

 **New Castle Sailing Club** **N E W S L E T T E R**

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Commodore's Corner

We're in the very thick of the sailing season and now in the month that's known for the wind doldrums (as evidenced by the recent need to cancel a Saturday race due to winds never developing), but there's still been lots of opportunity for day and especially evening sails. So maybe the winds aren't howling like they do in October, but they've not been bad. And when they're good, it puts a big smile on my face to see so many of our members on the water! The more we get out there, the better.

And that leads me to think about weightier issues, like membership. Over the course of a year, the Club always suffers a few losses of members as people move (such as Larry and Veronica Giglio, whose passion for sailing and willingness to pitch in and help on Open Houses and other events will be sorely missed as they retire to Florida!) or discover other passions, and we always pick up a few new members who happen to pass by on the riverwalk and see our sails on the water. Our presence on the water provides an excellent opportunity to reach out to new members--we have business cards stashed on the desk in the sail house that you can give away.

Last week I took a few minutes riverside before I sailed to talk up the Club to a young father who was passing by with his family and just wandered up to the sail house. Take the time to talk to folks that show even a little interest! It's to your advantage to expand membership, as it keeps dues low and the Club strong financially.

But don't forget to talk up the Club with people you may know and like us on our Facebook page. We still have room for more members. Invite work colleagues and friends to join you on the water. Wednesday night's Fun Sails are especially good times to bring them along. Our membership is our strength in so many ways; our sweat equity keeps the boats in tip-top shape, and our members help reel in new blood to the Club.

Keep up the good work and, more importantly, sail on!

Steve Constable
Commodore
New Castle Sailing Club

Fleet

We are about to embrace some fabulous fall east coast sailing, which generally equates to consistent and heavier winds. Becoming familiar with **reefing the main can provide a greater element of control/safety in high winds**. Below please find Mike Evans and Phil Ianelli's excellent overview of reefing the main on a Scot (also posted in the sailhouse):

1. Prior to hoisting the mainsail the cunningham should be passed forward of the mast, then hooked into the upper cringle in the luff of the mainsail and pulled down until snug.
2. Tension the reefing outhaul, securing the bitter end on the small cleat on the side of the boom.
3. Hoist the mainsail.
4. Finally, secure the loose sailcloth by tying the reef lines around the boom.

Please note that you should secure the cunningham before hoisting the mainsail/tying the reefing lines. If you do not do this, the stress on the sail will be borne by the reef point, which can rip a big hole in the sail.

I would also like to issue another gentle reminder to double check all lines during ship-shape and securing moorings. We have experienced a few issues of dinghies/boats floating away from moorings recently, so prevention is key.



Of note is the daring rescue of *Sky Blue*, whose mooring broke as a result of erosion. Charlie Nakamura and Jim Loolion used their substantial engineering skills to design a grapple hook and magnet which were used to trawl the bottom of the Delaware in search of the anchor/chain component to the mooring system (which was found within minutes of what was expected to be a very lengthy search process). Patents are pending; sales proceeds of these brilliant tools are expected to go towards the purchase of new mooring equipment, a fence for the clubhouse and an exciting new roof for the barn.

Meg Farrugia
Fleet Captain

Property



With the hot weather upon us, members like to open the windows in the club house to cool things off. However, when you leave the house, be sure to close and lock the windows or set them up as described below.



It's okay to leave the windows located along South and 6th Streets open just a bit, as long as you have BOTH the child/theft protection tabs extended correctly (see pic). These tabs are located on the upper window just a few inches above the bottom of its frame. You deploy these using a fingernail to pop them out, while a push in on the tab will make them recede so that you can open the window fully.

I like to leave the tabs out and the top window down the few inches allowed by the tabs so that hot air can escape at the top, while leaving one or two windows with the open part at the bottom of the frame. This way you get good air circulation in the house and don't let in much rain.

If you don't understand how to use these tabs, just close and lock the windows when you leave. We've come into the house with all windows wide open, which just invites trouble, like theft. Please don't leave the house with unlocked windows!

Steve Constable
Commodore



NCSC is pleased to announce two newly-keyed members:

Stephanie Kowalski

Dave Johnston

Please join us in congratulating them on a job well done!

Clay Greer
Safety and Instruction
Director

Racing

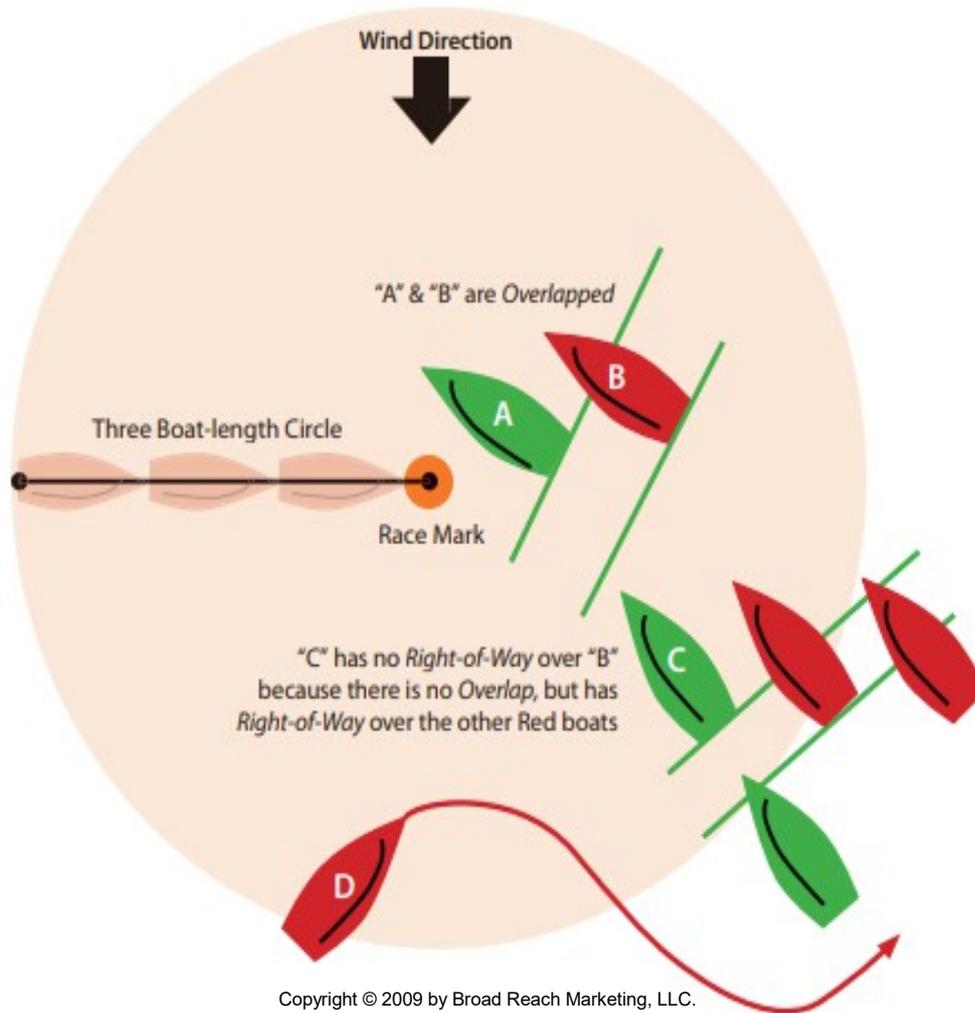
We did not race this month due to an absence of wind (Race Practice Day - 7/27; Flying Scot Race - 8/3; Founders Day Regatta - 8/17) and low attendance (Silver Fleet Skippers Race - 8/10). Winds should pick up as we move towards the fall.

In the meantime, take a moment to review this situation that comes up in nearly every race.

Boats Converging at Mark

An Inside and Overlapped boat (Green A) within three boat-lengths of the mark has the *Right-of-Way*. In general, any Overlapped outside boat (Red B) must *Keep Clear* and give room to any boat between them and the mark.

A boat coming into the mark on *Port Tack* (Red D) must be able to complete its tack without obstructing the progress of an incoming *Starboard Tack* boat. If a *Starboard Tack* boat has to adjust course, you fouled them.



Tom Gorman
Racing Director

Membership

NCSC OPEN HOUSE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
2:30 - 4:30 PM



We have scheduled our fall open house, for people interested in joining our club. We will take prospective members out for a short sail (weather dependent) and give them a chance to speak with NCSC members. One week prior to this event we will be represented at Newark Community Day at the University of Delaware Green, where we will be advertising the open house.

Membership additions have been stagnant over the past month, but we continue to get inquiries about once a week. We need your help to continue to promote the Club.

John Harder
Membership Director



Kathy, Dave and Bernadette

Thanks to the following for their photos in this issue:
Scott Andrews
Meg Farrugia

On the Water...



Invasion of the terns...but they're finally gone.



LABOR
Day
Sail

Monday September 2

**Sail to Crabby Dick's
for an early lunch**

**Meet at the Sail House
@ 8:30**

**Lunch will be around 11:00
Return trip @ 12:30
RSVP by 8/29 to**

**Kathy Leef @
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