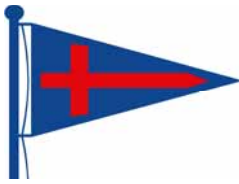


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## Green Fleet Regatta Draws 39 Boats



July 23rd brought 39 Optimist Green Fleet sailors, boats, and attendant parents, coaches, and onlookers to RHYC from all over the Bay. Two races were staged in very light wind and more than enough current. Our thanks go out to the volunteers who provided a very successful day: PRO Chuck Parry; Scorekeeper Connie Ranney; Race Committee Raf Guastavino, and Darcy Sirna; chase boats manned by a cute girl from Miles River Yacht Club, Rich McCue with beagle Gilligan, Steve Mathis, Lara Gates, and Pat Thompson.



Beth Ostrander was in charge of all the on-shore activities, and chefs Rich McCue and Scott Ranney fed everyone with hot dogs and hamburgers from the grill. The sailors enjoyed the pool and all the prizes and "giveaways" from local merchants.

## When Reciprocity Counts

by member Carol Niemand

I recently had the wonderful experience of sailing on "Elf" back from Mystic Seaport, where she was in the Classic Wooden Boat Show. It was truly the experience of a lifetime—combining moments of boredom, exhilaration and mayhem, (as they often say in the sailing world.) Somehow, we found ourselves in Oyster Bay, Long Island, on a very busy July 4th weekend— to be exact, July 5th. With a 6.5-ft draft and a 30-ft. bowsprit, there were not many options for anchoring in such a busy harbor on a holiday weekend. One of our crew was reading the guidebook and said that Oyster Bay was the location of the Seawanhaka Yacht Club, which, at 125 years, was even older than the New York Yacht Club. He further explained that it was on the top of his "bucket list" to visit, and was founded by the Corinthians. Without hesitation, I dialed their number on my cell phone and inquired if they had reciprocal privileges with the Rock Hall Yacht Club—which was almost as old. I also told them we were on "Elf" - the oldest classic racing yacht in the country. We were warmly greeted by their launch, offered transportation ashore, given a free mooring, a tour of the facility, and even invited to their "Salty Dog Dinner" that evening on linen-covered tablecloths on their tennis courts. Ironically, my membership in RHYC gave us entrance to this incredible venue and the royal treatment to boot! As I sipped my drink on their glorious wrap-around veranda, I had to pinch myself to believe the experience was real. However, as we feasted on eight different entrees, steamed clams, and a fabulous dessert buffet, no one seemed to know or much less care about the results of the men's Wimbledon Tennis Finals, which had just ended. We left brochures, a copy of the recent "Wooden Boat" Magazine in which "Elf" was featured, for the Commodore. As you read this, an RHYC burgee is on its way to grace their great room with probably almost 200 burgees hanging there already. This was truly the highlight of my trip. To check our more on "Elf," go to their website at [www.cyrg.org](http://www.cyrg.org)



ELF

## Sailing School Ends For Summer

With 41 Learn-to-Sail students, 20 advanced students, 24 Pee-Wees, and 10 members of the sailing team, the Rock Hall Sailing School ended its most successful season to date.

The staff was composed of Chuck Parry, Laura Wright, Steven Mathis, Kate Ranney, Julia Hilfiker, Charlotte Lippincott and Lauren Mathis. Parents and grandparents also pitched in to help at various times - and several non-members and their children became members of RHYC after their experience with the sailing school.

## Windmill Class National Championship

The Windmills returned to Rock Hall Yacht Club for their National Championship July 12-16. This was the third time in the last four years they have asked RHYC to host their annual event. Participants come from as far as California, Washington state, Florida, and New Hampshire. RHYC's shore facilities, reasonably central location (for most), wonderful small boat sailing waters, and skilled race committee work are prime attractions. They were also rewarded by the gods this year by good winds on all three days of competition.

The Windmill is a 15'-6" one-design sailboat with a crew of two. It was designed in 1955 by Clark Mills, the designer of the famous Opti's, hence the name. It combines simplicity of rig with low cost and high performance. RHYC is the home of Windmill Fleet 82. A generation or two ago, there was also big Windmill fleet on the Chester River, remembered by some current sailors who sailed with their parents here.

Twenty-seven boats participated in the event. Rock Hall participants included Jim Georgeson, Dyer Harris, Tom Fulton, Ken Noble and Bill Noble. Also notable were several of our junior sailors, well trained in Chuck Parry's sailing school, who served as crew for skippers arriving by plane without crew: Eric Manley, Nate Ostrander, and Dylan Heim. The winner was Arthur Asonov from Florida.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Noon—Bar Opens Panini Service at Bar	3	4	5 Grill Night 5 p.m.	6 Bring -your-own—hors-d'oeuvres 5 p.m.	7 Sailing School Ends  Log Canoe Lounge Menu 5:30 p.m.	8 5:30 p.m. Private Club Rental—No Food Service
9 Noon—Bar Opens Panini Service at Bar	10	11	12 Grill Night 5 p.m.	13 Bring -your-own—hors-d'oeuvres 5 p.m. <i>Board of Directors 7 p.m.</i>	14 <b>Friday Evening Sailing</b>  Log Canoe Lounge Menu 5:30 p.m.	15  Log Canoe Lounge Menu
16s Club Racing 12:00 pm— Followed by family BBQ Reservations Necessary	17	18	19 Grill Night 5 p.m. Bunco Party 7 p.m.	20 Bring -your-own—hors-d'oeuvres 5 p.m.	21 Private Club Rental—No Food Service	22 Pavilion Rental Noon to 5 p.m. for Private Party  Log Canoe Lounge Menu
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**Windmill Nationals**

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In addition to Club Manager John Conley and his staff, many other members volunteered their time in support. Diana Georgeson set out a continental breakfast each morning at 7:30 AM. Lee Urbani's Race Committee included Beth Ostrander, Tom and Denise Tontarski, Lance Williams, Raf Guastavino, ..... Connie Ranney computed scores at the end of each day.

**September 2009 Events**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Club Racing & BBQ Reservations	7 LABOR DAY	8	9	10 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7 pm	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Private Party Rental No Food Service
20	21	22	23	24	25	26  Hobie Regatta
27 Hobie Regatta	28	29	30			



**Rock Hall Yacht Club Flag Officers 2008**

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