
N.M.Y.C. NEWS

Club Racing Underway in Seven Fleets



Naples Model Yacht Club is known for providing well-run class sailboat racing series. This year Racing Director **Randy Williams** has scheduled six races every other week giving skippers an off-week tuning opportunity. Club members can check their

David Boulanger leads at the turn in a Seawind race on January 9th

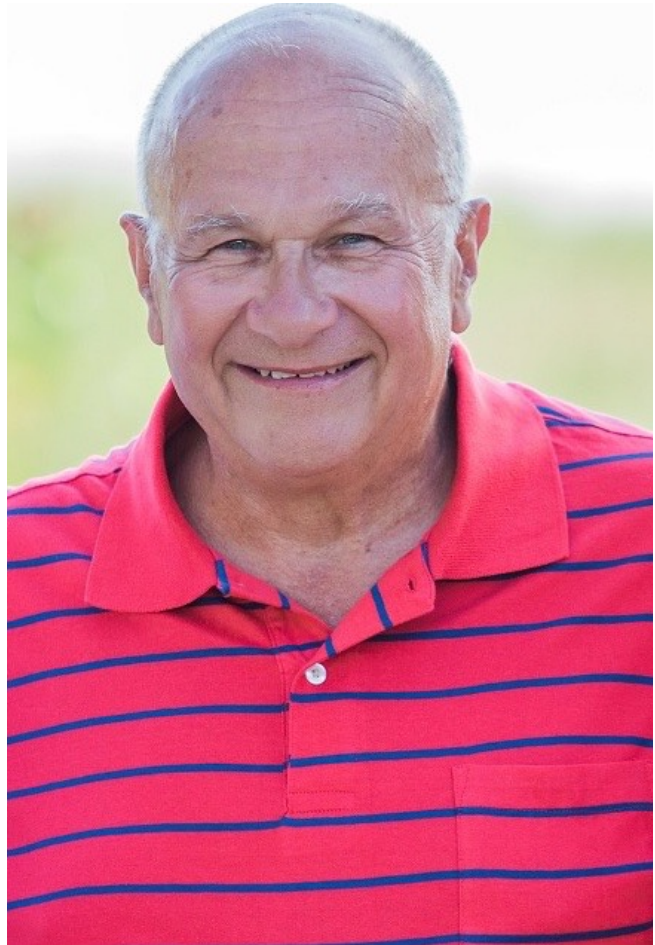
fleet assignments, RD & ARD assignments as well as race results on the club web page www.naplesmyc.org. Go to the tab "2018 Race Schedule". Fleet Captains remain your first point of contact for questions or assistance. They are also listed on the club website. Racing will culminate with the DF-95 championship on March 30th, just prior to our annual meeting. ##

Meet Mike Wyatt...

Mike Wyatt is starting his sixth year as a NMYC member and we appreciate his talents more and more. For example, Mike provided background material for our new match racing program. He also will be RD for the upcoming Soling 1M NCR in Ohio.

Mike has been sailing for 45 years starting with a 17' Thistle daysailer, then on to four Flying Juniors. He also found time to serve as FJ Regional VP, National President (twice), then as Chief Measurer of FJ United States.

Mike and his wife Nita first came to Naples in 2013 to sail with good friends Frankie and Laura Novak. He races in the Micro Magic fleet and also in the Soling White fleet. Back home in the Western Reserve MYC in Ohio he also races Soling 50, Seawind and Victor II Moro.



Mike also serves as
AMYA Region 4
Director.

One surprise for Mike was the way in which we keep scores. He commented "Most clubs just use a Low Point system and the winner of a day's racing gets a "1". At Naples, Series Scoring is a high-point system. At the end of the day, each boat gets a point for every boat she beats and the First Place boat gets an additional 5 bonus points."

I asked Mike for any suggestions he might have to improve our club. "I like the training that the club does - that is important for new sailors. But do we publish the fact that we do training for people who might be considering sailing? To a new person all these boats on the line, all the Rules, not to mention the use of (what sounds to them like) a harsh word: **PROTEST!!** is intimidating. A sign that says "Sailing Clinics on Wednesday" might mean more people come aboard. Also, I think we are on the right track with the Match Racing. There is NO better way for a new person to learn the game. Only one other boat to worry about, a smaller, closer-in course.

Mike's final comment..."Relax and have fun!! And...thanks for letting me play.

Did you know...?

We have received the pond owners liability policy for both ponds. This protects the pond owner for up to \$2M in potential liability claims. Such insurance was a key factor in securing the second pond on Naples Blvd. Having this pond gives our race director and fleet captains much more flexibility in scheduling member racing events. All this for \$50.00 per year per pond. ***Thank you AMYA for securing these policies!***



The case for running for club office...

1. You should consider running for a club office position because we all need to give back.
2. Think about your strengths, what expertise do you have or are looking to develop? Being a club officer is a low-risk way to develop those skills. For example, I had never done a club newsletter before, now I've done 42 consecutive issues.
3. We always are looking for volunteers in these areas...
 - a. Data base administration - we need to have a single member roster with boat inventories by class.
 - b. New racing ideas like the match racing concept Randy Williams has come up with.
 - c. Web page using the WIX program. If you have web page experience please contact Larry.
 - d. Ambassador to Collier County Parks & Recreation - you can help monitor new activities and maybe even get us additional parking spots.

Positions you could run for include Commodore, Vice Commodore, Treasurer, Race Director and Secretary. If you have interest, please contact Larry Brannan at lbrannan1@mac.com.