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74 boats participate in the 2000 Corsair-Farrier Nationals and Rendezvous

by Sydney Miller

The title may be longer than the original 1995 Corsair Nationals title, but it better reflects the nature of this extraordinary event. Five years after its initial conception, and several versions later, the 2000 Corsair-Farrier event boasted something for everyone. After 5 years in Pensacola Beach, Florida, this year's Nationals and Rendezvous moved down the road a few miles to Fort Walton Beach.

Organization and management changed hands also, with the Smyth Team assuming responsibility for this year's Nationals. Actually, Paula Smyth assured us on several occasions that it was she who did all the work, and with Randy's ambitious racing schedule these days, I don't doubt it. Randy just won the Worrell 1000!! (A grueling 1,000 mile beach cat endurance race)

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2000 NEMA Picnic



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Tom Cox snapping Gordon.

2000 NEMA Racing Season

This issue of the newsletter provides information on all of the NEMA races this summer. The NEMA trophy races count toward the season trophy awarded each year at our annual dinner meeting in February. In addition to the NEMA trophy, there are two regional trophies: the North Shore trophy and the Gulf of Maine trophy. You'll find information on all of these races on the following pages, including a pull-out calendar to hang on your wall.

In order to participate in these races you need a NEMA race rating. If you haven't submitted a rating application and want to participate in the races this season, you still have time. Print out a race application from the NEMA web site: www.nemasail.org/memberform.html (or call Tony Cabot at 617 328-4109), fill it out completely, sign and mail it in with the \$20 fee.

Owens Mitchell Regatta

The season has gotten off to a great start with a the first NEMA trophy race, the Owens Mitchell Regatta completed. Here are the corrected time results.

1. Dennis Neumann, Milagro, F9A
2. Ken Lawson, Little Pigs, F28R
3. Bob Gleason, Tri Me, F31RS
4. Sydney Miller, Mothra, F27
5. Lynn Hall, Arriba, F31RS
6. Jon Alvord, Triceatops, F31RS
7. Bert Kornyei, Hot Flash, F28R

NEMA Races by Region

NEMA TROPHY (Don Watson 508-636-5275)

May 27 - 28	Owens Mitchell Regatta Newport/Block Island
June 24 - 25	Buzzard's Bay Blast
July 7-8	Corinthian 200
July 22	Black Dog Dash (Vineyard Haven)
Aug 4 - 6	Buzzard's Bay Regatta
Aug 26 - 27	Newport Unlimited
Sept 30-Oct 1	Race Rock Regatta (Stonington, CT)

NORTH SHORE (Ted Grossbart 781-631-5011)

June 18	Hospice Regatta (Marblehead)
June 25	Patton Bowl (Manchester, MA)
July 23	Jubilee YC Paralysis (Beverly, MA)
Sept 2	Gloucester Schooner Festival Race
Sept 24	Fall Regatta (Manchester)

GULF OF MAINE (Peter Garcia 207-784-3200 x313)

June 17 - 18	Pilot Races (Falmouth, ME)
July 8 - 9	Maine PHRF (Falmouth, ME)
July 15 - 16	Sequin Race (Southport, ME)
July 22 - 23	Boothbay Regatta (Boothbay, ME)
July 30	MS Regatta (Falmouth, ME)
Aug 5-6	Penobscot Regatta (Camden, ME)
Aug 12	Monhegan Race (Falmouth, ME)
Aug 31-Sept 2	Yarmouth Cup (Falmouth, ME)

SOUTHERN REGION (Don Watson 508-636-5275)

June 9 - 10	Spring Off Soundings (Watch Hill Pt., RI)
July 15	Around Martha's Vineyard (Edgartown, MA)
July 27 - 28	Around Long Island (Sea Cliff, NY)
Sept 14 - 15	Fall Off Soundings (New London, CT)
Sept 16 - 17	Whalers Race (New Bedford, MA)

2000 NEMA Cruises

Tall Ships/Cape Cod Cruise July 8 - 16

This 8-day cruise will begin north of the Cape Cod Canal in the Duxbury/Plymouth area on Saturday, July 8. The fleet sails to Boston on Sunday to view the Tall Ships on Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday, you'll head up to Gloucester Harbor to overnight at The Perfect Storm headquarters and then onto Provincetown via Stellwagon bank for whale watching on Thursday. Friday's destination is Barnstable Harbor and Sandy Neck for a peaceful overnight and day at the beach. For more information contact Bob Gleason at 508-295-0095

Black Dog Cruise July 21 - 23


Meet on Wednesday evening (July 21) at Bob Gleason's for a barbeque and then sail around the Elizabeth Islands and overnight at Tarpaulen Cove on Thursday night. On Friday, July 23 everyone will rendezvous in Vineyard Haven and raft up on the beach in preparation for the Black Dog Dash the next day. For more information contact Bob Gleason at 508-295-0095

Gloucester Schooner Festival Cruise, Sept. 1 - 3

Sail to Gloucester on Friday, anchor in the Federal anchorage, get a mooring Harbor master to reserve a transient mooring. On Saturday, race in the Traditional Boat race or enjoy the fish fry in the afternoon. In the evening we'll dine at a water front bistro and watch the parade of sail and fireworks. Sunday is the day to watch some of the best-known New England schooners compete in this annual race. The awards ceremony and buffet Sunday evening is open to all race participants. For more information, call Tom Cox at 978-281-6787.

NEMA Summer Race Info

KEY

	NEMA Season Trophy Race*
ME	Gulf of Maine Circuit
NS	North Shore Race
S	Southern Region

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

May 27 - 29 Owens Mitchell Regatta

Newport Yacht Club, Newport, RI

Starting from Newport, RI, race to Block Island on Saturday. Rest and visit the island on Sunday. Race back to Newport on Monday. 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.

Bob Gleason 508-295-1956

June 9-10 S Spring Off Soundings Series

Off Soundings Club, Watch Hill Pt., RI

First year for multihull class. On Friday race from Watch Hill Pt. Rhode Island to Block Island. On Saturday, race around Block Island.

Blunt White 860-535-0232

June 17-18 ME Pilot Races

Portland Yacht Club, Portland, ME

Two days, three races in Casco Bay.

Peter Garcia 207-784-3200 x313

June 18 NS Hospice Regatta

Eastern Yacht Club, Marblehead, MA

Sunday afternoon around the buoys race, pursuit start. Skippers meeting 0930 Sunday, June 18 at Eastern Yacht Club.

Ted Grossbart 781-631-5011

June 24-25 Buzzards Bay Blast

Multihull Source, Padanarum, 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. For the past few years the Blast has been a blast.

Bob Gleason 508-295-1956

June 25 NS Patton Bowl Regatta

Manchester Yacht Club, Manchester, MA

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

Tom Cox 978-281-6787

July 7-8 Corinthian 200

Corinthian Yacht Club, Marblehead, MA

Overnight off shore race, roundtrip from Marblehead to Cape Porpoise, Maine. Captain's meeting Friday, July 7 0930 at CYC.

Don Watson 508-636-5275

<http://www.corinthianyc.org/>

July 8-9 ME Maine PHRF Championships

Portland Yacht Club, Falmouth, ME

One race each day.

Peter Garcia 207-784-3200 x313

July 15 Around Martha's Vineyard

Edgartown Yacht Club

Day race around Martha's Vineyard

Don Watson 508-636-5275

July 15-16 ME Seguin Island Races

Southport Yacht Club, Southport, ME

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

Peter Garcia 207-784-3200 x313

July 22 Black Dog Dash

Vineyard Haven, Martha's Vineyard, MA

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 schedule. 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 508-758-9511

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July 22-23 ME
Boothbay Regatta

Boothbay Yacht Club, Boothbay, ME

One day race each day
Peter Garcia 207-784-3200 x313

July 25 NS
Jubilee Yacht Club
Paralysis Regatta

Jubilee Yacht Club, Beverly, MA

Sunday afternoon around the buoys race that will benefit the Greater Boston Chapter of the National Spinal Cord Injury Association. Reception, dancing, auction Saturday night. Chowder, cash bar, awards Sunday after the race.

Jeff Schreiber 508-836-4248

July 28-29 s
Around Long Island Race

Sea Cliff Yacht Club, Sea Cliff NY

Overnight race around Long Island. Race forms and info available at www.alir.org

Don Watson 508-636-5275

July 30 ME
MS Regatta/Opsail 2000

Handy Boat Service, Falmouth, ME

Big show, big party, short day race.
Peter Garcia 207-784-3200 x313

Aug 4-6 NEMA
Buzzard's Bay Regatta

Beverly YC, Marion, MA

The BBR is traditionally one of the best-attended events of the season. Three days of round-the-buoys racing. Administered by traditional race committees (don't forget your protest flags) with lots of refreshments ashore in the evenings.

Don Watson 508-636-5275
www.buzzardsbayregatta.com

Aug 5-6 ME
Penobscot Regatta

Camden and Castine Yacht Clubs

Race from Camden to Castine Saturday. Party Saturday night. Return race Sunday. Flat water, beautiful scenery.

Peter Garcia 207-784-3200 x313

Aug 12-13 ME
Monhegan Island Race

Portland Yacht Club, Falmouth, ME

This is a 120-mile distance event sponsored by the Portland YC in Maine. Premier overnight event.

Peter Garcia 207-784-3200 x313

Aug 26-28 NEMA
Newport Unlimited

Museum of Yachting, Newport, MA

Around the buoys racing short courses in Narraganset Bay. Well attended event with catered dinner party Saturday night.

Don Watson 508-636-5275

Sept 2 NS
Schooner Festival Race

Chamber of Commerce, Gloucester, MA

A 12-mile around the buoys race, finishing inside Gloucester's outer harbor. After race enjoy fish fry, beer blast, and fireworks. Awards reception following Sunday's Schooner Race.

Tom Cox 978-281-6787

Aug 31-Sept 2 ME
Yarmouth Cup

Portland Yacht Club, Falmouth, ME

175 mile distance race from Portland YC in Maine to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. Extraordinary hospitality.

Peter Garcia 207-784-3200 x313

Sept. 15-16 s
Fall Off Soundings Series

Off Soundings Club, New London, CT

Race from New London Harbor to Shelter Island on Friday. Day race in Gardner's Bay on Saturday. First year with multihull class. Entry deadline is August 24.

Blunt White 860-535-0232

Sept 16-18 s
Whalers Race

New Bedford YC, S. Dartmouth, MA

105 mile overnight race around Block Island by way of Noman's Land. Brunch and awards ceremony Sunday.

Don Watson 508-636-5275

Sept 24 s
Fall Regatta

Manchester Club, Manchester MA

Two races on Sunday. Trophies will be awarded at 1830 hours on Sunday at the Manchester Yacht Club

Tom Cox 978-281-6787

Sept. 30-Oct 1 NEMA
Race Rock Regatta

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.

Todd Williams 860-535-2080

NEMA 2000 Summer Calendar

June - July

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
MAY 22	23	24	25	26	NEMA 27 Owens Mitchell Newport/Block Island	NEMA 28 Owens Mitchell Newport/Block Island
29	30	31	JUNE 1	2	3 Sail Fast Seminar Wareham, MA	4 Sail Fast Seminar Wareham, MA
5	6	7	8	9 Spring Off Soundings Race Watch Hill Pt., RI	10 Spring Off Soundings Race Watch Hill Pt., RI	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Pilot Regatta Portland, ME	18 Pilot Regatta Portland, ME Hospice Regatta Marblehead, MA
19	20	21	22	23	NEMA 24 Buzzard's Bay Blast Padanarum, MA	NEMA 25 B. Bay Blast Patton Bowl Manchester, MA
26	27	28	29	30	JULY 1	2
3	4	5	6	NEMA 7 Corinthian 200 Marblehead, MA	8 Maine PHRF Corinthian 200 Marblehead, MA Tall Ships Cruise	9 Maine PHRF Tall Ships Cruise
10 Tall Ships Cruise	11 Tall Ships Cruise	12 Tall Ships Cruise	13 Tall Ships Cruise	14 Tall Ships Cruise	15 Seguin Races Southport, ME Around Martha's Vineyard Race	16 Seguin Races Southport, ME Tall Ships Cruise
17	18	19 Black Dog Cruise	20 Black Dog Cruise	21 Black Dog Cruise	NEMA 22 Black Dog Dash Vineyard Haven, MA Boothbay Regatta	23 Jubilee Regatta Beverly, MA Boothbay Regatta
24	25	26	27 Around Long Island Sea Cliff, NY	28 Around Long Island Sea Cliff, NY	29	30 MS Regatta Falmouth, ME

NEMA 2000 Summer Calendar

August - October

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
31	AUG 1	2	3	NEMA 4 Buzzard's Bay Reggata Marion, MA	NEMA 5 BBR Marion MA Penobscot Regatta	NEMA 6 BBR Marion MA Penobscot Regatta
7	8	9	10	11	12 Monhegan Race Falmouth, ME	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	NEMA 26 Newport UnLtd Newport, RI	NEMA 27 Newport UnLtd Newport, RI
28	29	30	31 Yarmouth Cup Yarmouth, ME	SEPT 1 Schooner Cruise Gloucester, MA Yarmouth Cup Yarmouth, ME	2 Schooner Fest. Race Gloucester, MA Yarmouth Cup Yarmouth, ME	3 Schooner Cruise Gloucester, MA
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Fall Off Soundings New London, CT	16 Fall Off Soundings New London, CT Whaler's Race New Bedford, MA	17 Whaler's Race New Bedford, MA
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Fall Regatta Manchester, MA
25	26	27	28	29	NEMA 30 Race Rock Regatta Stonington, CT	OCT 1 Race Rock Regatta Stonington, CT
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Corsair Nationals

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It's not easy to throw a party for 74 of your closest friends. Everyone wants something different. After last year's Nationals at Pensacola Beach, there was much discussion among those on the 52 boats that attended, the race organizers, and many others who could not participate for a variety of reasons. In addition to the usual griping about handicap numbers, some people wanted a longer event while others wanted a shorter one. The racers wanted more racing and the cruisers wanted more cruising. This year, the racers got great racing from the Fort Walton Yacht Club Race Committee, while the cruisers had a variety of entertaining cruising opportunities for their families. With a different lunch destination every day, even the most avid racers left at the end of the week with some idea of the various lovely picnic spots in the Fort Walton Beach area. We also had a lot of experience motoring and parking almost 225 hulls on the beach every day!!

For the 2000 Nationals and Rendezvous, Leaside Park was the home base. Located on the bay side of Fort Walton Beach, Leaside is a long expanse of beautiful white sand, with a reasonable parking lot. For those who did not stay aboard their boats, there were several lodging options within walking distance of the beach. The Fort Walton Yacht Club (FWYC) was also a very welcoming host. Most of the participating boats launched from their ramp, and the parking area was filled with the usual beefy SUVs that collect around the trailerable Farrier-designed boats.

Cruises were organized for Monday and Tuesday of the Nationals and Rendezvous week, although the cruise to Secluded Island was cancelled due to bad weather. However, the evening barbecue moved to Liza Jackson Park on the ICW, which was accessible by road, and almost everyone showed up. For many of the

Northern boats, the Florida Nationals tend to be the first time they've used their boats for the season. For Bob Gleason it's always a new boat (which is rather an extreme way to ensure that you're always sailing with new sails!!). In fact, several participants were new owners, and on Tuesday night and Wednesday, Randy offered a Speed Seminar and Racing Clinic for neophytes and experienced racers needing a tune up after a long, hard winter. The FWYC invited the Corsair and Farrier boats to join them for their regular fun Wednesday night racing, and many of us also joined in for the 'burn your own' grilled steak and fish barbecue offered by the Club.

Formal racing began on Thursday, with a destination race involving a long detour down to the Mid Bay Bridge and then lunch at the Boggy Bayou and Valparaiso's Lincoln Park. Again there was a grill and everyone had hotdogs and hamburgers. This would have made an incredible aerial shot, with boats anchored off the serpentine-shaped beach. The return race involved a similar bridge detour. On Thursday night, there were presentations by Bert Kornyei on Offshore Sailing and Farrier Trimarans, Torbjorn Linderson of the Swedish Sailing Center, Marstron, on Carbon Fiber Masts, and Dave Calvert on Sailcloth.

On Friday, the schedule called for 4 races, 2 before a barbecued chicken lunch at Destin Beach and 2 after, either on the bay or in the Gulf. With building wind, the RC wisely opted for bay racing, and ultimately abandoned the 4th race (which was the right decision, in my view). All the boats had to parade down a narrow passage and under the Destin bridge, which was (barely) just high enough for our masts (a few F-31 antennae touched!!). This made for a beautiful series of photos taken from the bridge by event photographer Stuart Schaefer (see web site: www.stuartonline.com/Corsair2000/Page1.htm).

In response to last year's concern about the Saturday awards and dinner resulting in a late departure hour



Stuart Schaefer

One of series of Corsair Nationals photos taken by event photographer Stuart Schaefer from the Destin bridge.

(some people have to get to work on Monday!), this year's dinner was held on Friday night, with just the awards announced on Saturday afternoon. The dinner was held on a beach overlooking the beautiful green waters of the gulf, to which this region's nickname Emerald Coast, owes its origin. It was a little cold and windy that evening, although we reminded ourselves that it had snowed just a few days earlier in Boston, so we managed not to whine too much about the weather. Paula Smyth had phoned, e-mailed, and written to so many potential sponsors that the door prizes and raffle giveaways overflowed a large table, and the distribution of all this bounty took a very long time after dinner.

On Saturday, the Race Committee planned to hold 2 races, while still ending the event in time for the awards ceremony in the afternoon before people left. After several significant wind shifts resulted in a postponed start for the 1st race, I was VERY impressed that the RC managed to hold 2 races and still adhere to their schedule. For those of us bound and determined to hit the road home as soon as possible, there was a race to the ramp. The boat pullouts went smoothly and then everyone headed to

the awards ceremony at Leaside Park.

In all, I believe that 51 of the 74 boats were registered to race. For the racers, crews ranged from 'crack crews' with lots of experience racing together to cruisers plucked off the beach. In addition, there were several local monohullers who had their first multihull experiences during this week. With boats anchored at a popular beach (along a remarkably busy road) and sailing in the nearby Bay, with various lunch destinations in the area, it was easy for interested spectators to watch both racing and cruising from shore.

For trailerable boats, this is a wonderful way to start the summer season. Racing and cruising in warm waters under sunny skies helps to bridge the transition from snow-covered boats in the back yard to the NEMA racing and cruising schedule. Ira and I had an additional advantage in that we were both crewing on other people's boats, which lessened the anxiety about the season's punch list. It's hard enough to get everything packed up for the Block Island Memorial Day weekend, when Newport is in your own region. Trailering 1500 miles for your first sail of the season makes planning even more important. Most boats had last-minute repairs and improvements to attend to, and the local West Marines were doing a bang-up business.

NEMA friends at the Nationals (alphabetically)

- Bob Gleason - 1st in the F-31 fleet
- Frank Hankins - 2nd in the F-27 class
- Bill Heaton - 5th in the F-27 fleet (he is also the Farrier Class Assn. President and headed the ratings team)
- Bert Kornyei - 7th in the F-28R fleet
- John and Tina Pavel - 3rd in the Open Class
- Jay Spaulding and Irene Gonin - 3rd in the F-25C fleet (with their young baby on board)

Sydney Miller



Bob Gleason and Ira Heller aboard Tri Me at Ft. Walton Beach.

Corsair Nationals Event Results

F-24

1. Mike Parsons, Kim Porter & Ed Saleem, Mk II
2. Peter Clay, Lee Gove and Jerry Mastny, Mk I
3. Bruce Osborne & Gilles Fumat, Mk II

F-25C

1. Randy Smyth, Paula Smyth, Josh Adams, & Torbjorn Linderson
2. Lyman White, Bob Hodges, Aaron Keriloff & Tommy Harris
3. Jay Spaulding, Irene Gonin, baby Lisa, Mike Guthrie & Pam Guthrie

F-27

1. Mark Milam, Tammy Milam, Sara Milam, Doug Stein & Peggy Langenbeck
2. Frank Hankins, Larry Shaw, Rick Scarborough, & Bruce Kuerten
3. Phil Wadsworth, Bruce Carter, Chris (Jr. Sailor), Kathy Clark & Norm Hansen (a few races), and ground support by Cindy Wadsworth, Collin Wadsworth, Grace Wadsworth

F-28R

1. Bryan Haynes, Keith Bliss, Ian Loffhagen, & Rob Gutteridge
2. Lou Young, Doug Young, Mike Fahle & Steve Spitler
3. Ron Roth, Jan Roth, Bruce Warthen & Steve McLaughlin

F-31

1. Bob Gleason, Ira Heller, & crew
2. Doug Harkrider, Don Wigston, Deborah Harkrider, Rick Zern, Jeff Zern, & Anita Page
3. Bob Harkrider, Bob Curry, Dave Peckham, Sharon Harkrider & crew.

Open Class

1. Jim Frederick, Debbie Shaefer, Jack Stringfellow & Trevor Capps & Kim Smith (a few races) (F-28)
2. John Green, ML Hawling & Niels Wade (F-28)
3. John Pavel & Crew (F28)

Personal Reflections on US SAILING

By Bill Doelger

My interest in attending the two US SAILING meetings every year is to try to represent offshore multihull sailors. The largest constituency of the Multihull Council is beach cat sailors, but a few of us who show up at every meeting also represent offshore sailors. We could use help. We need participation, support and input.

At the spring meeting, a thistle sailor rather than a big boat sailor, was nominated to be the next president of US SAILING in October. Besides Dave Rosekrans's love of the sport that empowers him to take on the responsibility of running an organization with a \$4 million budget, he has special skills that won him the nomination of his peers for this difficult volunteer position. His successful career in marketing at Procter & Gamble probably honed his abilities.

US SAILING is continuing to change and these changes have brought challenges. One present challenge is identifying which sailors in the membership are represented by their respective Councils. For example, multihull sailors have not been regularly identified; so, we are not getting credit for your membership dollar.

For the first time, the Multihull Council spring meeting was live on an Internet chat room. We actually received and responded to questions asked by sailors on two different sides of the country - a first at any US SAILING meeting.

The aging of the average sailor, and particularly multihull sailors, presents an important opportunity. The Multihull Council is building a program lead by our Chairman, Art

Stevens, called Fast and Fun to introduce sailing to kids.

In the past, we have successfully included multihulls in the ORC Special Regulations used for offshore racing, and generally represented multihull interests here and abroad whenever we could. The work goes on, but most sailors still do not know US SAILING.

In Chicago at the time of the US SAILING spring meeting, a number of sailors who are not members of US SAILING were gathered in a room. They were asked what they would want from a national sailing organization. Sixteen of the items they wanted, US SAILING provides.

Here are some of the things that I can think of:

1. Training instructor trainers by the hundreds each year.
2. Publications for learning at every level for thousands of sailors.
3. Training, publications and certification for race officers and judges.
4. Administering the racing rules to keep them as fair as possible for everyone.
5. Providing handicap systems at every level (PHRF Plus was just introduced).
6. Government liaison and advocacy.
7. Junior sailing programs (ex. Junior Olympics).
8. National Championships including the Alter Cup for Multihulls.
9. Coupons and a free subscription to either Sailing World or Cruising World.
10. Discounts for goods and services from publications to airline tickets.
11. The national governing body for the sport of sailing and sailboat racing.

12. Safety recommendations for offshore sailors.

13. Representation for interests as diverse as sailors with special needs and model boats.

14. An array of insurance programs.

You could probably find more at ussailing.org. What we have to do is get the word out...so join us and do just that.

Over the more than ten years I have been attending meetings, I have witnessed a continuing effort by US SAILING to reach and serve a broader base of sailors. The time is right for sailors to discover the new and emerging organization US SAILING is becoming. If you would have an interest in becoming a member now, do it through the Golden Anchor membership program. You get a \$5 discount on membership and you will be counted as a multihull sailor. In addition, if you are a new member, you can receive a subscription to Multihulls Magazine for an additional \$10 (normally \$21) only through the Golden Anchor program. At this time especially, the Multihull Council and US SAILING can use your support.

US SAILING's annual meeting this year will be held at the Monteleone Hotel in New Orleans this October 11-15. If you want to serve the sport that has served you, think about how you can make a difference.

Multihull Council Golden Anchor Membership Form - New & Renewal Anniversary dates: March 31 and September 30

New GA memberships paid between January 1 thru June 30, 2000 will expire on March 31, 2001

New GA memberships paid between July 1 and Dec. 31, 2000 will expire on September 30, 2001

The Race News

Monday, 5th June 2000

PlayStation qualified

After Polish skipper Roman Paszke, the American adventurer Steve Fossett has qualified for The Race/La Course du Millénaire. The catamaran PlayStation (32m) passed Lizard Point (UK) on May 22nd last, after 7 days 13 h 38mn 06s at sea. They finished their West/East transatlantic almost 15 hours ahead of the qualification time limit, despite not very favourable weather conditions. Just one regret : not having broken the mythical New York / The Lizard Atlantic crossing record. But Steve Fossett and his crew have promised to be back !

Team Philips being renovated

In Totnes (UK), Pete Goss's wave-piercing catamaran is getting back to her original shape. The forward section of the port hull, which broke off on March 29th 2000, is about to be re-grafted. On the port hull of Team Philips (36m), the yard technicians started by sawing straight the two edges of the break. Then they fitted them either side of a wooden mould in the shape of the missing section of hull. This section about 1.5m long will now be reconstituted by laying up carbon fibre around the mould. - In the meantime, one of the two masts is ready for flexibility tests. The goal is to

determine at what wind strength (and therefore from what state of bend) one should reduce sail. A dozen electronic transducers are fitted along the 41m of the mast. According to calculations, the masts should be able to bend almost 3m without any risk.

Facelift for Polpharma-Warta

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Club Med en route for her first Atlantic crossing

The maxi-catamaran Club Med arrived June 3 in Cadiz (Spain), after her first passage between La Trinité-sur-Mer and Cadiz. After some final technical fine tuning, the maxi-catamaran should be leaving Cadiz on June 7 to make an attempt on the East-West Atlantic crossing record. This will also be the occasion for Club Med, co-skippered for the occasion by the New Zealander Grant Dalton and Frenchman Bruno Peyron, to qualify for The Race.

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