England. Both remained loyal to the boat continuing to sail her even into their 80's. The strong love of the boat brought them together and they remained friends until their deaths this last August.



Reg Leach and his granddaughters sailing alongside dolphins in Dolphin 694

## NOTES FROM THE BOARD

The board met during the Old Timer's Regatta to briefly discuss some business. The annual meeting will be held in February. Please contact any officer for details after the first of the year for the time and place of the Annual meeting.

Regatta sites were discussed and are as follows:

Illiana Yacht Club: Great Lakes 2005  
Eagle Lake S. C. Great Lakes 2006

South Shore Y.C. Old Timers 2005  
Illiana Yacht Club Old Timers 2006

TBA Worlds Regatta 2005  
TBA Worlds Regatta 2006

The board also nominated **Eugene Damiani** as Great Lakes Governor for 2005 beginning this November.

Also on the brief agenda was the **Strictly Sailing 05 Chicago Boat Show** to be held **Thurs Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> thru Sun Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 2005**. The board voted to attend again in tandem with the Illiana Yacht Club. NODRA will present the new hull, NOD 828, fully rigged by South Shore Yacht Club.

Commodore **Mark Roberts**  
Vice Commodore **Joan Sniadecki**  
Sec-Treasurer **Jolly Booth**  
Rear Commodore vacant  
Promotions Director **Val McHugh**

**2004 SAILING  
CANADIAN NATIONALS  
NATIONAL-ONE-DESIGN WORLDS**

**2004 CANADIAN NOD REGATTA - Aylesford Lake, Nova Scotia, July 17-18, 2004**

	SKIPPER	CREW	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	RACE 4	RACE 5	RACE 6	RACE 7	Throw out	Low Point Tot	Score 1600 Pt
788	Mike Sweet	Les Sweet	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	3	7	
795	Jeff Bishop	Connie Bishop	2	3	1	1	6	2	4	6	13	
810	Stuart Bishop	Darlene Bishop	3	5	2	3	2	5	6	6	20	
792	Peter Sanford	Mary Sanford	8	2	4	6	5	3	2	8	22	
812	Ian/Leigh Morrison	Steve McDow	4	7	5	7	3	4	7	7	30	
793	Esther Cogswell	MaryAnn Miller	7	4	6	5	7	6	3	7	31	
820	Chris Dettra	Chip Dettra	6	6	7	4	4	7	10	10	34	
791	Tineka Bishop	Mike Briggs	5	8	8	8	8	9	5	9	42	
796	Marjorie Cogswell-Roy	The Roy Kids	9	9	10	10	10	8	9	10	55	
182	Maryann Cogswell	Garth Bishop	10	10	9	9	9	10	8	10	55	

No written commentary was submitted with the Canadian National results

<b>OLD TIMERS EAGLE LAKE, MI SEPT 2004</b>								
BOAT	SKIPPER	RACE & POSITION						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	Finish
824	Donatelli	1	1	10	2	1	1	1
819	Bollas	5	6	2	4	4	2	2
774	Jolly Booth	6	-11	3	7	5	4	3
755	Kramer	8	3	8	10	2	5	4
818	C. Hahn	3	4	5	-9	8	6	5
747	M. Roberts	9	2	11	8	7	3	6
848	E. Roberts	12	5	6	3	9	11	7
786	Vanderven	14	9	1	12	6	8	8
700	Ogrentz	10	8	7	1	11	14	9
850	M. Robertson	2	10	9	6	10	dns	10
821	S. Marion	7	14	14	5	12	7	11
823	P. Sniadecki	11	7	4	11	dns	dns	12
707	Vargason	4	dsq	dsq	dsq	3	9	13
745	Moledar	13	13	13	14	14	10	14
704	O'Connor	15	12	15	13	13	12	15
644	Silver	16	16	16	-16	15	13	16
772	Carlton	dnf	15	12	15	dnf	dnf	17

Weather: Clear, Winds 7-10 Sat, 10-12 Sunday. Throw-out Rule Applied.

## NODRA WORLDS CHAMPIONSHIP 2004 TBYC - TAWAS BAY MICHIGAN

SKIPPER	CREW	BOAT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	T/out	Final RANK		
Donatelli	Judy J Booth E Roberts	824	SSYC	1	1	1	2	1	3	2	2	1	4	-4	14	1
Novak	Lindsey	780	IYC	4	3	4	1	5	2	1	1	6	1	-6	22	2
O'connor	L Geiss	704	IYC	3	4	5	6	4	4	4	3	5	5	-6	37	3
Damiani	Tim Geiss	826	IYC	7	6	6	3	8	6	3	4	9	3	-9	46	4
Moledor	Sarah	745	SSYC	6	5	8	5	2	8	6	6	11	7	-11	53	5
Booth	V McHugh	774	ELSC	2	2	2	13	13	13	13	13	2	2	-13	66	6
Ogrentz	Pat MikeG V McHugh	700	IYC	13	13	3	6	3	1	13	13	7	10	-13	69	7
Roberts	Lewie T McHugh	848	SSYC	5	6	9	4	13	13	13	13	4	6	-13	73	8
Vargason	Silver	707	HWSA	13	13	13	13	6	7	5	5	8	8	-13	78	9
Gramsis	Durkin	709	COL	9	6	13	13	7	5	7	13	10	10	-13	80	10
Robertson	Tammy	850	SSYC	8	6	7	13	13	13	13	13	13	10	-13	86	11
Carlton	T Eck	772	SSYC	13	13	13	13	13	9	13	13	12	9	-13	108	12
Silver	None	644	HWSA	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	-13	117	13

One throw-out- shown as negative number. Race finishes confirmed by NODRA scoring system.

Thursday 4 races W 7-10kt, W14kt W13.6kt W15-20kt;Friday 4 races W13=>8kts,W 6-12kts,W 14-15kts,W11-16kts; 0.7 nm Saturday 2 races W10kts, W10-15kts; 0.6nm



1<sup>st</sup> Place 2004 Worlds  
Judy and Guy



2<sup>nd</sup> Place 2004 Worlds  
Dave and Lindsey



3<sup>rd</sup> Place 2004 Worlds  
Lynn and Laurie

# US SAILING ONE-DESIGN SYMPOSIUM

Val McHugh

Fortified by a phone call from Sara the night before, (Oh yeah! I read about that!) we ventured out on a cold, rain-soaking Friday morning in the middle of November. Destination – **Newport, Rhode Island and the US Sailing Symposium on One-Design Fleet Building**. Unfortunately, sailing was about the last thing on my mind, especially with the holidays right around the corner. But once we boarded Amtrak's Ascela (with a surprise upgrade to First Class) and hummed up the Northeast Corridor, things began to brighten. Another surprise – isn't that the actor Jack Black sitting towards the rear of the train? After various trips past his seating compartment, his celebrity status remained unresolved, but the tone for the weekend had been set – this was gonna' be cool!

US Sailing knows how sailors think. They kept the accommodations cheap so your wallet could focus on your boat. Your meals were on your own, but they did buy your first drink! It was held at a Best Western that wasn't exactly set up for "conferencing" but did provide a stunning view of the suspension bridges crossing the Narragansett Bay.

Saturday morning we awoke to 3 inches of snow on the ground. With what seemed like very little traffic in the hotel the night before (we went twice to the Hospitality Suite to register – but no one was there), I was doomed to be "the only one" attending. I couldn't have been more wrong! We started out with over 75 strong, and this was only the "participants." It did not include the 10 or so US Sailing Staff or the 13 symposium speakers. Crammed all together in the dining room, we were told to yell out our class names while they scribbled madly, trying to make a list. I felt proud as "Nat'l O.D." was sandwiched between the "Shields" and the "49ers."

US Sailing expertly set the agenda so that each morning and afternoon started with a Keynote Speaker, followed by "Break Out" sessions and workshops. **Betsy Alison**, a multi-talented sailor, provided the first morning's adrenalin. From there we had our choice of workshops to attend: *Newsletters*; *Webpages* and *Public Relations*. Unfortunately, there was only time to attend two of the three, and because our web master has done such a superb job, I elected to skip that session. The afternoon program started with a lecture on *Boat Speed* by **Greg Fisher**. (I had been sitting right next to him for about 20 minutes and didn't even realize who he was until the MC introduced him and he headed to the front of the room.) This lead into breakout sessions on topics ranging from *Planning & Holding a Great Regatta*; *Measurements – How Does Your Class Measure Up*; *Class Cycles*, and *Youth – Developing the Next Generation*. The "planning a regatta" session was way past our abilities (they discussed regattas with *hundreds* of boats participating) but the Youth session was excellent and **Joni Palmer** really made you think "outside the box." By this time I'm pretty overwhelmed, Joe has returned from his adventures out, and so I skipped the lessons on *Ask the Experts*, and *Hull Measurement Using Laser Technology*. (women's keel boat) **Meg Gaillard** and **Skip Whyte** – coach of the gold medal 470 men's team. They showed us some great slides of Athens and told us what really goes on during the Olympics. (Yeah, they party pretty hard, too!)

I must admit I groaned when I read Sunday morning's agenda. First on the schedule was *New Rule Changes in the Racing Rules of Sailing* by Dave Perry. Talk about multi-tasking – when you want to both cure a hangover *and* discuss a detailed and technical subject such as racing rules – Dave Perry is your man! He was absolutely terrific and for the most part even I understood the new rules. **Two highlights:** no more 360's and 720's! Starting in January they will become “a tack and a gybe” or “two tacks and two gybes.” Dave explained that this came about because most sailors only made these two moves and did not follow through with completing an entire 360 degrees. So they made the rule fit the practice. One other highlight is for all those crews wanting a new trapeze harness: “As of January 1, 2006, trapeze and hiking harnesses must have a device that allows competitors to quickly release themselves from the boat at any time while in use.” The 2006 deadline provides suppliers time to produce such a harness in mass quantities. So crews, if you're looking for a new harness, tell your skippers that unless you get the new one by the end of next year – you'll protest and throw them out of the race!

*Class Management Strategies* (which I attended); *Insurance Issues* and *Clinics* were offered next. Again, a tough choice and the necessity of a clone was becoming increasingly apparent. Worse yet, at this point I needed to depart and was going to have to miss **Dave Perry's** lecture on *Ethics*. (How *does* he make a topic so dry and so dull, so *hot*? Better yet, how can *I* become one of his groupies?) I also had to forego *What US Sailing Can Do to Help your Class; What Does It Take to Invigorate a Fleet?* and “*Class Relationships with Industry Builders and Sail Makers*. These are all topics from which NODRA would greatly benefit.

For this symposium, US Sailing provided a notebook full of information and ideas on each of these topics. You could simply follow the outline provided as speakers made their case and little note taking was necessary. More importantly, contact information for each speaker was listed and they could not emphasize enough that they were open and willing to have you contact them. In the near future, I will be providing each Fleet Captain with a copy of this notebook, as I think it is that valuable. If you are not a Fleet Captain but feel you would benefit (from the whole book or just one of the sessions listed), please contact me and I'll be happy to send you one, as well.

Now considered “armed and dangerous” with ideas and enthusiasm, filled to the brim with clam chowder and about every kind of seafood imaginable, we headed home. Still wrapped in the glow of “sitting right next to” Olympic class sailors, mingling (okay, drinking) with a hotshot Hobie sailor and lunching with the most affable **Tom Hubbard** (expert Thistle sailor), I looked out of the window of the train. We were speeding past a small harbor in Connecticut where I quickly noticed a small boat race. About ten boats, whose insignia I could not decipher, were close-hauled beating towards the cold, blue ocean. It was the perfect ending to a perfect weekend . . . . . yeah, that *was* totally cool!

Be sure to check our website for boats for sale, regatta results, discussion, upcoming events and the most current news.

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