



RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER YACHT CLUB  
IRVINGTON, VA 22480

September 2008

# THE HEADWAY

## Junior Regatta Provides Fun-Filled Morning on the Water



*By Coleman Brydon, Regatta Director*

*It was a busy day on and around the water at the 2008 Junior Regatta.*

The annual RRYC Junior Regatta was held on July 25, 2008, with twenty-four participants on twenty-two boats. The moderate heat and the good wind conditions combined to make this one of the best regattas in recent history.

Registration started at 0800, the skippers' meeting was at 0900, and all boats were in the water by 0935 for an on-time race start of 1000. This year we ran two courses: the Optis

and Sunfish raced in Carter Creek under the watchful eye of Scott Vail, PRO. The faster Lasers, Laser Radials, and 420s were towed out to race

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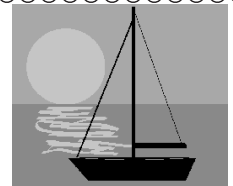


## Commodore's Message

*By David Raffetto, Commodore*

- At press time things are gearing up for the Sarnowskis' annual Labor Day picnic. This year promises to be another superb time. It's hard to express just how fortunate we are to have members such as Carole and Joe who have put on this great event at their home for about 15 years and each one seems to outdo the previous years. They have experienced all of the weather options that nature can offer and yet they still have us back. Thanks Carole and Joe for a great time and wonderful memories.
- We've had several pool umbrellas damaged during thunder storms this summer. The previous rule was for the last person to leave in the evening to close the umbrellas, but let me make a change to that, given the uncertainty of weather sometimes. Please remember to close the umbrellas when you leave the pool, regardless of the time of the day.
- As we move into the peak of hurricane season, for this area anyway, don't forget to review your own heavy weather plans.

### FIRST FRIDAYS CONTINUE INTO THE FALL



**First Fridays Continue into the Fall... September 5. Bring your own libations and an hors d'oeuvre to share. Show up on the RRYC porch at 1730 and expect to have a great evening with fellow club members!**

A magician was working on a cruise ship in the Caribbean. The audience was different each week, so the magician did the same tricks over and over again. There was only one problem: the captain's parrot saw the shows each week and began to understand how the magician did every trick. Once he understood he started shouting in the middle of the show:

"Look, it's not the same hat." "Look, he is hiding the flowers under the table." "Hey, why are all the cards the Ace of Spades?"

The magician was furious but couldn't do anything; it was, after all, the captain's parrot.

One day the ship had an accident and sank. The magician found himself adrift on a piece of wood in the middle of the ocean, with the parrot, of course. They stared at each other with hatred, but did not utter a word. This went on for a day, then another, and another.

After a week the parrot said: "OK, I give up. What'd you do with the ship?"

# Junior Regatta

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in the Rappahannock River, with Pete Knight serving as the PRO. The weather this year was almost perfect for the event. It started out calm, but by 1130 the winds had picked up just enough to provide some exciting races, but not so much as to cause any capsizing. There was even a protest this year, showing that the junior sailors understand the rules and are on the way to becoming racers.

Only three of the junior sailors this year were from RRYC. However, RRYC was well represented in the trophies, taking 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Opti Class and 1<sup>st</sup> in the 420 class. Indian Creek Yacht Club and Premier Sailing provided the bulk of the participants.

All participants were back for hot dogs, chips, drinks, and ice cream by 1245, and the awards ceremony was conducted at 1315. All participants not receiving a trophy received a T-shirt commemorating their participation

in the event. Several racers also ordered CD's of event photos, provided by Jack Chamberlain.

As in previous years, parking was available the night before the event, and both ICYC and Premier took advantage of that staging. Our launching crew launched all boats in thirty five minutes. This year we did not tow the Optis out to the mooring balls before the meeting. Next year, if we do the same procedure, we should launch the larger boats first, so they can be towed out to the river course before launching Optis. Overall, launching went quite smoothly, but another improvement next year would be to have a guard on the floating dock to keep non-essential boats at bay. A kayak and another small vessel were impediments to the launching early on until we tracked down the owners and made them move.

Premier requested that their large boat be allowed to use the mooring. This became a viewing platform for many of the parents of Opti and Sunfish sailors, providing an up-close view of the races.

Thanks to the many club members who volunteered to make this event a success:

On the race courses: Scott Vail (PRO) , Pete Knight (PRO), Hal Starke, Bob Westbrook, Gene Edmonds, Hank Little, Mosby West, Debbie Cycotte, Tommy Asch, Dave Raffetto, Jim Bearden, Craig Akers.

Boat launch/recovery: Mitch Bober, Craig Akers, Jim Bearden, Coleman Brydon

Registration: Susan Richardson, Jan Akers, and Kathy Bearden.

Lunch/Refreshments: Kimberley Vail, Terry Brydon

Trophies: Coleman Brydon

Parking: Alan and Chris Christensen.

Photography: Jack Chamberlain, Jan Akers

Transportation: Walker Stevens in *D'Accord*

Club Management and housekeeping: Kent White and Diane Owens (who brought her seven-year-old grandson to observe the event)

<b>RRYC Junior Regatta Results 2008</b>			
<i>Class</i>	<i>First Place</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</i>
Optimist	Hannah Richardson-RRYC	Galt Oliver- Premier Sailing	Corey Jameson-RRYC
Sunfish	Brice Geary Premier Sailing	Ana Rowan -Premier Sailing	Devin Geary- Premier Sailing
Laser	Eric Siegel-ICYCC	Andy Notto-Premier Sailing	Leo Notto, Premier Sailing
Laser Radial	Jerome Herrin-Premier Sailing	Virginie Perraudin-Premier Sailing	Xavier Perraudin – Premier Sailing
420	Alex Raffetto-RRYC and Sebastian Vazquez -ICYCC	Katie Cox – ICYCC and Kate Banchoff – ICYCC	n/a

## RRYC PHRF Racing

*By Ron Mihills – PHRF Fleet Captain*

*Boomerang*, skippered by Jerry Latell, placed 9<sup>th</sup> in the PHRF 5 fleet of the five race series Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge Regatta. *Boomerang* has accumulated an impressive race record this season.

Aug. 30 & 31 – Stingray Point Regatta – FBYC

Sept. 13 – Yankee Point Yacht Club Fall Regatta #1

Sept. 20 – YPYC Fall Single Handed

Sept. 27 – RRYC Commodore's Cup – Register now for OUR regatta and tune up for the Oct. 18 & 19 defense of the Rappahannock Cup!

## Junior Sailing

RRYC has a junior sailor in training as a future Olympic competitor.

Hannah Richardson sailed in the FBYC 69<sup>th</sup> annual one design regatta and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Opti girls division. Way to go Hannah!



Ron Mihills provided this picture from Dean Brenner, Chairman of U.S. Sailing's Olympic Team Program:

*"Earlier today, Anna Tunnicliffe won the Gold Medal in the Laser Radial class. This was the moment when she stepped back onto the boat ramp. Every race day I greet all our sailors back on the dock. This greeting was pretty special."*

## Yearbook

### Revisions

*By Dick Sisson, Yearbook Editor*

Charles and Sue Springett have a revised phone # for their Annapolis home: 410-757-4054, and Sue's email is now [suespringett@verizon.net](mailto:suespringett@verizon.net).

Please bring any other desired revisions or corrections to my attention: [dickie.sis@gmail.com](mailto:dickie.sis@gmail.com) (note my email is given erroneously in the current yearbook), or snail mail to: Dick Sisson, PO Box 724, Irvington VA 22480.

## Cape Dory Typhoon Racing

Cape Dory Typhoon racing for the fall season begins on September 10, and continues the following four Wednesday evenings at 5:15 PM, in front of RRYC. Note the earlier start time. The final race of the series is on Oct. 8 and will serve as a practice session for the Oct. 11 & 12 Hospice Turkey Shoot Regatta.

New Typhoons have joined the Carter Creek Fleet since last spring. It's a terrific way to enjoy the Typhoon's "casual" racing format.

Contact Ron Mihills, [rmihills@creeksideassociates.com](mailto:rmihills@creeksideassociates.com) or 804-438-6111.



# Flying Scot Fleet #185 News

By Debbie Peterson Cycotte, Flying Scot Fleet Captain

## FALL SERIES

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over and we are getting ready for the fall sailing season. First race day of the Fall Series started on Sunday, August 24th. The schedule of the race days is listed below.

## CLUB FLYING SCOT

Our RRYC Club Flying Scot is creating lots of interest these days and more people are taking the boat out for a spin on Carter Creek. If you have any questions about the boat, please contact Debbie Cycotte at 804-761-3048. Having the boat in a slip and ready to take out on a moment's notice is a great benefit to the membership for their use and enjoyment.

## FALL SERIES SCHEDULE

- #1 Sunday, August 24th
- #2 Sunday, September 7th
- #3 Sunday, September 14th
- #4 Sunday, September 21st
- Make-Up Day (if needed) Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>



## Cruising News

- If you're not going with them, watch for the return of the "History Cruisers" on September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Don't forget the last scheduled cruise of the season, to Indian Creek Yacht Club on October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Sign up in the cruise book at the club house, or contact Dave Raffetto, Cruise Leader.

## Latell Scores a Sail-Making Coup!

This notice went out last month from Jerry Latell to many club members:

"Friend of the loft,

As many of you know, we recently landed a job building a set of sails for the *Susan Constant*. She is a 120 ton 116' LOA replica of an early 17<sup>th</sup> century merchant vessel. The *Susan Constant* is one of the three ships owned by the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation. The original *Susan Constant* was the largest of the three ships that came across in 1607 carrying the first batch of Jamestown settlers. I have started a blog (which is something I never thought I would do) to keep anyone who is interested up to date on our progress. It turns out that we are very limited in how we can use the *Susan Constant* or Jamestown names or any pictures of the boat so the blog doesn't mention the boat by name. If you are interested in seeing what we are up to, here is the link: <http://latellsailmakers.blogspot.com> For those of you new to blogs, be aware that new posts are placed on top of the page and old ones move down the page. Therefore if you start with the bottom post you can read in sequence up the page to the latest post. I hope to update the blog at least once a week. Please feel free to post comments."

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# Sail-Making Coup

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McCarthy’s “Sailing News You Can Use” carried this further description of the project: Jerry Latell at Ullman Sails Virginia in Deltaville/Irvington has taken on building a suit of sails for the *Susan Constant*, the largest of the three Jamestown ships. Jerry said. “We will machine stitch the “membranes” and hand work everything else. The edges are all roped and there are lots of grommets and cringles to be sewn and spliced. There are no metal fittings in these sails; it is all done with cloth and rope.”

Congratulations, Jerry and crew!



Photo by Blanche Stevens

*Optis race on the creek at the Junior Regatta.*

## Monthly Socials Resume in September

After a rousing evening spent enjoying lively bluegrass music and a (not so lively) roasted pig in July, RRYC members took a break to rest up in August. But the fun resumes in September, at the monthly social on Saturday, the 20<sup>th</sup>, with a dinner of tasty Jambalaya, made with the recipe from “The Sisters” in Orange Park Fl. Please make special note of a change this month in the reservation process: *from now on, reservations are due one week prior to the club*

### *Nautical Things to Ponder*

- Do fish get cramps after eating?
- Tell a sailor that there are 400 billion stars and he’ll believe you, tell him a deck has wet paint and he has to touch it.
- Do marine pilots take crash courses?
- Ship’s windows are called “port holes,” but they are found on both sides



Photo by Blanche Stevens

*D’Accord provided a great view of the racing Optis.*

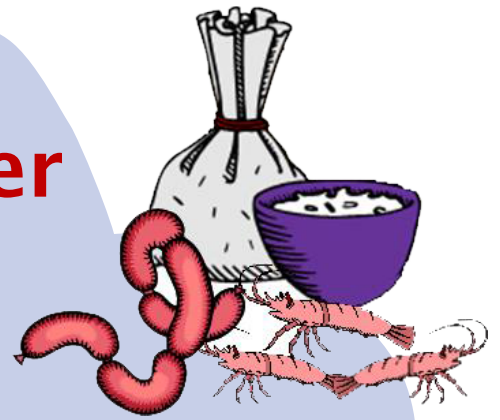
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# Monthly Socials

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*social.* Most months, this will mean making reservations by the second Saturday of the month. (December and July will be different.) The required reservation deadline will always be noted on the reservation form, and usually in this space, also, so don't forget and miss out on a dinner you want to attend! As usual, reservations can be made by using the form below, or by e-mail to [dinner@rryc.org](mailto:dinner@rryc.org).

## September Menu



Jambalaya  
Caprese Salad  
Crusty Bread  
Apple Cake

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P. O. Box 55  
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Saturday, September 20, 2008  
Cocktails 17:30 PM, Dinner 18:30 P.M.  
RSVP by Saturday September 13, 2008

### September Menu

Jambalaya • Caprese Salad  
Crusty Bread • Apple Cake

\_\_\_\_\_ # Adult @\$17<sup>00</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ # Children (10 and under) @\$5<sup>00</sup>

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Club Calendar

## September-October 2008

**September**

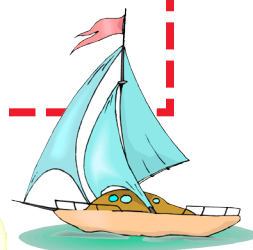
- 5<sup>th</sup> First Friday
- 7<sup>th</sup> Flying Scot Race #2
- 10<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Night Race Meeting
- 11<sup>th</sup> History Cruise Returns
- 14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Night Races
- 17<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Night Races
- RSPS Picnic (1600-2000)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting and Club Social
- 21<sup>st</sup> Flying Scot Race #3
- 24<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Night Races
- 27<sup>th</sup> Commodore's Cup Regatta

**October**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Night Races
- 3<sup>rd</sup> First Friday
- 8<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Night Races
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Turkey Shoot Regatta
- 15<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Night Races Awards and Dinner
- 16<sup>th</sup> Private Party (1600 – 2400)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Rappahannock Cup Regatta
- Board Meeting and Club Social
- 19<sup>th</sup> Rappahannock Cup Regatta
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Private Party (1600 -2400)



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