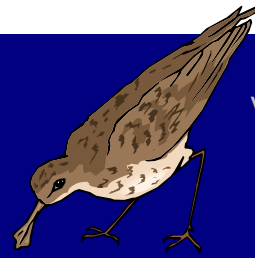


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The Fleet Newsletter of the Sandpiper Class of Barnegat Bay

Welcome to “The Shorebird”

By Jim Cadranell

Welcome to the inaugural issue of “The Shorebird”, the fleet newsletter of the Sandpiper Class of Barnegat Bay. At our Class Meeting on Saturday, October 2 we decided to initiate a fleet newsletter to keep everyone informed as to upcoming events and items of interest to Sandpiper sailors on Barnegat Bay. I volunteered to be the editor of the newsletter and am open to any suggestions or contributions to improve the newsletter. The Shorebird will be published as often as seems necessary, but we will have at least a quarterly publication.

In addition to reporting on our various races and other newsworthy events, I hope to fill the newsletter with items of interest like racing and maintenance tips, catboat history, book reviews, profiles of members of our fleet, etc. Hopefully this will become a valuable forum to increase our enjoyment of Sandpiper sailing and to get to know

Fleet Votes to Propose New BBYRA Format

By Jim Cadranell

The Sandpiper Class Meeting was held at the Bay Head Yacht Club on October 2 before the Fall Series races. The fleet voted unanimously to propose a new format to the BBYRA for our class.

As many of you know, Sandpiper and Sunfish sailor Ed King has been leading a movement to grow participation in the BBYRA by switching to all afternoon double race days on a bi-weekly schedule. The reason is that BBYRA participation has been decreasing since the late ‘80s. Ed and

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one another better. I have done my best to fill this first issue, but will rely on members of our fleet to submit interesting items for future issues.

While email has certainly become the medium of choice for quickly sharing information, I hope you will agree that it is still fun to get a timely and informative newsletter in the mail.

Articles, photos, and ideas can be emailed to me at jcadranell@comcast.net or mailed to my home address listed on the back page. Thanks in advance for your help.◆

many others have suggested that sailing in better afternoon wind and having more open weekends will bring back sailors, especially junior sailors.

The proposal that Class Representative Mimi Dimon will present to the BBYRA will be for a 12-race schedule with two single race days at Bay Head/Metedeconk and Seaside Park and five double race days with at least one down Bay. Most significantly, we will request a midday start between 1130 and 1230.

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Record Turnout for Adams

By Jim Cadranel

Paul Gelenitis and his daughter Kristen captured the reinvigorated Adams Memorial Trophy on September 25, sailing in a record setting fleet of 16 Sandpipers. The Adams had been a stand-alone event begun in 1995 that had seen dwindling participation. Starting this year it was revamped as the first race of the Fall Series, which automatically put it on many people's calendars. The Wanamaker Trophy for Sanderlings was also held on the same day. Both events consisted of one long race. Tay Adams presented the Adams perpetual trophy, named in honor of her late mother-in-law, Christine Adams, "a dear, quiet



Paul Gelenitis and his daughter Kristen receive the Adams Memorial Trophy from Tay Adams.

lady who loved competitive sailing from the sidelines." Jim Dunn took second place followed by Mimi Dimon in third. ♦

Successful 2004 Season Raises the Bar

By Jim Cadranel

Anyone who was out racing Sandpipers this summer knows two things for sure: we had bigger fleets and better competition.

In the BBYRA we saw a 40% increase from last year in the average number of boats in a race, from 8 to 11. Not only that, but the newcomers were hardly new to catboats. Andy Brown, the 1995 Sandpiper Bay Champ, made a return to the class, and John and Jackie Cutting, two-time Sanderling Bay Champs, sailed their Sandpiper down Bay for the first time. The series saw some lively racing, with

Andy and his sister, Marcy, finally prevailing by one point over John and Jackie to capture the Championship. Six-time Bay Champion Mimi Dimon finished third and Charles Hutchinson rounded out the prizewinners with a fourth place finish.

It was a great summer of racing with solid participation in the series racing as well as the one-day events like the Spring Tune-Up, Callahan, and Adams. The Verplanck, the all women event, was particularly successful with a great turnout,

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Need a new sail? Several sailors would like to put together a fleet purchase from Quantum or North. Email John Cutting if you are interested, jackiemc18@aol.com



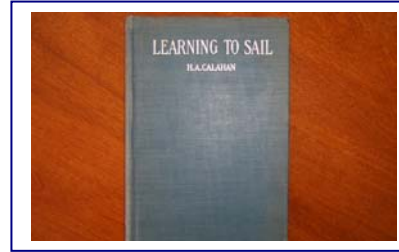
2004 Bay Champions Andy & Marcy Brown

Book Review: Classic Boats Call for Classic Books

By Jim Cadranel

When I began racing my Sandpiper I collected every book I could find on racing small sailboats. Although I have benefited from studying the tactics and strategy of Stuart Walker, Buddy Melges, and Gary Jobson, to name a few, I was frustrated by the lack of information on tuning and handling a gaff-rigged boat. What a delight to come across H.A. Calahan's classic little work, "Learning to Sail", originally published by Macmillan in 1932.

If you haven't discovered Calahan, he was a prolific yachting writer of the '30s and '40s who wrote a dozen works covering all aspects of sailing. His style is very straightforward and simple, yet filled with the wry humor of his day. "Learning to Sail" approaches the topic in an unscientific manner as an old sailor might teach it. In Calahan's words, "If, at times, the book adopts a preaching tone, it must be borne in



"Learning to Sail"
By H.A. Calahan
Macmillan, 1932

mind that preaching (or profanity) is of the essence of all teaching of seamanship."

Despite Calahan's criticisms of the catboat as too difficult for the beginner to handle (he prefers a small sloop), there is much of benefit to the catboat sailor, either a beginner or an old salt. Among a comprehensive list of topics, he covers knots, hoisting sails, sail trim, helmsmanship, and docking. In addition he has two chapters titled, "Seventeen

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Gaff Rig Trim Tips

From Henry Bossett, North Sails New Jersey

Try the following gaff rig trim tips on your Sandpiper:

Telltails. Telltales on the leech at the batten pockets are used as a guide to sheet tension. If they flow easily, greater sheet tension may mean better pointing ability. If they always stall behind the sail, ease out until they flow. A row of telltales across the middle of the sail will help with proper sheeting on a reach. If the leeward ones stall, you are over trimmed, ease the sail out a bit.

Battens. Try a softer set for light air (at least the top one or two) and a stiffer set for heavy air.

Boom Outhaul. Tight for heavy air; ease or looser

in light/medium air. In heavy air and waves, try a loose boom outhaul, but a tight gaff outhaul and luff. This will help keep power low in the sail.

Peak. Lower in drifting *and* heavy air conditions for a flatter shape. Raise in medium conditions for maximum fullness.

Gaff Outhaul. Tight in heavy air; you should see wrinkles parallel along the spar. Loose in light/medium air; wrinkles will be perpendicular to the spar.

Throat Halyard. Upwind in heavy air, luff is tight. Ease when going downwind. Upwind in light/medium air, luff is loose. ♦

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Other business items included the following:

- Continue with crew trophies and optional lunches for the BBYRA;
- Purchase a template to simplify sail measurement;
- Hold another BBQ at the spring meeting/sail measuring;
- Mimi Dimon proposed a “bring a kid” regatta in the spring to attract new families to the class;
- John Cutting proposed allowing boom outhauls to be adjustable during races, but the proposal was not approved;
- Mimi Dimon circulated information from

Quantum Sails and North Sails on fleet purchases of sails. Several sailors want to buy new sails for next year, but there was not a consensus on where to get the sails. The price for a sail including window, battens, sail numbers, and bag is \$735 for five or more from Quantum and \$891 for individual sails from North. For eight or more sails, North will offer an additional 5% off. Email John Cutting at jackiemc18@aol.com if you are interested in a new sail. As to which sail is faster, that’s a topic that will have to be settled at the bar...

The next official class meeting will be in early June after the Spring Series and will feature the 2nd Annual Sail Measuring BBQ. It would not be a surprise, however, if there were an informal midwinter gathering to shake off the winter chill with talk of sunny summer days churning up the Bay aboard our little catboats.◆

Sandpiper Photos

Make sure to check out Dick Speck’s webpage at www.bayhead.com for some excellent photographs of Sandpiper racing from this year and last.

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Ways to Get into Trouble,” and “Seventeen or More Ways to Get out of Trouble.” There is much practical advice in the book, such as, “The degree of self-confidence of the skipper has a direct bearing on the amount of trouble he encounters. The over-confident skipper is nearly always in trouble; the under-confident, almost as frequently.”

Although there is some dated information in “Learning to Sail” covering topics like cotton sails, the majority of the advice is timeless. It is really worth tracking down a copy. It is out of print, but used copies can be found on American Book Exchange at www.abebooks.com.◆

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including several new sailors. The biggest challenge following this season will be to try and top it next year. Early indications are good for

2005 with rumors of a few more crack skippers set to join the fleet. Below is a list of the top finishers in the 2004 inter-club events.◆

2004 Finishes in Inter-Club Sandpiper Events

Spring Series

1. John Cutting
2. Jim Cadranell
3. Ed King

Callahan Memorial

1. Sam Starkey
2. Paul Gelenitis
3. Jim Urner

Evening Catboats

1. Ed King
2. Jen Durrua
3. Jim Cadranell

Adams Memorial

1. Paul Gelenitis
2. Jim Dunn
3. Mimi Dimon

Spring Tune-Up

1. John Cutting
2. Ed King
3. Jim Cadranell

Verplanck

1. Tay Adams
2. Mary Beth King
3. Barbara Ehret

BBYRA

1. Andy Brown
2. John Cutting
3. Mimi Dimon
4. Charles Hutchinson

Fall Series

1. Paul Gelenitis
2. Jim Dunn
3. Mimi Dimon

New Faces in Sandpiper Fleet

By Jim Cadranell

A racing fleet is not static. It is either growing or it is shrinking. Happily for us, the Sandpiper fleet on the Barnegat Bay is healthy and growing. Meet some of the Sandpiper owners who have recently joined the fleet:

Dan Harding. If there was a “most improved” award for Sandpiper skippers, Dan would have won it hands down this year. Dan acquired a used Sandpiper last year and gamely headed out to the racecourse without much racing experience. After observing the Bay Head Yacht Club interclub racing from the back of the fleet last summer, Dan committed himself to improvement and enrolled in the BHYC Adult Sailing program. By mid-summer this year Dan was contending in races and scored several top-three finishes ultimately taking third place

in BHYC’s August Series. Dan was also a BBYRA qualifier this summer. Dan and his wife Pam live in Bay Head and Basking Ridge and have two daughters. In addition to his Sandpiper, named “Actitis Macularia” (genus and species for a certain shorebird) Dan owns “Odyssey”, an Island Packet 35. Dan’s sail number is BH 32.

Anne Dougherty. You may have seen Anne on the water in her striking new Sandpiper. Named for her mother, “Gloria”, is a beautiful Sandpiper with black topsides, a white boot top, and green bottom. Anne ordered her from Marshall last summer. Anne keeps her boat at Beaton’s, but sails for Metedeconk River Yacht Club. Her sail number is MC 9, which incidentally is the number of children her mother has. Anne is a newcomer

*Did you know?
A new Sandpiper
can be financed
with \$2,000 down
and monthly
payments of only
\$200?*

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to sailing, but has some very experienced brothers who are showing her the ropes. She is single and works for an investment bank. Anne lives in Manhattan and Bay Head. Welcome to the fleet!

Lou and Jeanne Goetting. Lou and Jeanne bought David Pearson's Sandpiper, "Breezy", BH 70, last year. They have been actively campaigning her in the Bay Head Yacht Club interclub racing ever since. Lou is a longtime sailor who is enjoying getting back into the game. When you see "Breezy" doing a horizon job on the fleet, there's a fairly good chance that one or the other of Lou and Jeanne's sons, Matt and Andy, have climbed aboard to help. As many of you know, Matt and Andy are two of the finest young sailors on the Bay. Lou works for Brookdale Community College and Jeanne works for Bay Head Travel. They live in Pt. Pleasant. Welcome aboard, Lou and Jeanne.

Look for profiles of more of the many new Sandpiper owners in future issues of *The Shorebird*. ♦

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