



THE GAM

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GAM. noun - A social meeting of two (or more) Whale-ships, generally on a cruising-ground; when, after exchanging hails, they exchange visits by boats' crews: the two captains remaining, for the time, on board of one ship, and the two chief mates on the other.

2014 Awards Banquet



Great food great event! Many thanks to all those worked hard on making this year's event one to remember. Club annual meeting held just before dinner. Commodore Dave French reviewed many of the activities of the 2014 season. The 501 c3 status of JSC was discussed with our initial activities being center around training of juniors and adults. This status will allow the club to accept tax deductible donations. The board has set up committees to start work on cooperate presentations for donations. Hal Wood has accepted the duty of 2015 Director of the sailing school. 2015 training committee chair Karen Hawkins and Hal will be developing a program for the 2015 and future training activities. The club also will be developing a safety committee and details will be forth coming.



2014 special awards winners were presented to the following;

Kennedy Cup - Hal Wood

Huttrer Memorial Award - Ed Seacord

Port Light Award - Bob Boles

Mike McGrath Award - Jim Summerville

Commodore Cup - Todd Pesek

Pete Peterson Mariners Award - Mark Pilcher

Georgene Weddell Honoree - Cathy Sharp

JSC Participation Award - Rob Mayer



2014 special race awards winners were presented to the following;

Bernie P. Kuse Portsmouth Handicap Championship - Barry Skikne

Two of a Kind Trophy - Pat Carr & Karen Hawkins

Wyant Cup - Karen Hawkins

TRANSJAC - Rob Mayer Don MacClymont Trophy - Barry Skikne

Novice Regatta - Peggy Nie



2014 Fleet winners were presented to the following;

Portsmouth Fleet

Commodore Series - Shez Tucker

Laser Fleet

Premier Series - Pat Carr

Championship Series - Brenden McShane

Windmill Fleet

Commodore Series, Premier Series & Championship Series - Barry Skikne

Sweet 16 Fleet

Commodore Series, Premier Series & Championship Series - Lou Joline

C Scow Fleet

Commodore Series - 1st Rob Mayer, 2nd Todd Pesek

Premier Series - Rob Mayer

Championship Series - 1st Rob Mayer, 2nd Lynn Adkins

Handicap Series - Mike Lindeman

Regatta Series - Rob Mayer

To learn more about the 2014 winner and results go to JSC's web site at www.jacomosailingclub.org. Drop down menus can get you to the links of each item.

2015 JSC Board Members

At the 2014 banquet the club membership approved the 2015 JSC board. They are;

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Mark Graham

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Beth Hankins

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Bernie Kuse

Bob Boles

Karen Hawkins

Eric Levy

Al Fransen

Ed Seacord

Todd Pesek

Pat Carr

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NOMINATING - Dwayne Boettcher

RACE - Mark Graham

PUBLIC RELATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS - Todd Pesek

EQUIPMENT - Ed Seacord

TRAINING - Karen Hawkins

SOCIAL - Bob Boles

MEMBERSHIP - TBD

SAILING ASSOCIATIONS - Bernie Kuse

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Gam Editor - Eric Levy

Web site - Todd Pesek

SAIL KC Director (training) - Hal Wood

The board is reviewing the need for additional committees and news will be forthcoming on these items.

2015 Sailing Classes

Coming soon! Information on Jacomo Sailing Club's new "Learn to Sail" program!

Jacomo Sailing Club is proud to announce the appointment of Hal Wood as the new Training Coordinator. Hal is a certified US Sailing Instructor and has been conducting classes for the Jacomo Sailing Club since 2000.

Now, in addition to two adult sessions in the Spring and Fall, the club is establishing a program focusing on 15-18 year old youths. The program will be known as **SAIL KC**, and will be expanded to younger ages in years to come. STEM technology will be incorporated into the program for a true educational experience. The Training Committee in conjunction with the U.S. Sailing Hall of Fame is currently developing curriculum.

Keep in touch for further developments, especially if you have children or grandchildren that age. Also, if you would be interested in volunteering to work in the new program, contact Hal Wood at 816-678-7761. You can email Hal at advismgmt@earthlink.net or JSC at jacomosailingclub@yahoo.com.

Tommy Heausler Competes at US Sailing Championship of Champions

CLEVELAND, Ohio (October 12, 2014) – US Sailing's Championship of Champions (C of C) is recognized as one of the more unique adult racing events in the country. All helmsmen have qualified for this event by winning a 2013 or 2014 one-design class National, North American, or World Championship. Tommy Heausler qualified by winning the 2013 Sweet 16 Nationals at Lake Jacomo in Kansas City, MO. The C of C championship is held in a different location and in a different class each year. The event this year was sailed in Thistles, on Lake Eire, and was hosted by Edgewater Yacht Club in Cleveland, OH.



Left to right: Gary Taylor, Tommy Heausler, Shannon Heausler

The Edgewater Yacht Club and the US Sailing Staff and Judges did an amazing job onshore providing housing and three hot meals a day. The Race Committee performed flawlessly on the water, with 11 races over 3 days. It was reported that Edgewater Yacht Club mobilized over 130 volunteers for this event.



Coming out of a tack: Gary fully extended, Tommy getting feet in the hiking straps, and Shannon positioned to call puffs, shifts and waves.

On the water, 12 to 18 knot winds from the Northeast produced a very large chop and some challenging maneuvers. A gust of wind, a well timed pump of the spinnaker, and some good steering could cause the Thistles to scream down the face of a wave, making big gains - or disastrous wipe-outs. Full-on hiking for all three days was required as well as tolerance to the cool water and air temperatures. Tommy's crew consisted of Shannon Heausler (his niece) originally from Davis Island Yacht Club in Tampa, FL and now residing in Corona Del Mar, CA, and Gary Taylor from BWYC in Bay St. Louis, MS. Both Shannon and Gary have accomplished dinghy and collegiate experience and performed like athletes in the brisk conditions.



Tommy Heausler surfing into trough of wave ahead of red spinnaker.

Heausler and crew managed to finish ahead of 17 of their 19 competitors in one or more of the races, including beating Greg Fisher, Skip Dieball, Mike Ingham, and current National Champions in the J-22, J-24, J-70, Etchells, Thistle and Lightning Classes. However, beating these rock stars (including the three

podium finishers) in only “one or more” races, and having only two top ten finishes is not nearly adequate to win any medals. The team finished in 16th place overall.

2014 TRANSJAC October 5th, 2014

The 2014 TRANSJAC was a shifty windy day on Lake Jacomo. One of the closest corrected finishes in the history of the event. 0.02 seconds separated Rob Mayer from Barry Skikne. The day's event witnessed several knockdowns by sudden shifty gusts in excess of 20mph. Great close to the 2014 sailing season!



Place	Skipper	Class	Sail #	Time	Corrected Time
1	Rob Mayer	C-Scow	KC 117	78.8	98.37
2	Barry Skikne	Windmill	4350	89.93	98.39
3	Mark Graham	S-16	434	100.57	104.86
4	Lou Joline	S-16	517	101.37	105.65
5	Al Frasen	S-16	492	102.16	106.75
6	Tommy Heausler	S-16	345	105.15	109.64
7	Chad McNealy	i550	231	93.03	114.85
8	Shez Tucker	Saber 28	177	119.5	128.79
9	Karen Hawkins	Capri 25	71	110.1	131.06
10	Todd Pesek	C-Scow	KC 7	DNF	NA
10	Dave Gibbin	C-Scow	KC 18	DNF	NA
10	Jim Summerville	S-16	725	DNF	NA
10	Mark Pilcher	Trac 18	180	DNF	NA
10	Hal Wood	Windmill	4260	DNF	NA
guest	Doug Edwards	Colgate 26	?	100.41	121.56

WINDMILL WINTER MEETING REPORT FLEET 16

On December 5th, members of Windmill Fleet 16 gathered at Hal Wood's house. Over snacks and desserts, each shared what was going on in their life and a bit of their sailing history. Five boat crews

were represented, four of whom plan to race actively next year. Retired sailor Ian McIntosh graced us with his presence and improved health, and new sailor, Ken Simons joined us for the first time. Two to three others who plan to race were absent, so we're looking at a more active 2015 for Windmills!

The racing season was reviewed, with Barry Skikne and Kathy Sharp taking all of the honors. Reports were also given on three members attending the Nationals and other out-of-town regattas. Plans to attend more out-of-area regattas are coming together. Four Windmills are available for purchase. If you have questions about the Windmill Fleet, contact Hal Wood at 816-678-7761.

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