



2013 WINDMILL NATIONALS FISHING BAY YACHT CLUB DELTAVILLE, VA

# Windmill

Class Association, Inc.  
Jouster

## Summer 2015

WINDMILLCLASS.COM

## Windmill Class Business

By Sandy Sponar

We hope this finds everyone doing well and you've had time to get your boat ready to sail. We have lots of regattas scheduled for the 2015 season and a great Nationals planned. Speakers have accepted, movies are bought, raffle gifts are being solicited and dinner menus are being reviewed. If you or your company has a product you wish to give let me know.

Attached you will find an updated version of our Windmill Constitution. You will be voting at the annual meeting for the changes in red, blue and overall. The changes in red are needed to comply with IRS and federal regulations. The changes in blue are to update our language and committees that are needed to keep our class moving forward. Take some time and review the document. You have a valuable stake in our class and your input is needed. Contact me if you would suggest different language to meet our needs.

The Windmill class is incorporated in the state of Maryland Articles for Tax

Exemption, our MD Department ID# D06127773. Our Non-Profit Federal Employer ID number is ID# 47-2704921.

**Commodore Changes:** We want to thank Colin Browning for all of his past hard work. Colin resigned as our Southern Commodore and we wish him the best. He will continue to be an active Rear Commodore and race against all comers to Florida.



Lisa Fath volunteered and was appointed as the Southern Commodore. She's a Sailing Director of Manatee River Pram Fleet located at Bradenton Yacht Club in Palmetto, Florida. She teaches our next generation of sailors. Thank you

Lisa for taking on this role and helping our Windmill Class continue to grow.



A beautiful Stars and Stripes Blue Johannsen hull #5705 was commissioned by Chris and Nancy Demler. Congratulations! Now the hard part cutting the first holes.



# Meet the New Windmillers

## New Fiberglass Hulls for Sale:



The WCA, Inc. also contracted with Mark Johannsen to build a new White class boat #5704. The class bare hull is for sale for \$4500 and will be at the Nationals for you to inspect and purchase.

If you're interested in building a new hull contact Ralph Sponar and Mark Johannsen. Hulls must be built in groups of two or more. If you want to build a wooden hull contact Allen Chauvenet who can provide the plans and details you need to get started.



Adventure High School has purchased plans for hulls # 5501-5595 to be built in Panama.

Scott Cunan has purchased plans for hull # 5620 to be built in New Hampshire.

## Welcome New Windmill Members

We always want to take the time to welcome all new members to the class. We thank you for your purchase of a boat and the time and effort it will take you to make her your own. Our web site has lots of pictures, several videos and articles that can help you lay out your design. If you have questions please don't hesitate to call or email people on the board or commodores in your area. We're here to help you, so you can get out and enjoy a sail.

Brett Landrith hull # 3009 sails with Kansas City Fleet.

Gary Lively used to own hull # 3803. He rejoined after an 8-10 year gap and sailed the Midwinters with his daughter in a chartered boat.



Jon Tushak hull # 3524 sails on Lake Erie, PA. Jon and crew Melanie pictured above recently raced in the Northern-Southern Regatta at Glendale Lake, PA.

Thomas Mellies hull # 3530 sails with Rock Hall fleet.

Clark Trow hull 3932 restoring a hull New York.



Jon and Max Penders hull # 4262 pictured above sails with Rock Hall fleet.

Paul Hoffman hull # 4424 sails in Texas and hopes to have his younger generation racing in the future.

Kevin Caulfield hull # 4619 will sail in Tennessee with his local club this year and hopes to come to Windmill events in 2016.



Eriel Garrastesui hull # 5042 is an experienced racer who lives in Connecticut. Hopefully, he will make the racing circuit later this year.

Angelo Martino hull # 5578 has a beautiful home built boat that should be race ready in 2016.

# Why We Love Windmills

By Kathy Bachman

Submitted by Windmill Fleet 60

So, why do we love sailing Windmills? The reasons are as varied as the sailors in Windmill Fleet 60.

For some Windmill sailors it really IS love, as in the case of Mike and Dixie Mickelson, who have been sailing together for decades. They love that the Windmill is small, inexpensive and spirited... and it doesn't need a third crew.

"It began as a courtship in 1963. I knew it was love when I began checking on the wind conditions late afternoons. It steadily grew into a lifetime commitment to one design sailing in the family friendly environment at Hoover Sailing Club. Fifty years later, we are still looking forward to the summer ahead."  
– Dixie Mickelson

"We have been active members of Hoover Sailing Club for over 50 Years. We still sail and race the Windmill, a small high performance sailboat, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow sailors and the physical exhilaration of sailing and competition."  
– Mike Mickelson

Like the Mickelsons, Jim and Evelyn Ferguson are devoted Windmill sailors who have been sailing together for years at Hoover Sailing Club. One might think, the time they spent sailing together side-by-side all those years, on a small boat with one skipper.... well, I digress. Why do the Fergusons love sailing a Windmill?

"Friends. It is definitely friends that we enjoy most about the Windmill. We have made numerous friends in the Windmill fleet over the past 30 years. Many have moved away; some are gone and many others still (remain) here. No

question. It's the friends that make the Windmill." – Evelyn and Jim Ferguson

Hallie Bourne has been sailing a Windmill for 15 years. Her boat, Maggie the Non-cat, is Moorman Hull #4585, built by our own Mike Mickelson in 1970. So, why does Hallie love her Windmill? Here's the good, the bad, the better....

"I love sailing my Windmill because it prepares me to sail just about any other boat. The balancing skills required, even to sail a *bad* race on a Windmill, will go far towards making a *good* race on any other bigger, heavier (and therefore typically faster) boat!" – Hallie Bourne

Hoover Sailing Club is home to Craig Tovell, two-time National Windmill Champion, who when not sailing helps fellow fleet members tune and prepare boats for the sailing season. We know he loves competition, but why does he love sailing Windmills? In his words, "Why I love Windmills? They're easy to work on, afford, handle and sail!" – Craig Tovell

It seems Jackie LaMuth agrees with Craig on why she loves her Windmill, "It's easy to move around and handle on land ... and water!"

Ed Yingling provides us with the "Top Ten Reasons" why he loves to sail a Windmill:

1. I get to sail with my daughter
2. I can rig and sail it alone (even stepping up the mast!)
3. I can move the boat easily on my own
4. Windmill Fleet 60 makes the best food in the sailing community
5. We belong to the largest Windmill fleet in the country (and world) right here at Hoover
6. The Class is very family-oriented
7. My boat reminds me of when I learned to sail in Oklahoma over 20 years ago... I moved my boat here from my original club
8. It was designed as a family and performance boat



9. Kids can skipper it without much experience

10. It fits in my garage. – *Ed Yingling*

Over the years, Chris Bunge, who has sailed his Windmill since 1996, has developed a relationship with his boat, Anon 2. In the tradition of many sailors, he has conferred the female pronoun to his sailing vessel.

"I love my Windmill sailboat. She has never given up on me. She is always up to the task of challenging me, whatever the weather conditions. She is agile and responsive. She is *not* forgiving. Above all the strife, she makes me very happy. I love my Windmill." – *Chris Bunge*

And to Tim Bachman sailing in a Windmill is like poetry in motion....

Crossing Caley's Bridge I spy my Windmill's mast moving in unison with the other Mills on the raft

The occasional whistle of the wind in the shrouds promises an exhilarating day of sailing.

Pulling back the thick canvas cover, leaning over to slip the rudder in place, hooking up the halyards

Pushing the centerboard firmly in place, and ...finally...raising the sails.

A quick, nervous, mental last-minute check to ensure a complete ready-to-launch moment

Push off, and the wind catches the main, a fast tack and the jib comes alive...with more wind than I expected.

The boat heels into position as we move quickly to balance boat and ourselves.

Now the relative speed is all the moment. The water rushes past us splashing spray over the bow.

Yes, that last one. I'm definitely awake now!

Only minutes until the horn and we visualize the perfect spot

On the line where we will pull in the sails

What! How did we end up on Port tact?

– *Tim Bachman*

So, what's not to love? Windmills are lightweight, responsive, easy-to-handle, inexpensive, high-performance one-design sailboats. Perhaps Tommie Miller has the perfect response, "One of the best things about Windmills... is Windmillers!"

## The Boom Stops Here



By Ralph Sponar

### The 2015 Windmill Challenge:

- Visit the class website to see all the changes that Alan Taylor has made.
- Remember to pay your dues by writing a check to Windmill Class Association, Inc. and mail it to Allen Chauvenet. Your dues go a very long way to funding improvements and promotion for the class.
- The sailing season is upon us, post pictures to the Windmill site and Windmill facebook group about all the new sailing you have done this year so far. Bring us new stories about the new sailing friends and experiences that you had made this year at the 2015 Nationals!
- Share the love of sailing a windmill with someone new. Hopefully, they will become a future windmill owner like yourself.
- This season make sure to dust off your old and new boats for Larry Christian to measure.
- Got an idea for making the class even better? Contact your district commodore, class official, or myself to share your idea so we can act on your suggestions.



# 2015 Windmill Nationals

## July 23-26 at Rock Hall Yacht Club



You are invited to attend the Annual Windmill Nationals Event that will be held the week of 20 July 2015. We are planning lots of fun activities, dinners and evening tournaments.

Rock Hall Yacht Club, Web page:  
[Rockhallyachtclub.org](http://Rockhallyachtclub.org)

*The club is located at:  
 22759 McKinleyville Rd.  
 Rock Hall, MD 21661 Phone 410-639-2182*

### UPCOMING WINDMILL EVENTS

- *July 22*  
**Natinals Tune-Up Social Regatta**  
 Rock Hall, MD
- *July 23*  
**Windmill Junior Nationals**  
 Rock Hall, MD
- *July 24-26*  
**Windmill Nationals Championship Regatta**  
 Rock Hall, MD
- *August 1-2*  
**Ware River Governors Cup Regatta**  
 Ware Neck, Gloucester, VA
- *August 1*  
**Dinghy Delta Ditch Run**  
 Rio Vista, CA
- *August 8-9*  
**76<sup>th</sup> Annual One Design**  
 Fishing Bay Deltaville, VA
- *September 5-6*  
**Redwood Regatta**  
 Big Lagoon, Trinidad, CA
- *September 19-20*  
**Windmill Northerns**  
 Lake Massabesic, Auburn, NH
- *October 30 – November 1*  
**HOT IV – Charity for Earlier.org**  
 Lake Townsend, Greensboro, NC

# Windmill Public Service Announcement

Attached with the Newsletter is a copy of the Windmill constitution which will have changes that we will vote on at Nationals!

You will be voting Yea or Nay for the following changes outlined below:

- Changes in Blue are updates to language
- Changes in Red are to adopt regulations required to comply with Federal and IRS agencies to get a letter designation for NPO