



THE SHOREBIRD

The Fleet Newsletter of the Sandpiper Class of Barnegat Bay

Why a Sandpiper?

By Jim Cadranel

At the end of last season I had a conversation with one of the top skippers at Metedeconk River Yacht Club, a champion scow sailor. He was curious why I was racing a Sandpiper instead of one of the hotter, performance classes. I said that the enjoyment of racing Sandpipers is the very fact that they are low tech. There are very few controls to adjust. Once you learn the few simple tricks to setting up the boat, you just go out and sail. Racing Sandpipers is about strategy, tactics, and boat handling far more than tuning. It's what makes them so fun, I explained. To my surprise he agreed, saying, "Nothing is less fun than racing the type of one-design where the skipper of the boat that beats you tells you that he won because 'he tightened his lower shrouds a quarter turn'".

Now, I'll be the first to admit that there is a part of me that enjoys tuning up a racing sailboat, but there is only so much time you can devote to

The History of the Sandpiper

By Geoff Marshall of Marshall Marine Corp.

Following the successes of the 18 foot Sanderling and the Marshall 22 in the early 1960's, Breck Marshall decided to add a smaller half-decked catboat to the fleet in 1972. He shortened the Sanderling hull lines proportionally and the result became known as the Sandpiper. The idea was to provide a smaller daysailer which was easier to single-hand and maintain, yet provide better performance than the Beetle Cat which was well established as the local fleet for daysailers and racers of all ages.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Why a Sandpiper? by Jim Cadranel	1
The History of the Sandpiper by Geoff Marshall	1
BBYRA Innovations for 2005 by Jim Cadranel	2
BBYRA Sandpiper Champions	2
Barnegat Bay Sandpiper Register	3
Sandpiper Schedule—2005	5
New to the Fleet by Jim Cadranel	5

fiddling with your boat. Sandpipers provide the perfect blend of trim and tactics. As an added bonus they are beautiful little yachts, perfectly suited to our shallow waters. Apparently many people agree, as our fleet continues to grow rapidly. You may be surprised to see on page 3 that our fleet now numbers 51 boats.

Oh yes, those few simple tricks to setting up a Sandpiper? Mast raked slightly forward, forestay loose, board full down upwind, outhauls just snug, give her lots of sheet—but you knew all that. See you on the water!◆

In the fall of 1972, with the boat not very rigorously tested, the Sandpiper was chosen as the "mystery boat" for the North American Inter-Class Solo Championships, which was being held at Barrington, Rhode Island. This three day invitational regatta featured ten of the best sailors in the country, including Gary Jobson, Robbie Doyle and Ted Turner. The type of boat for the first and third day was announced to the racers months before the regatta (Laser and Sunfish), but the boat for the second day, the "mystery boat"

Please see *Sandpiper History* on page 4

BBYRA Innovations for 2005

By Jim Cadranel

Responding to requests from the various classes, the BBYRA has delivered a revamped schedule and changes that should make for a highly interesting and competitive year Down Bay. Kudos to the Regatta and Class Liaison Committees, chaired by Bill Scheyer and Bob Morrow, respectively, for being responsive to the competitors requests. We have a 12 race schedule with all double race days with the exception of BHYC/MCYC and SPYC. The Sandpipers will now be the last morning class to start, based on speed ratings.

The following changes were recently posted on the BBYRA webpage by Sailing Instructions Chairman Jim Carson:

- Skipper (person in charge) need not be the helmsman but must be on board. (SI 5.1)
- Daily entries will be scored. (Racing Rule C5)
- Time to Warning Signal after onshore postponement reduced. (SI 4.2)
- Changes in starting order. See schedule. (SI 6)
- Radio may be used by contestants to report DNS, DNF and emergencies. (SI 5.3, 10, 21)
- Radio may be used by Committee to hail OCS. (SI 10, 21)
- An Initial Mark (Green) may be used that is to be rounded to port prior to assuming the posted course. When used a green shape or flag will be displayed with the course. (SI 7.4)
- Offset Mark eliminated. (Portable Courses)
- Starting line exclusion retained but finish line exclusion deleted. (SI 9.5)
- Courses 7 & 8 finish will be at a separate finish line, not the leeward mark. (SI 26)
- Time limit reduced to two hours. Boats finishing more than 20 minutes after first boat will be DNF. (SI 12.1)
- No morning race will have a Warning Signal after 11:30. (SI 12.2)
- No afternoon race will have a Warning Signal after 3:30. (SI 12.2)
- Penalties will be one turn instead of two. (SI 14.1)
- Failed inspection will be DSQ instead of DNE. (SI 14.4)

With all those double race days and shorter, more competitive courses, we should attract even bigger fleets than last year. Could this be the year we get 20 Sandpipers on the starting line? We'll find out soon.◆

BBYRA SANDPIPER CHAMPIONS

2004	Andy Brown	Gumbie Cat	BHYC
2003	Mimi Dimon	Sandpiper	MCYC
2002	Mimi Dimon	Sandpiper	MCYC
2001	Mimi Dimon	Sandpiper	MCYC
2000	Jim Urner	Tramp	BHYC
1999	Mimi Dimon	Sandpiper	MCYC
1998	Mimi Dimon	Sandpiper	MCYC
1997	Jim Dunn	Gale Force	BHYC
1996	Mimi Dimon	Sandpiper	MCYC
1995	Andy Brown	Tattler	BHYC
1994	Dick Hewson	For Fun	BHYC

Barnegat Bay Sandpiper Register

Boat	Owner	Club	Sail #	Hull #	Year	Email
Actitis Macularia	Dan Harding	BHYC	BH 32	377	1996	dharding@hlmnet.com
AppleVan	Tom Applegate	BHYC	BH 2			applegates@bytheshore.com
Baby Cat II	Nancy Nebel	MYC	MA 13			mantonanny@aol.com
Bella Vita	Adrienne Ferrie	MCYC	MC 17		2005	rferrie@comcast.net
Blue Jacket	Mitch Shivers	BHYC	BH 88			mitchell_shivers@hotmail.com
Bob Cat II	Bobbie O'Connell	BHYC	BH 10			bobcat971@aol.com
Breezy	Lou Goetting	BHYC	BH 70	322	1993	lgoetting4@aol.com
Calidris	Connie/Ross Pilling	MYC	M 2	292	1992	cpilling@comcast.net
Charrette	Jud Moorhouse	BHYC	BH 16			willmoor@bigfoot.com
Cat's Paw	John Bradish	BHYC	BH 27	503	2003	
Catsup	Neil Sigety	MYC	MA 5	487	2002	vwsigety@ptd.net
Father John	Rick Tell	BHYC	BH 166	318	1992	rtell@tellsystems.com
Feather	Tay Adams	BHYC	BH 58	348	1994	tayadams@aol.com
For Fun	Bill/Connie Fortenbaugh	BHYC	BH 23			fortenb@rci.rutgers.edu
Gale Force	Jim/Gail Dunn	BHYC	BH 6	373	1996	stbd303@aol.com
Gloria	Anne Dougherty	MCYC	MC 9	507	2003	anne.dougherty@csfb.com
Green Machine	John Wardell	BHYC	BH 27			
Gumbie Cat	Ed/Mary Beth King	BHYC	BH 55	261	1988	nails462@aol.com
J-Cat	Jennifer Durrua	MCYC	MC 5			jenndurrua@comcast.net
Jitterbug	David Kaugher	BHYC	BH 5			davidkaugher@patmedia.net
Just Wright	Herb Wright	BHYC	BH 12	302	1991	herbwright@aol.com
La Gata Gorda	Ben Tregoe	BHYC	BH 11			btregoe@tregoe.org
Marie	Jim Cadranell	BHYC	BH 24	499	2003	jcadranel@comcast.net
Marisa	David Chafey	BHYC	BH 4			
One-A-Cat	Bill Wilson	BHYC				
Pagan Baby	Anne Kennard	BHYC	BH 15	301	1991	amkennard@aol.com
Pi	Herb McCutchan	MCYC	MC 12			ins1898@hotmail.com
Puff	Bob Applegate	BHYC	BH 25			winiapplegate@hotmail.com
Quality Time	E. Lehnnes/G. Francis	MCYC	MC 8			
Ranger	Sam Starkey	BHYC	BH 5			4rooster@comcast.net
Rosebud	Rose Wagner	MYC	MA 9	514	2004	rosewagner@bloomberg.net
Rumble II	Don Redlinger	MYC	MA 25	486	2002	donredlinger@aol.com
Rumpelteazer	Bob Post	MYC	MA 26			zaney@mindspring.com
Salty Dog	Charles Hutchinson	SPYC	S 2	67	1977	
Sandpiper	Mimi Dimon	MCYC	MC 1	376	1996	mmdimon30@hotmail.com
Scooter	John/Jackie Cutting	MCYC	MC 18	426	1999	jackiemc18@aol.com
Second Wind	Barbara Jenkins	MYC	M 37	455	2000	david.a.jenkins@att.net
Sport	Jocko Kerr	MYC				johnmkerrnj1@comcast.net
Sweet Bay	Dick Sameth	BHYC		457	2000	res@westernpest.com
Tattler	John Cunningham	BHYC	BH 1			
Tigger	David Brown	MYC	MA 21			browndavehen@msn.com
Tramp	Peter Kellogg	BHYC	BH 29	326	1993	pkellogg@iatre.com
Wee SPY	Peter Sayia	SPYC	S 1	102	1978	psayia@hotmail.com
Wet Feet	Ed Maritz	MCYC	MC 4	450	2000	sandpipered@juno.com
	Austin Fragomen	MYC	MA 59			afragomen@fragomen.com
	Bill Metler	MYC				louieandbill@comcast.net
	John Haas	SPYC				jhaas@co.ocean.nj.us
	Carol Hewitt	NBYC	NB 1			
	Paul Adams	SAYC	SA 1			
	Peter Green	MYC				
	Peter Van Duyne	MYC	M 15			pvand@optonline.com

Sandpiper History from page 1

was not revealed until that morning. There was some grumbling amongst the skippers that it was not a performance racing dinghy, but the playing field was even.

After a few late nights, ten boats were built for the regatta. I've been told that the varnish on some of them air dried as they were towed via water to Barrington. As luck would have it, a typical New England Sou'wester rolled in with the wind piping up to 30 plus knots. The race was held anyway and the result was ten fierce competitors truly putting these boats to the test. Other than a few hardware failures, the boats proved that they could take some punishment. The exposure this regatta provided was a great boost and as a result orders started coming in.

Most of the new boats were being sold to individuals looking for a stable, simple daysailer. A cuddy version of the Sandpiper was first offered in 1976. In 1977, Universal Studios purchased two Sandpipers for the filming of JAWS II. This certainly gave the boat more exposure, even though the boats were not treated very well by the shark.

In the 1980's some racing fleets began to develop. A number of Sandpipers were sold to Duxbury, Massachusetts in the late 1980's and this fleet is still going strong today with 10 to 12 boats consistently showing up on a starting line. There is also a very active class of 15 to 20 Sandpipers in Useppa Island on the west coast of Florida. This fleet has seen a very rapid growth since the mid 1990's.

Barnegat Bay certainly hosts the largest concentration of Sandpipers in one area, with almost 50 boats in the various clubs. While the Sandpipers have been sailing and racing on the

Bay since the mid 1980's they officially became a BBYRA class in 1994. With the hard work of this organization the class is still growing today.

Sandpipers can be found from Canada to the Bahamas and all across the United States. The shop in South Dartmouth, Massachusetts is still building an average of 10 new Sandpipers and refurbishing two or three of the older ones per year. We molded hull number 525 this winter. We are always happy to help Sandpiper owners by answering questions or sending parts to keep their boats in good shape and make sure they are accomplishing the most important aspect of Sandpiper sailing. Having fun!◆



DICK SPECK

A beautiful day last fall on the Metedeconk River.

SANDPIPER SCHEDULE--2005

May 1	Spring Series #1 & #2 @ MCYC	July 21	Evening Catboats #5 @ MCYC
May 8	Spring Series #3 & #4 @ MCYC	July 22	Callahan Memorial @ BHYC
May 15	Spring Series #5 & #6 @ MCYC	July 23	BBYRA #6 & #7 @ SAYC
May 22	Spring Series #7 & #8 @ MCYC	July 28	Evening Catboats #6 @ MCYC
May 29	Spring Series #9 & #10 @ MCYC	Aug 4	Evening Catboats #7 @ MCYC
June 5	Spring Series Make-Up Day @ MCYC	Aug 8	Evening Catboats #8 @ MCYC
June 12	Sandpiper Spring Meeting @ BHYC	Aug 13	BBYRA #8 & #9 @ NBYC
June 18	Spring Tune-Up @ MCYC	Aug 18	Evening Catboats #9 @ MCYC
June 23	Evening Catboats #1 @ MCYC	Aug 27	BBYRA #10 & #11 @ LYC
June 25	BBYRA #1 @ BHYC/MCYC (Piper Mug)	Sept 3	BBYRA #12 @ SPYC
June 30	Evening Catboats #2 @ MCYC	Sept 17	Fall Series #1 @ BHYC (Adams Memorial)
July 7	Evening Catboats #3 @ MCYC	Sept 24	Fall Series #2 & #3 @ BHYC
July 9	BBYRA #2 & #3 @ MYC/MRYC	Oct 1	Fall Series #4 & #5 @ BHYC
July 14	Evening Catboats #4 @ MCYC	Oct 8	Fall Series #6 & #7 @ BHYC
July 15	Ver Planck for Women @ BHYC	Oct 15	Fall Series #8 & #9 @ BHYC
July 16	BBYRA #4 & #5 @ TRYC	Oct 23	Turkey Bowl @ MCYC

New Faces in Sandpiper Fleet

By Jim Cadranel

Meet these recent additions to the Sandpiper Fleet:

George Francis and Eric

Lehnes. George and Eric are co-owners of a Sandpiper they found in Annapolis last year.

George grew up sailing in the area and demonstrated his knowledge of the Bay with a commanding lead in the final BBYRA race last year.

George and his wife Carolyn live in Brick and have a daughter, Gillian, who enjoys sailing with her dad.

George manages two family businesses, American School Service Company, which sells trophies and corporate jewelry and Surf and

Offshore, a boat dealer and ship's chandlery in Pt. Pleasant Beach.

Eric is also a lifelong sailor who cut his teeth on Sunfish, Lasers, Hobie-Cats and Thistles. He and his wife Sue have two daughters, Alex and Jackie. They live in Brick. Eric is an Ob-Gyn specialist.

Both George and Eric are members of Metedeconk River Yacht Club. They will be sharing duties skippering their Sandpiper in the BBYRA. Their favorite part of owning a Sandpiper is taking their daughters out sailing with them, hence their boat's name, "Quality Time". Their sail number is MC 8. Last year you couldn't miss

Don't miss the Dave Perry seminar offered by the BBYRA on Friday evening, June 17 at OCC. Details at bbyra.org

Please see *New Faces* on page 6

The Shorebird

c/o Jim Cadranell
1836 Shore Blvd
Pt. Pleasant, NJ 08742
T: 732-899-8974
F: 973-549-2060
E-Mail: jcadranell@comcast.net

Please contribute any items that would be of interest to the Fleet!

Class Officers:

Anne Kennard, Fleet Captain

732-892-4864
amkennard@aol.com

Jim Dunn, Measurer

732-295-9010
starbd303@aol.com

Mimi Dimon, BBYRA Class Rep.

609-499-0587
mmdimon30@hotmail.com

New Faces from page 5

their boat with its festive American flag pennant streaming off the gaff. George and Eric, glad to have you in the fleet.

Adrienne Ferrie. Adrienne and her husband Ralph are expecting...a new Sandpiper, that is. She is due from Marshall in late spring and will be white with a green bootstripe and a bone deck. Adrienne has been sailing on the Bay off and on since she was a young girl. She will be sailing for Metedeconk River Yacht Club where she has crewed on Sandpipers with Jackie Cutting and Ed Maritz and races a Sunfish in the women's program. Her sail number will be MC 17. Adrienne plans to have her husband Ralph or her daughter Gina crew for her. Adrienne is a Speech and Language Pathologist and lives in Brick. She is presently Vice President of the MCYC Mermates and is active in the race and social committees. Welcome to the fleet, Adrienne. ♦

The Shorebird, Fleet Newsletter of the Sandpiper Class of Barnegat Bay

c/o Jim Cadranell
1836 Shore Blvd
Pt. Pleasant, NJ 08742

