

Summer 2011



Photo by Andrew MacKeith

Herreshoff Regatta 2010.

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From the Commodore

It's July, and the weather swings between very hot and pleasantly cool. Tuesday night in Bristol Harbor sees a fleet of Herreshoff 12½ Footers, a fleet of Lasers, and a fleet of Class A catamarans. It is quite a sight to see the Herreshoff Marine Museum's boats being sailed regularly. In this issue we have an article about the Herreshoff Marine Museum Sailing Program by Luke Rein, one of the program's instructors.

Once again, last year's Wind Hill was sailed on the shorter course around Dyer Island. The wind died half way through the race, leaving the boats for an hour with no wind. I sailed the course with Bill Beardsley in his Herreshoff 15 footer.

The Wind Hill Trophy was won by Halsey Fulton and Todd Fisher in Rhode Island Red. See results later in the newsletter.

The **Bullseye 2011 National Regatta** will be held in Bristol on August 19-21, the week before the Herreshoff Regatta. For more information see their web site at <http://www.bullseyeclass.org>, or contact Dave Burnham awburnham@aol.com.

Good luck with your 2011 season, and I hope to see you on the water.

If anyone has a copy of early editions of "Downwind", the former Narragansett Bay Herreshoff 12½ Footer newsletter, I would love to put them on the web site.

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Teaching at the Herreshoff Museum's sailing program

By Luke Rein, HMM Sailing Program instructor.

Teaching students how to sail in boats that many would consider to be national treasures requires an entirely different approach than conventional instruction. Although student safety is always first, preservation and conservative boating are close second and third priorities. Being able to balance effective teaching and careful sailing has always been a challenge; While it's important that students experience challenging situations and occasionally adverse conditions in order to become proficient and safe sailors, we have to weigh the educational values against the values of the boats themselves as well as student safety.

Fortunately, our location means that inclement weather doesn't necessarily mean a wasted day. The Herreshoff Museum's sailing program is unique in that it focuses on the culture and heritage of boating, as well as the concepts of sailing and racing. In addition to the usual courses and lessons offered at most community boating centers, our sailing program is able to take advantage of the Museum's proximity and involvement to also educate young sailors about the history of the Herreshoff Mfg. Company, the America's Cup, and the importance that sailing has historically had in our area. On days that prove too risky for sailing, we can visit the Museum's hall of boats, the America's Cup Hall of Fame, or some of the numerous boat shops within just a few blocks radius from our camp. Additionally, these days serve as a useful time to teach our students about wooden boat maintenance and work on repairing any of the damages that our boats have accrued throughout the season.

This past winter actually marked the first time that the Museum has opened its Mentorship Program, a program designed to introduce the children who sail in the summer to the basics of wooden boat preservation and restoration. The program's goals were initially to have students learn how much work goes into boat preservation, but since then have expanded to include some simple woodworking and restoration projects, such as floorboard and coaming replacement and spar repair.

In addition to our 12½ Footer fleet, this past summer also marked the introduction of the Fishers' Island 31 Kestrel to the Museum's sailing program. Over the course of the summer, she has served as a publicity and diplomacy boat for us, traveling to yacht clubs and sailing programs across the bay to allow other young sailors to get a taste of the Herreshoff Museum's sailing program. Kestrel also gives the young sailors a chance to sail something larger than a 12½ Footer, and apply the knowledge that they've learned in class to a big boat, where they can see that the same ideas apply for boats of all sizes.

Herreshoff Rendezvous August 28th, 2010

Herreshoff 12½ Division Results

The wind NNW at the start, but shifted and lessened, and disappeared for a while, leaving the fleet becalmed for 2 hours. The SW sea breeze came in quite late.

Position	Race 1	Race 2	Sail Num	Boat Name	Skipper & Crew
1	2	2	H582	Pooka *	Luke Rein Jonathan Medeiros Taylor Severs Camille Mangiaratti
2	1	2	17	Remora	Ted Livingston Nick Orem
3	4	3	20	Scotch Mist	Norm MacLeod Skyelar MacLeod
4	3	10		Dulcinea	Thorpe Leeson
5	10	4		Marianne	Michael de Angeli
6	5	10	4	R I Red	Reed Fulton Todd Fisher
7	6	10	BB5	Bandit	Richard Gentile David Symington
8	7	10		Swallow *	Ian Calise Marta Calise Jeffrey MacDonough
9	10	10	766	Puff	Chris Collings

* Boats sailed by members of the Herreshoff Marine Museum seamanship program.

The 2011 Herreshoff Rendezvous will be held on Saturday August 27th, 2011.



Wind Hill Trophy August 28th 2010

The Wind Hill race took place on August 28th.

This year, expecting the conditions to worsen later in the day, Stan picked the secondary course around Dyer Island, see the [Notice of Race](#). The race started with a NW breeze, leading to a downwind start. All four boats opted to sail around Dyer Island first, and all chose to go counter-clockwise.

The breeze held until around 1pm, when it got steadily lighter, and the fleet was almost becalmed between 2 and 3 o'clock, when a sea breeze came in. The race was unusual for the number of downwind legs.

At this point 2 boats retired, and the remainder, RI Red and Remora, both stayed close together around Poppy Bell, and to the finish. It was a hot day on the water.

We had a pleasant social "gam" Wind Hill before the race,

Many thanks to Stan and Martie Livingston for their kind hospitality.

Position	Boat Name	Sail Num	Skipper & Crew	Time Hrs:Mins
1	Rhode Island Red	11	Halsey Fulton Todd Fisher	4:29
2	Remora	17	Ted Livingston Jack Livingston	4:33
3	Bandit	BB5	Richard Gentile Chris Prior	DNF
3	Scotch Mist	20	Norman MacLeod Skylar MacLeod	DNF

Photos at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/nbh12/sets/7215762646756600/>

The 2011 Wind Hill Trophy Race will be held on Sunday August 28th, 2011.

First Gun will be at 11:50 am.

Wind Hill is South of Bristol Harbor, on the East shore.

See the Notice of Race for more details.

<http://nbh12.org/2011/WH2011/WindHillNotice2011.pdf>

NBH12.org

Don't forget the Association's web site **NBH12.org**. There are many more photos on the web site than can be put in the newsletter, and of course, they are in full color too. There are links to other yacht clubs, and local weather stations, and I always post the results on the site as soon as I can. If you have 12½ footer news that you think the world should know, it can be posted on the site. Just let me know. Several of the newsletters are also on the site, if you want to review the old ones, or if you want to see this one with color photos.

NBH12 - The Narragansett Bay Herreshoff 12½ Footer Association

Membership

Membership fees are now due. Please send \$15.00 to NBH12, P.O.Box 506, Bristol, RI 02809. The fees just pay for the mailings. If you would like the group to keep in touch, please join. A membership form is enclosed with this mailing. If you have been a member before, and I have your details, just send in the form with your name and phone number only.

Members 2010

Bill Beardsley
Kim Clarke
JD & Autumn Crouchley
Dewolf Fulton
Richard Gentile
Andy Giblin
Jim Goff

Jeffrey Staats
Ted Livingston
Stan Livingston
Nick T Long
Andrew MacKeith
Shawen Williams
Norm Macleod

Alfred Maybach
Steve Nagy
Betsy Steel
John Steel
David Vivian

Please contact me if you're interested in being the new Commodore..

NBH12 Finances

April 1 2010	to	March 31 2011	debit	credit	balance
Brought forward					2666.47
Income from Membership Fees				260.00	2926.47
Bank interest:				1.31	2927.78
Mailing and printing expenses			104.28		2823.50
Carried forward					\$2823.50



**Herreshoff 12½ Footers moored outside the Herreshoff Marine Museum
Scotch Mist, Marianne, and Pooka**