



**NEW ENGLAND MULTIHULL ASSOCIATION**



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# 2002 Corsair Nationals

*By Sydney Miller*

**T**he 2002 Corsair-Farrier Nationals in Fort Walton Beach, Florida from April 27-29, was attended by 74 boats (60 racers, 14 cruisers). Events included a destination cruise, a racing clinic, and 3 days of racing. The racing clinic was given by Randy Smyth and involved on-the-water drills and classroom instruction. The format is similar to The Multihull Source's 'Go Fast Seminar' in June.

The majority of participants arrive some time during the weekend prior to the event, with most boats launched on Monday and Tuesday. Many of those gathered were from our own back yard - 12 boats came from New England to race and several additional crew members represented other boats. Others are e-pals from the Multihulls and F-Boats lists, and still others we connect with only at this annual reunion.

For most attendees, the main event is the racing, which is provided with a variety of formats. On Thursday, there is a race from Fort Walton to Leeside Park, where lunch is served, and a return race to Fort Walton. Both last year and this, the big question is whether to hug the north or the south side of Choctawhatchee Bay. My greatest missed photo opp was the downwind start on Thursday morning. There was a magnificent array of spinnakers behind us [but I was focused on racing]. The beach at the Park was wall-to-wall trimarans, as boats arrived and anchored side by side.

The early morning scene on the Leeside Park Beach was quite intense when, after

## Upcoming NEMA Races

**Buzzards Bay Blast**  
June 22 - 23

**Corinthian 200**  
July 5

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**NEMA Picnic**

The annual NEMA picnic, the kick-off event for the summer New England season, is generally held on the first Saturday of May, 'rain or shine'. This year, after many years of the former condition, NEMA members, family, and friends were finally greeted by the latter. Under clear and sunny skies, 60 people (almost double our regular picnic attendance) and (only!) 7 dogs gathered at the Gleasons' house in Wareham and enjoyed barbecued hamburgers, hot-dogs, and chicken, with salad, potato salad, chips, salsa, and several wonderful deserts, all washed down by beer, soda, juice, lemonade, or iced tea.

In addition to great conversations about summer plans and the recent Corsair-Farrier Nationals in Florida, many picnickers took turns sailing in gusty wind in the new 2-seater Windrider 17. After Jon Alvord managed to get the boat up on one hull, the Windrider was reefed. Nonetheless, the boat continued to zip around, leaving a lively wake behind it and giving those who rode in the front seat a refreshing spray-down.

Other activities included water gun fights (including some malfunctioning 'super soakers'), tether ball, beach-combing, and dog-patting. I'm proud to report that the dogs kept away from the people food - almost. [Murphy, the small white fluffball, nibbled a little on the corner of the cheese, but that was really it.]

Nick Bryan-Brown appeared after delivering his newly commissioned F-31 'Tempest' to Mattapoisett in the morning.

Dave Bredemeier brought along some photos he had taken from the photo boat at the Nationals, and traded a few for some promised boat rides later this summer. [Some of his photos appear in accompanying the article on the Nationals.]

Bill Heaton, the Nicholsons and the Peacocks discussed the new Wednesday night racing series for multihulls in Newport this summer. The Newport Yacht Club is inviting multihulls to join them, and Bill mentioned that the racing can be viewed, live, via the camera atop the Hyatt on Goat Island at <http://www.livewave.com> (click on 'test drive Narragansett Bay').

Always a great way to start the season, the NEMA picnic gives members and their extended families an opportunity to exchange ideas and share summer plans. Not a few cruises and races were promoted at the picnic and several prospective skippers and crew met to map out their summer.

*-Sydney Miller*

**Board Elections this fall**

If you would like to take a more active role in NEMA consider running for a Board of Directors post. Some board members will be retiring this year and others are running for new positions so we are actively looking for people to fill these vacancies. Any NEMA member can run for any position. If you want more information just contact a Board member and we will do our best to answer your questions.



The Escher family off for a sail on a WindRider 17 at the NEMA Picnic.

## 2002 NEMA Races and Events

DATE	RACE/EVENT	Location	Contact	NEMA	ORC	North	Maine
May 25 - 26	<b>Owen Mitchell Regatta</b>	Newport , RI	Newport Yacht Club	■			
June 7 - 8	<b>Off Soundings Regatta</b>	Stonington, CT	Off Soundings Club	■			
June 8	Centerboard Regatta		Peter Garcia 207 784-3200				■
June 16	CYC Hospice	Marblehead, MA	Ted Grossbart 781 631-5011			■	
June 15 -16	Pilot Races	Falmouth, ME	Peter Garcia 207 784-3200				■
June 22	Haraseeket Regatta	Freeport, ME	Peter Garcia 207 784-3200				■
June 22 -23	<b>Buzzards Bay Blast</b>	S. Dartmouth, MA	Multihull Source 508-295-0095	■			
June 23	MYC Patton Bowl	Manchester, MA	Jeff Schreiber 978 777-3357			■	
Jun 28 - Jul 2	Admiral Digby Cup		Peter Garcia 207 784-3200				■
July 5	<b>Corinthian 200</b>	Marblehead, MA	Corinthian YC	■	■		
July 6	North Shore Rally/Picnic	Salem Sound, MA	John Zisa 978 745 2755				
July 6 - 7	Maine PHRF	Portland, ME	Peter Garcia 207 784-3200				■
July 6 - 13	Maine Cruise	Maine	Bob Gleason 508 295-0095				
July 13-14	Seguin Island Races	Southport, ME	Peter Garcia 207 784-3200				■
July 14	CYC Midsummer	Marblehead MA	Ted Grossbart 781 631-5011			■	
July 20	<b>Black Dog Dash</b>	Vineyard Haven, MA	Dave Koshiol 508 758-1901	■			
July 21 - 22	Boothbay Regatta	Boothbay, ME	Peter Garcia 207 784-3200				■
July 25	Around Long Island Race	Sea Cliff, NY	Sea Cliff YC		■		
July 27	<b>New England Solo Twin</b>	Newport, RI	Newport YC	■	■		
July 27	Downeast 1-2-plus	Gloucester, MA to Falmouth, ME	Dave Marsh 978 282-1216			■	■
July 27 - 28	Penobscot Regatta	Camden, ME	Peter Garcia 207 784-3200				■
Aug. 2 - 4	<b>Buzzards Bay Regatta</b>	Marion, Mass.	Beverly YC	■			
August 3	JYC Regatta for Paralysis	Beverly, MA	Ted Warren 978 964-2323			■	
Aug. 10 - 11	Monhegan Race	Falmouth, ME	Peter Garcia 207 784-3200		■		■
Aug. 24 - 25	<b>Newport Unlimited</b>	Newport, RI	NEMA	■			
Aug 30	Yarmouth Cup	Falmouth, ME	Peter Garcia 207 784-3200		■		■
Aug 31	<b>Schooner Festival Race</b>	Gloucester, MA	Tom Cox 978 828-2181	■		■	
Sept. 7	JYC Weekend	Beverly, MA	Ted Warren 978 964-2323			■	
Sept. 13	<b>Off Soundings</b>	Watch Hill, RI	Off Soundings Club	■			
Sept. 14	Whalers Race	New Bedford, MA	New Bedford YC		■		
Sept. 22	MYC Fall Regatta	Manchester, MA	Jeff Schreiber 978 777-3357		■		
Sept 28 - 29	<b>Race Rock Regatta</b>	Stonington, CT	Bob Gleason 508 295-0095	■			

**NEMA** - NEMA Season trophy

**ORC** - NEMA Offshore Racing Circuit trophy

**North** - NEMA North trophy

**Maine** - NEMA Gulf of Maine trophy [www.gmora.org](http://www.gmora.org)

# NEMA Summer Event Info

## KEY

<b>NEMA</b>	<b>NEMA Season Trophy Race*</b>
<b>ME</b>	<b>Gulf of Maine Circuit</b>
<b>NS</b>	<b>North Shore Race</b>
<b>ORC</b>	<b>Off Shore Racing Circuit</b>

*\*Only those races with four or more paid NEMA rated racers at the start will be included toward the Season Trophy.*

## Owen Mitchell Regatta

May 25 - 26 **NEMA**  
Newport Yacht Club, Newport, RI

Race from Newport to Block Island, RI. Good family-oriented event for the beginning of the season. The Newport Yacht Club has lots of fun prizes, trophies and events on Block Island.

[www.newportyachtclub.org/mitchell/](http://www.newportyachtclub.org/mitchell/)

## Spring Off Soundings Series

June 7 - 8 **NEMA**  
Off Soundings Club, Watch Hill Pt., RI

On Friday race from Watch Hill Pt. Rhode Island to Block Island. On Saturday, race around Block Island.

[www.offsoundings.org](http://www.offsoundings.org)

## Centerboard Regatta

June 8 **ME**

Saturday around the buoys race.

[www.gmora.org](http://www.gmora.org)

## Pilot Races

June 15 - 16 **ME**  
Falmouth, ME

Two days, three races in Casco Bay.

[www.gmora.org](http://www.gmora.org)

## CYC Hospice Regatta

June 16 **NS**  
Eastern Yacht Club, Marblehead, MA

Sunday afternoon around the buoys race, pursuit start. Skippers meeting 0930 Sunday at Eastern Yacht Club.

Ted Grossbart 781-631-5011

## Haraseeket Regatta

June 22 **ME**  
Haraseeket Yacht Club, Freeport, ME

Sunday afternoon around the buoys race.

[www.gmora.org](http://www.gmora.org)

## Buzzards Bay Blast

June 22 - 23 **NEMA**  
Multihull Source, S. Dartmouth, MA

Saturday's race starts in Padanarum and finishes in Wareham, followed by a barbecue at the Gleason's house. Sunday's race is the return trip from Wareham to Padanarum.

Multihull Source 508-295-0095

## MYC Patton Bowl Regatta

June 24 **NS**  
Manchester Yacht Club, Manchester MA

Sunday around the buoys race. Social activities and trophy presentation on Sunday at the MYC after the race.

Jeff Schreiber 978-777-3357

## Admiral Digby Cup

June 28 - July 2 **ME**

12-hour race from Bar Harbor Maine to Digby, Nova Scotia.

Peter Garcia 207-784-3200 x 313  
[www.annapolisbasin.com](http://www.annapolisbasin.com)

## Corinthian 200

July 5 **NEMA ORC**  
Corinthian Yacht Club, Marblehead, MA

Overnight off-shore race, roundtrip from Marblehead to Cape Porpoise, Maine.

Corinthian Yacht Club

## Maine Cruise

July 6 - 13

NEMA cruise in Maine. Contact Bob for details.

Bob Gleason 508-295-0095

## North Shore Race/Picnic

July 6  
Salem Sound

On July 6th at a "to be announced" Rally Race for North Shore sailors from Point A to point B and back to Marblehead for a BBQ. The focus of this event is a family friendly way to meet fellow multihullers.

John Zisa 978 745 2755  
[johnzisa@hotmail.com](mailto:johnzisa@hotmail.com)

## Maine PHRF Championships

July 6 - 7 **ME**  
Portland Yacht Club, Falmouth, ME

One race each day.

[www.gmora.org](http://www.gmora.org)

## Seguin Island Races

July 13 - 14 **ME**  
Southport Yacht Club, Southport, ME

Two day races, pursuit start on Sunday. Good party Saturday night at Boothbay Region Boat Yard in Southport.

[www.gmora.org](http://www.gmora.org)

## CYC Midsummer Regatta

July 14 **NS**  
Corinthian Yacht Club, Marblehead, MA

Sunday afternoon around the buoys. Social function at CYC after the race.

Ted Grossbart 781-631-5011

## Black Dog Dash

July 20 **NEMA**  
Vineyard Haven, Martha's Vineyard

Sponsored by the Black Dog Restaurant of Vineyard Haven, this is always a fun event, and is generally the best-attended event on the NEMA circuit. Low key racing for the cruising-minded with great refreshments at the Black Dog Restaurant and famous Black Dog/NEMA T-shirts. Pursuit start race of 20 nm and a raft up along the beach. Watch out for ferries and the Vineyard Sound current.

Dave Koshiol 508-748-1901

## Boothbay Regatta

July 20 - 21 **ME**  
Boothbay Yacht Club, Boothbay, ME

One day race each day.  
[www.gmora.org](http://www.gmora.org)

## Around Long Island Race

July 25 - 26 **ORC**  
Sea Cliff Yacht Club, Sea Cliff, NY

Overnight race around Long Island.  
[www.alir.org](http://www.alir.org)

## New England Solo Twin

July 26 **NEMA, ORC**  
Newport Yacht Club, Newport, RI

This is a double-handed multihull overnight race out of Newport, usually around Block Island via Montauk and No Man's land, approximately 125 nm.  
[www.newportyachtclub.org/solotwin/](http://www.newportyachtclub.org/solotwin/)

## Downeast 1-2-plus

July 27 - 28 **ME, NS**  
Gloucester MA to Falmouth ME

90-mile overnight race. This is the first year for this event.  
Dave Marsh 978-282-1216

## Penobscot Regatta

July 27 - 28 **ME**  
Camden Yacht Club, Camden, ME

Race from Camden to Castine Saturday. Party Saturday night. Return race Sunday. Flat water, beautiful scenery.  
[www.gmora.org](http://www.gmora.org)

## Buzzard's Bay Regatta

August 2 - 4 **NEMA**  
Beverly Yacht Club, Marion, MA

The BBR is traditionally one of the best-attended events of the season. Three days of around-the-buoys racing. Administered by traditional race committees (don't forget your protest flags) with lots of refreshments ashore in the evenings.  
[www.buzzardsbayregatta.com](http://www.buzzardsbayregatta.com)

## Regatta for Paralysis

August 3 **NS**  
Jubilee Yacht Club, Beverly, MA

Saturday afternoon around the buoys race that will benefit the Greater Boston Chapter of the national Spinal Cord Injury Association. Complimentary chowder and cash bar after the race. Reception, auction and dancing Saturday night.

Ted Warren 978-964-2323  
[www.jubileeyc.net](http://www.jubileeyc.net)

## Monhegan Island Race

August 10 - 11 **ORC, ME**  
Portland Yacht Club, Falmouth, ME

This is a 120-mile distance event sponsored by the Portland YC in Maine. Premier overnight event.  
[www.gmora.org](http://www.gmora.org)

## Newport Unlimited

August 24 - 25 **NEMA**  
N.E.M.A. Newport, RI

Around the buoys racing short courses in Narraganset Bay. Well attended event with catered dinner party Saturday night. Any NEMA member or guest may register to attend party.  
[www.nemasail.org](http://www.nemasail.org)

## Yarmouth Cup

Aug. 30 **ME, ORC**  
Portland Yacht Club, Falmouth, ME

175 mile distance race from Portland YC in Maine to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. Extraordinary hospitality.  
[www.gmora.org](http://www.gmora.org)

## Schooner Festival Race

August 31 **NS**  
Chamber of Commerce, Gloucester, MA

A 14-mile around the buoys race. After race enjoy beer blast, free buffet, and fireworks. Awards reception following Sunday's Schooner Race.  
[www.schooner.org/tel/race1.htm](http://www.schooner.org/tel/race1.htm)  
Tom Cox 978-828-2181

## JYC Weekend

September 7 **NS**  
Jubilee Yacht Club, Beverly, MA

Saturday around the buoys race. No skippers' meeting. Scratch sheets will be available the morning of the race. Party and live band Saturday night.  
Ted Warren 978-964-2323  
[www.jubileeyc.net](http://www.jubileeyc.net)

## Off Soundings

September 13 - 14 **NEMA**  
Watch Hill RI, Shelter Is., NY  
Yacht Club

Fall Off Soundings Race Series, Gardiners Bay to Shelter Island, NY  
[www.offsoundings.org](http://www.offsoundings.org)

## Whalers Race

September 14 - 15 **ORC**  
New Bedford YC, S. Dartmouth, MA

105 mile overnight race around Block Island by way of Noman's Land. Brunch and awards ceremony Sunday.  
[www.nbyc.com](http://www.nbyc.com)

## Manchester Fall Regatta

September 22 **NS**  
Manchester Yacht Club, Manchester MA

Sunday around the buoys race. Chowder social and cash bar after the race.  
Jeff Schreiber 978-777-3357

## Race Rock Regatta

Sept. 28 - 29 **NEMA**  
Wadawanuk Yacht Club, Stonington, CT

This successful event has had good multihull participation for the last two years. Organized out of Wadawanuk YC in Stonington CT with great parties and food ashore.  
Bob Gleason 508-295-0095

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Noon Tie Up

the wind shifted to the north overnight, boats had great difficulty clawing their way off the beach. Several boats raced with each other's anchors after some swapping around, and some crew members started the day soaking wet. Fortunately, the water is warm and the air even warmer, but it's still a tough way to start the day!

Friday morning's race was in the Gulf, and there were dolphins swimming alongside the boats as they headed toward the Destin Bridge, where the F31s mast-head antennae caught on the underside metal supports. The Gulf was absolutely beautiful, with classic green (flat) water and fairly light winds. The first mark was easily located off the fishing pier, but the second mark was difficult to find along the long white beach. It was eventually located off the NCO Club, where dinner had been held the night before. The morning race was won and lost on the short run between the mark and the finish.

After the morning race, everyone

headed back through the cut, under the Destin Bridge to the Bay. Personally, I would have enjoyed a second race in the Gulf, which was picture perfect that day, and which would have involved less relocation for the race committee. Friday afternoon's and Saturday's two races involved a course with a gate. One of the more challenging aspects of this course is the fact that the gate is an obstacle on the way back to the finish (ie closed).

This became quite confusing on Saturday morning, when the Race Committee shortened the course by removing the gate, but almost everyone continued to round the side they could find and then worried about avoiding the non-existent gate on the return. The majority of participants didn't learn of the shortened course until the awards ceremony, which was following a second race and the return of boats to their trailers, repacking the boats and vehicles and a shower. In fact, the awards were somewhat delayed and finally took place without the F31 class or overall or team

results, after a protest regarding oversized spinnakers in the F31 fleet.

The following owners and boats represented New England at the Nationals:

Jon Alvord	F31R	Triceratops
Dick Anderson	F27	Sato
Peter Clay	F24	Mk-1
Bob and Vicki Glandon	F28R	Mouse3
Bob Gleason	F31R	Tri Me
Pat Harris	F31	Gypsy Heart
Bill Heaton	F25C	Heat Wave
Russ Kincaide	F24 Mk-1	Pelican
Bert and Catherine Kornyei	F28R	Hot Flash
Nick & Sue Nicholson	F28	Blackbird
John Pavel	F28	Elektra
Jep and Joanne Peacock	F28R	Rut Row

Pat Harris's bright yellow 'Gypsy Heart', Bill Heaton's dark green 'Heat Wave', and the Nicholson's black 'Blackbird'

with its bright-colored spinnaker were easy to pick out on the water. The Peacocks' 'Rut Row' got chuckles from other boats' crew members when they had to announce the name at port-star-board crossings. Several of the F28Rs had recently met at the Key West Race Week in late January, and there was something of a family reunion atmosphere at the entire event. After all, many of us see each other in person only at the Corsair-Farrier Nationals in April, often after regular, but virtual, meetings through the F-Boat and Multihull mail-lists.

NEMA members Ira Heller, Sydney Miller, Dick Saltonstall, Anne Picozzi and Dennis Neumann crewed on other boats. Past NEMA participants Frank and Patty Hankins, Patrick Hogan, Jim Frederick, Debbie Schaefer, Mike and Susie Cosner, and others, also raced. At the end of the last day of racing, a surprise visit at the awards celebration by Tom and Evelyn La Mers, who were cruising locally with John Cleary, made the NEMA off-site reunion complete.

Russ Kincaid & Peter Clay cruised for several weeks before racing began. Their boats were fully tuned up, and they themselves were relaxed and tanned with big ear-to-ear grins during the entire event. The rest of us were just green with envy.

The Fort Walton Yacht Club, as always, did a masterful job overseeing the racing. They provided a team of volunteers for race committee, and managed to run 6 races in 3 days, despite some challenges (including massive wind shifts, drifting marks, and some interesting protests). Full racing results may be seen on their web site at <http://www.fwyc.org/corsair2002.htm>

Dave Bredemeier took a ride in the press boat with professional photographer Stu Schaefer (web site [www.stuartonline.com/corsair2002.htm](http://www.stuartonline.com/corsair2002.htm)) and Paula Smyth's dad, Fred. He took the photos in this newsletter and several others of NEMA boats. He'd happily swap photos for a boat ride and can be contacted at 401 683-3799.

—Sydney Miller



Sydney Miller

Tom and Evelyn LaMers in Fort Walton Beach



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# Owen Mitchell Regatta

## Memorial Day Weekend, 2002

By Sydney Miller

The Newport Yacht Club has run two regattas to Block Island for many years, on Memorial Day and Columbus Day weekends. Traditionally, the regattas involved cruising monohulls sailing from Newport to Block Island on Saturday and returning to Newport on the holiday Monday. The race was and is scored using PHRF handicaps and spinnakers are prohibited.

A little over 10 years ago, Dave Lussier, who owns the F27 'Chitty Bang', was successful in getting multihulls included in the event, using NEMA handicaps and permitting spinnakers for the multis. After several years of good attendance, NEMA added the Memorial Day event to its calendar, and included the 2 days of racing for the Season Trophy scoring. On many occasions, the monohull fleet has elected to stay an extra day on Block Island due to bad weather, or the multihull fleet has arrived back in Newport before the committee boat, causing general confusion about the location of the finish line. Some years, the multihulls have run their own return race, but the Newport Yacht

Club dropped their official Monday return race as of last year.

This year, 15 multihulls participated in the Owen Mitchell Regatta, forming the largest fleet of boats at the starting line. The Memorial Day weekend is usually dominated by Corsair boats which launch earlier in the season (and frequently relaunch thereafter during the summer) than many of the other boats in NEMA. This year, however, Tom Cox's Newick 42, on its return trip from a long winter cruise in the Bahamas, appeared on its way home. 'Triad' had not yet been home to Gloucester, although she returned from Mattapoissett to Newport for the race, sailing in the company of Nick Bryan-Brown on his recently purchased F31, 'Tempest'. Andrew Nyhart also participated on his Formula 40, 'Fluid Design', and the multihull fleet ratings ranged from -135 to 60, making a difference of 3-1/4 minutes per nautical mile of the 22.5 nm course.

Everyone attended the Skippers' Meeting in Newport on Friday night, where we were given many helpful hints, including "the pin end of the starting line

will be favored" and "keep Point Judith to starboard on the way to Block Island". The forecast was for clearing skies and North winds going to Southeast by Saturday afternoon and staying there as rainy conditions increased during the weekend. Sailors usually complain that they always seem to be going upwind but this was an unusual opportunity to sail downwind both there and back.

After the meeting, we had a lovely dinner in a restaurant with the crews of 'Triad' and 'Tempest' and we all returned to sleep on our boats which were tied up at Fort Adams. Some time during the night, an intense storm came through Newport and the wind whistled through the rigging until early morning. By morning, there were still whitecaps in Newport Harbor, and no sign of the Committee Boat. But the monohull start began on time at 9:00, with the multihull start at 10:28. Surprisingly, by the time we sailed down Narragansett Bay, the wind had lightened significantly, and we rigged the spinnaker in time to drift around north of Point Judith. Ira had handed me the helm before the start, which was gratifying until we were wallowing around with the windex doing circles before we were half way to Block Island! Still, I need the experience...

The wind started building from its predicted Southeast and we arrived at Block Island in the early afternoon. This gave us time to relax, visit on each other's boats. Bert and Catherine Kornyei on their F28R 'Hot Flash', rafted up briefly, before heading back to Newport in the afternoon. They had Dundi with them on her first sail, which she had enjoyed. She is their new puli, a black-haired dog with long coiled fur, which looks like 'dread locks'. Jep and Joanne Peacock's F28R, 'Rut Row' had Murdoch, a yellow lab, aboard. They had also planned to turn around and sail

Sydney Miller



Dennis Neuman pulling Unavailable to her dockside position.



back to Newport on Saturday, but took one look at the Narragansett Inn, where they had held their wedding reception last year, and knew that they had to stay over at Block Island for the weekend. 'Rut Row' was in racing trim, unlike 'Mothra' and many of the other boats, and had no cushions or other extraneous items, like dinner, aboard. The Peacocks arranged to stay with their friends Dave and Barbara on their live-aboard monohull, which was likely to have some creature comforts. As the skies had cleared and the temperature had climbed, Jane Gleason and I headed into town to buy (more) food and stretch our legs, while my brother, Asher, rented a bike to explore the island. [See his photos at [www.smasher.net/shots/shotssailing.shtml](http://www.smasher.net/shots/shotssailing.shtml)].

Nick and Sue Nicholson, in their black-hulled F28R, showed off both their bright new spinnaker, which is black with panels of different bright neon colors) and Sue's new haircut. Her long braided ponytail was recently sacrificed for a spiffy new shoulder-length 'do, so Nick is now the only braided Nicholson. Sue had to return home by ferry for a Saturday night gig with her band, and Nick sailed back to Newport alone on Sunday. Three F31s sailed to Block Island with children aboard. Jon and Lori Alvord (with crew Chris Morris) brought Kodi and Kati on 'Triceratops'; Dave Pellegrini (who had tested the water temperature on the way over) brought Torrey, Peter and Steven on 'Trinity'; and Bob and Jane Gleason (bravely sailing without spinnaker or Lego), brought Gordon and Henry on 'Tri Me'. The kids went fishing off the dock for most of the weekend, either catching kielbasa with small crabs or the other way around; it was never quite clear.

At Block Island, boats generally tie up to Paynes' Dock in Great Salt Pond, where most of the shoreside activities take place. In addition to bathroom and shower facilities (very important!), this is where morning coffee (free to participants) and breakfast bagel sandwiches or muffins (modestly priced) are served. The NYC sets up a large grill each evening, on which participants can cook the food they bring with them. Dinners



**Boys crabbing.**

range from hot dogs and hamburgers to more elaborate marinated steaks and chicken thighs. The NYC also runs hors d'oeuvres and bloody mary mix contests, with participants sharing in each others' concoctions.

Some of the larger boats rent moorings at Block Island, but most of the boats tie up at Paynes'. The monohulls dock stern-to along finger docks and the multihulls form a raft on the back side of the facility, where the water is too shallow for anything but dinghies and boats with retractable daggerboards. Each boat is charged for dockage, although only one boat is actually tied up to the dock. Thus a 6-boat raft pays 6 times for the space at the dock, which must surely make us very popular with the owners! This year, 14 boats arranged themselves on 3 dock spaces (6, 6, and 2) and 1 boat took a mooring. Such a raft-up allows for much socializing and the party platform is over 100 feet wide, so there was much sharing of beer, appetizers, dinners, and general yarning about summer sailing.

The forecast indicated that the weather would worsen through the weekend, with dismal days on both Sunday and Monday. All the multihulls decided to return on Sunday morning and, although almost everyone left right around 10:00, we didn't race back because boats were headed to their various destinations. Despite the threatened thundershowers, the return ride was

very pleasant. The wind was remarkably light, making it difficult to sail through the Narragansett chop, as we dodged barges on our way back to Fort Adams.

It was a lovely weekend, and we were very lucky with the weather, despite the light winds. Six of the participating boats had also raced at the Corsair/Farrier Nationals a month earlier, along with crew from at least 2 other boats, and many of us had also enjoyed the perfect weather at the NEMA picnic earlier in May. It's nice to have been out on the water so much by the beginning of the sailing season in New England, and we look forward to many repeat meetings both on the water and off this summer!

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| 1  | Chitty Bang, F-27  | Dave Lussier     |
| 2  | Rut Row, F-28R     | Jep Peacock      |
| 3  | Triceratops, F-31  | Jon Alvord       |
| 4  | Milagro, F-9A      | Dennis Neuman    |
| 5  | Mouse Cubed, F-28R | Bob Glandon      |
| 6  | Hot Flash, F-28R   | Bert Kornyei     |
| 7  | Black Bird, F-28R  | Nick Nicholson   |
| 8  | Trinity, F-31      | Dave Pellegrini  |
| 9  | Tempest, F-31      | Nick Bryan-Brown |
| 10 | Flying Fish, F-27  | Steve Parks      |
| 11 | Tri Me, F-31       | Bob Gleason      |
| 12 | Unavailable, F-27  | Peter Michaelson |
| 13 | Mothra, F-27       | Sydney Miller    |
| 14 | Triad, Newick 42   | Tom Cox          |
| 15 | Fluid Design, F-40 | Andrew Nyhart    |

–Sydney Miller

# Cruising Sabbatical

by Judy Cox

This past winter my husband Tom and I closed down our businesses, packed our shorts, t-shirts and swimming gear and took Triad to the Bahamas for the winter. The five months we cruised were much more valuable than the money we lost by not working.

Many people who haven't cruised ask us "What did you do all day?" Certainly a large part of our time was spent tending sails, navigating, and anchoring as we sailed from place to place. Every few days we generally sailed to a new island, snorkeled around a new reef and explored the land. Tom's primary mission was to find food for dinner. The majority of the Bahamian islands are undeveloped and abound with wildlife.

Every where we went we met cruising multihullers from all over the world. Here are pictures of other multihullers we met and some glimpses of the cruising lifestyle.

To see more pictures, go to:  
[www.sailtriad.com/triad/bahamas.html](http://www.sailtriad.com/triad/bahamas.html)



Triad reaches for a buoy at the Georgetown cruising regatta. Tom Cox with crew members Jan Ebbinge and Hugh Taylor (owner of *Arabella*).



Judy outside an underwater cave in the Jumentos Cays.



Former NEMA member Roger Webb and his new girlfriend Josee were cruising on Roger's new Seawind 1000, *Cover Shot*.



*ASOPWAL* is a 36-foot Newick Trice III. Owner Jan Ebbinge lived on *ASOPWAL* for many years in various ports around the world. He currently lives in Georgetown on a houseboat with his wife Merideth and son Nash (above).



*Buddy*, a 42-foot tri, designed, built and single-handed by new NEMA member, John Patterson from Michigan.



Tom holds up a Spider crag that he caught by hand. What a tasty dinner!



One of our favorite cruisers, NEMA member Dick Chase, standing on his home-built tri, *Lucille*. Dick knows the best gunkholes and bars throughout the Bahamas and also makes a mean Conch Salad.



Tom caught lots of lobsters with a home-made wire snare.



Tom with cruising friends Roger and Cathy Strube, and Lucy and Dick Chase celebrating Lucy's birthday on *Millennium Dragon*, Roger's plush Ocean 50 cat (pictured above)



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