



# Quissett Sailors Beat the Heat on Buzzards Bay

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It was another great week for Quissett sailors beating the heat on Buzzards Bay.

In spite of overcast skies dumping occasional showers, nine Herreshoff 12½ footers came out to compete late Wednesday afternoon in a 5-8 knot northeasterly breeze. Mort and Weatherly Saunders led all the way in Found It, beating to mark H off Racing Beach and running back, effectively covering Chuck First and Hannah Garfield in Allie Rose throughout the race, making them settle for second place 31 seconds back. Mike, Ben and Noah Garfield posted third in Phoenix, followed by Mike Fenlon and Sarah Sheffler in Buttercup

and Steve Chalmers sailing solo in Sea Breeze. Racing up the middle of the course playing the headers was the secret of the first boats' successes. David Burt and Nicholas Hunnewell in Tag Along didn't fare well looking for wind to the north, nor did Jeffrey Keith sniffing out an easterly shift along the Racing Beach shoreline while sailing solo in Jezebel.



**Douglas, Kathy and Matty Cooper come to the finish line in Radiant Saturday afternoon, finishing fourth in the S Boat series race. Photo by Janet Chalmers.**

## **Masters of the Wet Beat**

The 15-18 knot west-southwesterly was back on Saturday, setting the stage for classic Buzzards Bay racing off Quissett. Though Jeffrey Keith and Josh Bernstein took the best S Boat starts in Coyote and Olive en route to the Weepecket Rock gong, it was Alan Haigh back at the helm of Teaticket who demonstrated his mastery of the wet beat and spinnaker run back in an S Boat. After vacationing for two weeks in Italy, Alan was all smiles when he sailed by Cornelia Carey with his long-time friends Ham and Mason Lord and his daughter Sylvia crewing. Josh, with Jon Mormino and Shane Michael crewing, finished second in Olive, followed across by Jeffrey, Doug Jones and David Holt in Coyote.

Eleven Herreshoff 12½ footers started 15 minutes after the S Boats, sailing a big triangular course starting with a beat to a drop mark to the north of Penzance Point. This race belonged to the Herreshoff master of the wet beat, David Burt, who led the way in Tag Along with his crew Alec Lengyel handling the big yellow spinnaker with its crusader's cross easily. Winner of both races in last week's doubleheader, Alec Clowes appeared to take himself out of the running in this race by crossing the line early, but he quickly restarted and found wind to his liking offshore, sailing Due Diligence into second place at the windward mark. Jo Khamky did her usual excellent spinnaker work to hold off advances by Mike Fenlon and Linda Sallop in Buttercup and Mike and Emma Garfield in Phoenix on the first reach leg, and she and Alec moved on to post second place behind the old salt who could not be caught. Mike and Linda did an excellent job taking third in Buttercup, followed by Tommy and Olivia First in Olivia, then Nina and Andy Hocker in Found It and Mike and Emma Garfield finishing one second apart.

The race committee and H 12 fleet welcome Jeff and Rachel Beir who sailed their first Quissett race in Summer, and Tim Goslee who sailed around the starting area in Gosling. We look forward to seeing the Beirs and Goslees on the water.

## **Intrepid Juniors**

Sunday morning was a windy one for the second Junior Herreshoff race, but the same seven boatloads of intrepid kids that raced the week before came out again, eager to compete. Looking for some shelter in the lee of Penzance Point, the RC set a Gold Cup course in the Gansett bight using mark A off Stony Beach as the windward mark. Nick Hunnewell with his mother Rebecca crewing led throughout the triangle-windward-leeward course, sailing Tag Along fast enough to get away with not bothering to cover his competitors. Weatherly Saunders and Sarah Sheffler were second at the windward and reach marks in Found It, closely followed by Olivia First and dad Tommy in Olivia, Emma Garfield and dad Mike in Phoenix, Hannah Garfield and dad Ben and brother Noah in the Garfield's new Handoah, Charlie Chalmers and dad Jeremy in Sea Breeze, and Sara Brakeman with sister Grace and friend Annie Caputo in Popover.

On the second reach Olivia overtook Weatherly and Charlie overtook Hannah, setting up for some more shifting in the final beat and run. Emma Garfield sailed a fantastic windward leg, taking over second place. As the fleet approached the finish it was clear to the RC that a tight race had developed. Though Nick won easily and Emma took a comfortable second, the rest of the fleet crossed within 31 seconds of each other. Olivia took third nine seconds ahead of Charlie who crossed fourth four seconds ahead of Weatherly. Hannah crossed in sixth place eight seconds ahead of Sara who finished in a fantastic come-from-behind surge. Great job everyone!

S Boats and Herreshoff 12½ footers will wrap up their July Saturday series races tomorrow afternoon with a double-header for the H Class. On Sunday, families will venture to the Weepeckets for the annual picnic there followed by a Herreshoff race home about 3 p.m. If there are two or more S Boats there, the RC will give them a start too. Wednesday evening the RC will run the Exchange Boat race for the 12½ footers.

### **July Wednesday Series – Week 3 – July 14**

#### **Herreshoff 12½ footers**

**RC: Janet Chalmers & Ed Jackson, Anne Dyer**

#### **Course H**

1. Found It, Mort Saunders & Weatherly Saunders, 29:46
2. Allie Rose, Chuck First & Hannah Garfield, 30:17
3. Phoenix, Mike Garfield & Ben Garfield, Noah Garfield, 31:17
4. Buttercup, Mike Fenlon & Sarah Sheffler, 31:50
5. Sea Breeze, Steve Chalmers (solo), 31:55
6. Sea Glass, Nina Hocker & Sheila Gordon, 33:35
7. Tag Along, David Burt & Nicholas Hunnewell, 34:19
8. Will O' The Wisp, Carol Suitor & Bridget Moses, 36:15
9. Jezebel, Jeffrey Keith (solo), 39:52

### **July Saturday Series – Week 3 – July 17**

**RC: Janet Chalmers, Carol Suitor, Denise Barack**

#### **S Boats**

#### **Course I (CX)**

1. Teaticket, Alan Haigh & Ham Lord, Mason Lord, Sylvia Haigh, 1:20:18
2. Olive, Josh Bernstein & Jon Mormino, Shane Michael, 1:21:06
3. Coyote, Jeffrey Keith & Douglas Jones, David Holt, 1:21:25
4. Radiant, Douglas Cooper & Kathy Cooper, Matty Cooper, 1:23:35
5. Volante, Eric Karplus & Sia Karplus, Joel White, Peg AtKisson, 1:25:42

#### **Herreshoff 12½ footers**

#### **Course M**

1. Tag Along, David Burt & Alec Lengyel, 43:23
  2. Due Diligence, Alec Clowes & Jo Khamky, 44:04
  3. Buttercup, Mike Fenlon & Linda Sallop, 44:21
  4. Olivia, Tom First & Olivia First, 44:40
  5. Found It, Nina Hocker & Andy Hocker, 45:02
  6. Phoenix, Mike Garfield & Emma Garfield, 45:03
  7. Allie Rose, Chuck First & Julia Lord, Olivia Lord, 45:18
  8. Sea Breeze, Steve Chalmers & Sheila Gordon, 46:32
  9. Tern, Jack Morse & Liz Morse, 47:10
  10. Summer, Jeff Beir & Rachel Beir, 48:14
- DNF Adajio, Bill Armstrong III & Bill Armstrong Jr., George Armstrong**

**Junior Series – Week 2 – July 18**

**Herreshoff 12½ footers**

**RC: Janet Chalmers & David Burt**

**Course G**

- 1. Tag Along, Nicholas Hunnewell & Rebecca Hunnewell, 41:56**
- 2. Phoenix, Emma Garfield & Mike Garfield, 42:14**
- 3. Olivia, Olivia First & Tommy First, 43:07**
- 4. Sea Breeze, Charlie Chalmers & Jeremy Chalmers, 43:16**
- 5. Found It, Weatherly Saunders & Sarah Schreffler, 43:20**
- 6. Handoah, Hannah Garfield & Ben Garfield, Noah Garfield, 43:40**
- 7. Popover, Sara Brakeman & Grace Brakeman, Annie Caputo, 43:48**

**Cutline: Douglas, Kathy and Matty Cooper come to the finish line in Radiant Saturday afternoon, finishing fourth in the S Boat series race. Photo by Janet Chalmers.**