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From The Helm

Spring is here and with the warmer weather comes time to get the Beetle ready for another summer of fun. Yes, it's all worth the time to keep the boat looking good and in seaworthy condition.

This will be my third straight year as Chairman of NEBCBA and my last. I would like to thank all who have supported me and hope in your eyes I have done the job that you expected. In 2007 I asked everyone to come and sail at our Telesmanick Championships which will be sailed at the Bass River Yacht Club on August 11 & 12, 2007. I know that Betsy Kamborian & Nancy Rogers, along with the rest of the Bass River regatta committee, will make this a regatta to remember.

So as the warm winds come and our mainsails fill, I say once again, Thank You for allowing me to be your chairman. I also hope you will remain a strong supporter of this association and the little wooden boat that we all love to sail.

Smooth Sailing,
Mark Thornhill
NEBCBA Chairman

From the Boat Shop: Beetle Inc. Report

Jonathan, Charlie and Marc currently have ten new Beetle

Cats in various stages of production with plans for three or four more by summer. The Beetle Cat shop has been buzzing with over 115 boats in-house and still climbing! Plans are underway for an expansion to the storage shed which will allow for even more storage capacity.

Pearl River Productions began filming footage at the shop in February for the upcoming documentary on the history of the Beetle Cat boats. Don't be surprised to see filming at some of the Beetle Cat regattas this summer!

The big excitement for the wood workers was the return of the shops rebuilt 1926 30" planer. After having to "make do" for several years with the smaller 18" planer, it was a pleasure to see the big, old planer (they don't make 'em like they used to!) back in action.

A new Beetle Cat was displayed at the Catboat Association Annual Meeting in February. We were excited to see Tim Fallon receive the C.C. Hanley Broadaxe award which recognizes significant achievement in Catboat construction. Tim thanked everyone at Beetle, Inc., especially the builders Bill Sauerbrey and Jon O'Donovan, along with the entire Catboat community for their support.

Bill Sauerbrey is finishing up the first Beetle 14' catboat of his own design, using the Beetle Cat, Hanley and Crosby cats

as his inspiration. The boat is scheduled for an April launching. It was built to answer the call of the Beetle Cat customer looking for a "bigger boat with seats".

The Maine Boatbuilder's Show saw lots of snow on Friday and Saturday, but many still braved the wintry weather bound and determined to get to the show! We enthusiastically signed up to exhibit at the Wooden Boat Show, finally back at Mystic Seaport this year, from June 29th – July 1st, 2007. Many of our customers are introduced to the Beetle Cats at Mystic Seaport's Boathouse where they can rent them along with other traditional wood boats. Sharon Brown, the Boathouse Supervisor, is one of our biggest supporters, so be sure to drop by the boathouse for a boat ride. This promises to be a big show with visitors getting "2 for the price of 1" in being able to see both the boat show and the museum. Hope to see you there!

Michelle Buoniconto

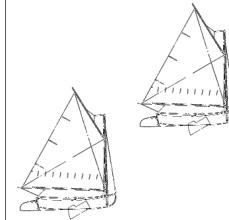
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Mystic Seaport Boathouse Series 2006

Under threatening skies, rain, and a stiff southerly breeze, The Boathouse sponsored 10-week 2006 summer series for Beetle Cats wrapped up on a Saturday morning in September with nine races round the navigation buoys in the Mystic River estuary adjacent to Mystic Seaport Museum. Four boats raced with hardy skippers at the helm. It was exhilarating and as usual interesting. Traffic can be daunting and competitors shared the channel with the launches *Resolute*, *Necessity* and *Liberty*, Voyager Cruises' day sail schooner *Argia*, the steamboat *Sabino*, the Crosby catboat reproduction *Breck Marshall*, the museum's schooner yacht *Brilliant*, and incoming parades of those seeking escape from the conditions on the Sound. "Uncle!," yelled Joe Callaghan, at the helm of *Skip's Star*, as he struggled to stop her from rounding up, "Thank god for knee pads!" Skippers were well matched and finished in close proximity whether tackling the short course, or the long course with a nerve-wracking downwind leg. Fleets experiencing such conditions on a regular basis must have race committees blessed with nerves of steel and chase boats hovering on station.

Over the series, 23 people partici-



Joe Callaghan and Ernie Morris maneuver during the count down for the start before some of the stately homes lining the west side of the river.

pated in 60 races, with eight boats total, seven Beetle Cats and one Arey's Pond Kitten named *Doodle*, the first fiberglass hull in our fleet. The series was won by the museum's *Wilbur Langdon* (the former

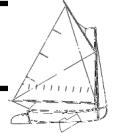
North Star from the estate of Richard S. Lovelace, Essex, Connecticut) donated by W. Langdon III of Mystic in honor of his father. She was skippered by Ernie Morris of Willington, Connecticut and Parker Harris of the Conrad summer sailing camp, here from Hyde Park, Vermont. *Skip's Star* with Joe Callaghan took second, and third was *Lisa* skippered by Carol Roffey of Amstan and Sue Rapport of Rocky Hill, Connecticut.

Mystic Seaport's Beetle Cat fleet is donated, and this year, so were the sails due to the generosity of Wil Langdon III, Roy Terwilliger, and Beetle Inc. When a new Beetle Cat sail is delivered to The Boathouse door, it is cause for celebration, like Christmas in May, giving lift to the day.

The emphasis of our series is fun, safety, friendship, and tradition. The 16' semi-dory *Chaser* built in the summer of 1979 by Glastonbury High School teacher Lawrence Jones from plans in John Gardner's "The Dory Book" is our race committee boat, the duties shared through the years with Chuck Stevens who is among the best and most organized. We are in a unique estuary setting surrounded by stately old New England homes and church spires, the rigs of the Museum's large ves-



Fighting weather helm, Marilyn Stevens keeps Tango ahead of Ron and Chris Sebring moving Goblin up to weather.



Ernie Morris in Wilbur Langdon tries to maintain his advantage to windward, shutting out Leo J. Telesmanick and Mamie at the start.

sels like the fishing schooner *L.A. Dunton*, the full rigged ship *Joseph Conrad* or the whaling bark *Charles W. Morgan*, and the variety of our wooden fleet. A message to the committee boat may be delivered under oar in a Chamberlain dory skiff and wooden tenders swing on the moorings while we race. The scene is magical, and if you are musical you can name the tune and hum along with the Mystic Noank Band playing in concert at the riverside park in town. On special occasions the horn on the Route 1 Bascule Bridge may join the production. By contrast, the Branford construction company Blakeslee, Arpaia, Chapman, Inc.'s 150 Ton crane and barge, *Blakeslee* of New Haven, dominated the waterfront at the south end of the Henry B. DuPont Preservation Shipyard, preparing the new lift dock for the *Morgan* restoration scheduled to start in 2008. The commercial equipment is surprisingly interesting and impressive in variety, complexity, and size.

The local Beetle Cat fleet waxes and wanes through the years for innumerable reasons. One of the services (some would say obligation) Mystic Seaport's Boathouse provides, is to keep the thread in tact during times when the fleet is stressed, and tenacity is rewarded when others make extreme effort to join

us. As when the Jack Gosselin family of North Stonington brought their I.Y.R.S. rebuilt *Mamie* to race in 2006 and Ron Sebring of Toms River, New Jersey trailered his *Goblin* from Rogers Lake to join us at the end of season. Sometimes it's a simple matter of juggling a busy family schedule involving active children, or

mustering the resolve to negotiate two bridges for the 6 p.m. start.

Every Beetle Cat has a story to tell and changes in our fleet occur. *Late For Supper*, the Friedlander/ Weinberger boat, was sold into the Long Island fleet, where reputedly 20+ boats are on the line for the start of a summer Saturday race on Georgica Pond. Peter Vermilya of Stonington is recanvassing *Poussette* and looking for a mooring north of the bridges. Karin Soderberg of Hope Valley, Rhode Island, ordered a new boat, a "sexy" black hull now under construction at Beetle Inc. which we hope to entice upriver for some of the 2007 series. During Mystic's Small Craft Workshop June 3, 1979, Leo Telesmanick and Waldo Howland were on hand when the estate of L. Alden Estes donated *Pip* and *Elvira G. Tucker*. Both now need recanvassing and we have reason to believe that when they are repaired, we could have a core of six Mystic Seaport Beetle Cats in the water at the same time. That would be awesome and yet add a burden to those responsible for daily maintenance, a problem which would be ameliorated by boom tent covers.

After a late autumn walk on the beach at Napatree, Watch Hill, Rhode Island with a dear friend, we treated



Beetle cats beating out across the flats leaving the channel clear for the incoming sloop Providence .



ourselves to a lobster roll and pic-nicked on a granite bench with a full view of the harbor. We were rewarded by the sight of the Watch Hill 15 fleet leaving their moorings for a race and the magnificent restored commuter *Aphrodite*, her black hull shimmering in the sunlight striking her torpedo stern as the sun headed for the horizon. Such old world beauty is not cheap or easy. Keeping classic wooden boats alive represents commitment and the satisfaction derived is shared not only by the individuals involved but also the community at large. Each human life and community would be diminished by their loss, as in Mystic, Noank, Stonington, Watch Hill and a myriad of other small towns where wooden boat traditions are still practiced. The knowledge of these fleets and individual boats is part of the fabric of everyday life on the water. They are the material culture of seashore villages and evidence of all that has gone before, all that could be, all that isn't, and all that is unimportant clutter in the way of such beauty, form and craft. In short these fleets enhance our environment. The Beetle Cat reflects these traditions in her home waters, wherever they might be, whether as a fleet in some New England bay edged with salt marsh grass, or in a pair in some a rocky picturesque anchorage off Bill Garden's Eden in the Gulf Islands, or solo, as is the case with Danny Olson's purple decked hull, in Flushing Bay not far from Riker's Island.

On our last race day in 2006, Ron Sebring and his son, Chris hauled *Goblin* out at the Bay Street boat launch and buttoned her up on the trailer. Ron walked back to The Boathouse with his grandson to say good-bye, and left with a tug boat model from the days of volunteer Bob Watts. Since hauling in late fall, Len Sawyer of Shipyard's Paint Shop has put a new coat of paint on the Museum Beetles which are all prepped for launching in mid-May. A new racing series begins in June, with a practice on the 19th and the start of the season 6 p.m. on the following Tuesday, June 26. Call 860-572-0711 ext. 4233/5094 to inquire, join us, or simply come for a sail. Beetle Cats are available to rent (\$20/hour) 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and we are open daily beginning in the third week of June, weekends before and after, our last day of operations on Columbus Day.

**Article and Photographs by
Sharon Brown, Boathouse Supervisor**





Bass River Yacht Club to Host 2007 Leo Telesmanic Regatta

The Bass River Yacht Club (BRYC) is hosting the 2007 NEBCBA Leo Telesmanick Championship Regatta for August 11-12, 2007. Bass River is one of the founding yacht clubs for NEBCBA, and we are pleased to have the "Leo." The Yacht Club is located in South Yarmouth, MA on Bass River, a tidal river that flows into Nantucket Sound. We will schedule the activities of the weekend to accommodate the tides, the currents and the winds for getting in and out of the River. BRYC is easily reachable on Cape Cod from Route 6. We will provide appropriate directions in all announcements.

There will be adequate launching and mooring facilities. Ship Shops, Inc. is a full service marina located adjacent to BRYC that has a ramp for launching your Beetle. Sailors will be able to launch their boats on August 10, if they wish to do so, and early registration at the Yacht Club. We will arrange for mooring and/or dock assignments along the River, from the Yacht Club to the mouth of the River.

The race area will be on Nantucket Sound, west of the marked channel leaving Bass River. In the past, we have raced Beetles in the River and around the marsh near of mouth of the River. Our race area now is on Nantucket Sound west of the channel. The BRYC will provide our Committee Boat and sufficient mark boats to support the regatta.

Our plans are to follow the schedule for the Leo that has been established for the past few years. We will begin on August 11 for Early Check-in before the Skippers meeting at the BRYC at 9:00 AM. We would have the first signal on the race course around 10:15 to 10:30. The final race will begin on or before 1600. We plan to arrange for lunch at the mouth of the River for both days so that the sailors will not have to make their way back to Yacht Club between races. The Annual Meeting of the NEBCBA will be held at the Bass River Yacht Club. The awards and final results will also be presented at a convenient place near the mouth of the River. These plans will be finalized be-

fore the April NEBCBA Board meeting.

The Bass River Yacht Club hosts several regattas each year through series of standing committees appointed by the Board of Governors. These committees include:

- Regatta Co-Chairs, including: Ralph Lincoln, Ed Cusick, and Jim Carter.
- Race Committee
- Protest Committee
- Mark Boats
- Dock assignments
- Launch services
- Cocktails/Lunch Services
- Communications Committee
- Insurance
- Trophies

These standing committees will be re-appointed for 2007 and will serve to support our plans for hosting the 2007 Leo at the Bass River Yacht Club. Betsy Kamborian and Nancy Rodgers will serve as the co-chairs for the Leo from the NEBCBA Board.

Any suggestions for the Leo would be warmly received. We all look forward to having the Leo back at Bass River and hosting the events and social occasions that make the annual event one that we all look forward to as the cold nights of winter separate last summer from next summer.

Betsy Kamborian and Nancy J. Rodgers

Reminder:

Please be sure to renew your membership to NEBCBA (if you haven't already) to ensure that you receive the next *Beetle Sheet*. Thank you!

You can reference **The Beetle Sheet** with color photographs at the NEBCBA website: www.beetlecat.org/

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Charlie Chapin

Charlie Chapin's reflections on Beetle Cats bring back a flood of memories (or at my age, 71, maybe it's an ebb of memories). Growing up in Barrington, R.I. post WWII, and if you were into boats as a kid, meant one thing. You owned, begged, borrowed or stole a Beetle Cat. The pre 7/11 hangout of choice was the Barrington Yacht Club. In those days it had a fabulous junior club program, no sailing instruction but plenty of opportunities to sail, race and socialize. There were probably 25-30 Beetles in the fleet and for racing purposes they were divided into three divisions: apprentice, able bodied and tired pappies. In some cases, youngsters, teens and dads used the same boat.

If you owned a Beetle, you raced, no ifs, buts or ands about it. And that meant scrambling for crews. In those innocent times, a boat was like a car, and for boys it attracted the girls. Faye Rogers was my femme fatale crew of choice, even though she hated my mascot, a very noisy cricket that lived in a little drawer under the forward coaming.

Racing was four times a week. Tuesday night there were drifter races in Barrington harbor, made exciting by all the anchored boats we had to steer around, aided or abetted by the tide which could run a mean four knots. If there was no wind, we were a hazard to navigation. Cynics called it 'the get out the mattress fenders race.'

Thursday afternoons the fleet headed to Nayatt Point where a sand beach afforded easy pullup for a bring your own picnic. The single race often concluded with a rambunctious game of Capture the Flag, better known as capture the poison ivy.

Saturday and Sunday were for

the heavy duty races. Narragansett Bay had a dozen yacht clubs so that each day's racing could be sponsored by a club. Of course, the fleet from all the clubs round-roved I can remember 60 Beetles in all three classes. One of my more painful memories was falling so far behind in an apprentice race that the ABs, who started 10 minutes afterwards, nearly caught up to me. The Providence Journal had me listed in first place.

At night, we slept in our boats. I forgot where we ate, probably kerged food off cruisers or ate the peanuts at the bar. The top racer was the Waterman family, Byron and his two sons Teddy and Peter (although the latter defected to 110s as a sexier boat). Their Beetle was hauled after every outing and the bottom waxed and buffed. They collected most of the silver. Sailing waned when I went away to college and worked summers away from Barrington. I didn't get into a Catboat again for 38 years.

Gretchen Coyle

Jim Richardson, e-US Sailing

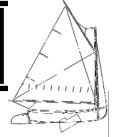
Roy Terwilliger discovered this e-US SAILING article about Jim Richardson, US Sailor of the Week, January 2007 and child Beetle Cat sailor.

It's not unusual that when you meet the winner of a world championship in a large class of boats sailed worldwide, that you find more championship titles in that skipper's past. So here we have Jim Richardson, two-time winner of the Farr 40 Class World Championship, current class president, past nominee for US SAILING's Rolex Yachtsman of the Year, and owner of a Farr 40 and a Mumm 30, both called Barking Mad. Jim grew up on Cape Cod, first sailing Beetle Cats when he was about 8 years old. He then moved up to Cape Cod Knockabouts, where at a very young age he won that class' "world championship." It is no surprise that a competitive and well-respected sailor like Jim is a strong supporter of the U.S. Olympic sailing program, recently joining as a silver medalist. Jim and his Farr 40 Barking Mad will next compete in Acura Key West Race Week and we know his Labrador Eloise will be cheering for him.

For more articles on Jim, refer to this link:
<http://www.ussailing.org/search/search.asp?q=Jim+Richardson&sa=Search&cof=FORID%3A11&cx=017689180361248526970%3Anr02bnv2pp4#979>

Popping a new boat off the mold at Beetle, Inc.





Weekapaug Yacht Club

The Beetle fleet at the Weekapaug Yacht Club had a successful year in 2006. At the annual NEBCBA Leo Telesmanick Beetle Regatta held August 12-13 in New Bedford, Tom Kligerman and his crew Scott Wakeman finished 3rd overall and 3rd in the Men's division, Steve Glovinsky and his crew Dick Newton finished 2nd in the Old Salts division, and Charlie Warner and his crew Julia Bradford finished 1st in the Ancient Mariners division. The WYC also won the Chairman's Trophy for the participating yacht club with the best overall finishes. Weekapaug is extremely proud to have the best group of Beetle sailors in New England in the club.

On Sunday, July 9, Bill Womack of Beetle, Inc. held an informative and well-attended Beetle racing and maintenance clinic that set a tone of professionalism for the Beetle racing season and for the Beetle fleet, which included a new Beetle owner, Nonie Price, the first woman in over twenty years to consistently participate in the WYC Beetle races. Several of the races during the season included as many as three female skippers, another welcome trend in the WYC Beetle fleet.

The Bradford Trophy was given for the first time in 2006 to the sailor in the Beetle fleet who showed the most enthusiasm, good sportsmanship, and cooperation as determined by the Commodore of the Yacht Club, in consultation with the Yacht Club Board and with the staff that runs the Beetle races during the entire season. The winner of the Bradford Trophy was Nonie Price.

The July Beetle racing series results were: 1st Bill Boll, 2nd Tom Kligerman, 3rd Charlie Warner. The August series results were: 1st Bill Boll, 2nd Tom Kligerman, 3rd Bill Adams. For the season, the results were: 1st Bill Boll, 2nd Tom Kligerman, 3rd Charlie Warner.

The WYC Beetle fleet is looking forward to another exciting season that will, hopefully, include more female skippers and participation in the 2007 NEBCBA Leo Telesmanick Beetle Regatta. The Beetle fleet would also enjoy receiving some invitations for challenge regattas from nearby yacht clubs. Please contact Charlie Warner at:

charleshwarner@gmail.com.

Can you identify this window?

The answer is on page 11.



Sailing anyone?

I, like others I have spoken to, often wonder what kind of opportunities are 'out there' for Beetle Cat sailors. For 'people in the know,' could you possibly network with us to post upcoming 'Beetle Cat' events? These activities might be as simple as hooking up with a sailing buddy in your neck of the woods, or the more formal regattas (there are four listed on the NEBCBA website as we go to press). Send me your events or requests so we can put them on the website.

www.beetlecat.org/calendar.html

"We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails."

Bertha Calloway

To our readers:

We would really appreciate your input. What would you like to see in **The Beetle Sheet**? We would love to hear your ideas -and- your stories. Perhaps you know someone who can contribute too? We would be happy to collaborate thoughts and information to create future articles. They can be informative, humorous, photographs, drawings, remembrances/back in the day, technical tips, etc. The easiest was to do this is by sending an e-mail and/or photos to: thebeetlesheet@yahoo.com.

Clarification from the previous issue:

I took this photograph during the Leo Telesmanick, held at the Barnstable Yacht Club in August of 2006. Part of the 'compound' is Howard Boats, where the Beetle's sails were measured. My apologies for the confusion.

To see an expanded aerial view of this location, and other beautiful photos from Howard Boats' Photo Gallery, go to their website: <http://www.howard-boats.com/index.htm>. KCS





Hog Island Tea

The wild windstorm of last weekend (10.29.06) may have caused many problems throughout the region, but last Sunday was the only day on the Hog Island Racers' schedule that called for an indoor activity. Only the quirkiness of Hog Island could explain why 10:00 a.m. could be considered a proper time for tea. It is a fact, however, that **all** Hog Island events begin at 10:00am Sunday mornings. It is also a fact that the Annual Tea is the one event of the year that does not carry a penalty for tardiness.

It was shortly after the scheduled start that people began drifting (blowing?) in to the beautiful Chapoquoit Island home of Lee Drescher. Built in 1958 and recently renovated, the house features a third floor penthouse with access by both stairs and an elevator. As this apartment is not currently occupied, Lee's guests were given full freedom to enjoy the spectacular view of a broiling Buzzards Bay. The main floor has a great kitchen with a cathedral ceiling next to a formal dining room with a fireplace that shares an internal chimney with the fireplace in the living room. When the power goes out during the winter storms, a couple of fires can really keep the house cozy. The living room opens to a south facing sun room that is airy, bright, and warm.

After about an hour of eating, discussing the past season, and looking at photos by Emily Ferguson and Michelle Buoniconto, the guests were called into the living room. Joe Kirk gave a brief summary of the season and announced that the winner of the Launch Boy Trophy was Nat Ross. Nat was very gracious in his brief remarks. He noted that he never won a race this year but that persistence and consistency had paid off for him. He asked for a moment of silence in memory of Sloat Hodgson. It was during this moment that many thought also of Margot Harley, part of the original race committee beginning in 1970. Margo passed away this past June. She was huge part of Hog Island Racing. She was the archivist for the

series, and her compilation of Sloat's articles was the driving force behind Sloat's wonderful book, THE Hog Island Racers, Chronicles of the Launch Boy.

It was wonderful to see Nat achieve this award. For the past few summers his racing skills had been honed by racing on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings against some very good Chapoquoit Yacht Club sailors. Since acquiring Beetle Bomb III from another CYC member, Nat, it seemed, was always at the starting line for every Beetle race. Nat has come a long way from his youth crewing for his father, John Ross, in the early years of Hog Island. In keeping with the family theme of this series, John's father, Jeff, was an original member of the race committee.

To recap the season, there were seven races sailed. No one sailed all seven, and only two skippers, Nat and Rowdie Handler, sailed in six. It was decided that sailors had to sail in five races to qualify for the trophy. There were seven who qualified with Nat and Rowdie able to throw out their worst race. Nat just beat Mike Jackson by one point to win the series. Mike had won two races this year, a first for him, but a seventh place finish in week two was too much for him to overcome in a fleet of this caliber.

There is no doubt that Beetle Cat racing is alive and well on the east side of Buzzards Bay. Forty-four different skippers turned out this year. They represented seven different yacht clubs. Over the seven race series, the fleet averaged fifteen boats, with a low of eight boats and a high of twenty-four.

After the presentation, there was still plenty of good conversation and yummy food to be enjoyed. The rain of the previous day was replaced by sunshine, but the wind continued to howl. Any Beetles still on their moorings would have to stay put and wait for their date with a trailer until another day. The Patriots weren't playing until Monday night so it was easy to just linger and keep the 2006 season going a little longer.

The Hog Island family would like to thank The Falmouth Enterprise and especially Pamela Kokmeyer for faithfully running the stories about these races. The addition of color photos made the Friday edition of the paper even more eagerly anticipated.

The final order of finish:

1. Nat Ross
2. Mike Jackson
3. Rick Hill
4. Rowdie Handler
5. Jonathan Harley
6. Fred Seeley
7. Mike Bouchie

Sailingscuttlebutt.com

Roy Terwilliger found this article from the January 9th issue of Scuttlebutt, the on-line sailing newsletter:

* From Tom Whitmore: (In regards to the thread on better TV ratings for the sport of sailing and the comparison to NASCAR...which I believe we've seen here before) Regardless of one's personal feeling about NASCAR, it is a qualified success in terms of spectator appeal. When analyzing NASCAR's success, it is often pointed out that one of the rules that help to foster its appeal is that while there are very few similarities under the shell, the car's bodies must within certain parameters resemble American production cars. Our being able to identify with the vehicles is supposed to boost our interest. Perhaps we should consider adapting this approach for sailing. Now there's an image; carbon-fiber Beetle Cats on foils! ;-)

[http://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/archived_Detail.asp?key=3565]





Right: Mike Jackson wins Hog Island Opener

Below: Top Three after the finish of 1st Hog Island Race



Beetles sailing off Tempest Knob, Wareham, MA



International Yacht Restoration School

Where can you go on a rainy Saturday morning and watch eight newly restored classic Beetle Cats being launched? The International Yacht Restoration School (IYRS) in Newport, Rhode Island, that's where!

I was there on June 3rd for the eighth Graduation and Launch Day ceremonies along with more than 250 family, friends and supporters of this very special and unique waterfront institution. The sixteen first year-students worked in teams of two and restored eight Beetle Cats. Fifteen second-year students (this year's graduating class) worked in three teams to restore and launch two Manhasset Bay One-Designs, an early Olin Stephens design and a 1930s Herreshoff S-Boat.

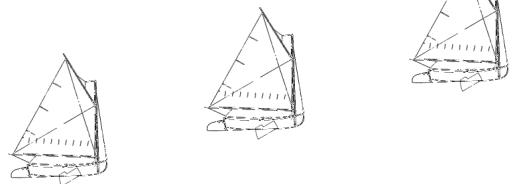
IYRS is a federally funded non-profit educational institution dedicated to teaching the skills, history, art and science of classic boat restoration, offering a two year full time program.

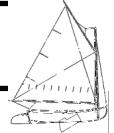
I have been hanging around IYRS the past four years watching plank-by-plank restoration of about twenty-five different Beetles, while I slowly restored my old Beetle back in West Hartford. I have made some very special friends, with both students and faculty at IYRS, and especially with the very understanding and patient, Clark Poston, Director of Programs.

If you haven't visited IYRS you're missing a very special experience, especially their Spring and Fall Tuesday night lecture series. With speakers like Carol Crosby, Ted Hood and John Rousmaniere sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm for classic boats, you can't help but enjoy!

Check the IYRS website and see what I mean: www.iyrs.org

Jim Lycos





Condolences

Stephen Frostholm passed away in his Hyannis home on January 3, 2007 from a year long battle with pancreatic cancer. Steve was raised in West Yarmouth and graduated from Dennis-Yarmouth High School. After retiring from ComElectric after thirty-five years of service, he became a first mate and later captain for the Hy-Line Cruises, amongst other employment opportunities. A life-long sailor, Stephen was chair of the One-Design committee at the Hyannis Yacht Club. He also served a term as President of the *New England Beetle Cat Boat Association*.

He was an active member of the Federated Church of Hyannis, serving on many committees, teaching Sunday School, co-leading the Youth Group, and ultimately serving as President of the church.

Can you identify this window (from p.7)?

The photo of the window was taken at the previous Beetle shop (Concordia), located in South Dartmouth. This Beetle Cat photograph was taken there too.

Robert (Bob) Heywood Hoskins died on March 27, 2007 after battling Alzheimer's. Bob attended Windsor public schools and graduated from Harvard University in 1942. Bob taught at Harvard then served two years in the Navy as an electronic technical mate. Bob worked at John Hancock Life Insurance Co. as an actuary and was active in the Society of Actuaries.

Summer vacations were spent in West Dennis, where he was an avid sailor, winning many races and trophies in his Beetle Cat, the "Briny Bob." Bob was past Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Honorary member of the *New England Beetle Cat Boat Association*.

Upon retirement in 1985, he and Dot moved into their dream house and wondered how they ever found time to work. He enjoyed many activities at the West Dennis Yacht Club, and was a commodore. In addition, he was involved with Dennis Waterways Commission, the Harvard Club of Cape Cod, and Friends of the Cape Cod Symphony on their board of directors. He also enjoyed tennis, walking, riding his bike and traveling.





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