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By: Neal Deaves

The winter has been wet for us in Kentucky. The docks at Louisville have been under water for all but two days since the first of October, today being Jan 3. Christmas came early for me with the news about the Nationals. Boyd Barnwell and Jamey Carey stepped up to take leadership of securing a location for 2019. I am so thankful for their efforts and quick solution to the question of where to hold the 2019 Nationals. The Highlander Class will be returning to big water this year as we venture back to Sandusky, Ohio. This was the site of my first Highlander Nationals crewing for my current crew, David Bauer. That event sold me on Highlander sailing

I am making plans for going to Lake Eustis on Feb 16 & 17, 2019 to start my sailing season in the Highlander. It is a multi-fleet regatta sponsored by the Flying Scott Fleet and the Lake Eustis Sailing Club. Thank you Mike Shayeson for extending the invitation to all Highlanders. Hopefully we get six boats to get own start. This is a great way to show off the Highlander to other classes and a new venue that is warm. My question is; Are there alligators in the sailing area? I don't think I will camp.

The board will be meeting at the Cleveland Boat Show in mid January to discuss Nationals for 2019 and 2020. We have two request to host for 2020 that are very interesting. We re also looking for a 2021 host, so start your planning early. It would be nice to get ahead of the game.

Thank you for all the work done by The Bauers keeping us informed regarding Highlander sailing through the magazine. Gillian will gladly accept your articles or just news of sharing sailing adventures (herc925@gmail.com). We enjoy hearing from you since we are all family. May the sailing season bring you fun and safe travels in 2019.





Highlander Family

By: Debbie Probst

My exposure to the Highlander Class from birth could have resulted in a mistaken belief that all organizations contained a generous dose of Characters with a capital “C”. However, my simultaneous experience with other, more homogenous groups (school, family, church, etc.) contrasted greatly, thus highlighting this endearing feature of what we all fondly know to be “The Clan”.

Some of these Characters take the human form and have become legends either due to their history on the race course or their behavior ashore. Other Characters have come in the form of Sandy Douglas’ design (Scrimshaw, Creature, Moby Dick, Mother Ocean, Aunt Ruby, etc.). The



nondisclosure of human Character’s names is intentional—you either know who they are or you need to ask around, and be prepared for a lengthy conversation filled with colorful stories.

Some of our beloved Characters are no longer physically with us, submitting to the call of mortality or wood rot and fiberglass fatigue. But fear not . . . due to the science of genetics and the Highlander Class’ draw of unique people, new Characters are emerging annually. If I mentioned that Steve Bauer asked me to write an article at this point, would it be too glaringly obvious?

Although my lifelong history with the Highlander Class has been abbreviated by lengthy absences, it never fails to walk through the boat park and be welcomed by familiar faces. What I find incredibly refreshing is that the “older folks”, (which is, of course, my age plus 5 years or more), never seem to age while those youngsters have caught up to me quite rapidly. By the way, it was really great to see John and Steve Bauer and Ed Spengemann at Lake Norman . . . again, too obvious??

The next time you are postponed ashore, or sitting around a bonfire, retell a story about one of our legends or a favorite boat or regatta. Help keep alive the memories that may otherwise fade away. May I suggest a few Characters to begin with? Crede Calhoun, Betty Failing, Larry Klein, Norris Bourdow does anyone else have the image of Knarly dressed up for the M*A*S*H themed Bluegrass Regatta party burned in their memory? He was dressed as well, if you don’t know, ask around!!!





Carey and Barnwell Win Klein, Grand Prix

By: Jay Carey

Cowan Lake's Jay Carey won the Larry Klein Memorial trophy and the Grand Prix Series trophy, which were both awarded at the 2018 Nationals at Lake Norman this fall.



The Klein trophy was awarded to the skipper who beats the most boats in regattas during the 2017 sailing season, so attending regattas and finishing well was key. Carey, along with

boat owner and crew extraordinaire Boyd Barnwell, sailed in five regattas last year, winning two of them.

It all started at the Midwinter's at Lake Hartwell in early April, where they finished third out of 20 boats, picking up 17 points in a road trip to South Carolina. Back home at Cowan Lake in June, they had their worst regatta showing of the year, finishing fourth out of 14 in the Mad Plaid, but added 10 more points to their total. A second place finish in Berlin behind John Bauer netted four points, as there were only six Highlanders racing that summer weekend. However, Carey and Barnwell saved their best for last, winning two big regattas in October.

A come-from-behind victory in the rain at the Bluegrass Regatta on the Ohio River set them up for winning the Klein Series with only the season-ending Pipers left on the schedule.



Carey had finished second and third in his only two previous Pipers appearances, but this road trip to Lake Norman ended in victory, as they picked up 18 more Klein points.

Those two season-ending regatta victories also earned them the Grand Prix Series trophy for the 2017-2018 season. The Grand Prix Series is "designed to be more inclusive of Highlander sailors that don't make it to as many regattas, but consistently perform well," according to the class website, www.sailhighlander.com.





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All in the Family

By: Steve Bauer

This year, for Highlander Nationals, I chose to go with an all family boat. I picked the boat owner, Gillian, and my brother John. I will admit it is easier to pick an all family boat when all of them are competent sailors. When John and I were much younger we sailed with our Dad. Our first Nationals was at Grand Lake St Mary's in Ohio. I weighed in at 90lbs and John at 120lbs. I don't know how or why but the winds were up all week. We had a light wind day that only blew 15kts, but other than that it really blew. Dad could have picked anybody other than us and been better off. We finished the week out of

reach of trophies, but we stayed upright all week. Still one of my favorite Nationals.





The Highlander is the perfect family boat. Most weekends I can be found sailing with my wife, Gillian, and the kids. I find the boat to be one of the few designs that is accommodating for the family while still having performance. Please take the time to go sail with your family on your next outing. Our family enjoys pleasure cruising on the boat as much as racing.

The McLoed Trophy was made to show the highest finishing Family at the Nationals. Every time I sail in an all family boat I feel as if I won. It was an honor to be able to win the trophy this year and I plan to keep competing for it. Hope to see your family out on the water next year.





"RACING" ON A WINDLESS DAY

Editor's note: This article was in the Bagpipe in 2017. Witnessing growth at the club level is exciting and each class/club/fleet may benefit from what it discusses.

How to Grow Thistle Sailing: Keep Calm and Rally On!

By: Nancy Molitor

If you have ever attended the Dixie regard it or even just set foot on Atlanta Yacht Club, you probably envision Atlanta's Fleet #48 as a throbbing pulse of Thistle activity, with boats in the double digits crowding the line every weekend three seasons a year. With our 40+ boats and a cast of party-loving fleet members twice that size, it seems a reasonable assumption. But if you were here to see behind the scenes on any weekend that



BRYCE ISSUES OUR RALLY MARCHING ORDERS: "GET OUT THERE AND HAVE FUN!"

wasn't the Dixie, you would get a different picture.

Like many fleets and like all one-design sailing in general, Thistle sailing at AYC has been on a slow but steady decline over the past few decades. What was, in the 1970s and '80s, a total family activity, small boat sailing is today besieged by dozens of factors that are hard to compete with. (If I took that tack and tried to explore the big picture I would run out of words before getting around to writing what I have in mind to say, so I will leave that to another writer. In fact, I do recommend to you the book **Saving Sailing**, who is Arthur Nick Hayes does exactly that.) In any case, Fleet #48 is not immune to the downward trend. The participation numbers we enjoyed in our heyday 30 years ago are a distant memory, and despite sporadic bursts of activity over the last ten, we now regard it as a good day when we can put five both on the line or qualify that many for the season.



FEED THEM AND THEY WILL COME



Fortunately, the passion for sailing runs deep and has habit of showing up in a lifeboat to deliver new energy just when we need it most. For our fleet this year that energy has arrived with Bryce Dryden, our two-time Thistle National Champion and this year's Commodore of the South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association (SAYRA). Bryce was lucky enough to grow up in a sailing family and is passionate about carrying that tradition forward at the "fleet-roots" level. Inspired by aforementioned book

Saving Sailing, he has challenged our fleet to look at "racing" in a whole new light, which he has campaigned as the "Rally Mentality." In an effort to get more boats on the line, to encourage our less experience sailors, to give newcomers and drop-ins an opportunity to climb aboard/pull the strings/take the helm of a Thistle, and most of all to get us all out on the water, Bryce has issued a year of challenge to our fleet: to lighten up, focus on fun, and RALLY around the race course.

The rally idea goes back to basics, maybe even beyond basics: If there are enough sailors on the roster but they aren't coming out to sail, it can only be because – for whatever reason – it's not fun. Pretty simple, huh? The intensity of hard-core racing can be intimidating and is definitely not for everyone. Re-introduce FUN into the equation, and everything changes.

The idea of a Rally first took shape in June, when it was the Thistle's Fleet's turn to introduce our boat to AYC's very eager spring Adult Sailing Class. Instead of texting and emailing fleet members to request their help, Bryce, who was in charge of the day got commitments the old fashioned way – by making phone calls (imagine that!) to lineup boats and pair up students with skippers and crew, then expanding the list to include new and prospective members, guests and kids – the guideline du jour being, "The more, the merrier!" All were invited to gather under the pavilion by the boat ramp at noon for a plentiful lunch provided by the



GROUND SCHOOL

Thistle Fleet, with casual decorations and name tags set our event apart from any ordinary race day. This left plenty of time before the 2:00 race start to get acquainted, get rigged, get launched, get to the line, and get sailing! Breaking all the rules, we crammed as many people into boats as were game to go. And the race was on! But all in the name of fun. There was a lot of mixing and matching going on between skippers, crews, and never-ever's, but the teaching moments were abundant and the on-the-water experience invaluable – everyone who wanted to switch places, take the helm or fly the chute had the chance. (Or if you were a short person wanting to wield a water gun instead of a tiller we made time



RIGGING 101

"AND THIS DO-HICKEY GOES HERE..."





POST-GRAD SAILING STUDENT TAKES THE HELM

for that too!) As Bryce would put it; the racing was real, but it was the Rally that ruled the day! Now, two months and three Thistle Rallies into the summer, the new concept has taken on a life of its own. The numbers speak for themselves; so far the Rallies have drawn more people on a single Saturday than in a month of “conventional” fleet races. At our last event in August (which can be a very un- fun time to be bobbing about on Lake Altoona) we hosted 73 people for lunch, 19 of them were under the age of 10 (our farm team?). With 15 Thistles on the line, we managed to board 51 fun-seekers, who didn’t even seem to mind a sultry, almost windless day as long as they got to be on the water with family and friends. On this particular Saturday there was arguably a lot more swimming going on than serious racing, but instead of being inside glued to our cell phones on a beautiful summer day, 51

of us were all outside having fun in sailboats. So what’s not to like?

Whether a goal or a by-product, the centerpiece of our Rallies is the opportunity to show off the Thistle and grow our fleet with new members. Already this summer we have added two new boats, with more club membership applications following close behind. At our most recent Rally we met three brand new families to add to that list, one of whom is already snooping around for a Thistle. We are even getting a few inquiries from members of other fleets within our club (Shhhh!). Enthusiasm begets enthusiasm – and as our activity level escalates, we are being noticed!

Our next big rally will be in October, when we host AYC’s fall Adult Sailing Class for lunch and another full day on the water. What our fleet has generated is not magic – it’s really quite simple, but of course it takes someone to own the idea and make it happen. We know how lucky we are to have Bryce Dryden driving our boat, even though he will be the first to tell you he is not operating solo. Anybody can do what Bryce has done, if they just seize the day. (A good first step? Pick up the phone!)

However it’s accomplished, getting more people out on the water is a goal unto itself, making every day of Thistle sailing more fun for everyone. Call it what you will, but for any fleet that needs a boost of energy this year, we have discovered some to share. Here on Lake Altoona, the Rally Mentality is alive and well. Our advice? Keep calm and Rally on!



MORE BOATS + MORE PEOPLE = MORE FUN



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2018 Nationals at LNYC



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**ABOVE: THE BAUER FAMILY TAKES A TURN AT TUG-OF-WAR DURING THE HIGHLAND GAMES DURING NATIONALS AT LAKE NORMAN YACHT CLUB
BELOW: THE HAY TOSS WAS A FAN FAVORITE FOR THE YOUNG SAILORS**





Lake Eustis Sailing Club Presents

49th ANNUAL GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY REGATTA February 16th – 17th, 2019

FLYING SCOT DISTRICT CLINIC FEBRUARY 14th-15th 2019
The Flying Scot Clinic sign up is "live" at <http://regataregistration.com>

NOTICE OF RACE

VENUE

Lake Eustis Sailing Club is located about 40 miles northwest of Orlando, at 1310 CR 452, Eustis, Florida 32726. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1056, Eustis, FL 32727-1056

Two courses will be set. The Junior course and the 'A' course for all others.

ENTRIES AND ELIGIBILITY

The event is open to One Design boats, with six or more pre-registered boats required for a class division with a separate start. Classes with fewer than six entries will be scored as a Portsmouth class. Classes expected include Flying Scot (Florida Point Series Regatta), San Juan 21 (Travel Series), Highlander, Catamaran, Wayfarer, Laser, Club 420, Open Bic, and Optimist. All One Design classes are welcome.

Eligible participants may enter by completing an entry form, registering with the club and paying the entry fee.

RULES

The races will be governed by the rules defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

NOTE: All times below are tentative - check the Official Notice Board for updates.

Friday, February 15th
1600 – 1800

Registration open

Saturday, February 16th

0800
0800 - 1000

Light breakfast

Registration open

Skippers Meeting – Junior Course

Skippers Meeting – 'A' Course

Warning signal for first race on Junior Course

Warning signal for first race on 'A' Course

1200
1230 (approx.)
1700

Lunch break at the Clubhouse – Junior Course

Sunset Celebration

Dinner in the Clubhouse

Sunday, February 17th

0800

0930

1000

130

Light breakfast

Warning signal for first race – Junior Course

Warning signal for first race – 'A' Course

No warning signal after 130

After racing Awards

REGISTRATION

Registration for crewed boats (e.g. Flying Scots, 420s, etc.) is \$60 if pre-registering before February 6th – and \$70 if registering on that date or thereafter. For single-handed boats pre-registration is \$50 before February 6th and \$60 on that date or thereafter.

Registration includes light breakfast Saturday and Sunday, and the dinner Saturday afternoon. Two dinners are included for crewed boats, and one dinner for single-handed boats. Extra dinners on Saturday are \$12 per person, (for extra crew and guests). Bag lunches may be purchased for sailors, family members, and guests at \$7 each. Orders for lunches and extra dinners must be placed at pre-registration.

Payment should be made at registration (cash, check or credit card).

SCORING

The Low Point System (RRS Appendix A) will be used. Five races are scheduled for the 'A' Course, but more may be sailed at the discretion of the PRO. In the event of 6 or more races on either course, there will be one (1) throw-out. A minimum of one race must be completed to constitute a regatta for both courses.

Handicap computations will be made using the current Portsmouth Handicap system (D-PN), as published by US Sailing.

TROPHIES

The Flying Scots (Men's and Women's Divisions) will compete for the *Lake Eustis Flying Scot Challenge Perpetual Trophy*, and the Lasers will compete for the *Florida Lakes Laser Championship Trophy*. The Highlander Class will compete for the *Florida Championship Trophy*.

The number of trophies for each course will depend on the number of pre-registered boats and classes received by February 2, 2018.

LODGING

Camping is allowed on the grounds of the Sailing Club, with facilities in the clubhouse.

In addition, up to eight RVs, less than 30ft long, are permitted on Club grounds by town zoning.

Please indicate your intent to RV or camp in the comment section of your registration form - first come, first served!

Please note that camping and RVs are permitted only on the north side of building, and only from the day before the start of the regatta to the day after its conclusion.

For off-site RV parking, contact: Southern Palms RV Resort at 1-800-277-9131. They are within walking distance of the Club (0.5 miles).

HOTELS/MOTELS

Preferred Accommodations: (Mention "Lake Eustis Sailing Club" when booking):

Best Western	Tavares (5 miles)	800-790-7234	352-253-2378
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LOCAL ATTRACTIONS/INFORMATION:

Lake County: www.lakecountyil.gov – then go to “Visitors”
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Mount Dora: www.mountdora.com

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February 16 & 17	George Washington's Birthday Regatta *	Lake Eustis Sailing Club, Eustis, Florida	
April 6 & 7	HCIA Mid-Winters Springboard Regatta	Western Carolina Sailing Club	II
May	Mayor's Cup	Eagle Creek Sailing Club	I
June 8 & 9	Mad Plaid	Cowan Lake Sailing Association	II
June 14-23	Cleveland Race Week	Edgewater Yacht Club	I
June 15 & 16	Berlin Invitational	Berlin Yacht Club	I
TBA	Pymatuning Regatta *	Pymatuning Yacht Club	
July 13-18	Highlander Nationals	Sandusky Sailing Club, Sandusky, Ohio	III
September	Atwood Harvest Moon	Atwood Yacht Club	I
September	Governor's Cup	Eagle Creek Sailing Club	I
September	Clam Digger	Greenhaven Sailing Club c/o Avondale Boat Yard	I
October 5 & 6	Bluegrass	Louisville Sailing Club	II
October 19 & 20	Pipers	Lake Norman Yacht Club	II

*Not a HCIA sanctioned event

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