

## ***Bullseye Class Association***

To all Bullseye owners, crews and friends of the Class:

December 3, 2012

It's time again to renew your membership. And for the lucky new owners of Bullseyes, or those that have been sailing but not joining, **please join and give our Class your support.**

The attached form and address for your modest dues check is attached.

We apologize for missing the Fall Newsletter, which we expect to be made up by bigger and better ones in the future. We are working on a format that can more easily include photos and race results, and also include tips and stories for the many Bullseye sailors who do not race in the Nationals, but enjoy day-sailing, some local racing, and even cruising.

The essence of good Class communication depends on receiving images and material from all the members. Also, we welcome your suggestions for new regional regattas, events, or just gatherings to swap scuttlebutt.

Please forward your news, articles, photos, and ideas to [president@bullseyeclass.org](mailto:president@bullseyeclass.org) and we will add them to the website <http://www.bullseyeclass.org> and highlight in e-mail blasts or newsletters.

After a lot of hard work and words updating the Class organization and rules during the past few years by past officers and committees, this year's Annual Meeting, the summer races, and The Nationals had a refreshing breeze of good spirit and comradeship.

The Nationals results are on the website along with wonderful photos by Fran Grenon that could be ordered for Christmas presents.

The Nationals were very well organized and executed by Past President and Nationals Chairman, Chris Memoli and his Beverly Y.C. team in spite of the weather. The forecast was ominous, at best. The practice day and both race days were challenging with leaden skies, right out of a Winslow Homer painting, and wind whipping up big seas that are famous for the area. As we sailed out to the start, lugging the main and trying not to stall on the wave crests, Chris yelled over, "Welcome to Buzzards Bay".

The locals from BYC made good use of their experience in those steep seas, and held all top five positions at the end, with Chris and Kathryn Collings repeating, again (not redundant), as Class Champions.

But that summary misses the very tight competition at the top of the fleet. The Collings team needed their win in the last race to top Jed Hoffer and Kym Lee by one point. Further up in points, but equally one-point-close for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> were the teams of Nichols Kotsatos and Heather Parsons, tied with Chris, Nicholas, and Madeline Memoli, followed by Bill, Anna, and Axel Tifft.

The first visitor, in 6<sup>th</sup>, was the Maybach Family, Al, with daughter Jill and Audie Osgood from Saunderstown Y.C., site of the 2013 Nationals. And rounding out four Filial Teams in a row, in 7<sup>th</sup> place was last year's initial Filial Trophy Winner, father-son, Chris and Steve Streit from Card Sound Sailing Club.

So the Memoli Family was awarded the new Card Sound Filial Trophy, with keepers, and over-due keeper trophies were presented to the Streits for 2011. The history of the Bullseye Class is full of two- generation teams at or near the top of the Nationals. Many raced together over multiple years. Remember the Cohens, the Burnhams, the Kubiks, the Wicks, the Runkles, the Goodwins, the Ruggs, the Gowries, the Thompsons, the Lavigenes, the Plines, the Nuttings, the Tiffts, the Drews, the Memolis, the Maybachs, and the Streits. Please send me the omissions, I hope none, and congrats are due to all these families. The Bullseye is clearly an extraordinary family boat and Class.

We have discussed having all members' contact info in an Annual Class Book and/or on the website. Make a note on your renewal if you think this is a good idea or if you have an objection to being included in a member list. Your input will help the Executive Committee to make a decision on this element of Class communication.

Thanks to our new Treasurer, Ed Tiffany, for handling the rush of membership checks and to Laura Hallowell and Ed for keeping the membership rolls current. If you missed sending in last year's dues, just send \$50 this year; they will keep the records straight and say "thank you".

Part of the blame for this late dues notice is due to the distraction of cleaning up after hurricane Sandy. Thanks to the many Bullseye friends who sent messages of concern and offers of help to those of us in the Mantoloking area of

the New Jersey shore. We were at ground zero. Many friends lost homes completely and our Clubs were well under water.

When things and shore life gets restored by summer, a sail with the family and friends will have an extra measure of satisfaction.

Keep the dues checks and ideas and stories to share coming in,

s/George Lucas    Wahini #701  
President