

The Beetle Sheet

Fall 2010

The Newsletter of the New England Beetle Cat Boat Association

FROM THE HELM

The 2010 Leo J. Telesmanick Championship Regatta, hosted by Chapoquoit Yacht Club in West Falmouth, was another winner. Twenty Four Beetles raced in the five races on Saturday and the same number in two races on Sunday. Under the auspices of variable wind speed and direction, the Race Committee managed to produce good courses with prompt start times. This was demonstrated as the fleet split tacks and spread out on the upwind legs, often converging at the windward mark. John Fallon sailed brother Tim's new Beetle beautifully, winning three of the first five races to secure the Overall trophy. Thanks go out to all the people at Chapoquoit Yacht Club who made the 2010 Leo a success, with special thanks to Nina Mills and Nat Ross.

On another joyful note, Congratulations to Tim Fallon and Karen Renzulli, who were married in September on the beach at Wild Harbor. Our joy is added to their own.

This year's Travelers Trophy, awarded to the crew that comes the farthest distance to participate in the Championship Regatta, goes to Drew McMullen and his wife and crew Marie Claire Gervais of Chestertown, Maryland. It is inspiring that these are first time Beetle owners who learned of the Regatta from the Summer newsletter and decided to trail their boat here to participate. They report having a good time and plan to race again next year.

The annual NEBCBA membership meeting on July 31 resulted in the re-election of the four standing officers and at-large member Nancy Rogers. The other at-large position, opened by Jen Kano's retirement from the Board, went to Scott Bearse of Barnstable Yacht Club. Our congratulations and thanks to Scott, and our appreciation and thanks to Jen for all she has done and continues to do for the Beetle Cat world.

The Fall meeting of the Board of Governors will be held on November 1st at Lindsey's restaurant in Wareham. All are welcome.

CARPE NAVEM !

Charlie York, Chairman

News From the Beetle Boat Shop

We had an awesome time at the Woodenboat Show at Mystic. Bill Sauerbrey and his wife Florence sailed the Alerion "Thetis" down to Mystic from Mattapoisett with the Beetle Pram in tow (she has no engine). "Thetis" took home the Concourse d'Elegance award for the best professionally built boat at the show! In addition, "Thetis" is also being featured in the 2011 Woodenboat Calendar. Bill's Beetle Cat "Sea Bee" was on display at the show and was sold to a gentleman who will be sailing the boat in the bayous of Louisiana.

Tim Fallon and crew on board the 28' Hanley catboat "Kathleen" were busy racing the 33' catboat "Silent Maid" in a series of races throughout the summer. We are proud to say that "Kathleen" won the overall series with her extremely talented sailors, which included a big win at the Arey's Pond Catboat gathering.

The Beetle Shop was featured in the Sept/Oct Issue of Woodenboat Magazine in which Stan Grayson wrote 7-page article titled "Boat Care the Beetle Way". We have received lot of compliments from current owners who said they learned at least a few things they should be doing and haven't been!

We are proud to announce that Manny Palomo married his sweetheart Melanie this summer. Manny is one of our talented boatbuilders who started building Beetle Cats as an apprentice back in 2003, traveled around for a while, and came back to the shop in 2007 to help build the Alerion with Bill Sauerbrey. We wish them all the best!

We recently joined the Facebook bandwagon by starting a page called the "Beetle Cat Boat Shop" (you can also view it from our homepage if you are not a member of Facebook). This will allow us to get information and photos out more quickly.

The restoration of the 32' Noank Schooner continues with the fir deck currently being laid. The schooner along with new Beetle Cats and skiffs will be on display at our Annual Open House December 4th from 1 to 6pm. Please RSVP prior to December 1st to 508-295-8585 or e-mail me at michelle@beetlecat.com with the number attending.

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THE WEEKAPAUG YACHT CLUB

2010 BEETLE NEWS

July

The 2010 July Beetle series got off to an exciting start on Sunday, July 4th as Bill Boll and Dave Bryant battled mano e mano for four races in light air on the second pond. Dave, with his crew Caitlin Gruer, won two races in his brand new Beetle and Bill, with his steady crew, his daughter Julia, also won two races and inched out Dave to win the July 4th Cup. Scott Wakeman, sailing consistently well with Anne Earle in Bumpo beat out Chuck Delamater, sailing in his beautiful new Beetle, for third by only one point. Also, it was good to have Charlie Ellis back on the pond sailing with Crystal Cone in Chuck Delamater's old boat, which Charlie lovingly reconditioned over the winter.

On July 11, the fleet raced on the third pond in medium air. Even though the pond was different from the previous week, the results of the three races weren't. Bill Boll won two races and came in second behind Dave Bryant in one. Charlie Ellis's spar broke after he came in third in the first race and he had to retire for the day. Steve Glovinsky sailed consistently well with his young crew Sam Johnsen.

In medium/heavy air on the third pond on July 18, Steve Glovinsky got off to a perfect start in the first race and won going away as the rest of the fleet could barely make out his blue transom. As usual, Bill Boll won the next two races. Charlie Ellis and Scott Wakeman, both sailing consistently well, battled Dave Bryant for third and fourth place for the day. The competition is friendly but intense among the top five skippers, which makes the fleet very exciting and challenging to sail in.

The final day of the July series, July 25th, had the usual suspects battling for dominance. In medium air on the third pond, Steve Glovinsky won the first race, Bill Boll won the second race, and Dave Bryant won the third race. Steve won the day with a first and two seconds, Bill was second for the day with a first, a second and a third, and Dave was third for the day with a first, a third, and a sixth. Julia Bradford sailed consistently well, and with a third and two fourths came in fourth for the day.

Consistent performer Bill Boll, with more firsts than any other skipper and no finishes lower than a fifth, won the July series with 21.25 total points. Dave Bryant came in second in July with 35 points, and Steve Glovinsky was third with 59.5 points. These skippers and their crews were awarded cups in the awards ceremony on July 31. And this year the 100-percent awards for participating in all the races were nice metal whistles on WYC lanyards, which everyone appreciated and which, surprisingly enough, did not create a shrill cacophony during the slide show after the awards ceremony.

August

The August series kicked off on August 1, with four exciting races in the first pond, which was necessary because of an unusual east wind. Of the eight Beetles that raced, half were skippered by women, who dominated the day. Julia Bradford won the day with three seconds and a third, Melinda Walsh, sailing Skimmer for the first time in 40 years sailed brilliantly and won two races. Dave Bryant sailed well as usual until his outhaul broke on the last race in which he came in seventh. Bill Boll and Bill Adams each won a race. Cameron Thompson, who ran the races for the day, got in four races and three longer races using courses 5 and 6, which pleased most of the skippers because with longer windward legs there were more opportunities to use smart sailing tactics and to catch other boats.

August has been sizzling hot for Beetle racing; it's like the old Abbot and Costello routine, "Who's on first?" Melinda Walsh proved that the first week in the August Series, in which she won two races, was not a fluke as she won a race the second week and finished second for the day with 8.75 points. Bill Boll won a race and had two thirds to win the day with 6.75 points, and Steve Glovinsky, back from coming in second in the Old Salts division in the Leo Telesmanick Regatta, won a race and came in third for the day with 9.75 points, just inching out Bill Adams, who sailed consistently well and finished the day with 10 points.

After two weeks and seven races in August, the top four sailors are so close that it's almost immoral: Bill Boll and Steve Glovinsky are tied at the top with 19.5 points, and only a half point separates Melinda Walsh in third (22.25) and Bill Adams in fourth (22.75). Steve Glovinsky's August score is determined by his score on the 8th and his average score for the August series because he participated in the Leo Telesmanick national Beetle championship regatta the first week, thus his score for the second week was doubled.

The level of competition in the Beetle fleet this August has never been higher. No skipper is a clear front runner, and the women are breaking an era of male skipper dominance.



On August 15, the third day of racing in the August series, Beetle sailors went to the third pond for three closely contested races in a steady medium SE wind. Steve Glovinsky, with his experienced crew, Dick Newton, won the first two races going away after getting off to excellent committee-boat end starts. Steve had a fourth in the third and last race to win the day with 4.5 points and take the lead in the August series with 25.41 points, which is an average of his two weeks of sailing because the first week in the series he skippered in the Leo Telesmanick regatta.

Bill Boll, with his hard-working crew, Julia Boll, didn't win a race, but came in second for the day with 8 points and slipped back to second in the August series with a total of 27.5 points. Dave Bryant, with his shirtless crew, Sterns Bryant, redeemed himself for the day by winning the third race and coming in third for the day with 11.75 points, inching out Julia Bradford, with her crusty old crew Charlie Warner. Julia sailed consistently well and came in fourth for the day with 12 points. Bill Adams, with his crew Liz Adams, also sailed consistently well and was able to maintain his third place in the August series.

Cameron Thompson used Course 5 for the first race and Course 6 for the next two races, which were longer races and gave the skippers more time for tactical maneuvers and smart sailing, thus allowing them the opportunity to overtake boats.

Next week, August 22, will be the fourth and final week in the August series, and should be an interesting battle for first between Bill Boll and Steve Glovinsky. And the battle for third-place trophies should also be close among Bill Adams, Dave Bryant, Melinda Walsh, and Julia Bradford.

As a group of hardy Beetle sailors gathered at the Yacht Club at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 22, some were disappointed because the head of the Race Committee and the Head Instructor cancelled the Beetle races due to heavy winds, others were relieved. The postponement meant that the races on Saturday, August 28, would count for both the Labor Day Cup and the final races in the August series.

Eleven Beetles inched out to the third pond in very light air at 12:00 noon. The starting line was crowded with Optis, 420s, and Beetles, but Head Instructors Cameron and Meredith managed the races well even though the first two Beetle starts were recalled because of no wind.

The first race finally got off in very light air with Bill Boll, Steve Glovinsky, Bill Adams, and Julia Bradford in the front line, and then formed a typical parade on Course 3 (a triangle) until the finishing leg when Glovinsky headed up Adams and allowed Bradford to sneak in for a second behind Boll.

The wind oscillated sporadically as it shifted from the North to the South West and increased in intensity in the next two races, with Bill Boll getting a first and then a second behind Melinda Walsh, who won the third race. Steve Glovinsky and Bill Adams sailed consistently well in the shifting conditions and both wound up with 14 points and in a virtual tie for second place behind Bill Boll's stunning 3.5 points. Glovinsky edged out Adams for second place for the Labor Day Cup series by coming in ahead of Adams in two of three races.

And these finishes were a preview for the August series: Bill Boll and crew Julia Boll in first with 32 points, Steve Glovinsky and crew Dick Newton in second with 44.25 points, and Bill Adams and Liz Adams in third with 53.75 points.

Saturday evening at the annual WYC awards ceremony, incoming Commodore Nonie Price announced the winners of the 2010 season Beetle series, and, which to no one's shock; the winning trophy went to the superb sailor Bill Boll and his crew Julia Boll. Second-place trophies went to consistent young sailor Dave Bryant, whose crews rotated among his girlfriend, his mother, his father, and anyone he could find, thus proving once again that it's the skipper who is responsible for excellent sailing and winning. Third place for the season went to Steve Glovinsky and his crew Dick Newton, as did the annual Bradford Trophy, given to the Beetle sailor who demonstrates enthusiasm for Beetle sailing and consistent good sportsmanship. Steve was the only skipper to represent the WYC in the Leo Telesmanick this year, and was an extremely popular choice for the award.

The highlight of the award ceremonies were the impromptu remarks by Melinda Walsh when she picked up her first-place glass. Melinda skillfully skippered Skimmer in the August series, even though she has not raced actively in 40 years (her claim, which the author of *Beetle News* finds impossible to believe because she doesn't look a day over 40). Melinda thanked the sailors in the Beetle fleet for welcoming her and encouraging her. Then she read an email from legendary champion sailor and former WYC Commodore Art Ellis. His email was in response to conversation Melinda had with him about her concern about racing after such long absence. The email read:

The secret of course is to fall in love with the process and not the result. You won't always win and you may end up winning far less than an even share...but if you enjoy the sailing, the company you keep, the intensity of the challenge and sometimes just the escape from the rigors and pressures of everyday life, you have succeeded.



This message got the loudest and most sustained applause of the evening, as world-class sailor, teacher, and mentor Art Ellis beamed from the sidelines. Thanks for putting it all in perspective, Art.

The 2010 Beetle season was enriched by new boats and new families sailing and by the Saturday morning Beetle Clinics which often featured Charlie and Art Ellis's model yachts, which were raced by adults and children to everyone's glee and excitement.

It was also terrific having Ellises back in the fleet, with Charlie sailing his refurbished boat in the July series and Richard Chase sailing with Cal Ellis in the Labor Day Cup races in M&M, which Richard had purchased that day from Bob Byrnes. John and Susan Kelley were enthusiastic, always smiling, and steadily improving for the whole season, and Kit and Carol Carmody added a positive, sunny attitude to the fleet. Dave Bryant sailed his new boat well and Bill Adams demonstrated that a skilled skipper can do well in a slow fiber-glass boat.

As the Beetle fleet expands, it gets more competitive, but not less friendly. This attitude is a tribute to the collegiality of the Beetle fleet and of the Weekapaug Yacht Club and to the love of the process of sailing, as Art Ellis stated so well. Next year, in 2011, the WYC will host the Leo Telesmanick Regatta once again. Plans for a successful regatta are under way, and WYC members should not be surprised to get an email asking for help as a volunteer for tasks involved in the regatta. We assume, of course, that all WYC Beetle sailors will also be racing in the Leo.

Have a wonderful winter, and we'll see you on the pond next summer. By Charlie Warner

48th Annual Westport River Labor Day Regatta

Notwithstanding 20-30 knot winds, low tide, and an incoming current, on September 5th three courageous Beetle Cat skippers and crews crossed the line with reefed sails to start the 48th annual Westport River Labor Day Regatta. Participants included Heather Hawes Dwyer and Jillian Hawes in *Pollywog*, Mark Edwards and his daughter Sarah sailing *Whereas*, and the 2009 winner, Bill Wickes with crew Carroll Williamson aboard *Magpie*.

On the first leg, a fetch to windward against the current, skipper Mark Edwards opened a small lead and rounded the initial mark with a smartly executed jibe in sloppy seas near the Westport Harbor entrance. Heather Dwyer and Bill Wickes, employing different tactics at the first mark, trailed Mark and Sarah Edwards on the long downwind second leg that required skillful navigation through shallow waters and use of a strong incoming current in the Westport River's main channel. By the time boats reached Crack Rock, a navigation point (and hazard) near F. L. Tripp & Sons Boat Yard, Mark Edwards in *Whereas* had opened up a five minute lead over *Magpie* and *Pollywog*.

Strong westerly winds and opposing current over salt flats and through marshes combined to make the third leg the race's most challenging. Leading comfortably, *Whereas* tacked effectively—initially to avoid opposing currents and eventually to make use of favorable flows. Sailing in close quarters, *Magpie* and *Pollywog* engaged in a spirited tacking duel that was not decided until *Pollywog*, attempting to pass *Magpie* to windward, ran aground on mud flats across a narrow channel from Ben's Point.



By the time *Whereas* rounded the final mark, there remained little doubt as to the regatta outcome. Although sailing again close-hauled against an opposing current, the race's last leg required Mark and Sarah Edwards to tack only once before finishing. Bill Wickes and Carroll Williamson followed eight minutes later in *Magpie*. Following her third-leg encounter with the Westport River bottom, *Pollywog* retired and did not finish. The race concluded, skippers and crews met on the Spindle Rock Club beach to compare notes, congratulate Mark and Sarah Edwards on their well-deserved victory, rehydrate regatta participants, and dehydrate (bail) regatta Beetle Cats. By Tom Schmitt



Beetle Cat Dreams Do Come True By Cathy Taylor

Over several years, Roy Terwilliger and I talked about how much fun it would be to participate in the annual Nantucket Race Week Rainbow Parade. Early this summer, we decided it was time to finally take action to perhaps make this dream into a reality. Would it be possible to borrow an unused Beetle Cat hull and only take our sail out to the island? Where would we even start?

As my daughter Emily was in her third season as the youth program director for Nantucket Community Sailing, I emailed her about our idea, and asked if she might investigate the possibility of using a Nantucket "Rainbow" hull. Well, the rest is history! After many e-mails back and forth throughout July and early August, the deal was sealed. A Nantucket Yacht Club member would loan their Beetle Cat to us, and NYC would kindly transport us out to the harbor mooring to boot! Our instructions were to "meet under the NYC flagpole at 8:45AM"! We had our marching orders and parade instructions and were ready to go!

On August 15th, thankfully another gorgeous day, I picked Roy up in Harwich at 5:30AM, in time for the 6:30AM fast ferry to Nantucket. Upon our 7:30AM Nantucket Island arrival, Roy and I enjoyed a terrific breakfast outside at, where else, the *Even Keel Café*. We then strolled over to our agreed meeting spot under the NYC flagpole, which was a busy hub of activity in preparation for the day's Opera House Cup Regatta. We were met by yet another kind NYC member, who ushered us out to *Diastole* with our hot pink and white striped sail in tow. Working together, Roy and I carefully and quickly removed the owner's sail, and replaced it with our pink and white E43. We were now indeed ready to realize our collective dream! As per Roy's instructions, I cast the boat off her mooring!

Wow! What followed was a riot! As we were clueless as to where to go in this busy and unfamiliar harbor, we watched carefully for the lead boat, #C5 with a royal blue sail and American flag. When we saw it, we stuck to it like glue! With a strong outgoing tide and the harbor chock full of ferry traffic, classic wooden yachts, spectator boats, the rainbow fleet, harbor patrol, race committee and launch boats, navigating was no easy feat (I reminded Roy that *we* had the right of way!?!). At first there were only a few "Rainbows", but as 10AM parade start time approached, Beetle Cats with colorful sails appeared in almost every color and seemingly from every direction! It was so much fun, but I am sure happy that I was not skippering! We sailed part way out the harbor by all of the spectators at Brant Point Lighthouse beach, and then, of course, following C5's lead, we tacked our way back in against the strong outgoing tide. When we finally made it around the bend of the lighthouse (not easy in the narrow, crowded harbor) C5 turned back *to do it all over again!* Roy and I were both surprised how deep the water was right into the shore, allowing the boats to get right up close to the spectators.

Several people from the shore or spectator boats recognized the E43 sail ("E" designating Chatham), and it was indeed fun to hear a familiar greeting coming from the crowd of spectators.

Upon the conclusion of the parade, we gleefully, yet cautiously, sailed *Diastole* back to her mooring. Although we were sad that our Rainbow Parade sail was about to end, I think Roy, as skipper, was secretly glad to be out of the way of both those enormous ferry boats and classic wooden yachts as well!

Our Nantucket adventure did not end at the mooring however. Kim (Donovan) Baylis and husband Ted picked us up at the mooring and transported us to their new 43' yacht, which was moored in the harbor for the weekend of events. We motored out in "Undecided" to view all of the starts of the Opera House Cup regatta, which were magnificent to watch, canon blasts and all! Then we raised our sails and spinnaker, and enjoyed a leisurely broad reach all the way back to Saquatucket Harbor in Harwich, MA, and, at one point, crossing the path of the racing Opera House Cup boats!



Photo Courtesy of Charlotte Mathey

What a day! Roy and I would like to thank everyone who made our dream a reality, including the weather Gods! We would especially like to thank my daughter, Emily, and the kind folks at Nantucket Yacht Club, especially *Diastole's* owners, as well as all the Rainbow Parade participants who complimented us on our Chatham sail and made us feel part of the group. Sailors (and Beetle Cat owners!) are indeed a generous people, and, in this case, so many people had a hand in making the day terrific and memorable from start to finish!

Board of Governors

FALL DINNER MEETING NEW ENGLAND BEETLE CAT BOAT ASSOCIATION MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, 2010

LINDSEY'S RESTAURANT
3138 Cranberry Highway (Route 6), Wareham, MA Tel: 508-759-5544

COCKTAILS AT 6:00PM, DINNER AT 6:45PM

MENU: *Choice of:* Chicken Divan, Lemon Crumb Haddock, Tenderloin Tips
Includes: Salad, mashed potatoes, vegetable, dessert and coffee/tea \$24.00/person

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My Check is enclosed for: \$ _____ Total

Please return this form together with your check payable to NEBCBA by Oct. 30th to:
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2010 Chatham Yacht Club Season

It was an exciting and busy season on Pleasant Bay this year. Although the size of the fleet has decreased somewhat, the quality of the racers has improved to the point that almost anyone out on the course is capable of winning at any time. Having said that, Ted Dickson dominated the early part of the season, including winning the season trophy for Tuesday series. Unfortunately, Ted had to return to his school job early in August and that downgraded some of his overall scores for the season in the Saturday series. Another excellent sailor, Carolyn Paczkowska, won both the Saturday series and the Ladies series this year.

The Chatham YC regatta was huge success with over 100 boats attending this free regatta. Someone said that it never blew hard for the regatta, but this year was different. Both days were windy. The Saturday races were held with full sails, but on Sunday it was blowing enough early in the morning that the fleet called for a reef. The PRO said she was not going to show the reef flag so the fleet made its own decision based on reports of whitecaps in the middle of the bay at 9:00 am. Cathy Taylor brought in a couple of "ringers", her daughter and boyfriend from Nantucket Community Sailing and Nantucket Yacht Club respectively, who crewed for herself and Roy Terwilliger on Saturday. As a result of having these expert crews, Cathy and Roy were tied for the lead at the end of the day. Sunday was a different day, and, despite the call for reefs, two masts were broken. Unfortunately, the broken masts were on Cathy Taylor's and Carolyn Paczkowska's boats, and it allowed Roy Terwilliger to win the regatta despite having lost a protest in one race.

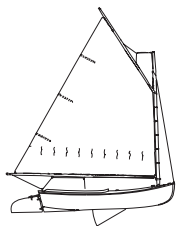
Chatham Beetle sailors also participated in the Friends of Pleasant Bay Anniversary /Arey's Pond Cat Gathering regatta, which featured another match race between large cats Kathleen and Silent Maid. It was a beautiful day with over 100 catboats on the bay, and the Beetle Cat class was won by Brendan(skipper) and Jack(crew) Murphy, aged 10 and 8. Incidentally, Kathleen beat Silent Maid in a hard fought race.

The CYC Beetles ended the season with a "cruise" around the Bay, which was attended by five Beetles and two other catboats. Typical for Pleasant Bay, the wind died completely in the middle of the cruise, but after a pleasant lunch stop on one of the islands, it blew hard right in our face for the return to the club. A fitting end for a great season!

By Roy Terwilliger



CYC Regatta Winner Roy Terwilliger and crew Emily Taylor plow thru some Rough Waves
Photo Courtesy of Rob Bergh



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