

2008 Board of Governors Regatta

The weekend arrived, cool, dry and with no thunderstorms in the forecast, for the first time all summer. Twenty Three Snipe Teams arrived from all over District One, Including four junior teams, five “Rookies to the Lake” teams, and two teams of Quassy Snipe alumni returning to the lake. As usual many manufacturers were represented; Jibe Techs, Piersons, Muellers, McLaughlin’s, Eclipses’, Phoenix, and one Woodie! Irv and Art Margulies’ #9106.

#9106 and the Margulies were fleet members and regulars on Lake Quassapaug for four decades, until the boat was sold in the early Nineties. They recently recovered the boat in poor shape and have restored her enough to compete. More work is planned to bring her back to her “Hi Tech” beauty. An old wood snipe “Hi Tech”? Coat her with silver gray epoxy paint, black racing stripes, black rub rails and black splash rails and black anodize the mast tiller and every other fitting you can find and #9106 is the highest tech boat you have every seen.

To the racing: The wind was light out of the south. The sailors and the RC hoped the SW Sea Breeze would fill. It did not. The wind remained light from the south. Puffs from the left randomly materialized off the amusement park beach, and every once in a while, just for Bob Coyle, a weak “rightie” puff would appear.

The first race was a single triangle in light air. Bob Coyle and Julie Stephens lead most of the race fending off Henry and Megan Filter, and Mike and Erin Elser. In the last 200 yards Jen Matty and I, in “Mr. Bubble” found a large Leftie puff off the amusement park beach and sailed around the top five for the Bullet. The fleet looked and hung left for the rest of the day.

The second race was lengthened to an Olympic course and the Filters took the race with the Elsers and Peter and Keri Wolcott close behind. It was a big race for the Quassy Fleet #231 with four boats in the top six (Elser, Wolcott, Mr. Bubble, and fleet captain Bob and Jane Panza).

We broke for a great lunch of hot dogs and burgers. Back on the water one of the rare rightie puffs propelled Mr. Bubble into a Horizon Job. We had a very relaxing race in the dicey conditions. The Filters scored another second, with the Elsers in third.

The fourth race saw the Elsers walk away with a bullet followed by the Filter’s 3rd second and the Wolcott’s close behind. As the Evening began the score board showed a very close regatta lead by the Filters with 6.75, the Elsers, with 9.75 and Mr. Bubble with 10.5! A very close regatta!

But enough about the sailing – Appetizers, wine, beer, steak, lobster, corn, followed by brownies and ice cream! Wow! And then the limbo competition! Or shall we say the Mike Elser, Doctor in his day job, limbo demonstration! The hours he must practice! And on to the dancing on the porch. 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?) Carol Tomassetti lead the dancing fools in “Who let the Dawgs Out”, and so the corner of the porch rocked and Rock Lobstered into the night!

Sunday, after Enid’s Breakfast, met us with a very weak westerly, that seemed to be exactly what Bob Coyle and Julie Stephens ordered. They scored a One, Two in the two races held in the light to non existent breeze. Peter and Keri Wolcott won the last race. We had six races for

the weekend, and all the boats in the top five won at least one race! The Filters showed their consistency, with all top four finishes to win the series!

Mike and Erin Elser were Most Improved over the last four years of scores! John and Grace Lees were the first place Rookies. Pierce Wolcott and John Lombard were the top junior boat. Pierce's folks, Peter and Keri were the top married couple in the regatta. It really was a family event with Haley Wolcott sailing with Jack Gannon in twelfth place!

The regatta can also boast the return of Ned and Kitty Daly to the Snipe Circuit. Not able to locate their beloved #19999, they acquired another newer Ralph Swanson Special, #28999, and rediscovered the frustrating winds of Lake Quassapaug.

Awards were given with much fan fare. Trophies were 100% recycled snipe sailed in the form of pennants. Special thanks to the Race Committees that got us sailing in trying conditions. Extra Special thanks to Donna Erickson and Shelia Elser and all the volunteers that fed us all weekend!

Joel Zackin
#29111 Mr. Bubble

Team - BoG 2008			Club							Total	
1	Henry and Megan Filter	30325	SSA	2	0.75	2	2	4	3	9.75	Top Father Daughter T
2	Joel Zackin and Jen Matty	29111	NHYC	0.75	5	0.75	4	2	4	11.5	
3	Bob Coyle and Julie Stephens	28542	CPYC	3	4	9	5	0.75	2	14.75	
4	Mike and Kevin Elser	29867	QSC	4	2	3	0.75	12	11	20.75	#1 Most Improved!!!!
5	Peter and Kerri Wolcott John and Will and Ella	30606	QSC	12	3	16	3	9	0.75	27.75	Top Married Team
6	Taglamonte	29311	WBC	8	8	4	6	3	7	28	Youngest Sailor!!!!
7	Sue Ladico and Jan Tabor	28442	WBC	10	12	6	8	5	9	38	Top Woman Team #2 Most Improved #2 Married
8	Jim and Carol Tomassetti	26132		11	7	8	18	8	8	42	
9	John Lally and Keri O'Brien	30470	WBC	6	9	13	9	13	6	43	
10	Ray Schmit and Wendy Frank	25659	CPYC	9	10	5	10	11	12	45	#3 Most Improved
11	Eric and Glen Bell	29972	WBC	13	14	14	24	7	5	53	#1 Son and Father Te
12	Jack Gannon & Haley Wolcott	30526	WBC	5	11	18	7	15	16	54	
13	John and Grace Lees	27733	WBC	16	29	11	11	6	10	54	#1 Rookie Team
14	Ned and Kitty Daly	28999	SSA	7	13	10	13	14	24	57	#3 Married Team
15	Bob and Jane Panza	29964	QSC	15	6	12	15	10	15	58	#4 Married Team
16	Pierce Wolcott and Jon Lombard	28656	QSC	19	16	7	12	18	13	66	#1 Junior Team #2 Junior & #2 Rookie Team
17	CJ Walser and Rachael Caren	26663	NHYC	14	15	19	14	16	18	77	
18	Thad Burr and Forest Speed	28199	QSC	18	18	15	19	17	14	82	
19	Irv and Art Margulies	9106		20	19	17	17	19	17	89	Welcome Back!
20	Ben Clark and Kevin Elser Laurence and Cameron	26810	QSC	17	17	22	16	22	19	91	#3 Junior Team
21	Cannings	26843	QSC	23	22	21	21	21	20	105	#4 Junior #3 Rookie T
22	Will and Steve Johnson	28904	SSA	21	23	23	20	20	24	107	#4 Rookie Team
23	Larry Pellett and Mary	30195	NHYC	22	21	20	24	24	24	111	#5 Rookie Team