



Classic Buzzards Bay Southwesterlies

Call for Classic Quissett Courses

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The classic Buzzards Bay southwesterly winds finally arrived last week, too late for the Narragansett Bay S Class folks who competed at Quissett the weekend before in light to moderate southeasterlies, but just in time for QYC racers to sail an assortment of classic courses. With the wind coming straight out of mark A in the Gansett bight, racers got plenty of opportunities to hone their old-fashioned skills of rock hopping up the Gansett shoreline, playing the lifts and headers all the way.

Liz Bernstein Norton demonstrated to the regular Wednesday twilight series racers and to her daughter Lucy that sailing a Herreshoff 12½ footer is like riding a bicycle; you can hop aboard after being away for a while and still have the touch. Lucy was surprised and delighted as her mother took the best start in the fleet in Orion and led the way to victory throughout the Gold Cup course. Randy Evans was hot again in Penguin, only trailing Liz throughout the first triangle and second beat, then giving the nod to Graham Armstrong to fly a chute even though the southwesterly was blowing a fresh 15 to 18 knots in the Gansett bight. Not to be outdone, Mike Garfield and kids Emma and Ben in Phoenix, challenged Randy and Liz with a spinnaker of their own and managed to overtake Penguin on the dash to the finish.

Saturday featured a 12-15 knot southwesterly, perfect for an ADBH course for the S Boats and the classic AH course for the Herreshoff 12½ footers. Though Doug Cooper jumped the gun in Radiant, he managed to overcome having to restart to take the winner's horn after an hour and a half romp featuring roundings at Stony Beach, mark D, the Woods Hole bell and Racing Beach. Sporting his signature striped shirt and floppy hat, Rick Dorris was all business at the helm of Alan Haigh's Teaticket, posting second place ten seconds ahead of Eric Karplus sailing Jeffrey Keith's Coyote.

Lily Dominates

Lily Dorris dominated the weekend's Herreshoff races, demonstrating that she can sail Pani Baba with and beat the best of the veterans of a Buzzards Bay southwesterly. On Saturday she battled the old salt himself, wire to wire, retaking the lead with a great leeward mark rounding and beating David Burt in Tag Along by three seconds, a mean feat for any Quissett sailor in the Buzzards Bay chop. Mike Fenlon crossed just behind Tag Along and just ahead of Commodore Mort Saunders in Found It, following the wet and wild beat to the finish.

Lily was still hot on Sunday, this time taking on determined Whiteley trophy defender Doug Cooper in True Blue to earn having her name engraved on the beautiful silver bowl and plate. David Burt did well to work his way back to third place after prematurely starting. The race featured rock-hopping up the Gansett shoreline followed by two exciting and challenging spinnaker reaches and finally a very wet beat through the chop in 15-18 knot winds. Lily has arrived!

This afternoon Junior and Corinthian members of QYC will compete in Herreshoffs for the beautiful Harrington and



Wednesday twilight series action featured a fast-paced Gold Cup course with the entire fleet finishing in a span of just over two minutes. Photo by Janet Chalmers.

Woodruff trophies, then gather for a cookout afterwards. Tomorrow the S Boats and 12½ footers will continue Saturday series action with a doubleheader for the 12½s, and Sunday morning Juniors will compete in the third race of their Junior series followed by handicap and S Class boats competing in a long-distance race for the Founder's Trophy. If conditions are favorable, the long-distance race will be around Naushon and Pasque through Woods Hole and Quicks Hole with the skippers choosing which direction to go. Study your tide books and be there!

We Say Goodbye to Joan Wheeler

On a very sad note, we say goodbye to Joan Wheeler, a much-loved QYC member who died in her sleep Tuesday night after a long battle with cancer. Though we were planning to cancel the annual tailgate picnic at the Wheelers' field scheduled for tomorrow night, Joan's daughter Markie Clowes insisted that her mother would have wanted everyone to continue to come. The picnic was a very popular event that Joan and her husband Hank initiated at least 35 years ago for members and their guests to enjoy before going to the Quissett Yacht Club Ball. According to Markie, her parents didn't want to have to worry about going to or planning pre-ball dinners, so initiated the tailgate picnic. After the Woods Hole Golf Club offered dinner as part of the Ball, the Wheeler picnic was changed to a different Saturday in August and has continued to be a popular event for all ages. Let's make this year's picnic a special tribute to Joan!

Exchange Boat Trophy

Wednesday, July 28

Herreshoff 12½ footers

RC: Janet Chalmers, Ed Jackson, Anne Dyer, Liza Bergmann

Race cancelled – too windy

August Wednesday Series – Week 1 – Aug. 4

Herreshoff 12½ footers

RC: Janet Chalmers, Ed Jackson, Anne Dyer

Course G

1. Orion, Liz Bernstein Norton & Lucy Norton, 43:02
2. Phoenix, Mike Garfield & Emma Garfield, Ben Garfield, 43:23
3. Penguin, Randy Evans & Graham Armstrong, 44:00
4. Buttercup, Mike Fenlon & Ed Brakeman, 44:26
5. Sea Glass, Nina Hocker & Sheila Gordon, 44:27
6. Sea Breeze, Steve Chalmers (solo), 34:52
- DNF Olivia, Tommy First (solo)

August Saturday Series – Week 1 – Aug. 7

RC: Janet Chalmers, Carol Suitor, Anne Dyer, Nina Hocker

S Class

Course ADBH – protest pending

1. Radiant, Douglas Cooper & Kathy Cooper, Doug Wingrove, Theresa Wingrove, 1:35:52
2. Teaticket, Rick Dorris & Ham Lord, Michelle Lord, 1:36:39
3. Coyote, Eric Karplus & Sia Karplus, Joel White, Paul Warneke, 1:36:49
4. Volante, Lawrence Peirson & Lawrence Peirson, George Hunnewell, Nicholas Hunnewell, 1:28:32

Herreshoff 12½ footers

Course AH

1. Pani Baba, Lily Dorris & Weatherly Dorris, 1:01:57
2. Tag Along, David Burt & Alec Lengyel, 1:02:00
3. Buttercup, Mike Fenlon & Linda Sallop, 1:02:02
4. Found It, Mort Saunders & Weatherly Saunders, 1:02:08
5. Penguin, Betsy Hunt & Halley Allen, 1:02:57
6. Sea Breeze, Steve Chalmers & Courtney Wang, 1:03:09
7. Phoenix, Mike Garfield & Emma Garfield, 1:04:07
8. Olivia, Tommy First & Olivia First, 1:04:40
9. Allie Rose, Chuck First & Julia Lord, Olivia Lord, 1:04:41
10. Adajio, Bill Armstrong III & Bill Armstrong Jr., 1:05:41
11. Due Diligence, Alec Clowes & Jo Khamky, 1:06:34
12. Handoah, Hannah Garfield & Ben Garfield, 1:06:40

Whiteley Trophy – Sunday, Aug. 8

Herreshoff 12½ footers

RC: Janet Chalmers, Anne Dyer; Bill, Cathy & Ashley Ferguson

Course ADH

1. Pani Baba, Lily Doris & Weatherly Dorris, Keegan Flynn, 1:02:28

2. True Blue, Doug Cooper & Kathy Cooper, 1:02:47

3. Tag Along, David Burt & Alec Lengyel, 1:04:11

4. Found It, Mort Saunders & Liesel Ferguson, 1:04:51

5. Olivia, Tom First & Olivia First, Jessica Hunnewell, 1:05:44

6. Penguin, Betsy Hunt & Halley Allen, 1:06:17

7. Allie Rose, Chuck First & Hannah Garfield, 1:06:57

8. Adajio, Bill Armstrong & George Armstrong, 1:07:12

DNS Will O' The Wisp, Bob Suitor & Dave Kent

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