



The Wayfarer **SKIMMER**

United States Wayfarer Association
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COMMODORE COMMENTS

Jim Heffernan W1066, W2458

While perusing the spring 2013 issue of the UKWA's fine publication, the WAYFARER NEWS, I was impressed by the many articles about cruising and raids conducted throughout the British Isles. Mind you, I did not know what a "raid" was nor could I pronounce the names of many of the places in the north of the Isles, yet I was in awe of the skills and sense of adventure that the UK sailors have. It also seemed that wet weather was more prevalent than what we experience here in North American cruising. The names alone evoke a sense of adventure. As to the names: Cruise one: Largs to Arisaig via the Crinan Canal. Cruise two: an international sailing raid from Lough Erne north of Enniskillen to the waters of Killoloe. Cruise three: Cruising in the Southwest near Plymouth and Saltash with a stop at Cothele Quay.

Now what is a "raid". The UKWA editor, Ray Scragg went to Wikipedia for help and found this: "Raid – a leisure pursuit of fleets of small boats capable of being rowed or sailed, exploring a coastline or inland waterway over several days, often with some competitive element." This sounds a little like the Tip Of The Mitt adventure that Gary Hirsch and Al Schonborn completed a few summers past or like The Florida 120 that Gary Hirsch did with 23 other boats ranging from 10 to 28 feet. It looks like American sailors have been "raiding" for years, but we didn't know it!

A sense of adventure and maybe some "raiding" will be in the air in May as the Chesapeake cruisers venture up the pristine and scenic waters of the Nanticoke and Wicomico rivers. See the cruise info in this issue.

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FONDLY WE REMEMBER FRANK PEDERSEN

This year with sadness we bade farewell to our Wayfarer friend, Frank Pedersen, who died on February 15, 2013 when complications set in after successful heart by-pass surgery two days earlier.



Many of us have known Frank as a Wayfarer sailor since the 1970's but the connection we have had in this millennium stamped him as Mr. Rock Hall.

In 1970 Frank traded in his International 14 for a Wayfarer and began competing in Wayfarer regattas at the Podickory Pointe Yacht Club on the Chesapeake Bay, near his home in Annapolis, and at racing sites on Lake St. Clair and Tawas Bay in Michigan. When the Wayfarer Class began to host a biannual world championship, Frank was one of the six skippers from the USA to compete in the 1974 Worlds in England and the 1978 Worlds held in Denmark where he placed a respectable 14th. In 2004 he encouraged Midwest Wayfarer sailors to travel to the

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Full membership	One year	\$20.00
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Canada is privileged to host this regatta, with on the water help from the Port Credit Yacht Club.

New Web Page

All the information that a participant would need to know can be found at the newly launched <http://wayfarerworldsvxv.ca/>. This web site was created by honorary Canadian Wayfarer Association (CWA) member, John Weakley, who does double duty as Race Officer (RO) and Webmaster.

Price/Deadline

The cost to participate in this event is \$450 if registration is received by May 31st and \$550 after. Registration can be accomplished by navigating to the Notice of Race (NOR) section of the web page. Embedded in the NOR is a link to the "Entry Form". Payment can be made by cheque or credit card.

What's Included

What do you get for your registration fee? The list below expands on the information presented in the NOR.

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- Secure storage for all dinghies
- Skippers package containing welcome information, local attractions and maps of the area
- Regatta program listing all information required for participants
- Measurement of all dinghies still requiring a certificate on the weekend before the event

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Wayfarer Worlds Update

Intro/Background

Every 3 years the Wayfarer class gathers in a celebration of competition. This competition, known as the Wayfarer Worlds, has been held 14 times. The competition is in the form of a weeklong regatta. The Worlds alternate between the 3 largest geographical areas where the Wayfarer is most popular; United Kingdom / Ireland, continental Europe and North America. For its fifteenth edition, for the first time in 9 years, the Wayfarer Worlds are being held in North America. The Mississauga Sailing Club, Ontario,

**8th Annual Chesapeake Cruise
May 26, - June 2, 2013**

The itinerary for the May cruise on the eastern waters of the Chesapeake Bay is coming together as winter begins to ease. The full announcement has been added to the Racing/Cruising Calendar on our website. If you want to be added to the mailing list for cruisers, or if you want to participate in this cruise, please contact the USWA Cruising Secretary, Dick Harrington at rmharrington@sbcglobal.net.

The cruise most favored at this time, if everything falls into place, would be to start out from Cedar Hill Park Marina located on the NANTICOKE River at Bivalve MD. Arrive there Sunday, possibly explore around a little before heading up the NANTICOKE to VIENNA and back on Monday. Plans are now to stay at Cedar Hill Monday night, then Tuesday sail to Whitehaven on the WICOMICO and head on to Scotts Cove Marina on Deal Island for Tuesday night. On Wednesday from Scotts Cove sail to Ewell on Smith Island. Then on Thursday/Friday return to Scotts Cove and then Cedar Hill. (Staying over at Whitehaven would also be a possibility but it would make a long sail to Smith Island.)

Modifications to this plan will be added to the Racing/Cruising Calendar and emailed to those sailors on the cruisers mailing list.



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**International Cruising Rally
Killbear Provincial Park, Ontario, Canada
July 26-Aug 3, 2013**

On the early morning of February 26th computers of Wayfarer sailors were focused on the reservation center for Killbear Park because that was the first day that reservations for campsites could be made for next summer's international cruising rally at this very popular and exceptionally beautiful park situated on Georgian Bay.

Two days later eighteen Wayfarer sailors had made reservations in the Lighthouse Pointe section of the park. This is the ideal location for the cruisers participating in this rally because their boats can be stored overnight on the beach near the campsites.

If you want to join this group of enthusiastic campers and sailors you can still find a campsite in Killbear Park by visiting the website www.ontarioparks.com. Also you will want to get on the email list to keep informed of event updates. Contact Alan Asselstine at majam41@gmail.com.

Because this rally directly precedes the Wayfarer Worlds XV in Mississauga, Ontario, international visitors are expected to join our group. Cruise organizers are setting up a buddy system to support these visitors. Any help with extra camping equipment that anyone can provide will be greatly appreciated. Contact Alan Asselstine at majam41@gmail.com or Al Schonborn at uncle-al3854@cogeco.ca.

**USWA MEMBERS HONORED
AT CWA ANNUAL MEETING AT TSSC
January 2013**

The *Red Herring* award was given to Tony and Mary Krauss for the past year's best exhibition of Wayfarer spirit. Also, the *CWA Don Davis Award* was presented to Nick Seraphinoff for years of excellent service in promoting the Wayfarer Class. Finally, the *Landsdown O'Brien Spittoon* was presented to Al Schonborn and Chip Cunningham for the past year's "most questionable maneuver and memorable acts of seamanship." Specifically the duo won this dubious acclaim for failing to hook "Shades" to the trailer at the ramp at the Pumpkin regatta before pulling uphill resulting in the boat sliding off to rest on its keel!

The Midwinters and Cruising the St. John River Tom Erickson W275, *Possum*

At last, being newly retired, I was able to go to the Wayfarer Midwinters at the Lake Eustis. Since I was going to haul W275, *Possum*, all the way from Massachusetts I figured I'd spend some time cruising on the St John River after the regatta.



*Tom &
Diane
Erickson*

*Diane
took the
fast way to
Florida
flying in
for a
weekend
visit.*

While I have sailed all my life and consider myself a competent sailor, I've never been in a race. Everything was new to me. I'd studied Uncle Al's Rules, read all I could, watched the Laser and Star Class Olympics on YouTube but nothing teaches you how to race quicker than, well, racing. While I came in last, I felt like I sailed my boat as well as most. Where I lost places was in the in and outs of racing. I was hopelessly behind at starts, would either cut a mark too close and then get in trouble or go so wide to avoid traffic jams that I got behind. It was a huge learning curve and everyone was extremely helpful.

The folks at LESC were wonderfully hospitable. I was awed by the camaraderie, vast amounts of food, and the beautiful grounds. Seeing old friends (Uncle Al, Jim and Linda Heffernan, Tony and Mary Krauss, Andy) from cruising rallies was also a highlight.

My plan after the regatta was to spend 3 days cruising the St John River between Palatka and Green Cove Springs. I had hoped to make the distance of about 15 nm on the first day and spend the night at the Outback Crab Shack, a long dock where you can spend the night if you eat at the restaurant. The St John River at this point is slow moving, about a 1/2 to 1 mile wide, and very pleasant.

However, the wind gods were not in my favor. After slowly drifting down river in very light air, I finally called it a night around 6PM, pulled over to the side,

anchored and set up the tent. After watching the stunning sun set, supper was cooked, coffee made, books read until bedtime. A very quiet peaceful night.

Next morning I waited for some wind and set sail north again in very light air in the vain hope of reaching the Outback Crab Shack.

However, after 2-3 hours I knew I wasn't going to make it and even if I did I would never get back to my car and trailer the next day. So, discretion being the better part of valor, I turned south. The wind occasionally picked up for some very pleasant tiller tied runs, steady enough to relax and read a book while the boat sailed itself.

By mid-afternoon the wind died altogether forcing me to row (not an unpleasant task in a W) a couple miles to my haul out site. In hindsight, it was a good thing I did because if I hadn't gotten home to Massachusetts by Thursday night I would have been stranded in the northeast's 3rd biggest blizzard ever.

I'll definitely be back next year. Maybe next time we can get a few boats together for the St. John River cruise.



*Tom sails *Possum* on Lake Eustis before his cruise on St John River. See more photos on USWA and CWA websites.*

2013 MIDWINTERS DIDN'T DISAPPOINT!

The Lake Eustis Sailing Club did a great job again by hosting the USWA Nationals in conjunction with the annual Midwinter Wayfarer Regatta. This year, someone had the ear of The Wind, and managed to get three days of various racing winds ranging from very light to moderate. Following is Al Schonborn's report of the memorable regatta as posted on the CWA website, along with numerous photos.

The Lake Eustis Sailing Club (about an hour northwest of Orlando) once more rose to the occasion February 1-3. The club and its hard-working, friendly members continued a tradition begun in 2000 by hosting the annual Wayfarer Midwinters for a 14th time. This year, our Midwinters were also the 2013 U.S. Nationals. Warm, sunny weather and generally fine, challenging sailing winds blessed a fleet of 15 Wayfarers. Also sailing with the Wayfarers was one Wanderer, a 14-foot Wayfarer designed for and made famous by Frank Dye's wife, Margaret. On the Saturday and the Sunday we were once more joined by a great fleet of MC Scows - 41 of them!!! - who sailed their annual *Train Wreck Regatta*.

Wayfarers sailed and were scored as one group but had awards in both the spinnaker and non-spinnaker fleets. Hard work and lots of practice continue to pay off for Montreal's Peter Rahn and son, Alex. who sailed their new Hartley Mk IV *Knights of Mayhem* to seven wins in eight races, usually by substantial margins. The Rahns are practicing for this summer's Wayfarer world championship to be held near Toronto, Canada where the North American boats will go up against Wayfarers from the United Kingdom, Ireland, Denmark and the Netherlands. Thinking ahead to the Worlds where we will be sailing a few triangles at least, USWA Racing Sec. Marc Bennett asked RO, Dave Williams, to give us as many Olympic triangles as he could. And our RC did so in very fine fashion.

Much more evenly matched were the next four boats in the series. It took a final-race collapse by Jim and Linda Heffernan of Chapel Hill, NC to open the door for Marc Bennett and his wife, Julie, to take 2nd overall. The East Lansing, MI couple thus captured the *Designer's Trophy* as the top US-based team in 2013. By placing 6th in the finale while Marc took 2nd, Jim ended up series 3rd, two points behind Marc. Falling to series 4th this year were the feckless twins, Al Schonborn of Oakville, ON and Tony Krauss of Cleveland, Ohio. Sailing Tony's W864 Al and Tony

ended up 3 points behind the Heffemans. In the fine competition provided by the top boats, Team Feckless paid for sloppiness caused by a casual attitude and unfamiliarity with the boat. Tony and Al did get an early leg up in the annual competition for the *Lansdown-O'Brien Spittoon* (most interesting act of seamanship) when they managed to capsize W864 in an attempt at gybing into the heave-to position before the first race. At least they self-rescued without help from the safety boats who were pleasantly surprised. Impressively consistent were Richard Johnson and his wife, Michele, of Charlotte, NC, who placed a distant 5th overall (31 pts) yet were rarely far from the top three as the races progressed. Like the other top teams, Richard and Michele plan to sail this summer's Worlds, and have their new Hartley, *Black Skimmer*, moving very well.

Sailing in their first Midwinters, Rob Wierdsma and son, Daniel, had a fine debut in their Hartley Mk IV as they placed 6th overall despite being seeded 11th. Team Wierdsma's series ended on a most promising note with a 5th and a 4th in the last two races. Beating their seed by five places, Rob and Daniel were thought to be one of three teams tied for *Most Improved* honours until a scoring error was discovered and Dave Hepting turned out to be **the Most Improved** when he and Kevin beat their expected 14th by an amazing six places :)

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Page 6 photos by Mike Balducci, Gus Chennells, Al Schonborn

At Lake Eustis Midwinters Kevin Denley captured Friday evening's amazing sunset behind his Wayfarer on the beach and other Wayfarers on moorings.

Wayfarers race for the reaching mark in the first race of the US Nationals.

Peter and Alex Rahn dominated the series with 7firsts and 1 second place.

The spinnaker fleet had the opportunity to practice triangle courses at the Midwinters.

First US team, Marc Bennett and Julie Seraphinoff take home the Ian Proctor Wayfarer Trophy and title of 2013 National Champs .

2013 MIDWINTERS AND USWA CHAMPIONSHIP





REMEMBERING FRANK PEDERSEN, WAYFARER'S MR. ROCK HALL



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Chesapeake and enter the One Design Regatta held in mid June at Rock Hall Yacht Club in Rock Hall, Maryland. For the next 10 years this event along with a Down the Chester River Race on the Friday before has become some of the favorite sailing and racing days of our group.

By 2004 Frank had retired from his position with National Public Health and now married to Sue Wright, moved to Chestertown, Maryland into a lovely home complete with many wood features that he designed and built. Frank and Sue spent summers in Brooklin, Maine in a woodsy home alongside a large barn where Frank pursued his boat building hobby. He designed and built a 26 foot sloop, named *Windsprite* with lines so similar to a Wayfarer that Frank aptly described it as a "Wayfarer on steroids."

In 2010 Frank completed the last known wooden kit for a Wayfarer and began sailing this beautiful craft, *W8705*, in the Rock Hall regattas. Each June, his daughter, Sarah Pedersen, would fly in from her home in Idaho to crew for Dad and reunite with Wayfarer friends from her childhood. Frank also has two sons, James and David, but Sarah stole the crewing honors from her brothers.

In 2011 Frank, partnered with Carl Cramer, of *WoodenBoat Magazine*, to resurrect the *WOOD* (Wood Open One Design) Regatta after a 20 year hiatus and bring the event to Rock Hall. This brought out a number of woodie Wayfarers with Frank's new boat being the princess of the fleet.

We are grateful for his active participation as an enthusiastic sailor and skilled boat builder in the Wayfarer association. He was a class act and we will all miss him dearly.

*page 7 Remembering Frank photos
by Al Schonborn from CWA website*

Frank and Sarah at 2012 RHYC Regatta.

*WindSprite, a 26 ft sloop designed and built by Frank,
resides in Brooklin, Maine.*

*Frank, Sarah and other Wayfarers at the RHYC dock
in 2012.*

*In 2010 W8705, the Wayfarer Frank built from a kit,
on shore at RHYC.*

In 2012 W8705 raced with new spinnaker and sails,

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Gary Hirsch has agreed to spare some time from his "raiding" to help all of us Wayfarer sailors by taking on the duties of USWA Treasurer. We gladly welcome him to this position! And to outgoing Treasurer/Secretary, Michele Parish, we extend a huge "Thank you!" Michele's persistent diligence in soliciting annual dues has insured that we have maintained sustainable membership for the association.

Nick Seraphinoff thanks CWA for Don Davis Service Award

If this award is in appreciation of things I contributed to the Wayfarer class I must say I received a lot more from this class than I gave. In the 70s I raised my family on the boat. I partied hearty with a group of friends that included Al, The Rocket, Mike Codd, John de Boer, Skip Langton, and John Pocock and competed in many, many regattas. This went on well into the 80s when Mary was crewing for me. But alas! They changed the shape of the Canadian beer bottles and it just wasn't as much fun anymore. The "Blue" bottles were shaped the same as the ones in US, so why bother coming to Canada. That's when I went into keel boats. After 15 years or so, I decided begrudgingly to accept the new bottle shape and back into Wayfarers I went. I have since learned that there is more to life than the shape of the bottle and will sail Wayfarers the rest of my life. On a serious side all I can say is thank you for all that the Wayfarer class and especially the Canadians have given to me.

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- Unlimited use of the outdoor event tent for the duration of the event (assuming sufficient registration numbers)

Extra meals for family and friends can be purchased at registration time.

Opportunities to keep costs under control are available to the competitor in the form of the availability of borrowed boats and billeting opportunities. The CWA has offered this option at every Worlds hosted in Canada and has yet to turn a request down. See the web page (link above) for more information. Group discount rates have been negotiated at a number of local hotels. See the "Accommodation" link at the web page for more information.

On the Water

The race committee, led by our RO John Weakley and ably assisted by his experienced team, will be presenting the competitors alternating windward-leeward and triangle courses. Monday will feature the skippers meeting followed by a practice race which will allow our RO to demonstrate what the fleet can expect over the rest of the week. Starting on Tuesday August 6th there will be 2 races per day, with a single race on the Saturday. 5 completed races will allow for a single drop, 9 completed races, 2 drops.

For Cruisers

For those interested in cruising, the 2013 International Cruise Rally will be held in conjunction with the Wayfarer Worlds. See the "Cruise Rally 2013" link at the Worlds website for more information.

Numbers So Far

At this early date there are already 13 boats registered with a good representation from Ireland. We hear news of 3 containers being shipped over from the UK to support our overseas competitors.

The organizing committee looks forward to hosting you and your crew for an event that will be as memorable as the last 14.

Rob Wierdsma *WI0874*
 WW XV Regatta Chairman

Event Schedule

Date	Time	
Sat August 3 rd	10am - 4pm	Measurement and inspection at Mississauga Sailing Club
Sun August 4 th	10am - 4pm	Measurement and inspection at Mississauga Sailing Club
Mon August 5 th	From 9am	Final registration at MSC
	11am	Skippers briefing
	1pm	Practice Race start
	Evening	Welcome reception and BBQ at MSC
Tue August 6 th	11am	First points race start
	Evening	Stars and Stripes evening sponsored by US Wayfarers Association
Wed August 7 th	11am	Race start
	Evening	Dinner at MSC
Thur August 8 th	11am	Race start
Fri August 9 th	11am	Race start
Sat August 10 th	11am	Race start
	5pm	Awards banquet at Port Credit Yacht Club

W10864's 2013 George Washington's Birthday Regatta at Lake Eustis Sailing Club

Chip Cunningham, crew

Shivering in the hot shower with Nick got me thinking: Florida is not all it's cracked up to be. We were freezing our asses off.

I was wearing a gasketed splash top and pants with several base layers which only keeps me dry for a quick dip. Nick was wearing his red Tele-Tubby foul weather bibs and jacket with not much hope of staying dry for any dip at all.

We had just sailed in from a capsized at the start of Sunday's first race. It had taken three rightings—one hard one pulling the mast out of the mud—to finally get back in the boat. We were both soaked and tired.

The water had not been all that cold, but the sail in with our backs to the 12-15 knot wind made the 38 degree wind chill very real. We got deeply cold fast. It's lucky we weren't farther out.

My hands were beginning to stiffen. I could see that Nick was having trouble too. I started to think about hypothermia.

But we got the boat onto the beach and made it to the shower. Hot water is one of mankind's greatest inventions.

A couple of hours later a bunch of us were saying good-byes seated around one of the big tables in the clubhouse. Nick was still giving an occasional shiver. I was looking forward to the drive back to Michigan with the heater turned all the way up.

Jim Lingeman was across the table. A few days earlier on my way out for a solo sail he had said to me, "You be careful."

Thinking "alligators" but doubting that was right, I asked, "What do you mean?"

He had answered, "Hypothermia."

Now I wondered out loud to the group at the table, "Why would I bring a dry suit to Florida and not wear it on a windy forty-four degree day?"

Jim asked simply, "Why didn't you?"

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In the non-spinnaker half of the fleet, Jim Lingeman and crew, Pat Kuntz, placed a whopping 11 points ahead of LESC clubmate, Dave Hepting who was introducing our newest Wayfarer racer, Kevin Denley from Maryland to sailboat racing. As mentioned above, Dave and Kevin were also this year's *Most Improved* crew. Congratulations, guys!!

Tied with Dave and Kevin but losing the tie-breaker and placing 3rd in white sail boats, was the Ottawa team of Andy Douma with Robin Allardyce who were also much improved, beating their seed by four spots!! This year they used Andy's W9477 and it was Robin's turn to crew aboard the boat representing the Lac Deschênes SC. 10th overall and 4th in white sail were LESC's Ted Benedict and Mike Tighe who had at least one moment of glory as they rounded in or near the lead off the first beat of a light-air race. They were in

fact right with the top boats for the first triangle before the second beat did them in. Good boat speed though!! Last year's winner of the CWA's *Most Promising New Sailor* trophy, Chip Cunningham of Oxford, Michigan, sailed the NP Boats demo Mark IV, W10862, the former *Bubbles* solo on the first two days before teaming up with Julie Bennett's son, Spencer Price on the Sunday. Congratulations also to Jim Lingeman who snapped up W10862 before it could go back up north. Despite three "alphabet" results in the eight-race series, Chip placed 11th overall, beating his seed by a fine four places. An even better indicator of how well Chip (and Spencer) sailed is the fact that Chip moved up over a hundred places in the Wayfarer rankings due to his finishes in this series. Each day, Chip came in, glowing with excitement and marveling at how much he was learning. Is Chip a good example for all of us or what?!!

Chip's helm in this summer's Worlds, 5th-seeded Nick Seraphinoff of Detroit, teamed up with a long-standing keelboats friend, Jim Ross, and took things nice and easy. They completed only three of the eight races and took Saturday off altogether so that Nick and Mary could go "house hunting" in the Eustis area. In addition to placing series 12th, Nick did have the distinction of falling out of his boat in a drifter during some excitement at the windward mark. But Nick and Mary did end up buying a house in Eustis :) where they expect to spend six months of each year. One point behind Nick, was our regatta chair, Mike Murto who was introducing Wayfarer newcomer, Tom Hankard, to Wayfarers and racing. Tom, like Nick, has a home in Traverse City, Michigan. Unfortunately, Mike and Tom's best efforts went unrecorded when they just failed to beat the time-limit in race 5 which became a drifter near the finish. Mike's clubmate and former crew, Izak Kielmovitch, sailed with Bill Hemphill in the 5 races he finished and scored a couple of quite acceptable 10ths on his way to series 14th, one point back of his former mentor.

The freshly retired Tom Erickson brought his lovely wooden cruising Wayfarer *Possum* (W275) down from Gardner, Massachusetts, and raced it for the first time in a serious racing event. Sailing solo, Tom beat a few boats and plans to take part in more regattas and cruises now that he has retired from his career as a music teacher. One of the more fun moments of our weekend was when Tom and Chip did a drumming version of dueling banjos. Afterwards, Chip who lived in Africa to learn drumming for a year or two, stated that he was quite impressed with Tom's ability to match his every rhythm. Richard Watterson and his

sister, Mary Ellen Lappin, sailed Wanderer 1681 with us but were not scored. The Wanderer was a pleasant surprise in its ability to keep pace fairly well with the Wayfarers.

Thanks Uncle Al for capturing so much of this great Wayfarer weekend!

Summary of USWA Officers Meeting Feb 1 2013

On February 1, 2013 at 5:30 PM the USWA Officers met at Lake Eustis Sail Club. Officers present were Jim Heffernan, Nick Seraphinoff, Michele Parish, Marc Bennett, Tony Krauss, Richard Johnson and Linda Heffernan.

The minutes of the February 2, 2012 meeting of Officers were reviewed and accepted.

Next Al Schonborn, CWA representative for the WIC, briefly explained the three rule changes proposed by the WIC.

1. Electronics may be carried on Wayfarers during races and used for the functions that are allowed by the current Class Rules.
2. The individual owner is responsible for the buoyancy certification of his Wayfarer.
3. In lieu of a spinnaker pole and a whisker pole, two spinnaker poles may be carried during races.

The USWA Officers in attendance unanimously accepted all three proposed rule changes presented by the WIC.

Michele distributed the Treasurer's Report which showed that membership is keeping up with expenses, the largest of which is the publication of the SKIMMER and related postage. The 2012 end of year balance is \$5097.00 The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Next was the discussion of a replacement for Secretary/Treasurer as Michele Parish would like to resign before the end of the year. An appreciation for years of good service was acclaimed for Michele. In recent email correspondence, Gary Hirsch has volunteered to take over as Treasurer. Jim Heffernan will follow up on Gary's offer. Linda Heffernan volunteered to take over as Secretary. All were in favor of these officer changes.

Next item of discussion was the USWA involvement in the 2013 Worlds. Marc Bennett reported that he hopes for ten US competitors. Linda Heffernan has volunteered to compile information for the Events Handbook. Jim Heffernan asked if the USWA wanted to sponsor a social on one of the race evenings. It was decided that the USWA would sponsor a social that would serve USA

style appetizers on Tuesday after the races. We can expect about 150 persons based on a 50 boat attendance. It was moved by Tony Krauss and seconded by Marc Bennett that USWA allows a budget of \$1200 for food for this event. Michele and Linda offered to chair this social and will also pull together some items to raffle during the social.

Racing Captain Marc Bennett reported that the North Americans for 2013 will be held at Tawas Bay the second weekend of September and he will take care of the SI's the NOR and the trophies. The USWA 2014 Nationals will probably be held in southeastern Michigan and will be a piggyback on another regatta.

An update on USWA boats that are at Lake Lansing: Michigan State University continues to use and maintain the wood Wayfarer W621. They also have Wayfarer 2961 which is used as a training vessel for the MSU Sailing Club. Another Wayfarer has been donated to the USWA by John Webb of Toronto. Sail number is W3587. This boat will be used as a club boat and kept at Lake Lansing.

New business centered on a discussion of ways to improve the USWA website. All agreed that officers and area representatives should take more responsibility to feed our webmaster, Robin Moseley, with more frequent updates. Marc and Julie agreed to do this and Julie will update the "front page."

The next officers meeting will be a SKYPE meeting in late February or early March to discuss the website, new Treasurer, and the USWA sponsored social at Worlds. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

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September 7, 8, 2013

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Event coincides with National Women's Softball playoffs, so book your accommodations early!

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Calling All Wayfarers

If you know of an Open Handicap event in your area where Wayfarers can participate, we can post the info here and on the Racing Schedule. Contact Jim Heffernan, jheffernan@nc.rr.com

May 18, 19 May 26-31,	Lake Lansing Regatta & Clinic, Chesapeake Bay Cruise	E. Lansing, Michigan Nanticoke & Wicomico Rivers
Jun 1, 2 June 1, 2, June 8, 9 June 14 June 15, 16 June 15, 16	BOD, Bayview Yacht Club, Mayor's Cup, Lake Townsend YC Southern Maryland SA Open Chester River Race RHYC One Design Regatta NC Governor's Cup	Detroit, Michigan Greensboro, NC Solomons Island, Maryland Chestertown, Maryland Rock Hall, Maryland Kerr Lake, North Carolina
July 13, 14 July 26-Aug 3	Clark Lake YC Summer Regatta International Cruise Rally	Jackson, Michigan Killbear Provincial Park, Ontario
Aug 3-10 Sept 7, 8	Wayfarer Worlds XV North Americans	Mississauga, Ontario Tawas Bay, Tawas, Michigan

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