

Everything We Hoped for at the MYC 58th Annual Regatta
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Got wind? Boy did we have wind for the Massapoag Yacht Club's 58th Annual Regatta on September 7-9, 2007. Got boats? Yes, we had boats for the party as well – 52 of them – 21 Flying Scots, 1 Boston Whaler, 6 Daysailers, 7 Lasers and 17 Sunfish. Of the 52 boats, 25 were from MYC and 27 were from out of town. Got food? Oh yeah, we had lots of great appetizers, barbecue, breakfasts, lunches and a feast for dinner, and plenty of beverages for an army. Got friends? We are so lucky to have so many sailing friends and we enjoy hosting so many guests and we hope they keep coming back from Massachusetts, Vermont, Connecticut, New York, or from wherever they may travel. Among our sailors, we had 3 Flying Scot District Governors, the Day Sailer Northeast Regional Vice President, the Sunfish New England Class Representative, as well as several past officers in several classes.

The cocktail party hosted by Margy Davidson on Friday night included a barbecue and snacks brought by several Club members, and we fed about 50 people while we had people checking in and registering with Jay McNeff, launching boats, claiming parking spaces and camping spots. We had Rachael and Emily Locke selling t-shirts, hats and a variety of other MYC apparel. And there were lots of stories shared, lots of predictions - about the regatta as well as about the Red Sox versus the Yankees. We settled down around 10:00 PM, with people returning home, to hotels, to campers and tents, with some out-of-town sailors bunking up with local MYC members.

NOAA was telling us that Saturday would have good wind and 88+ degrees, while Sunday looked like 65 degrees with rain and no wind. After the super breakfast hosted by Nora Cavanagh, provided by Roche Brothers, the Principal Race Officer (PRO), Steve Likos, decided to run 4 races on Saturday to ensure we would have the maximum number of races to score. With a Southwest wind at 15 – 18 knots, gusting to over 20, we had 4 starts for the 5 fleets and different courses for each in some of the races. The first race was a “G”, a triangle plus a windward-leeward. The starting line for Flying Scot A and Handicap, including the Flying Scot B, was 22 boats and there was lots of jockeying for position at the boat end, although the line was fairly square. After a few collisions, we managed to get off a start with just one boat over early, not enough for the PRO to threaten the dreaded “T” flag. With a rolling 5-minute start, all 4 starts were done in 20 minutes, with the Sunfish starting just a minute after the Flying Scots rounded the leeward mark just in time to get out of the way. We were well-prepared with 3 chase boats on the water, but even with the shifting, sometimes heavy wind, thankfully their job was mostly watching the start and finish lines, taking pictures, moving marks when necessary, and watching out, just in case assistance was needed. This was followed by a second race with an Olympic course, with the winds continuing to shift and places changing in the races again and again. Once again, the Flying Scots were rounding the leeward mark just as the Sunfish were preparing to start. What a great job the RC did keeping the fleets separated on the water.

We went in for the lunch hosted by Jan Rubinstein and Cindy Gilman, provided by Roche Brothers, and everyone had their fill and got a little rest after the hard work on the water. After lunch, we went back out for 2 more races, with lots of bottles of water to combat the heat. The third race was a G course for some and a windward-leeward for others. Some skippers and crews saw the wind getting better on the right side going downwind, and some did not. The lucky boats found themselves planing nicely right to the leeward mark, while others were watching from the left side of the course, wishing they had gone right. In the last race of the day, the winds were shifting so much, no one knew exactly where to go for the best wind, and the lead shifted again and again. The shifting winds resulted in a few boats capsizing and needing assistance, but that was not a problem for our crack Rescue Teams. Everyone got into the docks safe and sound and ready to rest.

The weary sailors dragged themselves off their boats and got ready for the feast, where year after year, the committees seem to outdo themselves. First, there was the cocktail party, hosted by Nan Funsch, with lots of very creative dishes brought by Club members. The food was so yummy that it was almost hard to believe that was not the meal. And that was washed down by the variety of beverages provided by Dana Bottorff, Leila McNeff, and Peter and Ann Seidman, who brought theirs all the way from Saratoga. Fit for a king, well maybe for a skipper, anyway. And if that were not enough, there was the Lobster, Chicken and Ribs dinner, hosted by Nora Cavanagh and provided by Roche Brothers – out of this world. We had 130+ people for dinner, and it was a great time. We had a fun raffle with some nice gifts, with everyone who was present for dinner entered in the game. We had help from Jackie McNeff, Rachael and Emily Locke, and a friend picking numbers and delivering the gifts to the lucky winners. When that was all done, we had a birthday cake for my Mom, Kay Wilson, who turned 39 again this weekend, topped off by our now famous make your own ice cream sundae bar. I think everyone rolled away from the tables right to their cars or tents to sleep it all off.

With campers on the beach and up near the Clubhouse, we were all hoping for good camping weather. Well, it wasn't so bad when the thunderstorms came at 4:00 AM. Everyone stayed dry inside their tents and campers. Whether they stayed asleep is another story – I know I did not. By 6:00 AM it appeared that NOAA was wrong again, it was muggy and still about 80 degrees, but they were right about the no wind part. But at 8:00, the rain came, and when it was over there were two things changed – it was now 65 degrees and there was wind. I guess 2 out of 3 was not bad, especially since Mother Nature took away the heat and the rain and left the wind. So we went out for the 5th race – what a blast. A nice Northeast wind blowing 12-14 knots, and we got in a “G” course for everyone before heading into shore for lunch and awards. Speaking of into shore, one Flying Scot found itself on the beach still flying a spinnaker, while swimmers on the beach ran for their lives. The halyard was stuck at the top of the mast, so they beached themselves so they could get the spinnaker down and get back to the Club. I remember when that happened to us one time, we actually took the mast down on the water between races – and we no longer have that pesky hook on the spinnaker halyard since I have learned to tie a Bowline.

Thanks to the Race Committee, PRO Steve Likos, Dennis Dubuc, Bill Holmes, Karen Rafferty, Rob Mouradian, Ed Isgur, Don Brichta, Alan Dimson-Doyle, and Bill Eastwood, for their 2 days of work on the water. We all know what it takes to set good courses, keep an eye on all the boats, take orders from the PRO, ferry people to and from boats, and do this all cheerfully for 2 days in a row, knowing you are being measured against every other Race Committee in the past and future. This RC did a super job and deserves to be commended for their performance. They gave the final results to Jay McNeff, who worked with them to tally all the scores and post the results.

Those with the best performances were rewarded with trophies, provided by MYC member Kim Locke's company Constitution Advertising. We first awarded thank you gifts to the social committee and shore helpers, and we had given t-shirts to each of the Race Committee members. Next came the good sport awards to Rich Hirsch, Harold Levin, Ron Alman, Dan Abram, David Gilman and Laura Hackell, for staying with it despite the number of boats who were placing ahead of them. Laura Hackell, in fact, had given up her spot in the Sunfish fleet to crew for another skipper on Sunday when he needed some help. Finally, there were awards for the top 5 finishers in each class. Congratulations to all the winners!,

Flying Scot A Fleet - Jim Cavanagh, Craig Dubuc (Sat.), John Housle (Sun.), also the FS perpetual award, probably the most decorated Flying Scot sailor at MYC

Handicap Fleet including Flying Scot B - Ann and Peter Seidman – Ann's first time skippering at MYC, since she is usually crew for Peter. Ann is the Flying Scot New York Lakes District Governor.

Day Sailer Fleet – Eric and Glenn Bell, also winner of the DS perpetual award – the youngest skipper ever to win the award and his first time skippering at the MYC regatta with his father as crew

Laser Fleet – Gary Werden, repeating last year’s win, with 4 1st places on Day 1, missing a sweep only in the last race.

Sunfish Fleet - John Skrzypiec, with some stiff competition from his other Sunfish mates, who did manage to beat him in a couple of races. John is the Sunfish New England Class Representative.

Once again, we’d love to see you all back next year and bring your friends. Please do help us in our meal planning and register early or notify us early that you are coming to our MYC 58th Annual Regatta. We have our first meting on Sunday to plan for next year! See you next year.

FLYING SCOT – FLEET A										
Sail #	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Place
4949		Jim Cavanagh	Craig Dubuc (1-4)/ John Housle (5)	4	4	1	1	1	11	1
5535	Brass Monkey	John Cooke	Robyn Hoffman	1	1	6	5	2	15	2
1261	Bad To The Bone	Jay McNeff	Leila McNeff	2	3	3	4	4	16	3
5521	Up Over	Rob Tikoft	Bevillee & Mackinlay Tikoft	8	5	5	6	3	27	4
5157	Brother Bill	Greg Kampf	Diane Kampf	3	6	4	9	6	28	5
4895	Contraption	Dave Ryan	Hein Smit Sibinga	5	2	8	8	7	30	6
3465	None Yet	Dave Rousseau	Blake Suddath	11	8	12	3	5	39	7
4654		Randy Rubinstein	Scott Rubinstein	10	9	7	2	17	45	8
4937	Flying Tiger	Dave Jacobsen	Stacey Rieu	6	10	11	14	8	49	9
1635	Crazy Horse	Doug Funsch	Kristin Funsch	13	12	2	15	10	52	10
4756		Don Bennett	Michael Ganshirt (1-4)/ Eames Bennett (5)	7	14	14	10	11	56	11
5516	Don't Panic	Mark Riefenhauser	Adam Riefenhauser	14	7	10	17	9	57	12
3857		Paul Waterfield	Allan Miller	12	13	13	7	13	58	13
5734	No Name	Eric Wojtaszek	Brian Campinel	9	11	15	12	14	61	14
5725	Cagey B	Ed Wojtaszek	Marne Wojtaszek	16	15	9	11	15	67	15
4659	Team Hirsch	Rich Hirsch	Dave Levy	15	16	16	13	12	72	16

Handicap with Flying Scot Fleet B										
Sail #	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Place
4254	Espresso	Ann K. Seidman	Peter Seidman	1	2	1	1	2	7	1
416	Windcatcher	Harvey Davidson	David Brookfield	3	3	3	2	3	14	2
295	Wimsey	Marty Newman	Adam Newman	2	5	2	3	4	16	3
5.2	Re-Strung	Mike Goldstein	Donna/Matt/Emily Goldstein	5	1	4	4	6	20	4
4654	Locke N for Wind	Evan Locke	Kim Locke	4	4	5	7	5	25	5
3681	Wind Chime	Jim Ronan	Myrna Levin/ Jess Gropen	7	7	7	7	1	29	6

Daysailer										
Sail #	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew 1	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Place
4425	Slinky	Eric Bell	Glenn Bell	1	1	2	1	1	6	1
11007	Ding Bat	Steve Breton	Jim Finlay	4	3	1	2	2	12	2
1359	Buonavita	Bob Gaffney	Chris Droukas	2	2	3	3	3	13	3
3705/2385	Suzanne Boohar	Susan Hankins	Susan Hankins	3	5	4	7	4	23	4
2427	Almost Courageous	Carole Isgur	Joanne LeBlanc	5	4	5	7	5	26	5
2009	Beruviah	Ron Alman	Barbara Alman (1-4)/ Laura Hackell (5)	6	6	7	7	6	32	6

Laser										
Sail #	Boat Name	Skipper		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Place
144619	Sandman II	Gary Werden		1	1	1	1	4	8	1
167338	Laser	Rick Tattersfield		3	3	2	2	2	12	2
159067		Matt Russell		5	2	3	4	3	17	3
90436		Josh Krepps		2	4	5	8	1	20	4
8		Nick Kondratiev		4	5	4	3	5	21	5
42		David Gilman		6	7	6	5	6	30	6
1		Dan Abram		7	6	7	8	7	35	7

Sunfish										
Sail #	Boat Name	Skipper		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Place
70269		John Skrzypiec		1	1	2	1	3	8	1
55900		Alan Beckwith		2	3	3	4	2	14	2
61299		Bill Brangiforte		9	2	1	2	1	15	3
12		Ken Charles		4	5	6	9	4	28	4
80092		Bill McInnis		6	4	5	8	6	29	5
3868		Drew Staniar		8	12	4	3	5	32	6
9102		Rapid Buttner		3	9	13	7	11	43	7
58984		Eric Woodman		7	11	9	6	10	43	8
15		Korey Charles		12	8	10	5	9	44	9
3646		Bill Harris		5	14	8	11	8	46	10
27777		Paul Odegaard		11	7	11	10	12	51	11
19775		Gordon Geich		10	10	12	18	7	57	12
3415		Kurt Charles		13	12	7	12	13	57.1	13
33999		Paul Borse		14	6	15	14	14	63	14
18037		Rick Schlosser		15	15	14	13	18	75	15
50680		Harvey Pentleton		18	18	18	18	15	87	16
1		Laura Hackell		16	18	18	18	18	88	17

