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2006 NCWSA
Racing Series:

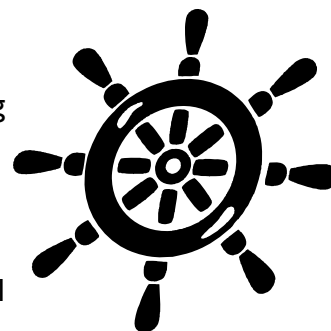
- July 11
- July 25
- August 8
- August 22
- August 29
- Sept 5 (make-up)
- Sept 9 - NCWSA Regatta

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**A Message from the Commodore,
Dianne Kube ...**

How has the NCWSA racing series been for you so far? With a couple beautiful evening conditions for our June races under our belts, you're most likely discussing all the many ways your team can work together to get better results. Sail trim, tactics, strategy, technique, responsibilities? It's a complicated game! But, it's fun and rewarding. I hope we're all tuning up for the final team effort during our NCWSA Fall Regatta Sept 9th. I believe our set up of two race courses is working well. Many

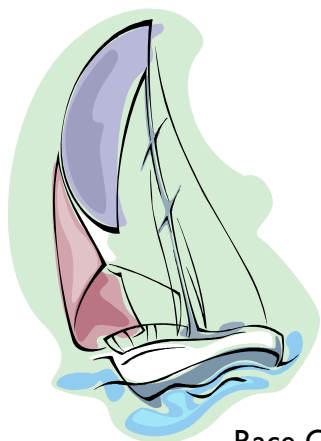
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General Membership Meetings:

First Tuesday of the month 7:30-9:00

- * **Oct—AWARDS NIGHT**
- * **Nov —TBA**
- * **Dec—HOLIDAY PARTY**



Cleveland Race Week Women's Night ...

We had very light air for CRW Women's Night. After one windward leg the Race Committee shortened the race. *Fever*, skippered by NCWSA Vice Commodore Connie Aguero, crossed the line with 4 minutes to go in the one hour time limit to the weather mark. The rest of the PHRF fleet had 20 minutes to finish. Unfortunately they were not able to make the time limit. BUT...it was a race. *Fever* was awarded 1st place and all the other PHRF boats who continued to attempt to finish were awarded 3rd place.

This gives us the our first race in the CSA Series as Mentor's Women's Race was cancelled due to too much wind. Many Thanks to the Race Committee volunteers and the CRW committee, for their hard work to make the CRW Women's Night happen!

Race Committee Volunteers Needed ...

NCWSA's next race committee assignment is Sunday, August 13th. The Dragon fleet is in charge of providing 3 volunteers for Edgewater's race committee. This is a great way to learn the starts. Please contact Billie MacIntyre, Dragon fleet captain, if you are interested.

A Message from the Commodore (from page 1)

thanks to Joe Volter and Jim Titgemeyer, and the other dedicated Race Committee personnel. It's pretty neat that some NCWSA members have their significant others out on the committee boats, and those dedicated guys are completely enjoying it. And, it's a different perspective on a non-racing boat – things look pretty easy and pretty clear from there - leading to some pretty interesting discussions!

As we squeeze a lot of sailing activity into our short summer months, I hope we keep safety in mind, always. Also, keep respect and appreciation for our host club, EYC. Let's continue to be responsible - for our RC duties for EYC races, and continue to keep our patio clean when we leave Tuesday evenings. Remember, there are a lot of activities at EYC to volunteer for this summer. In particular, NCWSA is a sponsor of two women's championship events that will be held at Edgewater this year. NCWSA and its members have been instrumental in getting the events to be held in Cleveland, and it's an absolute honor to be able to host them. We should be involved and show them the utmost hospitality! First, in order of appearance, is the Ensign Women's Invitational August 13th. NCWSA is hosting the August 12th evening welcome party for the competitors, which will include a sailing seminar by Benz Faget, North Sails New Orleans. Come with a dish to share and enjoy the evening! In September, the Adams Cup – the US Women's Sailing Championship – will be here! This is really amazing, quite a prestigious championship event for women. NCWSA will host an evening event at EYC, complete with food and good will. We'll have more information and dates for this soon.

I just want to mention a couple more things to be thinking about this summer. NCWSA elects new board members in the fall, and a lot of positions will be open, waiting for different members to come on board, step up, and continue to take NCWSA into the future as a thriving, vibrant, important and contributing organization. I believe that NCWSA is one of the best organizations for women in Cleveland, and one of the best women's sailing organizations in the world! So, think about where you can fit on the board, and participate in the process. Also, remember that we have special awards to be given in the fall, in addition to the race standings. These are: Rookie of the Year, Most Improved Sailor, Coach of the Year, and the coveted Team Excellence Award! Now, don't forget everyone's a winner because we are lucky enough to be sailors, so let's get back on the water.

~ Dianne Kube



NCWSA Merchandise is HOT and Selling Quickly!

We have great T- Shirts designed by Social Chair, Linda Shafer. "Sail Like a Girl" shorts and the NCWSA jacket are nearly sold out. We have men's shirts...great gifts for your COACH or BOAT OWNER! Sleep shirts and robes...briefcases and hats. Be sure to stop by the Merchandise Table to get your NCWSA apparel. We accept CASH or CHECKS only.

2006 After-Race Food ...

Wow! Some GREAT food after racing !! Great first day of racing!! THANK YOU EVERYONE for cleaning up your areas!!

Continuing the tradition . . . skippers and crew are asked to bring snacks or food for everyone to share after the Tuesday night races. We ask that each boat team member bring a dish of their favorite snack, salad or food. Check for your Skipper or Boat name below and be prepared to bring some food and share in the fun, stories and replay of the races on the patio.

Race Night	Skipper or Boat Name	Fleet
July 11	Trio Coyote Windlab Ghost	PHRF PHRF Ensign J24
July 25	Vulcan Trivial Pursuit N Zangerle US 261	Ensign JAM J24 Dragon
August 8	Onrust Shadowfax Ovation Chip Ship	Ensign J24 Cruising JAM
August 22	Wotthell Play It Again Sam Adelman, Heidi Pitrimpas	Ensign JAM Dragon PHRF
August 29	No boats scheduled	No boats scheduled
September 8-Welcome Nite NCWSA REGATTA	All teams are encouraged to bring a dish to share!	All invited for an evening of fun!!

For ideas of foods to bring, consider: Fruit, Pasta or Vegetable, Tuna, Chicken or Shrimp Salads, Fresh Vegetable Tray, Cheese and Crackers, Humus, Fresh Fruit, Brownies.

NCWSA will continue to provide paper products, plastic ware. No pizza this year!

The goal is to give each of the racers, a snack after the race. With all the boats in attendance, we can have over 120 members on the patio. So please bring a **generous amount** on your assigned evening and help to **make sure that the patio and bar area is clean when we leave at the end of the night.**

An updated listing will be posted on the NCWSA website. Contact Linda Schafer or Claire Tigmeier, Co -Social Chairs if you have any questions regarding the schedule or if your boat will not be racing on the date listed. And, please remember to clean up after yourselves. Thank you!



~Linda Schafer & Claire Tigmeier

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~ to encourage women to become more actively involved in sailboat racing through regattas and clinics, and to create a spirit of good fellowship among members.

NCWSA Mission Statement