

The Windscoop

North Florida Cruising Club (NFCC) Newsletter • September 2010



Tom Bell, Race Captain From the desk of the Race Captain

Well, if anyone says we don't get enough racing around here they must not have been with us this Labor Day weekend. Three days of good close racing and fun.

Saturday, the 4th found the fleet just off Mayport with the start of the Herb Elphick Memorial Race. At the start we had 18 boats between Marks 3 & 4 fighting a strong outgoing current with only 5 knots of wind. I hope that a learning experience for some. The good news was we all got started north; the bad news was that was the heaviest wind for the day. For the next 5 hours, we were in the 2-4 knots range with periods of "0" on the gauge.

If you didn't know it before this, you should realize now that racing in light air is very tiring both physically and mentally. It takes total focus to keep the boat moving.

Brett Grover, from Georgia, won the Spin Class followed by Tom Davis & crew on Ghost. Whisper & crew finished third. Brett has said that he intends to race the entire fall series and we are all glad that he is here. Like the crew on Ghost, Passion's crew never gives up and they have a great attitude. I would like to welcome Brett and his crew to our club.

The Non-Spin Class was the second class to drift across the finish line with Dana Hunter on Blue Sky coming in First. Dana was followed by the forever constant Caper, skippered by Peter Koros and Matt & Andrea Lynch in third. The Lynch's are another crew to watch in the near future. They are dedicated and are probably working harder than anyone else to improve their finishes.

The Cruiser Class, our largest, with 10 boats, was not that far behind. Bob Griffin on Chance led the way finishing almost 7 minutes before Second Place winner Ken Christensen on Onyva. Third place was won by Joe Markusic & crew on DH Strider.

Although 4 Cruisers end up motoring in, everyone finally made it to Fernandina Marina for showers and eating.

Sunday the 5th was our second attempt to run the Tommy Hall Memorial Race. We had planned to start at 9:30 am but the US Navy had different ideas. That 9:30 start just happened to be the start time for one of our nuclear subs to go out to sea. It was an awesome sight to see. After the Sub was out it was time to go racing. Right-wrong- no wind- hot temps-It was decided then to move the Fleet south toward the Nassau Inlet buoy and hope for the wind to fill-in. Three hours later, the fleet arrived at Nassau Sound and so did the wind. We got an 8.8 mile course for the Spin boats and a 5.6 mile course for Non-Spin & Cruisers. The strong winds at the start, 15 to 24, and bumpy seas were what Whisper likes best and with those conditions plus a lot of work, Whisper and her crew scored their First bullet in a while. They were followed by Tom Davis on Ghost, then Brett Grover on Passion.

The Non-Spin Class was won by JP Morgan on Ludicrous, a C&C 30, with Dana Hunter on Blue Sky, a C&C 32, in Second. Peter Koros on the Pearson 35 "Caper" rounded out the top three.

Although participation was down in the Cruiser Class for the Tommy Hall Memorial Race, the racing was still close. Hakki Etem on Layla took First Place with Second & Third taken by Ken Christensen on Onyva and Joe Markusic on DH Strider.

I would like to give all of you a heartfelt "Thank You" for your participation and great sportsmanship. It is always a pleasure to be around all of you.

Special thanks should always go to Adam Norwood for his network & support.

I also want to say "Thank You" to my crew, the Whisper crew, for everything. YOU ARE THE BEST. Also, don't want to forget our newest member and math wizard Bobby Pooley.

Tom Bell, NFCC
Race Captain



- **NFCC Women's Regatta 2010**
Hands on the Helm for Hubbard House - All Members, Non-Members, Racers, and Non-Racers are invited
- **Registration Party, Friday, September 24th**
6:00 PM at The Rudder Club
- **Featuring: Dinner and Dessert, with Live Music by Bofus**
- **Over \$5000 in Valuable Raffle Prizes (Including a Hand-Made Fiberglass Dinghy \$1200 by NFCC Volunteers and William Henry Boat Shop)**
- **Valuable Prizes throughout evening. Purchase Raffle Tickets for your chance to WIN either:**
- **(1) Hand-Made Dinghy- Value- \$1200; (2) 2-Week Consecutive Stay at a Wet Slip up to 50' at Beach Marine- Value- \$1398 (3) Jolly Man Catering- Value- \$200**
- ***Don't forget to bring items from the Hubbard House Wish List for Stock the Ship. Bring 10 items or more and receive \$10.00 in Raffle Tickets**
- **Women's Regatta - Saturday, September 25th, Late Registration 12:30-1:30pm, see www.sailjax.com**
- **For more information, please contact Joan Rogers, Regatta Chairman, 631-6152 or via email: jrogers17@earthlink.net**



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John Spierre
From the desk of the Rear Commodore

This past Saturday the town of Fernandina Beach saw an invasion of a thirsty group of Corsairs fresh off a drifter finish at the sea buoy. Other scallywags came via land motor transit. They were greeted by yours truly at the door and regaled with delicious grub from Jolly Mon Catering and enough ale to down a fish. But Avast! they kept coming back for more. A 3rd keg was soon needed and was kindly pulled the private reserves of our gracious hosts, the skipper and first mate of the good ship Indigo Alley. Aye, A fine time was had by all and I do even recall a few of the old salts singing a few shanties as the evening wound down. So to me hearties who attended, the deepest thanks from the bottomest of me heart and for you scurvy dogs who missed out be sure to make our next cruising event. We'll be sure to splice the mainbrace once more.



**Cruise News: 2010 NAS Jax Air Show Raff-up
Saturday, October 23rd**

Autumn is almost here - the best time of year - especially for aged cheeseheads like myself.
No more bugs. No more sweat. No more algae.
Windburn, not sunburn. No more lightning. No more excuses to stay off the water.

So come on and join lots of other NFCC cruisers at the biennial NAS Jax Air Show raff-up on Saturday Oct 23. KC Knapp (of Knapp Time fame) will be throwing down his hook sometime Saturday morning. Geoffrey Cooke, on Marguerite, has also offered to get some of that stinky St Johns River mud on his anchor.

BYOB (bread, butter, bacon, beer, booze, etc.)
(Watch your spreaders when tying up to your neighbor.)

And, even if you don't like to fly, be sure to fly your NFCC burgee.
There'll be a lot of 'em.

--Ox
Bob Moriarty, Crews Captain



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Joan Rogers, Commodore
From the desk of the Commodore

Sailing, sailing over the ocean blue...

I would say that the hot summer is over with, but it is not. So with hot sunny weather beating down on us we all ventured up to Sister's Creek for the start our Labor Day weekend adventure. It was so hot that 5-6 of us were swimming off the back of the boats tied up at Sister's Creek just to cool off. We had a huge turnout for our 25th Herb Elphick Memorial Race on Saturday and Tommy Hall Memorial on Sunday. Eighteen boats participated in Herb Elphick's race up to Fernandina Beach. We had some wind, no wind, light wind, but NOT heavy wind on Saturday. Racing was close in the Spinnaker Class with Passion (Brett Grover) winning by 58 seconds to Ghost (Tom Davis). In the Non-Spinnaker Class, there was a mere 2 minutes/17 seconds between First Place and 5th Place. Dana Hunter on Blue Sky finished in 1st place in the Non-Spinnaker Class. In the Cruiser Class, we had 10 boats participating with 6 boats finishing the race. Bob Griffin on Chance finished in 1st place in the Cruiser Class.

For the Tommy Hall Memorial Race on Sunday, we had 14 boats registered and 12 boats finishing the race. There was talk on Saturday evening that the winds were going to be slim to nil so there were several racers that decided they weren't going to race. Well, I'm here to tell you that they missed out on some heavy winds that literally came out of nowhere that made for an awesome race. As we headed out to the channel for the start of the race, we ended up waiting for a submarine to make its way out of Kings Bay. What a sight to see! Once the sub went by, our Race Captain, Tom Bell, decided that since there wasn't any wind, nor was there going to be, that we would motor down to the Nassau Sound Buoy and start our race from there. So, some 2 hours later, as we were approaching this buoy marker, we decided that the Cruiser and Non-Spinnaker boats would race from this marker and finished at the R-4/G-3. And, the Spinnaker boats would race from this marker to the St. Johns Buoy and finish at R-4/G-3. And, low and behold (as my college professor used to say), the winds started to pick up. It was truly amazing as the seas were flat as a board before we got to the Nassau Sound marker and when the race started we had some white cap seas. On Whisper, we started with our Number 1 Jib and shortly thereafter, swapped it out for our Number 2 jib. It seemed like it took forever to reach the St. Johns buoy as we were pounding through the seas with water splashing up on the boat and staying dry...well, let's just say that our shorts got a bit wet. This was our kind of day for racing and we quickly left both Passion and Ghost behind. In the Spinnaker Class, Whisper finished well ahead for 1st Place. There was 1 minute/4 second difference between 2nd and 3rd Place with Ghost finishing ahead of Passion.

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Since we held our Tommy Hall Race on Sunday, we decided that the Rear Commodore's Happy Hour Party would take place this same weekend in Fernandina. This is where we presented the winners Brag Flags for the Herb Elphick Memorial Race. Food and beer were soon in short supply as hungry and thirsty racers and sailors ate and drank. The party was held indoors and out on the roof side deck and you could hear music playing down below in the courtyard... Read more about the Rear Commodore's Happy Hour Party from John Spierre...

Joan Rogers, NFCC Commodore



Submarine exits out of Kings Bay





Sept. 24-25th

It is your last chance to get involved in the Hands on the Helm for Hubbard House Regatta on September 24 & 25th for 2010. This event is not just another race. It is the 3rd race of the Women's Series and a community event where all of the proceeds will be donated to Hubbard House. Hubbard House assists victims of domestic abuse. Join us at our upcoming September General Meeting where Rosalie Scarborough will speak to us about Hubbard House. Since 1976, Hubbard House has expanded its reach to provide free care not only for the immediate safety needs of abused victims and their children, but also to educate, support and promote community awareness about domestic abuse and its far reaching effects.

For the race, a woman must be at the helm throughout the entire race. We had 7 boats that took advantage of the Special Advanced Registration and will have their names included on the back of the t-shirt. Registration is still \$35.00 and all skippers will receive a one-of-a-kind Sailor Skipper Bag by MaryAnne Dennis and Jacquie Welti. These skipper bags will be similar to those we had back in 2007 that were made by MaryAnne. Notice of Race is available at www.sailjax.com Classes will be available for Mixed (50/50 female/male) Cruiser, Non-Spinnaker, Spinnaker. And, in All female classes- Cruiser, Non-Spinnaker, and Spinnaker.

We have several NFCC volunteers that have been assisting Terrance & Linda Sullivan at William Henry Boat Shop with the building of the dinghy which will be raffled off through our \$5.00 Raffle Tickets. Also, included in this special Raffle ticket, is an opportunity to win a Two-week consecutive stay in a wet slip at Beach Marine- value \$1398, or a Jolly Mon Catering- \$200 value. The value of the dinghy is \$1200. Most importantly, we still need volunteers to assist on Friday night. We are looking for a few good cooks. Any chefs in the house? We need Lasagna dishes to feed some hungry racers, sailors and friends that will be attending the party on Friday night. We are also looking for some awesome veggie dishes, salad, and of course some desserts. If you can help out, please contact Joan Rogers at 631-6152 or via email at rogers17@earthlink.net. We also need a few volunteers to help with registration, sell raffle tickets, and assist in the kitchen.

Without volunteers, this event like other events that we hold throughout the year with the NFCC wouldn't happen. We CAN make a difference...in the lives of abused victims.

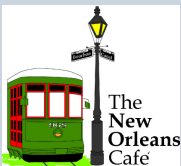
Join us at The Rudder Club Friday night, September 24th and Saturday, September 25th. The party will feature live music by Bofus (Dave Montgomery), valuable raffle items, registration and plenty of food. Great fun in support of a great cause. "We raise more than just our sails".

Sponsors include: NFCC, The Rudder Club, Pier 17, Holland Marine, The New Orleans Café, Ortega Yacht Club Marina, Gulf Atlantic Yacht Club, Jolly Mon Catering, and William Henry Boat Shop

Hubbard House Wish List – Bring these items Friday, Sept. 24th

- Household linens (new or gently used towels, blankets, pillows, etc.)
- Personal hygiene products (shampoo, toothbrushes, deodorant, etc.)
- Female hygiene products
- Diapers
- Underwear (women's and children's)
- Children's items
- Kitchen items (pots and pans, dinnerware, etc.)
- Office and school supplies
- Laundry items (detergent, softener, etc.)
- Toilet paper and paper towels
- Used cell phones
- Non-perishable food items
 - Instant Mashed Potatoes
 - Instant Rice
 - Juice
 - Dinner Rolls (off the shelf)
 - Canned Fruit
 - Canned Vegetables
 - Crackers
 - Cereal/Cereal Bars
 - Peanut Butter
 - Jelly
 - White Sugar
 - Instant Tea/Kool-Aid
 - Canned meats and fish
 - Condiments (ketchup, mayo, mustard)
 - Ready-made meals (stew, ravioli, mac-n-cheese)
 - Long Storage Milk (evaporated or dry)
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