



# Packed Quissett Racing Schedule Gets All Ages On The Water For Exciting Competitions

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Last week was packed with sailing competitions at Quissett for all ages. Big, colorful fleets came out to race, with 11 Herreshoff 12½ footers competing in the Wednesday twilight series race and 14 in the first race of Saturday's doubleheader. Thanks to the generosity of absent S Boat owners, all five of the beautiful wooden boats raced Saturday and two Sunday even though some of the owners had gone home after their vacations at Quissett.

A 12 knot northeasterly breeze set the stage for a fast-paced beat to mark H off Racing Beach and run home Wednesday evening. Though Quissett sailors go to H frequently, they never seem to know the best way to get there on a northeasterly. Sailing opposite to the prevailing southwesterly usually brings surprise results. Of the 11 contestants, David Burt and Alec Lengyel in Tag Along, Ali Rodin and Steve Chalmers in Sea Breeze and Douglas Cooper sailing solo in True Blue were the ones who took turns in first place on the windward leg, but it was Mike Garfield and son Ben in Phoenix who crossed all their bows as they rode a huge lift to mark H after sailing up the Racing Beach shoreline. Mike and Ben held off advances from astern to take the horn, followed by Steve and Ali, Mort and Weatherly Saunders in Found It and Doug Cooper without benefit of a spinnaker. In an exciting finish Mike Fenlon and Sam Armstrong in Buttercup managed to edge Chuck First and Elizabeth Clark in Allie Rose by two seconds.

## Harrington and Woodriff Trophies

On Friday afternoon six crews of Quissett's Junior and Corinthian members came out to compete in Herreshoff 12½ footers rather than their usual 420s and Optis to vie for possession of two of QYC's historic trophies, the Harrington Junior Sailing Trophy for children under 16 and the George Mairs Woodriff Memorial Trophy for 16-20 year olds. The RC set up an F course (triangle-windward-leeward-windward-leeward-windward with start and finish in the middle) and sent all six boats off on the same sequence. Corinthian Helen Lord with George Walters and Tanya Debonar crewing in Sea Breeze led all the way with Junior Weatherly Saunders with Philip Lynch and Grace Brakeman crewing in Found It, and Corinthian Tommy Tullius with Henry Jones crewing in Tag Along challenging Helen while exchanging second and third place. Weatherly and the other juniors had the disadvantage of not being allowed to set spinnakers. While Weatherly was concentrating on Helen and Tommy, Hannah Garfield with brother Andrew and friend Olivia First made a final bid for Harrington honors in Handoah, finishing only nine seconds after Weatherly who finished third overall, 20 seconds behind Tommy. Following the race the kids, parents, spectators and RC enjoyed Pizza on the deck. It was great!



Weatherly Saunders, Philip Lynch and Grace Brakeman in Found It (289), Helen Lord, George Walters and Tanya Debonar in Sea Breeze (291), and Tommy Tullius and Henry Jones in Tag Along (128) lead the six-boat fleet Friday afternoon in the combined running of Quissett Yacht Club's Harrington Junior Sailing Trophy for children under 16 and the George Mairs Woodriff Memorial Trophy for 16-20 year olds. Helen Lord took first place, winning the Woodriff trophy, and Weatherly Saunders finished third, winning the Harrington trophy. Photo by Janet Chalmers.

## **Off to Neverland**

With a doubleheader scheduled for the Herreshoff 12½ footers, Saturday's race committee decided to send the Herreshoff S Boats well out of the way to Neverland, the Buzzards Bay mid-channel bell buoy #10 three miles to the northwest of Quissett Harbor. Thanks to the generosity of the S Boat owners, all five boats competed. Eric and Sia Karplus were in Jeffrey Keith's Coyote; Rick Dorris, Ham Lord and Gregg Stone in Alan Haigh's Teaticket; Alan Haigh and Douglas Jones in Lawrence Peirson's Volante; Josh Bernstein and Will Allen in Josh's Olive; and Doug and Kathy Cooper and Doug Wingrove in the Coopers' Radiant.

While the S Boats made the short beat to mark E off the Knob beach and a quick detour past an X mark to leeward of the starting buoy en route to mid-bay, the RC set an I course (windward-leeward with start and finish in the middle) twice around for the first Herreshoff race and started blowing horns and raising flags at 2:30, happy that they had put up the X mark to keep the S Boats clear of the starting area. A southerly wind shift during the starting sequence made alert skippers choose the committee boat end of the line to start on, but most didn't adjust their starting angles and several ended up barging causing much shouting and crunching as some skippers tried to fit in a space they had no right to be in.

When the dust cleared and at least two boats did penalty turns Chuck First was well on his way to victory in Allie Rose with Julia and Olivia Lord crewing. Bob Sutor and John DeYoung were second around the windward mark in Will O' The Wisp, followed by Weatherly Dorris and Patty Keating in Pani Baba, David Burt and Mary Swope in Tag Along and Steve Chalmers and Nina Hocker in Sea Breeze. Round and round the boats went with Chuck and Bob still one and two at the second windward rounding, Steve third and Mort and Weatherly Saunders in fourth place in Found It. Steve and Nina continued to move up on the next leeward and short windward legs in Sea Breeze to take second place at the finish a minute behind Chuck and the twins in Allie Rose. Mort and Weatherly took third in Found It, followed by Bob and John in Will O' The Wisp and Weatherly and Patty in Pani Baba.

The second race was an O course (triangle-windward-leeward-windward-leeward-windward) with the finish at the windward mark off the Knob beach. While the S Boats were working their way towards their finish at the windward mark the Herreshoff 12½ footers rounded there, led by David Burt and Mary Swope in Tag Along, Mort and Weatherly Saunders in Found It, Steve Chalmers and Nina Hocker in Sea Breeze, Tommy and Olivia First in Olivia, and Weatherly Dorris and Patty Keating in Pani Baba.

It was just more than an hour and three quarters after the S Class started that the five-boat fleet came to the finish, and amazingly all five finished within two minutes! Alan Haigh and Doug Jones crossed first in Volante, scoring Volante's first victory of the summer. They were followed across by Eric and Sia Karplus in Coyote, Rick Dorris, Ham Lord and Gregg Stone in Teaticket, Josh Bernstein and Will Allen in Olive, and Doug and Kathy Cooper and Doug Wingrove in Radiant.

Then came the 12½ footers for their second time around the windward mark with one more lap to go. This time Steve and Nina had a commanding lead in Sea Breeze, followed by David and Mary in Tag Along, Tommy and Olivia in Olivia, Weatherly and Patty in Pani Baba and Olivia Lord, Chuck and Julia in Allie Rose. By the finish, there were a few more shifts in position. Steve and Nina won easily in Sea Breeze. Next came a very close finish between Olivia and Tag Along with Olivia First steering her namesake across the line two second ahead of the old salt in Tag Along. They were followed a minute later by another tight finish with Mort and Weatherly Saunders in Found It eking out fourth place just ahead of Weatherly Dorris and Patty Keating in Pani Baba.

## **Junior Series Continues**

An 8-10 knot southerly breeze set the stage for Sunday morning's third Junior series race of the season. With Nick Hunnewell and Charlie Chalmers gone, only four crews of juniors appeared to compete. Hot hand on the tiller from her Saturday series experience the day before, Olivia First led all the way Sunday morning in Olivia with her dad sitting quietly in the bow. The real competition in this race was between cousins Emma and Hannah Garfield who both sailed

exceptionally well. Hannah, with brother Andrew crewing in Handoah, was second to Olivia around the first triangle, but Emma and Grace Brakeman in Phoenix split with Handoah on the second beat to take a small lead at the second windward rounding. Emma held her place on the leeward and final windward legs of the O course to cross in second place a minute behind Olivia. Hannah and Andrew crossed less than three minutes later to take third. The RC scored Sara Brakeman and crew Maggie O'Rourke fourth in Popover though they dropped out to get Sara to a driving lesson on time and to let the RC get ashore and back out in time to run the long-distance race.

### **Perfect for Around the Islands**

Sunday afternoon was perfect for the long-distance race around Naushon and Pasque islands with a south-southeasterly wind making reaching down both sides possible. The only problem apparently was the scheduling. With so many people visiting Falmouth last weekend, Sunday was better suited for family time than for getting away from it all. Though the RC was psyched to head around the islands the S Boat and handicap class sailors were not. Only Doug and Kathy Cooper came out planning to race. Eric and Sia Karplus wanted to make it a family day at the Weepeckets with their children Christos and Theodora. So, a constructive compromise was in order and it turned out to be a huge success. I took the Karplus' kayak aboard Cornelia Carey and sent the two S Boats on their way to the Weepeckets, a one tack 39-minute dash! Eric and family crossed the finish line first in Coyote, followed 30 seconds later by Doug and Kathy in Radiant. The Karpluses anchored and enjoyed their picnic while the Coopers reached down the bay beyond Robinsons Hole before turning around to reach home. I went through Robinsons into Vineyard Sound and back through Quicks to Buzzards Bay where the water was smooth and the scenery exquisite. The afternoon was a win-win for all involved.

This is the weekend of the Quissett Yacht Club Ball, highlight of the season for most of the children who will get their Watersports ribbons and dance all the special family and fun dances including the Mop and Potato dances. Before the dance Herreshoffs and S Boats will compete in the third week of the August Saturday series, and Sunday morning the club's over-35 set who have not skippered all summer and have not won the race in the past three years will come out to vie for possession of the Ancient Mariner Trophy.

#### **August Wednesday Series – Week 2 – Aug. 11**

Herreshoff 12½ footers

RC: Janet Chalmers, Ed Jackson, Mary Janney

Course H

1. Phoenix, Mike Garfield & Ben Garfield, 26:49
2. Sea Breeze, Ali Rodin & Steve Chalmers, 27:07
3. Found It, Mort Saunders & Weatherly Saunders, 27:30
4. True Blue, Doug Cooper (solo), 27:45
5. Buttercup, Mike Fenlon & Sam Armstrong, 28:02
6. Allie Rose, Chuck First & Elizabeth Clark, 28:04
7. Tag Along, David Burt & Alec Lengyel, 28:12
8. Penguin, Randy Evans & Graham Armstrong 29:18
9. Will O' The Wisp, Carol Suitor & Bob Suitor, 29:43
10. Orion, Liz Bernstein Norton & Lucy Norton, 30:27
11. Sea Glass, Nina Hocker & Sheila Gordon, 31:28

#### **Harrington & Woodriff Trophies – Aug. 13**

Herreshoff 12½ footers

RC: Janet Chalmers, Kathy Cooper, Dick Jones, Megan Jones

Course F

- W 1. Sea Breeze, Helen Lord & George Walters, Tanya Debonar, 53:29  
W 2. Tag Along, Tommy Tullius & Henry Jones, 55:34  
H 1. Found It, Weatherly Saunders & Phillip Lynch, Grace Brakeman, 55:54  
H 2. Handoah, Hannah Garfield & Andrew Garfield, Olivia First, 56:03  
H 3. Phoenix, Emma Garfield & Kurrin Singh, Ben Garfield, 1:07:45  
H 4. The Cog, Julia Lord & Olivia Lord, Charlotte Gardiner, 1:08:01

**August Saturday Series – Week 2 – Aug. 14**

RC: Janet Chalmers, Carol Sutor, Anne Dyer

Handicap Class

Course EXVE

1. Volante, Alan Haigh & Douglas Jones, 1:45:03
2. Coyote, Eric Karplus & Sia Karplus, 1:45:41
3. Teaticket, Rick Dorris & Ham Lord, Gregg Stone, 1:45:52
4. Olive, Josh Bernstein & Will Allen, 1:46:36
5. Radiant, Douglas Cooper & Kathy Cooper, Doug Wingrove, 1:47:03

**Herreshoff 12½ footers**

Race 1 Course I2

1. Allie Rose, Chuck First & Julia Lord, Olivia Lord, 50:22
2. Sea Breeze, Steve Chalmers & Nina Hocker, 51:20
3. Found It, Mort Saunders & Weatherly Saunders, 52:12
4. Will O' The Wisp, Bob Sutor & John DeYoung, 52:20
5. Pani Baba, Weatherly Dorris & Patty Keating, 52:25
6. Adajio, Bill Armstrong & George Armstrong, 52:31
7. Tag Along, David Burt & Mary Swope, 52:35
8. Penguin, Betsy Hunt & Halley Allen, 53:09
9. Handoah, Hannah Garfield & Ben Garfield, 53:22
10. Due Diligence, Alec Clowes & Jo Khamky, 53:35
11. Buttercup, Mike Fenlon & Peter Ring, 53:52
12. Phoenix, Emma Garfield & Mike Garfield, 55:21
13. Olivia, Tommy First & Olivia First, 56:30
14. Popover, Ed Brakeman & Ryan Kopperel

**Race 2 – Course O**

1. Sea Breeze, Steve Chalmers & Nina Hocker, 48:14
2. Olivia, Tommy First & Olivia First, 49:51
3. Tag Along, David Burt & Mary Swope, 49:53
4. Found It, Mort Saunders & Weatherly Saunders, 50:51
5. Pani Baba, Weatherly Dorris & Patty Keating, 50:52
6. Allie Rose, Olivia Lord & Chuck First, Julia Lord, 52:07
7. Phoenix, Emma Garfield & Mike Garfield, 52:49
8. Due Diligence, Alec Clowes & Jo Khamky, 54:05
9. Penguin, Betsy Hunt & Halley Allen, 54:31
10. Buttercup, Mike Fenlon & Peter Ring, 54:37
11. Popover, Ed Brakeman & Ryan Kopperel, 1:06:06

**Junior Series #3**

Sunday, August 15

RC: Janet Chalmers, Ed Brakeman, Amy Brakeman, Noah Garfield

Course O

1. Olivia, Olivia First & Tommy First, 57:27
2. Phoenix, Emma Garfield & Grace Brakeman, 58:37
3. Handoah, Hannah Garfield & Andrew Garfield, 1:01:15
4. Popover, Sara Brakeman & Maggie O'Rourke

**Founders' Trophy – Long Distance Race – Aug. 15**

Handicap Class

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RC: Janet Chalmers

1. Coyote, Eric, Sia, Christos & Theodora Karplus, 39:00
2. Radiant, Doug & Kathy Cooper, 39:30

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