The Newsletter of the New England Beetle Cat Boat Association

THE BEETLE SHEET FALL 2024

2024 Leo in Wianno *photo by Emily Ferguson*

FROM THE HELM

We do a lot of Beetle Cat racing at Edgewood Yacht Club. We tend to run short races, so we get in a lot of starts. That usually means over 50 races during the course of our long season, from the chilly (and often breezy) first Wednesday in June to the chilly (and often breezy) last Wednesday in September, with many languid July and August evenings in between. Over that time, in addition to spending a lot of time frustrated at our own selves and angry at our boats for not being faster, we spend a lot of time together as a fleet. Because we run the races right off the northeast corner of our marina, we talk between races to spectators and to Stephanie, my wife and our stalwart Race Committee volunteer. And we also talk to each other—about the last race, about sail trim, about life. Beetle Cat racing is the common purpose for our floating around in the Providence River on weekday evenings, and it is the excuse for our doing nothing else at that time of day each summer Wednesday. It is also the excuse for spending time with friends, something for which we should need no excuse but for which, in the hectic reality of life, we often do. That time for friendship is expanded when we're invited "up the hill" to the Lanphear's house for a post-racing feast—and I do mean feast—in their backyard. And it's also expanded when we travel as a fleet to the Leo, as we did with four boats to Wianno this past August. It may or may not be true that I messed up the rigging on *Calli* for Madison and Georgia, resulting in Jim Bartro's quick work of bringing the mast down and back up again, on the water, so as to make them only a little late to the racecourse on the other side of West Bay (no harm; no foul … we were all waiting for the breeze to fill in any event). But it is definitely true that going to the Leo as a fleet adds another dimension of joy to racing with friends in the EYC Beetle Cat Fleet. Beyond Edgewood, I know from the stories I have heard that the Beetle Cat elicits a similar joy of friendship in other corners of Beetle Nation as well. I see it in the reports from the Hog Island Series, making me jealous that we stop racing at EYC in September while they continue on into October. I see it in the reports from Spindle Rock, Chatham, Weekapaug, Bass River and elsewhere. I see it in the excitement from sailors who suggest they might host the Leo in a future year. And I see it in the eyes of our youngest sailors who, sailing among the adults, are as serious about, and proud of, this tradition as the rest of us. Here's to Beetle friendships, and to another great season coming ahead in 2025, the 104th year of the Beetle Cat!

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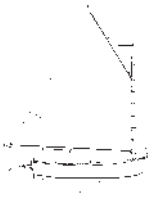

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CHATHAM YACHT CLUB 2024 SEASON WRAP-UP

by Cathy Taylor

Chatham Yacht Club once again had a great Beetle Cat racing season on Pleasant Bay. There are three weekly series at CYC, Tuesday (Race #1) is followed by the Tuesday Ladies' Series (Race #2). The third series is raced on Saturday afternoons.

The Tuesday Series was once again won by Ted & Melissa Dickson, his wife and crew, in *L'Esprit*, and they took home the Midweek Bowl trophy. Anne Sampson and her grandchildren placed second in *Jolly Two II* and Carolyn Paczkowska and crew took third place in *Schmoo II*.

The Tuesday Series is followed by the Ladies' Series in Beetle Cats. Placing third this year was Cheryl Hoenemeyer and crew in *Sea Spray* Replay. Dorothy Cary took second place with crew in *Little Cat*. Cathy Taylor and crew, Dottie Mackey, won the Tomlinson Trophy for taking first place in *Kit Kat*. See photo.

Ted and Melissa Dickson captured the Commodore's Cup in *L'Esprit* for winning the Saturday Beetle Cat Series. Carolyn Paczkowska placed second in *Schmoo II* and Brooke Bartlett placed third in *Centennial*.

Cathy Taylor (left) and her crew, Dottie Mackey, won the Tuesday Ladies' (Beetlecats) at Chatham Yacht Club in 2024 (Tomlinson Trophy). By the way, we have 156 years of longevity between us!

Summer 2024 was very windy on Pleasant Bay and consequently, several series races were cancelled. The annual Chatham Regatta, held on Saturday and Sunday, August 3 & 4, was no exception. There were thirteen Beetle Cats racing, with five races on Saturday afternoon and only one on Sunday, AM, as the wind built early, and races were cancelled for the catboat fleets. There were broken tillers and one broken mast, but no capsizes this year, thankfully! Placing third was Elizabeth Sampson in *Jolly Two II*, with her son, Cort Luciano, and Lucas Prioa as crew. Carolyn Paczkowska and her niece, Kate Carlisle, placed second in *Schmoo II*. Ted and Melissa Dickson captured first place in *L'Esprit*. All Chatham Regatta awards were framed watercolor paintings by long time CYC member and former Beetle Cat owner, David Spring.

At the end of the season, the Burmeister Beetle Cat, *Cielito*, was sold to CYC member, Carrie Spring and family. It is always nice to see a Beetle Cat transferred to someone at the same yacht club! We saw several Beetle Cats being raced with generations of family members together this season, as well as loaned boats enjoyed by the young CYC Sailing School students. Roy Terwilliger continues to loan his Beetle, Missy, to the club for teaching purposes – thank you, Roy!

The Beetle Cat sailors would like to thank the CYC Dock, Race, Scoring and Patrol Committee members for their time and expertise in assisting in all phases of racing.

The Shipley Family Adult Sailing Award was created in 2024 and recognizes six decades of contributions to CYC sailing programs by all the members of the Shipley family- a nod to "Ship-A-Lee" , their Beetle Cat. The award was made by Suzanne Leahy. Pictured are (left to right) Karen Shipley Taylor, Gwen Shipley DiRocco, Bill Shipley and Barb Shipley. Jensie Shipley is not pictured. The first winners of this award were the three Shipley daughters! Congratulations to all!

The season ended on August 17, 2024, with the closing meeting and awards ceremony. Those who could not attend were able to watch via Zoom. Two new awards were presented this year to families who have been instrumental in promoting adult sailing at CYC. Suzanne Leahy made the Shipley Family Adult Sailing Award from a Beetle transom, complete with traveler and gudgeon, and lettered with their former Beetle Cat name "Ship-A-Lee". The inaugural recipients were the three Shipley daughters, Karen Taylor, Barbara Shipley and Gwen DiRocco. The award recognizes six decades of Shipley family service to the Chatham Yacht Club! See attached photo.

The second award was also made by Suzanne (a half hull of Alice's 14' catboat, *Seas the Day*) and was named the Alice Jacobson Ronty Award. This was in honor or Alice's long-time enthusiasm for and commitment to adult sailing at CYC, and the first recipient was CYC adult sailing student, Katy Sherer.

It's a wrap for Beetle Cat racing at CYC in 2024! The mooring field shrinks a bit each day, as sailboats return to dry dock for the winter. At CYC, we like to think that we are one day closer to sailing season, 2025!

AN EXPERIENCE IN QUEBEC CITY

by Vincent Berthet

Concluding a 2019 New England summer road trip from Quebec, my partner Catherine and I had the opportunity to sail a Beetle at Mystic Seaport Museum on a fetching morning.

We were charmed at the first look, while signing our discharge in the office above the dock where she was tied, sail already up and swinging like a summer dress. Our barefeet soon had sensual interactions with its curved hull while the odorous cedar was entering in our skin and the tiller gave redolent kisses to our hands.

On our drive straight back home in the afternoon, we were still smelling the cedar, and we were still lowering our head to avoid the boom in each asphalted curve of the Vermont hills.

We realized we were in love and, while fueling just before the border, we decided that we would soon bring a Beetle Cat home.

A few weeks later, with the matchmaking of the Beetle Cat Boat Shop and the owner's openness, we tied Hull #2011 to our car with pride. The import process was easy for the boat itself – customs didn't even check if all wood was painted as required – but for the trailer to satisfy Canadian federal and provincial regulations it took time.

Once in Quebec, we knew we couldn't sail on our numerous lakes as they are mostly private or forbidden to non-residents. We had no other choice but to confront the choppy waters of the St-Lawrence River, which is stingy in bays and shelters. Local yacht-clubs were not at all more welcoming either. So we landed at the partly-sheltered Baie de Beauport in our hometown Quebec City, where a small nautical club exists for F-18s and kitesurfing.

Unfortunately, the strong local northeast wind, the "Nordet", along with many curious seadooers and other motorboaters, made it impossible to safely let the boat in the water. The club's tractor would then haul us out on sand after each sail, as all other boats on the spot.

The surprising hot Quebec summers made the hull dry out quickly. We so turned it from red to white color, and replenishing seam lines with soft beeswax was obligatory before each outing. Beeswax was perfect as NE slime is not allowed in Canada.

While on land, the lower hull was filled with freshwater and a cup of bleach renewed twice a week to let our Beetle imagine the situation was acceptable. But we were suffering for her.

Each opportunity to soak her where we could feel she was regaining life, and humidity, was taken.

Sailing on the St-Lawrence River is quite an art with strong tides and irreverent currents. Waves get jerky and unsailable when the tide is opposed to the wind direction. A true boiling pot with water entering in our more or less swollen Beetle. Although it is nice to sail under the cliffs of the Chateau Frontenac and Old Quebec, the geography in the narrow strait "Kebec" forced us various times to call for help or club towing, across ferries and a memorable *Queen Mary 2* leaving its dock and horning to us!

Most sailing was then done quite close to the shore of Baie de Beauport, between grassy and rocky flats and the St-Lawrence Seaway. Tide permitting, the ideal course was a round trip to Ile d'Orléans, two nautical miles away. Another

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2024 LEO J. TELESMANICK CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA HOSTED BY WIANNO YACHT CLUB

by Ery Largay

The 2024 Leo was hosted by Wianno Yacht Club on Cape Cod. The Wianno Sailing Foundation and NEBCBA generously provided financial support for a spectacular regatta. This was the first time Wianno had ever hosted the Leo. The event was sailed on the flat water of West Bay, off of Nantucket Sound. A tropical storm canceled racing on Saturday. A delicious lobster dinner was enjoyed on Saturday night. NEBCBA chairman, George Shuster awarded Emily Ferguson the Terwilliger Award for her dedication to the Beetle Cat class and her beautiful photographs of the boats and the families that sail them.

Peter Credon, the Wianno Yacht Club Program Director and his staff ran the races. While waiting for the Sunday morning breeze to fill, Beetle Cat sailors enjoyed the warm water and swam from their boats. The Ryley, Largay, Farrar, and Wadlow families made sandwiches, and homemade chocolate chip and oatmeal cookies were enjoyed by all.

Six races were held on Sunday in a 5-10 knot Southerly, allowing for one drop. The 25-30 minute courses were Windward-Leewards with a leeward gate. Twenty-three boats raced. Mariel Marchand and Michael Costello from Barnstable Yacht Club were incredibly fast and unstoppable. Ben Fallon and Tim Fallon from Wild Harbor Yacht Club and Sage Wadlow and Ery Largay from Wianno Yacht Club finished in second and third overall. The key to these sailors' success was good starts, finishing in the top five consistently, staying out of bad air, and coordinated boat-handling.

Competitors traveled from the Edgewood Yacht Club and the Weekapaug Yacht Club in Rhode Island, Atlantic Yacht Club in New York, Westport and many clubs from all over the Cape. Wianno Yacht Club had a record number of eight boats, four of which were from Sheila Largay's family, and their battles on the racecourse were a highlight for many Wianno Yacht Club spectators.

Thank you to Bill Womack, Jeremy King and Michelle at Beetle Inc. for your help getting boats to and from Wianno. It was very special to have so many Beetle Cats on West Bay in the weeks leading up to and after the Leo. Wianno Yacht Club would love to host the championship again in the future.

Overall Winners:
First - Mariel Marchand and Michael Costello
Second - Ben and Tim Fallon
Third - Sage Wadlow and Ery Largay

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Winning Skippers in each division (first through third) were:

Juniors - Ben Fallon, Sage Wadlow, Madison Bartro

Women - Mariel Marchand, Galen Ryley, Gretchen Hibben

Mens - Nat Edmonds, Mike Lorenz, George Shuster

Old Salts - Bryan Largay, William Shaw, Greg Egan

Ancient Mariners - Steve Glovinsky, Bob Bartro, Rick Crawford

2024 LEO J. TELESMANICK CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

Mariel and Michael also won the Women's Division

Ben Fallon with his dad won the Junior's Division

Bryan Largay and crew placed 1st in Old Salts

Steve Glovinsky and his crew placed 1st in Ancient Mariners

Nat Edmonds with his crew placed 1st in Men's Division

AN EXPERIENCE IN QUEBEC CITY (CONT.)

option was to sail in the neighboring estuary of the Rivière St-Charles, among industrial activity but in protected waters and reminiscent of times when this river was a welcoming world hotspot for wooden boat construction in dozens of shipyards along its shores. Today, all this poetry is gone. Except our Beetle.

Getting back for the haul out before the sunset and on the right tide time was always delicate process, as the ebbs and flows reach the various parts of the bay at different times in the tidal schema. And there was still a strong transversal current along the launch beach. A motor would have eased the process a lot, but some paddling and swimming turned out to be pleasant ways to end a day. When you love, you love.

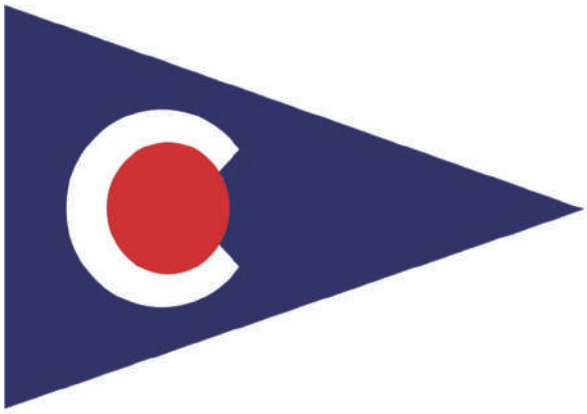
Except for those logistical difficulties, we have enjoyed some magnificent sailing in our local sandbox, and we've been allowed to race along the F-18, Laser, Bahia and Moth fleets… We certainly missed a Beetle class or fleet, or at least more wooden boats. The lack of a light sailing community whom might be able to check and help is a big difference with New-England culture. Largely, the lack of interest in wooden boats and barely access to water is an issue in Quebec province. The sailing seasons are short but a Beetle Cat in Quebec could however offer numerous wonderful trips on lakes with islands, including canoe-camping, with an engine ideally.

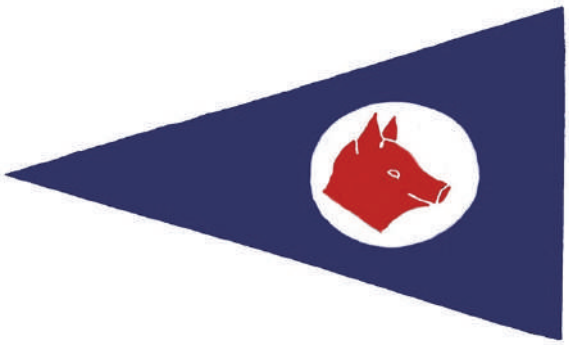
Now, at 40, we are selling #2011 and are upscaling to a bigger boat, but we definitely know that we will come back to a Beetle if the future allows us a cottage on a lake. Drinking coffee while enjoying the poetry of a Beetle swinging on his anchor, seeing grand-children sail it, would be full of love and memory.

BEETLE FLEET UPDATES
Fall 2024

This new section of the Beetle Sheet features updates about Beetle activity at NEBCBA member clubs. We'd love to include more updates – please send your update for the Spring 2025 Beetle Sheet to Stephanie Van Patten at slvp21@gmail.com.

CHAPOQUOIT YACHT CLUB





Chapoquoit Yacht Club, situated on picturesque West Falmouth harbor, added another full season of lessons and races to its 121-year history. A solid crew of instructors guided the club's next generation of sailors on the water in Beetles and Optis and some of the older kids to respectable finishes at area regattas, notably the Unkie Cup involving a handful of local clubs. Many of the young sailors tried their hand with success on the club's speedy 420s. For older members, the twice weekly races in Beetles, the club's signature boat, and in Sakonnets, a 23-foot, double-ended daysailer, provided a summer of suspense, drama and excitement for participants and onlookers. The fall brought glorious weather and the colorful sails of Beetles—on some weeks up to 18 boats—participating each Sunday morning in the legendary Hog Island Races.

Submitted by Christopher Rhoads.

See photo page 9
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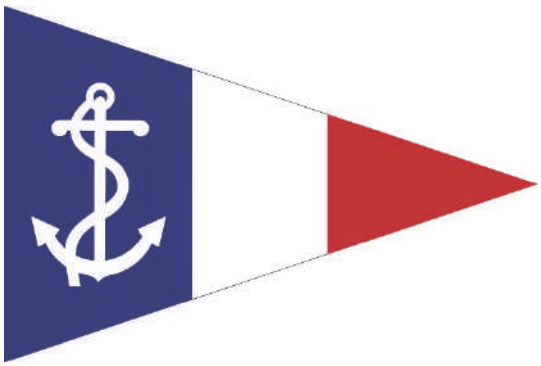
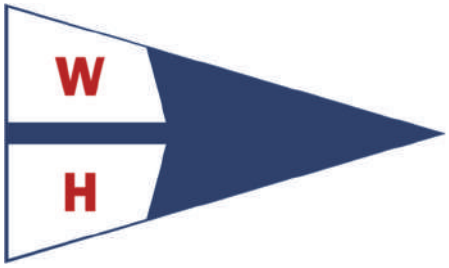
EDGEWOOD YACHT CLUB



The 2024 Beetle Cat season at EYC saw a recent record of 14 boats in the mooring field and many race nights with 9 boats on the starting line. As usual, we raced every Wednesday from the start of June to the end of September, squeezing 3 or 4 races in most nights and missing only one week on account of weather. Bill Shaw in SCARAB won the Spring Series (June) and the Summer Series (July and August), and Jim Myers in KAT won the Fall Series / Harris Sweepstakes. Jim also won the 10th Annual Pomham Rocks Beetle Cat Circumnavigation Regatta in KAT, and for that event and for the season we were glad to welcome Bill Grenga, the founder of the Pomham Rocks event, back into the fleet in his brand new Beetle, JULIE ANN. Over the decade of the Pomham Rocks event, the fleet has raised over $12,000 from voluntary race fees for the benefit of the Rhode Island chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. The EYC fleet sent four boats to the Leo this year—CALLI, SCARAB, SEASHELL, and WINDFALL II—all placing on the podium in their respective divisions. Thanks, as always, to Stephanie Van Patten for running our (over 50!) Beetle Cat races this season, and to a

	terrific group of EYC Beetle Cat sailors for toughing it out week after week in light air, heavy air, and everything in between. *Submitted by George Shuster.*
MISHAUM POINT YACHT CLUB	The 2024 Beetle Cat season was very busy on Mishaum Point this summer. Weekly races were held in August and 7 boats competed. A few races had more boats than sailors, but generous boat owners on the Point offered their boat to any wanting skipper when the owner can't race. Most races had the full fleet sailing. The winners for the 2024 season: First Place- Frannie skippered by Hendon Pingeon Second Place- Victoria skippered by Russell Pennoyer Third Place- Century Plant skippered by Seth Lederman *Submitted by Hendon Pingeon*
WEEKAPAUG YACHT CLUB	Weekapaug Yacht Club has a short summer racing season, but we make the most of it. Our Sunday series races averaged nine boats on the line, including some new competitors generated from the Club's efforts to expand the sailing program. Our new clubhouse and scaled-up event schedule has attracted many more members, and several have expressed interest in sailing and racing. We have already begun planning for the 2025 Leo, scheduled for 9-10 August. It's our fourth one, and participants can expect the same hospitality and racing experience that has made our past Leo's so memorable. In addition, we can now offer our new clubhouse, which we are excited to show off. And we'll work on arranging loaners again for those not wanting to trailer their boats. The Leo is the highlight of the racing season, and we're hoping for a large turnout. So please mark your calendars! *Submitted by Steve Glovinsky, Beetle Fleet Captain*

WILD HARBOR YACHT CLUB



At Wild Harbor, 7 boats were moored in the harbor for the summer. Over the summer, the boats left their moorings to sail on the weekends with family. Some novices even learned to sail and took hold of the helm! Many boats were often seen with multiple family members on it throughout the weekends. It brought great joy to see the kids belly whooping off the back of the boat.

As Labor Day approached, many racers took off for Chapoquoit Harbor to compete in the Hog Island Series every Sunday throughout the fall with our neighboring sailors. There, they compete with the best in the area and wiggle through the nooks and crannies of the shoreline to get reprieve from the crazy currents.

Submitted by Jane O'Connor.

Mike Jackson and his young crew, Michael and Ben Brosnahan, show off their colors in a Sunday morning Hog Island race on West Falmouth harbor.

Paul Baggott sails his Beetle Cat *Kelli Hill* from mid April through mid December each year, often daily. He brings her from Warren, Rhode Island, to Edgewood for the EYC racing season, June to September, then back "south" again for the offseason. Paul notes that October through December are some of his favorite months to be on the water in his small boat. The early sunsets, abundant wildlife, no other boats, many times strong northerly winds, some days some snow, and, especially in December, cold air, make for memorable outings. How many months of the year do you sail your Beetle Cat?

Paul Baggott in "Kelli Hill" at EYC

2024 TERWILLIGER AWARD GOES TO...

by George W. Shuster, Jr.

It is now my privilege to present the 2024 Terwilliger Award. The Terwilliger Award was first presented in 2021, at the centennial Leo J. Telesmanick Beetle Cat Championships held at Chatham Yacht Club. The award has since been presented annually at the Leo to honorees who have met the criteria established by the award and who have followed in the footsteps of Roy himself, in making extraordinary contributions to the Beetle Cat class.

Before I say a few words about this year's honoree, I want to remind those in this audience about Roy. Roy was born in East Hartford, Connecticut. He began his water-bound life on Long Island Sound, off Milford, and later moved to Annapolis with his wife. There, Roy and Roxana raised their three boys and were heavily involved in the Severn Sailing Association, while Roy was also active in the Snipe fleet. Roy was first bitten by the Beetle bug in the 1980s, and, after Roy and Roxana moved to Cape Cod, they became the owners of as many as three Beetles. Roy became the Head of the Beetle Fleet at Chatham Yacht Club for nearly thirty years, educating and encouraging sailors in Beetle sailing, advising on and helping with repairs, and lending out his boats to others. He also served on the NEBCBA board. He is the model champion of our class, and it is fitting that our award for extraordinary contributions to the Beetle Cat class is named after him.

Beetle Cat President George Shuster presents award to Emily Ferguson

In 2022 and 2023, the Terwilliger Award was given to honorees who, in the same mold as Roy, have spent decades sustaining the Beetle Cat class at their respective clubs. This year, the Terwilliger Award is given to a somewhat different honoree.

This year's honoree, like those who preceded her, has spent decades promoting the Beetle Cat class, and through her efforts we have seen new generations introduced to the joys of Beetle sailing. She is as much a part of the Leo as any champion skipper or crew, though I can't say that I have seen her at the helm. She is perhaps the Beetle Cat's most avid fan, and at the same time she is responsible for recording her love of the Beetle Cat for the enjoyment of others.

Emily Ferguson, who I think we can all agree has earned the title of the Official Photographer of the Beetle Cat Class, began taking photographs in the early 1960s, when her father loaned her one of his Leicas and a light meter. But her roots in Cape Cod go back further than her time behind the lens. Emily first came to West Falmouth as a child in the summers of the 1940s and '50s, and she began to live here permanently in 1980. For decades, Emily has focused her photography on wooden boats—whether undergoing restoration or under sail. In particular, Emily has pointed her eye and her camera at the Beetle Cat, shooting thousands upon thousands of images of our class while our boats are racing and while our boats are at rest. As we have been sailing, Emily has been recording us, building over time an enormous unofficial archive of our more than a century-long tradition. She has also recorded Beetle Cat lore in prose, writing up the virtues of the class for print and internet publications. Her contributions to the Beetle Sheet have been sustained and outstanding.

Emily with Roy Terwilliger

Emily was in Padanaram in 1996 for the 75th anniversary Leo, and she was there again for the 100th anniversary Leo in Chatham. She's been on Nantucket to photograph the rainbow fleet. She has been in West Falmouth for the Hog Island series, and she's been in Cataumet after Thanksgiving for the Beetle match racing. Where there are Beetle Cats racing, there is Emily.

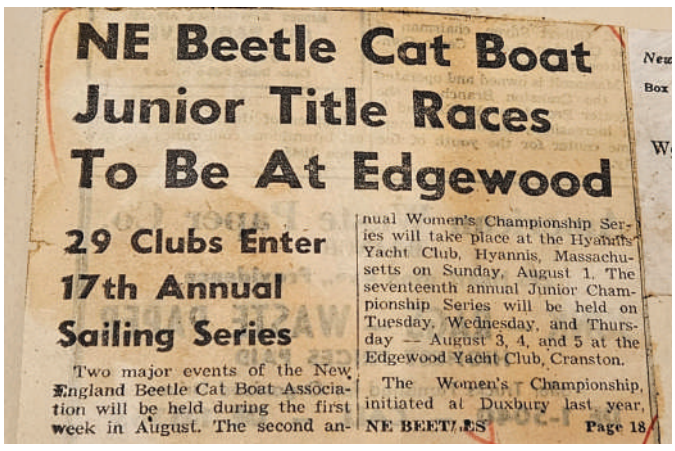
When, 97 years from now, others are celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Beetle Cat class, I have no doubt that they will be looking back on Emily's images to see what Beetle Cat sailing was like in our era. Unfortunately, they will probably also see her record of some messy jibes that I've made out there, because somehow Emily is right there at the ready whenever I least want my racing moments recorded (though she's also taken some great shots that make me look like I am sailing fast, those are the ones I have printed and hanging on my office wall). If you follow Emily on Facebook, you may be aware that she spends a little time with other diversions, like her cat, early classical music, her garden, and politics. But she never steers far from her interest in Beetles.

Emily, for all of the love that you have shown our boats, and for all of the love that you have shown us, through your extraordinary photographs of the Beetle Cat, and for the way you work has contributed to the happiness and history of our class, the New England Beetle Cat Boat Association hereby honors you with the 2024 Terwilliger Award.

ESCAPE TO MARGARITAVILLE

The 4th Annual Onset Bay Catboat Club Parade took place on Saturday August 17th in Onset harbor. With no wind at the start, there was a bit of delay before the fleet took off from the sand bar off Wickets Island. Bill Womack went out in his motor boat *Guillemot* to follow the fleet while his daughter Wendy photographed. I sailed with Bill's grandson Filippo in Sea Bee. Marina Riva and family went beyond once again in hosting the "Escape to Margaritaville" themed day of catboat sailing, followed by margaritas and snacks on the beach. Always fun to catch up with fellow catboaters and we look forward to next year's parade!

Nancy Plumb, long-time Edgewood Yacht Club member and one-time accomplished Beetle Cat racer, found this burgee among her things in a recent organization effort. We believe the burgee dates to 1954 or, more likely, 1958, both years when EYC hosted the NEBCBA Juniors championship. The burgee may have belonged to Nancy's husband or, more likely, brother-in-law. The other photo here is a newspaper clipping in the Beetle, Inc. scrapbook from 1954, announcing EYC's hosting of the event that year, just before Hurricane Carol swept through and caused substantial damage to EYC's second, 1908 clubhouse.



NE Beetle Cat Boat Junior Title Races To Be At Edgewood

29 Clubs Enter 17th Annual Sailing Series

Two major events of the New England Beetle Cat Boat Association will be held during the first week in August. The second annual Women's Championship Series will take place at the Hyannis Yacht Club, Hyannis, Massachusetts on Sunday, August 1. The seventeenth annual Junior Championship Series will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday — August 3, 4, and 5 at the Edgewood Yacht Club, Cranston.

The Women's Championship, initiated at Duxbury last year,

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Tim Fallon (left) and Bill Womack (right) at the back of the new shop in Wareham in 2004 after signing the contract to build the 28' Hanley Cat "Kathleen".

NEWS FROM THE BEETLE SHOP

Another summer has passed, and we are busy making Beetle Cat parts and storing away boats for the winter. It is hard to believe that it has been 20 years since we moved from the old shop in South Dartmouth to Wareham. Looking back at the pictures from 2004 reminds us of how far we have come, from the gutted-out metal fabricating shop we started with, to the wood shop and storage barns the crew has built out gradually over those years. Bill was the one with the vision at the time to see what the shop and business could become with a lot of hard work from him and the crew, and unwavering support from the Beetle Cat community, but I think I can safely say it has even surpassed his expectations!

On this 20th anniversary of our move to Wareham (and our 1st Open House), we would like to thank everyone by having an Open House on December 7th from 1 – 5pm. Please RSVP by November 30th with the number of people attending to: info@beetlecat.com

We look forward to seeing everyone!

- Michelle Buoniconto

1st Open House Dec 2004, Kathleen under construction

1st storage barn, Fall 2004