

2009 Board of Governors Regatta, Lake Quassapaug

Hurricane Dan lingered off shore threatening us with torrential downpours and no wind. Twenty brave snipes showed up to Quassy, despite the dismal forecasts. Saturday morning was heavily overcast with a beautiful 12-15 knot breeze from the NE. The air was cooler than the lake, so as the clouds cut off the tops of the hills from view, a six foot tall fog cut our view of the water.

The committee, lead by Tom St John and Jack Gannon, set a port Olympic course. The windward mark and gybe mark were completely out of view due to the low fog! Local father/daughter team of Peter and Haley Wolcott played the right side very successfully to win the first race. Father/son team of Bob and Tom Coyle were second. These two teams seem to set the pace for the weekend right away. Juniors Cameron Fraser and Rachel Carens were third. This was the only race of the weekend Cam was able to take from his folks, Martin and Suzette, who were back in fifth.

The second race saw Martin and Suzette leading for most of the race, only to be passed by Ben and me on the final run. The Wolcott's were in third and now leading the regatta.

After an on-shore lunch of wraps, we returned out on to the lake without the fog. The wind had lightened to 6-10 and a few more leftie puffs were showing up. Ned and Kitty Daly, former Quassy members, nailed the pin end, tacked to port and crossed the entire fleet towards the favored right. I guess they didn't go far enough, because not long after the brilliant start they were swallowed by the fleet. This time it was Andy Klein and Deborah Mense's turn to win a race.

The fourth race saw Bob and Tommy Coyle take the lead, followed by the Frasers. The day ended with 5 boats within six points of each other. The Wolcott's and the Coyle's tied for first, followed by the Frasers, Zackins and Andy and Deborah. A very close regatta.

But enough about the sailing – Appetizers, wine, beer, steak, lobster, corn, followed by brownies and ice cream! Wow. And on to the dancing-inside-this year. And dance we did for hours! Interrupted by the crazy Quassy dance floor traditions of "It's Raining Men"!?!?! And "Paradise by the Dashboard Light" (One Two One Two, is this spoon on?). So the room rocked and Rock Lobstered into the night!

Sunday, after Enid's Breakfast, there was no wind. An hour later, a weak southerly appeared and on to the lake we went. Even though Ben and I won the start with a pin end port tack start, the left paid off and Andy and Deborah took the light air race.

Despite the complaining that we should not run another race, Andy and Deborah walked away with the 6th race too, and in doing so, walked away with the regatta. Their first Snipe regatta win! The Wolcott's were second in the last race and the regatta. The Coyle's were third for the regatta followed by Martin and Suzette in fourth.

Awards were given with much fan fare. Trophies were awarded to 100% of the sailors, as everyone sailed very well. Special thanks to the Race Committees that got us sailing in trying conditions. Extra special thanks to Shelia Elser and all the volunteers that fed us all weekend!

Joel Zackin
#29111 Mr. Bubble

Team - BoG 2009		Club								Total	
1	Andrew Klein & Deborah Mense	30089	WBC	4	4	1	8	1	1	11	
2	Peter and Haley Wolcott	30606	QSC	1	3	2	5	17	2	13	Top Father Daughter Team
3	Bob and Tommy Coyle	28542	CPYC	2	5	3	1	4	10	15	Top Father Son Team
4	Martin and Suzette Fraser	29861	WBC	5	2	5	2	3	5	17	Top Married Team
5	Joel and Benjamin Zackin Cameron Fraser and Rachel Caron	29111	NHYC	7	1	4	3	11	6	21	
6	Darryl, Susan and Dorothy Waskow	25999	WBC	3	8	7	6	6	3	25	#1 Junior Team
7	Mike Elser and Cameron Cannings	30470	SCYC	8	6	12	9	2	7	32	#2 Married Team
8	Kevin and Max Heathington-Young	29867	QSC	9	7	6	7	9	4	33	#1 Most Improved!!!!
9	Jim and Carol Tomassetti	29704	WBC	13	9	9	4	5	11	38	Youngest Sailor!!!!
10	Peter and Daniel Zackin	26132		8	10	8	12	10	15	48	#3 Married Team
11	CJ Walser and Chris Blackwood	26026	QSC	14	12	14	10	7	8	51	
12	Ned and Kitty Daly	26663	NHYC	12	13	11	16	12	13	61	#2 Junior
13	Bob and Jane Panza	28999	SSA	10	15	13	11	13	19	62	#4 Married Team
14	Jenn Erickson and Pat O'Dell	29964	QSC	15	11	15	13	15	12	66	#5 Married Team
15	Thad Burr and Julian Egan-Shottler	26202	QSC	11	16	10	15	16	17	68	Welcome Back!
16	Sue Ladico and Jan Tabor	28199	QSC	16	14	16	14	14	14	72	
17	Kevin Elser & Lisa Bardinelli	28442	WBC	19	19	19	19	8	9	74	Top Woman Team
18	Larry Pellett and Mike Laskerzewski	26743	QSC	17	17	19	19	19	19	91	#3 Junior Team
19	Jack Gannon	30195	NHYC	19	19	19	19	18	17	92	#5 Rookie Team
20		30526	WBC	19	19	19	19	19	19	95	