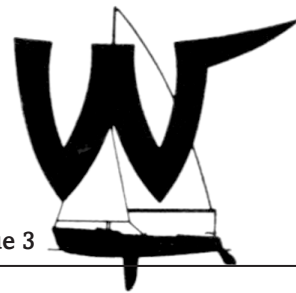


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The Wayfarer International Championship fleet on a downwind leg of challenging racing July 26 at the Greystones Sailing Club in Ireland. Photo by Alan Leddy

Wind, gusts, waves, tide, oh my

Worlds at Greystones, Ireland gives first-time participant a memorable experience

By Pat Kuntz
W11135

The sailing Instructions for the Wayfarer International Championship at Greystones Sailing Club in Ireland stated, “A Bronze fleet competitor is likely to have a track record of finishing in the bottom half of the fleet or be new to dinghy sailing.”

SWEET!!

It’s all good. I’m not completely new to dinghy sailing. I even picked up a few open water sailing tips during the Wayfarer North American Rally at Hermit Island, Maine. And besides, I’m crew. John Cadman would have the helm. Truth to tell, he generously offered to split the helms with me over the course of the week.

I crossed the Atlantic eager to sail, learn, blend, to be on the water with the best in the world. I also went with a desire to observe and record the logistics of hosting an International Championship, as the Lake Eustis Sailing Club was being presented to the Wayfarer International Committee as a potential location for the 2022 Championship.

I spent a lovely two days in Abergavenny, Wales, enjoying the hospitality of Denise and John Cadman. Then, on Saturday, July 20, Snow Drop, John’s Plus S Wayfarer, was hitched up and towed north through Wales to Holyhead to board the Irish Ferry going to Dublin. Less than an hour later we were pulling onto the Greystones Sailing Club property.

That’s when reality started to sink in. Holy \$#!*!!! It’s windy here!!!

Try as I may to pay attention to aforementioned



Big wind and big waves are captured by photographer Alan Leddy. A boat is weighed in preparation for racing. Photo by Pat Kuntz

logistics, watch the weighing, the measuring, check out the dinghy parking lot, the registration process, how many restrooms, (and Wow! They have a cash bar!!), I could not tear my eyes away from all those flags, snapping straight out, wind whistling through the halyards.

My new goal became, “Wipe that deer in the headlights look off of your face!” Thankfully, I soon realized I was seeing that look on a lot of other faces.

I will leave the description of conditions on the water to the exquisitely detailed reports from Jim Heffernan (posted at www.uswa.com). Suffice to say wind and gusts and waves and tide were all competing for the “who

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Worlds take-aways

» 53 entries in July 20-26 event at Greystones Sailing Club, The Harbour, Greystones, County Wicklow, Ireland

» Five North American Participants:

- Kit Wallace & crew Jonathan Dart, Toronto Sailing & Canoe Club, 30th, Bronze Fleet
- Scott Ramsey & Lee Sherratt, Conestoga Sailing Club, 33rd, Silver Fleet
- Rob Wierdsma & Samantha Wierdsma, Mississauga Sailing Club, 35th, Silver Fleet
- Jim Heffernan & Mark Heffernan, Lake Townsend Yacht Club, 48th, Bronze Fleet
- John Cadman & Patty Kuntz, Lake Eustis Sailing Club, 51st, Bronze Fleet

» Capsizes? Many. “Safety staff were magnificent throughout the regatta as they rescued sailors who had overturned or suffered gear failures,” Jim Heffernan wrote at the end of the regatta.

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Make some plans, enjoy some insights

What's ahead

CRUISES

- Cayo Costa Rally** - Oct. 25-27, Cayo Costa State Park off Pine Island, Fla.
- N.A. Rally** - July 25-Aug. 1, Wellesley Island State Park, Wellesley Island, N.Y.

RACING

- HOT VII** - Oct. 25-27, Greensboro, N.C.
- Old Brown Dog Regatta #8** - Nov. 2-3, Catawba YC, Charlotte, N.C.
- Wayfarer Midwinters No. 21** - Jan. 31-Feb. 2, Lake Eustis SC, Eustis, Fla.
- George Washington Regatta** - Feb. 15-16, Lake Eustis SC, Eustis, Fla.
- Jim Fletcher Memorial Regatta** - May 16, Lansing SC, Haslett, Mich.
- Baseline One-Design Regatta** - June 6-7, Michigan SC, Ann Arbor, Mich.
- Rock Hall Regatta & River Race** - June 19-21, Rock Hall, Md.
- U.S. Nationals/Governor's Clup** - June 26-28, Carolina SC, Kerr Lake, N.C.
- Wayfarer Ontarios** - Aug. 1-2, Lac Deschenes SC, Nepean, ON
- Wayfarer Regatta** - Sept. 12-13, Tawas Bay YC, East Tawas, Mich.

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Are you a reader? Ask to join the closed **Facebook group - Wayfarer Sailors Read** (group came about while sitting around at a regatta and talking about books; we need sailing literature suggestions!)

Mark your calendars: Worlds coming to Lake Eustis, Florida in 2022!

In July, at the Greystones Sailing Club in Ireland, more than 150 sailors, family and friends gathered to race or support those racing in the 2019 Wayfarer International Championship. A fair amount of coverage of this challenging event has been given herein and on the individual Wayfarer Associations' websites and the Facebook Page for Wayfarer North America. I hope you have enjoyed reading the accounts from various competitors.

At the final dinner and prize giving ceremony, representatives from the USWA and the Lake Eustis Sailing Club handed out a promotional flyer for the 2022 Internationals (Worlds) to be held in late February of 2022 on Lake Eustis. The large group of competitors from Denmark, United Kingdom, Canada and Ireland were quite excited about having a major event in the winter in warm Florida close to many of the tourist locations that Europeans love.

If logistics for transport of boats can be worked out, you will hear a lot of languages and various accents when you head south in the winter of 2022. The Danes have been asked to leave their swords and horned caps at home. Could be a problem getting through the security

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By Jim Heffernan
USWA Commodore
W1066

lines.

The USWA has organized an Internationals Sub-Committee that will do most of the hard labor to pull off a major championship regatta that could see 50 boats on the starting line with competition in Gold, Silver and Bronze fleets.

We are pleased that the Lake Eustis Sailing Club will host us at their very functional facilities on the shore of the lovely Lake Eustis where powerboat wakes are minimal and the winds generally show up at some time every day in the winter.

While this event is 29 months away, there will be the three-day Mid Winter Championship regattas held at Lake Eustis in February of 2020 and 2021.

What a great opportunity those events can be for you to test the waters and winds while sailing with experienced and novice racers from throughout the Wayfarer Family.

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Two more events to go for Fleet 15

With 11 of the 13 regattas under our belt for the fleet annual trophy, Jim and Linda Heffernan, Uwe Heine/ Nancy Collins, and AnnMarie Covington are the top three contenders for the annual trophies.

Annmarie has been so wonderful to handmake these trophies. I hope she continues to make them, because maybe one day I will win one.

We have had 14 different boats participate in the trophy race.

With two more of our most attended regattas yet to be held, the LTYC HOT VIII, and Old Brown Dog regattas, the winner of the Fleet 15 annual trophy is still up for grabs.

Fleet 15 is hosting the HOT VIII regatta at Lake Townsend this weekend. The event is a fund-raising regatta for Earlier.org an organization that is working to develop an early detection for breast cancer. This is our eighth year holding this regatta, and this year we hope to exceed the \$40,000 mark.

This year Uncle Al will be holding a racing tactics clinic Friday afternoon before the regatta.

We typically have several Wayfarer racers from the north attend, so please count this as an invitation to come sail with us, and get warm.

We will find lodging for all those who decide to attend.

The weekend after this regatta is the Old Brown Dog regatta at the Catawba Yacht club on Lake Wylie near Charlotte, NC.

Several folks go to the coast the week in between these two regattas and cruise the Outer Banks.

This summer, in August, we had, if my count is right, five Fleet 15 boats and 11 members make the trek up to Killbear, Canada for a wonderful cruise and camping.

This was my first trip to Canada and Killbear did not disappoint.

I even had some rock damage to bring home as a reminder that I need to lose some weight so I don't sit so low in the water next time we go back. Others of less girth made it over the rocks with no issues. I'm just glad I had an old woody boat when I hit the rock, more like rolled over it in style while standing on a downwind run. I'm also

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**By Phil Leonard
Fleet 15 Commodore
W864**

Worlds continued from Page 1

contributed the most to the chaos?" award. It was a tie. They all won.

My take-away:

We sailed. Every day. We did not finish most races, or start some. But we sailed out to the course. We tacked, jibed and managed mark rounding. We capsized, which was actually AWESOME!! because we got the boat up and bailed. Just like expert capsizers.

Heck, just launching the boat was a triumph. It involved a dolly trip down a steep embankment. Then, for me, a very undignified bellyflop while clawing my way into the crew position, getting the board down and the jib trimmed to steer away from the walls of the harbor.

I will forever cherish the memory, and the friendship of my three housemates: John Cadman, Izak Kleilmovitch from LESC and Irishman David Doran (Izak's skipper).

One of David's first observations was, "If you can't walk against it, you can't sail in it."

He was wrong. If not for the companionship,

sharing, laughing, (mostly at ourselves), it would have been an overwhelming experience.

I am awed by the talent of the best of the best: Mike McNamara, Just Mogens and countless Danes. I apologize for not remembering the names.

I am awed by the talent of the women, Monica Schaefer and Miriam McCarthy,

Margaret Hynes and others (again I don't remember the names).

I do remember one Danish woman, who along with the rest of us was watching the turmoil just outside of the harbor. She took a breath and said, simply, "Best get on with it." One of my many heroes from the week.

Lastly, you could not have picked any of the winners out of a lineup at the end of the day.

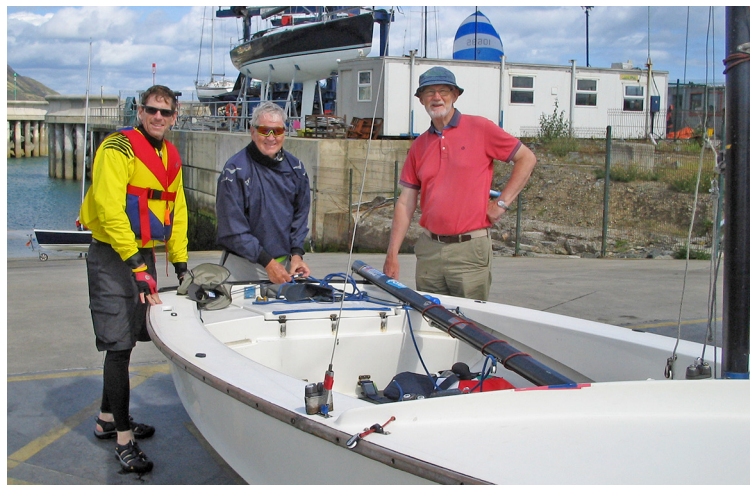
Everyone, to a person, was friendly, supportive and patient.

Just more evidence, for me, that five years ago I bought the right boat.

I look forward to 2022. Hope to see everyone there.



Ireland. Guinness. Enough said!



Mark Heffernan with his dad Jim Heffernan on shore with Michael Haig after a day of sailing. Photo by Merrin Froggett



LESC's Pat Kuntz was impressed with the performance of woman duos like Monica Schaefer and crew Miriam McCarthy (above left) sailing W11299 on home waters. Photo by Alan Leddy
The beautiful Wayfarer fleet on a spinnaker leg at Greystones Sailing Club. Photo by Alan Jones
The 2019 World Chamionship winners: Tom and Andrew Wilson, Great Britain, Bronze first; Mike McNamara and Simon Townsend, Great Britain, Gold first; and Mogens Just and Anders Friis, Denmark, Silver first. Photo by Merrin Froggett

Doubt, confusion during Killbear long distance cruise/ race

By Jim Heffernan
W2458

The 2019 Killbear Cruising Rally took on a new twist with the addition of an 11 NM cruise/race across Parry Sound using large islands as markers.

The plan as described by organizers Alan Asselstine and Sue Pilling was to sail from a starting line at the campground boat launch on an easterly heading and round Depot Island near the entrance of the abandoned shipping harbor. Then a nice 4NM close reach to round Horse Island, thence around Green Island and head back to the boat launch finish line.

All islands would be left to port. AnnMarie Covington used her satellite GPS to give us a general course for the long legs to Depot and Horse Islands.

Initially, Linda and I took a wide sweep past the downwind side of Depot Island. But as the wind filled, we followed in the general direction of the lead pack as the sailors steered clear of the commercial fish farm marked by large red and yellow balls.

Believing we were well clear, we were surprised by two thick yellow poly cables just below the surface. Linda quickly pulled up the board as we passed over the cables and we nearly stopped as the rudder got a good thwacking. Then the safety latch released and we moved on, still not able to see the small marker ball well off to starboard that would have kept us safe had we been navigating wisely and not cutting corners.

When the leaders hardened up on port tack, we bore away a wee bit to clear our air and make the ride easier for the next 4NM. After a check of the compass, we steadied on the recommended 345 degree heading to put Horse Island on the nose. As we diverged from the lead group and all the others who were following Sue Pilling and Steph Romaniuk, AnnMarie Covington and Andy Forman, and Alastair and Sharon Ryder-Turner, the doubt began to gnaw. What do they know that we don't know? And then a mile later, "Jim why are we the only boat going this way?" followed by, "Are you on a flyer again looking for the wind?" There was one other boat behind us, but it was too far away to identify.

As the Day Beacon that marked the passage between Horse and Huckleberry came into view, I knew we were on the right heading. However, more doubt made me think there had been a change made to round all



Sue Pilling and crew Steph Romaniuk (above) in W397 on their home waters at the Killbear Rally Aug. 10-17 in Parry Sound, Ontario, Canada. Pilling was a co-organizer of the event along with Alan Asselstine. Speaking to the sailors during an evening gathering, Alan Asselstine updates rally sailors. Photos by Jo Bossart

islands to starboard. I was now resigned to watching the fleet pass us downwind and we slugged our way upwind through the island passages and then reached back to the finish line. When the fleet failed to materialize ahead, I was convinced the race had been abandoned in the rising wind and we were all alone with one unknown Wayfarer also struggling to stay upright in the shifty and gusty winds between isislands.

Eventually, we worked up to a point where we could see Wayfarers returning to Killbear Lighthouse Campground, so we fell in line toward the finish line sure that the buoy had been lifted from the water and we would just be joining the others on the beach.

Surprise! Mary Asselstine was standing on shore with the Wayfarer flag held high taking finishes and sounding the horn. We crossed first followed by Patty Kuntz and Robert. Then Alastair and Sharon came into view leading a group that had finally peeled away to correctly leave the islands to port.

Next year at the rally, there will be many more islands to sow confusion and doubt as we navigate the currents of the St. Laurence River. Maybe a GPS should be allowed to add more confusion?



The crisp, beautiful waters of Parry Sound showcase the beauty of the Wayfarer fleet at the Killbear Cruise Rally in Ontario, Canada. Photo by Jo Bossart

CHAMPIONS

Peggy & Maggie Menzies take home U.S. Nationals championship with some Homecoming incentive



By Peggy Menzies
W11158

Starting with the happy ending: Here's Maggie, my daughter and crew, pictured for her Senior Homecoming dance two weeks after the US Nationals held at Tawas Bay Yacht Club. Admire her hair and nails...

The next picture was the hair at awards time (yes, the same hair that whipped me in the face while racing I might add) before the \$200 haircut and style. Notice much of a difference?

Over the summer, Maggie sought a summer job to pay for said dance hairdo and nails but the job scene didn't work out. After drifting through four races in Toronto, I promised more wind in Tawas. "But Mom, I need to earn some money before the Homecoming Dance." What's more important-working to earn money for a hairdo or crewing at Nationals. I was desperate. "I'll pay for your hair and nails if we win."

By the time the third photo was taken, I think she earned every penny.

Of course what you don't see in the photo is her pure confidence in our abilities going downwind with our new spinnaker flying, planing like madmen. In contrast, I had a look of pure terror complete with eyes bulging, panicked at the thought of a dinghy roll capsize, thinking we're going to lose it all. Thank goodness for the confidence of youth.

It was two days of some pretty sensational winds (a breezy 15-17 knots the second day), triangle courses taking roughly an hour each to keep us in shape for future worlds and great fun at terrific Tawas Yacht Club.

A year ago, this was the very place of my first Wayfarer regatta, crewing for Dave McCreedy. I had never sailed a Wayfarer before meeting Dave.

Last year, we were blown off the water for the regatta, but we got out and sailed some anyway. What a fabulous boat in a breeze - well, you all know this. I also met some terrific people in the fleet and with the club. And now, here I am a year later like a bad penny you can't get rid of.

As a fleet, we are such a fun group of characters. Everyone is always so helpful and most days I seem to need a lot of help for the simple things like backing a trailer. In my defense, as long as I can see the trailer, I can usually manage to get my boat into the water. Getting the trailer to take out is another story and I provided everyone with much needed comic relief at the end of the day.

I was as red in the face as Mike (Codd) and Kirk (Iredale's) Red Top (W4600) from embarrassment after jackknifing the trailer multiple times. After hand correcting the trailer the fourth or fifth time, Kirk was incredulous and asked, "How do you ever manage to sail?"

I should have taken Frank (Goulay - W648) up on his offer to drive my car for me. Further embarrassed, I didn't accept to avoid dying of complete shame from the incredible smell in my car - wet sailing gear mixes so

well with the pervasive old dog smell normally there.

David (Pugh - W11222) just laughed at me and I think offered me another beer. So I parked in front of his jeep.

As for the racing, David and Anne (Pugh) are the masters and envy of many for their incredible spinnaker work on the reaches. Marc (Bennett) and Julie (Seraphinoff) also ran spinnaker on the reaches, but Maggie and I were being conservative (ok, we're really just big chickens) and only flew the kite on the downwinds.

Upwind, at least for the Mark IVs, it was a matter of taking a block out, cranking on vang and hiking like fiends to keep the boat flat. Maggie and I took to yelling at the boat to get flatter. It seemed to help tired quad muscles find extra motivation and managed to confuse everyone else. (note it took a whole lot of Advil to get out of bed the next morning). Mike and Kirk were having a grand time in their Mark I - their best race, the windiest.

Starts were exciting in the big breeze. It seemed right at two minutes for each of the three starts Sunday, a huge puff came roaring down the course. Sails flapping, boats jockeying for position, and all I could think was rats, there's Dave and Angela (Brazil) exactly where I wanted to be. He must have been listening this spring when we talked about starting strategy. I think I had a second row start each time somewhere behind Marc and David at the boat end.

The breakfast masters of the campground, Matt Dailey and Nick Burtka had a phenomenal weekend in borrowed sails from Dave McCreedy. Last year, they lost their rudder and practiced good seamanship in heading close enough to shore to wade back to the yacht club. This year, they were in the thick of racing, flying the chute more than we braved it. A little more tuning on the boat and look out.

If you've never been to Tawas, let me paint a picture: There is a little sand spit on the north end of Saginaw Bay (you know, the part of Lake Huron that cuts in to make the thumb of Michigan). That sand spit creates its own bay of beautiful sandy beaches and a state park complete with working light house at the tip.

Just on the inside, there is a Coast Guard Station neighboring the Tawas Yacht Club. It reminds me in a way of the outer banks of North Carolina minus the hurricanes and salt.

The water is relatively shallow so this time of year it is still warm enough to be comfortable. But there's no weeds, no running aground, no tack-ya wind shifts, no masts stuck in mud, yet plenty of space for wide open courses. And both times I've been here - plenty of wind!

Many of us stay at the state park - you can easily walk between the yacht club and your tent. Or you can stay at any number of motels or cabins close by. The club itself is wonderful. I believe we're the last event of the season so there's dinner to be had Friday and Saturday evening and a staffed bar full of friends.

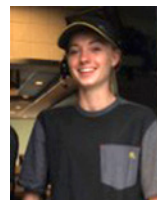
The members do a lot to make us welcome, moving boats to accommodate all our Wayfarer gear and the grounds are just beautiful to watch the sunset or do homework (like Maggie at left).

Tawas is a vacation town - come for the regatta, stay for the week. Lots to see and do for the family. Hope to see you here next year-

PS - As I write, the job situation is restored... guess I'll be looking for crew.



| Rank | Seed | Boat Name | Sail/No | Helm/Crew | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 | Total | Nett | Notes |
|------|---------|-------------------|---------|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-------|----|-------|-------|------|----------------|
| 1 | 2 (07) | Blew By You | 11158 | Peggy Menzies/Maggie Helmen | 1 | (4) | 3 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 6 | |
| 2 | 1 (04) | Ras Green | 11221 | Marc Bennett/Julie Seraphinoff | (3) | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 7 | |
| 3 | 5* (17) | Sound Check | 11222 | David & Anne Pugh | 2 | 3 | (5) | 3 | 4 | 17 | 12 | *Most Improved |
| 4 | 3 (09) | SHADES/Glory Days | 3854 | Al Schonborn/Kai Dolan | 4 | 6 | 2 | 4 | (7) | 23 | 16 | |
| 5 | 6 (38) | Red Top | 4600 | Mike Codd/Kirk Iredale | (8) | 5 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 23 | 17 | |
| 6 | 4 (12) | KGB | 648 | Frank Goulay/Jennifer Prining | 5 | 2 | 6 | 5 | (DNF) | 28 | 18 | |
| 7 | 7 (39) | Jamaica Blue | 911 | Dave McCreedy/Angela Brazil | 7 | 8 | (DNF) | 7 | 5 | 37 | 27 | |
| 8 | 8 (68) | Woodwind | 453 | Dave Wilputa/Sam Durbin | (9) | 7 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 37 | 28 | |
| 9 | 9 (98) | Gilondar | 10861 | Matt Dailey/Nick Burtka | 8 | (9) | 8 | 9 | 8 | 42 | 33 | spirit awards |



Exciting racing event at Blackbeard SC after Florence devastation

By Bill Jarvis
Event race officer

Blackbeard Sailing Club on the Neuse River, N.C., Aug. 23-25.

The PRO for this event was local race officer, Bill Jarvis, who also ran the June 2019 Easterns for the Wayfarers at Kerr Lake. Here are his notes from the two day Blackbeard Regatta.

“The racing action was hot and the weather was unseasonably cool, but welcome, for the Union Bank One Design Regatta. Host Blackbeard Sailing Club was physically devastated by Hurricane Florence last September. But the club has recovered and their legendary hospitality has not diminished. Sailors were welcome to camp on the club’s grounds with full access to the club’s facilities.

Race one Saturday was, in a word, wet. But the breeze was 8-10 out of the N,NE which was just about perfect. That is until the third race. Once the sailors had started race three, the wind shifted to the left brought on by a wall of rain marching towards the race course. Race committee contemplated changing course in response to

the wind shift, but were rightfully concerned that the change mark would have been totally obscured by the rain, which it turned out it would have. The decision was made to race on. The course was not perfectly square, but the competitors finished happy and very wet.

Blackbeard’s hospitality was on full display after racing, serving a traditional North Carolina BBQ and fried chicken meal with all the fixins. The finale was an ice cream bar with gobs of toppings.

Sunday the wind was forecast to be up, 12-18, with much higher puffs. Race committee set the same course as on Saturday and got two highly competitive races completed before sending the sailors in. Highly competitive is not an exaggeration. For example, a tie-breaker was required between 1st /2nd and 2nd/3rd in the Flying Scot fleet. The Wayfarer and San Juan WS fleets also had tie breakers.”

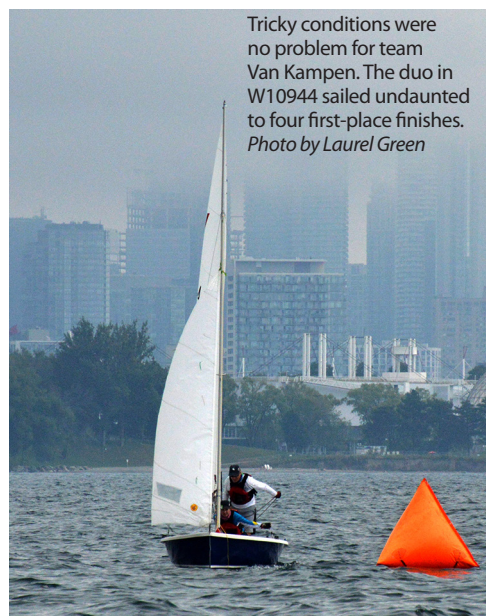
Bill noted at the awards ceremony that the Wayfarers were all close on the line for their starts. This paid off for the fleet as they usually stayed close together for the first two legs.



Wayfarers and Flying Scots (top) mix it up on the start line of the Blackbeard SC One-Design Regatta, Aug. 23-25 in New Bern, N.C. In a rainy regatta, Richard Johnson and Michele Parish (above) in W10873 set the spinnaker pole. Jim and Linda Heffernan (left) went on to win the regatta. Photos courtesy Blackbeard SC

Final positions for the first four boats were within three points

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|-----|--|-----------|
| 1st | Jim and Linda Heffernan W1066 | 7 Points |
| 2nd | Uwe and Nancy Heine W10978 | 9 Points |
| 3rd | AnnMarie Covington/Ali Kisbaugh W11134 | 9 Points |
| 4th | Richard and Michelle Johnson W10873 | 10 Points |



Tricky conditions were no problem for team Van Kampen. The duo in W10944 sailed undaunted to four first-place finishes. Photo by Laurel Green

No doubt about North American champs

By Al Shonborn
W3854

Meet Leo and Joanne Van Kampen, your new 2019 North American Wayfarer champions. The 9th-seeded Leo and Joanne won all four races over a tough fleet in tricky conditions on Humber Bay off the Toronto Sailing & Canoe Club on the weekend of Aug. 17-18.



Leo and Joanne Van Kampen hoist the North American trophy with help from Jan d'Ally. Photo by Al Shonborn

The Van Kampens’ victory thus returned the Henry Croce Trophy to the Conestoga SC for the first time since the legendary Peter and Maggie Bassin (W421) took back-to-back titles in 1967-1968.

Race Officer

John O’Dwyer and his committee coped well with warm, changeable light-to-medium winds, completing two and a half double-sausage races on the Saturday before threatening thunderstorms forced abandonment of race three after one sausage.

Saturday afternoon’s early end to racing due to the approaching squall was timed perfectly by the race committee. The fleet had their boats bedded down for the night before the brief rain squall hit. Thereafter, sunshine and a fine dinner of steak or chicken made for a lovely evening of social time.

Sunday morning brought us similar winds which died in the early afternoon just after the RC shortened race 4 at the end of the first of its two scheduled sausages (windward-leeward). Unfortunately, that meant there would be no drop races. No sweat for the 9th-seeded Van

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Good show

12 Wayfarers make appearance at annual Clark Lake regatta

By Julie Seraphinoff
W11221

The annual Tim Dowling Memorial Regatta at Clark Lake Yacht Club outside Jackson, Mich. lived up to all expectations: funky winds, funky course, weeds and more weeds, beautiful setting and always gracious, generous hosts.

This year, building on a plea from club members, the Wayfarer fleet boosted its presence to 12 boats, including five from Canada. Frank Goulay and Kim Bergevin even made the almost nine-hour trek from Ottawa for the Sept. 21-22 event. We had this year's recently crowned U.S. Nationals champion Peggy Menzies sailing, as well North American champions Leo and Joanne Van Kampen of Conestoga Sailing Club.

Obviously, this was some keen competition.

The Wayfarers were joined by nine Rebels, six Sunfish and two Buccaneers. As one local said, it was nice to see the lake covered with sailboats.

The plea came because, according to Al Schonborn's super-crew Shannon Donkin who grew up at the club, CLYC is feeling the pains of an aging sailing fleet and fewer young people taking part in dinghy sailing. Dock space once dominated by masts is now dominated by powerboats. Hosting a regatta that depends on volunteer staff is a lot of work and club members are unsure how much longer they can keep up the effort.

My skipper Marc Bennett and I will be exceedingly disappointed if the regatta comes to an end. We look forward each fall to this annual event and revel in an easy 45-minute drive from our East Lansing home after a summer of travel to events far and wide. The grounds are beautiful for camping and there's nothing better than waking up to a beautiful sunrise enshrouded in early morning fog. We treat ourselves to a nice dinner Friday evening on the patio of the Eagle Pointe Bar & Grill, an easy walk from the club. (Next time we are all together, we will tell you the story of this year's Friday evening adventure. I'll tease you with: forgotten sleeping bags, keys locked in van, an armed neighbor.)

This year we had the luxury of sailing in summery weather. Was nice to still be in shorts and light shirts when we know long-underwear and wool sweaters are in our near future here in the North.

Marc and I have been sailing this event together for about 11 years. It is fair to say, some of that background knowledge gave us a bit of an edge here and there. For example, in race

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Anne Pugh with skipper David Pugh in W11222 (above) showcases her spinnaker skills against Julie Seraphinoff and skipper Marc Bennett in W11221 during the Sept. 21-22 Tim Dowling Memorial Regatta on Clark Lake near Jackson, Mich. Photo by Rick Belcher Robert Mosher (right) works with Marc Bennett on rigging his new boom before racing Saturday. Photo by Al Schonborn Marc Meyer sailing with crew Amelia Meyer won the Most Improved award after a consistent weekend of sailing in W2413. Phot by Shannon Donkin



Julie Seraphinoff and skipper Marc Bennett took first in W11221. Fall 2019



Anne Pugh and skipper David Pugh (right) with race officer Neal Robb took second in W11222.



Peggy Menzies (right) and Sunday's crew Mike Moody took third in W11158.

the 2019 Tim Dowling Memorial Regatta at Clark Lake

Wayfarers

| Rank | Seed | SailNo | Helm/Crew | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | Total | Notes |
|------|---------|--------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----------------|
| 1 | 1 (04) | 11221 | Marc Bennett/Julie Seraphinoff | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | |
| 2 | 5* (16) | 11222 | David & Anne Pugh | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 11 | * Most Improved |
| 3 | 2 (06) | 11158 | Peggy Menzies/Susanna Telshow/Mike Moody | 6 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 16 | |
| 4 | 4 (10) | 3854 | Al Schonborn/Shannon Donkin | 2 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 17 | |
| 5 | 6 (19) | 648 | Frank Goulay/Kim Bergevin | 8 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 23 | |
| 6 | 8 (39) | 4600 | Mike Codd/Kirk Iredale | 5 | RDG | 7 | 6 | 24 | |
| 7 | 3 (8) | 10944 | Leo & Joanne Van Kampen | 3 | 5 | 4 | DCS | 25 | |
| 8 | 7 (38) | 911 | Dave McCreedy/Angela Brazil | 7 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 27 | |
| 9 | - | 2413 | Marc & Amelia Meyer | 9 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 35 | Most Improved |
| 10 | 9 (58) | 3445 | Robert Mosher/Tom Rich | 10 | 11 | 11 | 9 | 41 | |
| 11 | 11 (79) | 2951 | Mike & Robin Austerberry | 11 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 41 | |
| 12 | 10 (79) | 453 | Dave Wilpula | DNS | DNC | DNC | DNC | 52 | |

Clark Lake

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one on Sunday the committee opted to move the finish line to a mark closer to the club. That is the CLYC prerogative and always has been. We knew to watch for a move, saw it and sailed accordingly.

Meanwhile, we could see MSC's David and Anne Pugh (W11222) and Peggy with crew Mike Moody sailing to the other end of the lake, where we had started. "Uh oh," I said, "they don't see the change."

I felt their pain as I remembered the year I had the course map upside down and sent us to the wrong side of the lake, to the wrong mark.

Ah, and the weeds. Flushing the board and rudder takes on new meaning on Clark Lake. With each flush, I just tried to remember what a good upper-body workout I was getting.

All in all, Marc and I had a consistent two days of sailing in Ras Green, although our poor W11221 took a beating, getting crashed into twice. One of the collisions involved a Rebel at the downwind mark. There's nothing scarier than looking up and watching one of those beasts bearing down on your port rail. Despite the major crunches, Ras Green demonstrated the increased hardness of the Mark IV and held up well. She is now in the boat hospital for rather minor repairs so she is ready for the trip to Florida for the Midwinters.

All in all, this was a fantastic weekend spent with favorite people. We loved seeing some local sailors out who we don't regularly see. That included Marc Meyer and his daughter Amelia of Rochester, who sail in my childhood stomping grounds Stony Creek, and Ann Arbor team Mike Austerberry and son Robin, who has grown from a little guy running around on the club grounds into a strapping high school student.

We do appreciate all the efforts of the CLYC members and hope to see them next year. Fall would not be the same without an end-of-season sail on Clark Lake.

MSC CL16/Wayfarer event one day of great racing

By Marg Duncan
W10962 MSC

This year, Mississauga Sailing Club outside Toronto, Ontario decided to combine the CL16/Wayfarer Regatta on Sept. 28 with the Moe Fraser Long Distance Race on Sept. 29 for a weekend finale of our racing season. We were thrilled that the storms and rains cleared Saturday and, after an hour's delay waiting for the day's winds to fill in, we were off.

Little did we know we were going to face a mixed bag of winds, directions and showers for the rest of the day. The first two races were sailed in southwest winds 8 to 10 knots, pleasant and uneventful - except for our Michigan guests, Marc Bennett and Julie Seraphinoff, who placed first in the second race only to have it snatched away with an OCS (over early). This bad luck was a precursor to what was in store for them later in the regatta.

Most of the third race was sailed in the same wind, but a sudden 150-degree shift to the north produced strong, gusty winds and had spinnakers downed quickly on the last leg of the race. At this point, the Duncans, Mike and Marg, were

running in first place near the finish line with Marc and Julie 30 yards behind. The Duncans were slow to see the new wind coming and the strong winds left them hobbling to the finish line with a spinnaker mess. Marc and Julie took first, one second ahead of the Duncans.

The wind stayed up and race four was a little too eventful for two crews. Scott and Les had a capsized to windward as the skipper failed to alert his crew that he was tacking. Then Marc and Julie had a catastrophe with a pin breaking on a shroud, effectively ending their racing for the day.

This opened the door for teams Wiersdima, Pugh and Duncan to battle it out for first place overall. Race five was won by Rob Wiersdima and Paul Taylor, who after a fine day of sailing won the regatta. Well done, guys. Jan d'Ailly and David Meijer from Conestoga had two great finishes, a third and a second.

Rob praised his crew, Paul and shared Paul's excellent advice: Just steer the boat, as crew, I will do everything else. Words of wisdom. That's exactly how it should be done. (Al's note: Isn't there an expression about some things being rarer than hen's teeth?)

2022 Wayfarer Worlds

February 26-March 4
Lake Eustis Sailing Club
Eustis, Florida, USA

The amazing sunsets on Lake Eustis never get old!

photos by Anne Pugh, W11222



The Club and The Lake

Home to four one-design fleets, LECS is the most active racing and sailing club in Central Florida. Plays host to five regional sailing events each year, including the Wayfarer Mid-Winters the end of January. Large boat storage area and dual launching ramps on 10-acres of property. Large clubhouse, perfect for pre- and post-sailing social gatherings. Bathrooms and shower facilities, and kitchen.

Lake Eustis is the center lake in the Harris Chain. Approximately 4 miles long and 3 miles wide, covering 7,833 acres of water. Lake averages 10-feet deep. Is large enough to handle a large fleet, with a racing area close to the clubhouse.

The Weather

Ideal! Temperatures in the mid-70s during the day, low 50s at night

The Eustis Area

City of Eustis is part of Lake County, which features rolling hills and 1,000 lakes and rivers ideal for kayaking and swimming. Centrally located to both the Gulf and Atlantic coasts.

Accommodations

- Eight spaces for RVs
- Tent camping on the club grounds
- Numerous hotels, resorts, quaint bed and breakfasts and inns, and other camping facilities within easy drive to sailing club

Airports

- Orlando Int. Airport - 50 miles
- Orlando Sanford Int. Airport - 32 miles
- Daytona Beach Int. Airport - 50 miles

Lots of Things To Do

City of Eustis features a historic downtown on the banks of Lake Eustis and is walkable from the sailing club. There is unique shopping and restaurants. A favorite stop is the Oyster Trough, just up the street from the club.

Alligators? Take a boat tour of the Dora Canal, a one-and-a-quarter mile waterway connecting Lake Eustis and Lake Dora. You will also see abundant flora and birds, turtles, snakes and fish.

5.6 miles from Eustis is the quaint town of Mount Dora, featuring Old Florida country living, lakes, quaint inns and shops.

Distance to Walt Disney World Resort and Universal Studios in Orlando - 44 miles

St. Augustine, Atlantic side - 89 miles

Cape Canaveral Space Center & Cocoa Beach, Atlantic side - 99 miles

Clearwater Beach, Gulf of Mexico side - 120 miles

Cedar Key, Gulf of Mexico side - 107 miles

Florida Panhandle, Gulf of Mexico side - 270 miles

Key West - 423 miles

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thankful for the brass guard, that I took a chunk out when we went over the rocks. No leaks and repairs have been done.

The smoked fish was amazing, I think I ate about a pound of it in a couple days.

The weather was spectacular with lows in the mid 50s and highs in the mid to upper 70s and low humidity.

What a sight to see with about 28 Wayfarers of all colors sailing around Parry Sound and Georgian Bay.

The best part of the trip, however, as with the regattas too, is the great group of folks who make Wayfarer such an attractive boat to sail.

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Kampens who seemed magically in tune with the patchy winds once more and completed their perfect 1-1-1-1 series. Congratulations, Leo and Joanne, on a spectacular series!!

A testament to how puzzling the rest of us found the conditions was the 2-4-6-5 series sailed by Parry Sound's 4th-seeded Sue Pilling and Steph Romaniuk who placed a comfortable series second, four points up on the top-seeds, Marc Bennett and Julie Seraphinoff of East Lansing, Michigan.

Eastern Michigan was well represented with two teams in the top 10. Second-seeded Peggy Menzies and her daughter, Maggie (16, almost 17) took series 6th as they

discovered why the late Dr. Stuart Walker called our sailing venue "Toronto's horrible Humber Bay." No doubt more pleased than the Menzies with their performance were Dave McCreedy and Weiling Wong who had been seeded 14th but placed a very nice series 7th, and thus snagged the Wayfarer North Americans Most Improved water bottles). Congratulations, Dave and Weiling!

| Rank | Seed | Sail No | Helms/Crew | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | Total | Notes |
|------|---------|-------------|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|---------------|
| 1 | 9 (18) | 10944 | Leo & Joanne Van Kampen | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | Most Improved |
| 2 | 4 (08) | 397 | Sue Pilling/Steph Romaniuk | 2 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 17 | |
| 3 | 11 (08) | 11221 | Marc Bennett/Julie Seraphinoff | 4 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 21 | |
| 4 | 7 (15) | 10963 | John Crawford/Robert MacDonald | 7 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 23 | |
| 5 | 5 (09) | 800 | Al Schorbert/Tom Wharton | 6 | 2 | 16 | 2 | 26 | |
| 6 | 2 (05) | 11156 | Peggy & Maggie Menzies | 10 | 8 | 2 | 8 | 28 | |
| 7 | 14 (48) | 911 (10081) | Dave McCreedy/Weiling Wong | 3 | 15 | 11 | 6 | 35 | Most Improved |
| 8 | 3 (06) | 648 | Frank Goulay/Kim Bergevin | 12 | 9 | 10 | 4 | 35 | |
| 9 | 11 (26) | 11134 | AnnMarie Covington/Andy Forman | 5 | 13 | 9 | 10 | 37 | |
| 10 | 17 (08) | 10964 | Jan d'Ailly/Dave Meijer | 13 | 7 | 5 | 13 | 38 | |
| 11 | 8 (17) | 2458 | Jim & Linda Heffernan | 9 | 10 | 12 | 12 | 43 | |
| 12 | 12 (24) | 994 | Kiri Wallace/George Walker | 16 | 12 | 7 | 9 | 44 | |
| 13 | 10 (20) | 10137 | Alastair & Andrew Rydner/Turner | 18 DNF | 18 DNF | 8 | 3 | 47 | |
| 14 | 13 (36) | 4600 | Mike Codd/Kirk Iredale | 8 | 11 | 13 | 16 | 48 | |
| 15 | 16 (12) | 11222 | David & Anne Pugh | 11 | 6 | 18 DNF | 18 DNF | 53 | |
| 16 | 16 (03) | 10305 | Paul & Wendy Rogers | 15 | 14 | 15 | 14 | 58 | |
| 17 | 15 (57) | 453 | Dave Wilpua/Sam? | 14 | 16 | 14 | 15 | 59 | |