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Edgewater YC Readying for 2017 Jet Nationals



Above: Ernie Michaud (#1136) rounds the top mark just ahead of Joe Minerd (#1134) at Cleveland Race Week, hosted by Edgewater YC in June. EYC will host the 2017 Jet Nationals this August. Photo Credit: Paula Michaud.

The 63rd Jet-14 Nationals will be held August 9-12 at the newly renovated Edgewater Yacht Club near Cleveland, OH. The fleet at EYC is a relatively new one, established and fostered in the early 2000s by Dave and Sue Michos. It has grown to be the largest active Jet fleet in the class. It's proximity with the Mohican fleet down the road is promising for a great turnout in boats.

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PJ Blonski (#1126) has lead the efforts at EYC to set up a great regatta. All information, including local housing, Notice of Race, schedule, and other logistics will be posted to the Jet-14 website as they are finalized. With this issue you should find the regatta registration and measurement certificate, which you will need when you arrive at the event. If this is your first Nationals, you should know that all boats must be weighed and all sails measured (or stamped if previously measured at Nationals). You may want to bring a copy of your completed measurement certificate to expedite the process. If your boat has never been measured, or you have made significant changes to your ride since the last measurement, expect Chief Measurer Zaugg to pay special attention.

The fleet is shaping up to be one of the largest and most competitive in recent years. Expect defending champion (and 20-time winner) Brent Barbehenn to be on hand for another go. He will be challenged by a number of local Ohioans, many with intimate knowledge of the venue, including Dave Michos and former National Champions Marion Zaugg and Bryan Parker. And you never know, perhaps a Greg Koski sighting is in the offing?

Please send in your registration today and encourage others in your fleet to get in on the fun! PJ is standing by to help you with any questions you may have.

Zaugg Takes Fleet to Cleaners at Mohican Chiefs Regatta

As regattas go, it was rather uneventful, in the better sense of that word. Rain was forecast for both days and there was not supposed to be any wind. No rain and enough wind to run five races, so once again, a 60% chance of rain means just that, a 40% chance of no rain.

Many find other things to do when the conditions for sailing are marginal, so we were down a bit to eleven boats when we got to the starting line. We were delighted to see Nick and Jonathan Maude and Kevin and Wendy Milligan down from Cleveland. I believe this was Wendy's first Jet-14 regatta and she is even more of a delight than Kevin. Past Class President and Web Master/Blast Editor Chris Hennon made the drive up from Asheville N.C. And the big news is that back in the Jet again, after something like eight years, was Ivan Baker with his daughter Kylie for her first Jet regatta. Great having them both with us.

We rigged up with no leaf stirring, had a great lunch provided in its entirety by Mike and Jon Chambers, and headed out onto the lake. Not good, but to be honest, we did not have to paddle out.

Race one was on glass smooth water but something was afoot as the wind seemed fairly well established. Tom Joudrey with good friend Aaron crewing and Mike and Jon Chambers found better air on the right side and led around the top mark in that order. My niece Anne and I worked the right the second time around even better and squeezed ahead. Big gap between these three boats at the finish and the rest, led by Bridget Ireland.

Race two and Nate Ireland and Ben Stock got going early and led easily at the first mark. Ivan Baker recovered from a less than ideal start as he slowly worked through the fleet into third.

Race three, the last race Saturday started in a little better breeze but it soon faded and we ended up with a shortened course. Stewart FitzGibbon was sailing singlehanded and moving very well, in the lead or at the lead the whole way around. My sister Barb was able to tempt her crew/son Paul with the promise of the fast approaching dinner and picked the pace up for a sixth.

Dinner time. Steak, Chicken, French Fries, Dessert, Dessert, Dessert. Pretty good, and then to top it off, on account of Memorial Day, Fireworks over the lake.

Sunday morning and can you say He-Man? Kylie Baker..."you can go back for seconds??"

Sunday morning and the wind was up.....a little. Chris Hennon liked this much better and got near the front and held on for a fifth. Kevin and Wendy Milligan were also going much better and put up a fifth also. The Chambers were at the lead or in the lead most of the first race but got cheated at the finish by Nate and Ben.

The final race and Bridget Ireland with George Auer crewing shot out front by a bunch. Anne and I got lucky on the second beat and got ahead only to be ground down and repassed by Bridget 100 yds. from the finish. Lots of laughing and pointing on #1147.......Her first place in that race also squeezed her ahead of the Chambers by one point for third overall, more laughing and pointing........

So in we went. Lunch and awards and then off we all went home. Thank you everyone that makes the time and effort to join us. Hope to see you all at Edgewater soon.

Marion Zaugg, #444



Above: Barb Joudrey (#94) and son Paul look for air, any kind of air, as Uncle Marion (#444) shows no empathy. Also pictured are Mike and Jon Chambers (#1133) and Stewart FitzGibbon (#1161).

| Sail | Skipper | Crew | Race 1 | Race 2 | Race 3 | Race 4 | Race 5 | Total |
|------|---------------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| 444 | M. Zaugg | A. Joudrey | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| 698 | N. Ireland | B. Stock | 6 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 15 |
| 1147 | B. Ireland | G. Auer | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 18 |
| 1133 | M. Chambers | J. Chambers | 3 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 19 |
| 1132 | T. Joudrey | Aaron | 2 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 28 |
| 443 | I. Baker | K. Baker | 7 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 36 |
| 1161 | S. FitzGibbon | | 5 | 8 | 2 | DNS | DNS | 39 |
| 94 | B. Joudrey | P. Joudrey | 9 | 9 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 39 |
| 483 | C. Hennon | A. Roessner | 8 | 7 | DNF | 5 | 9 | 41 |

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2017 Mohican Chiefs Results, Mohican Sailing Club, Lucas, OH

W. Milligan

J. Maude

Team Michos Score Silver at Cleveland

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2017 Cleveland Race Week One Design June 17-18 was a great prelude to the Jet National Championships this August. A few folks showed up early to attend our Thursday evening Jet racing where Seth Parker and Megan Beal in #1076 showed consistent light air speed.

K. Milligan

1051 N. Maude

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The weekend's racing called for a south wind Saturday wind which is great for Jet sailing – nice breeze, flat water and usually a shift near the top mark which we all try to predict. Rig-breaking winds were predicted Sunday.

On Saturday, the wind never came from the south except for some blasts that would put you on your ear. The chop was relentless, without a rhythm and drawing most of your energy and attention. A couple of times while staring at my jib ticks, I missed a wave stopping the boat plus putting a few gallons of water in it! I prayed the bailers would drain the boat down wind. And there were no worries there! Downwind was a thrill ride! There were shifting blasts that sent you on a plane. Then waves in front of you that could be a friend--or a foe if you buried the bow. I've sailed in much more wind more easily but this stuff could ruin your day pretty quickly if you weren't on your toes.

Of the 10 boats that made it out 9 were successful in keeping everything together besides some dips in the water. We had some newbies out there that were nailing the starts: Andy White/Sean Egan on #1091 plus Michelle Moyer and crew in #1145. Then there were relative newcomers Kevin Milligan #628, Nicholas Maude #1051 and Joe Minerd #1134. The conditions tested them mentally and there was a physical toll of going up and down so many waves—all the sailors in the fleets I talked to were popping Advils. So congratulations to everyone who stuck with it!

Things started mildly in Race #1: 5-10 knots with the left side of the course bringing more wind in what became a day of competing breezes. The racing was tight with EYC Fleet Captain PJ Blonski and crew Olivia Moran taking #1126 across the line first, followed closely by Bridget Ireland and George Auer in #1147. I and my wife Sue in #1157 (sail #217) got out of phase on the upwind but grabbed a third. Ernie Michaud and Anna Petronzio took a fourth.

In Race #2 the Race Committee adjusted the course to the left and that's where it paid to be. #1157 out-dueled Ireland/Auer in #1147 for the

win and what was becoming a contest of wills. Behind us were #628 and a couple of downwind capsizes plus a turtled #1126.

Race #3 the course was back to the right. The boat end was favored greatly. The Maudes in #1051 and Parker/Beal in #1076 were over early. I pretty much nailed the boat-end of the line but was a little early so I raced down the line to get a big burst of speed off the start. From there it was a march to the left with what looked like another duel with #1147. But #1157 put the pedal to the medal and took off upwind only to be followed by Kevin Milligan #628 at the windward mark. As we rounded I could hear Kevin and his crew David Sugerman salivating for the lead. We were in a big blast of wind as we hit the jibe right away and didn't look back—didn't have to--as we won the race by a very conservative estimate of a half mile, finishing at the back of the Interlake fleet and lapping other fleets and sailors. #1147 and #628 followed.

In race #4, the heavy air sailors were still ready to go with six of us still on the line: Ireland/Auer #1147; Maudes #1051; Michaud/Petronzio #1136; Michoses#1157; Milligan/Sugerman #628; and White/Egan #1091. Folks were getting tired, you could tell because the start line was not very tight. The pin end seemed favored so I got a spot a few boat lengths below #1147, yet another contest of getting to the left. I wasn't sure if I could get up to #1147 the way Bridget and George are always boasting about their work out regimes! It took some hard hiking and driving before #1157 won that battle. But the game was not quite over as they caught a wind line on the last downwind bringing home a first in the last race of the day. #1136 won its battle with #628 for third and fourth, followed by #1051.

Day 2 did not happen as the Star boats, Interlakes and Jets elected not to sail because of a stormy forecast. #1157 and #1147 ended in a tie but #1157 won the tie-breaker. #628 got their first Jet regatta trophy for a third and #1136 finished just out of the money. Bridget Ireland had been doing some bicep curls so she tried to extend our duel by disguising a "Bone Crusher" handshake in congratulations but it wasn't happening: "Bridget, are you trying to squeeze my hand?" I asked.

Thanks, everyone for making it a great weekend of Jet sailing.

Dave Michos, #1157

(Full Results on next page)

Grace and Pacheco Tune up for Nationals with District III Championship

Tom Grace and Paula Pacheco (Lake Norman Yacht Club, #717) secured their first District III Championship with a convincing performance over a range of wind speeds at Kerr Lake near Henderson, NC June 17-18. After putting a horizon job on the fleet in the light air on Day 1, they came back to win 2 out 3 races in 10-15 kt. on Sunday to top second place crew Lenny Wells and Caswell Kern (#1130) from Asheville Sailing Club. Defending District III champions Chris Hennon and Meg Russell, sailing "Charlie's Angel" #1129, were in the mix on Sunday in the heavier air but settled for third in all 3 races, just edging Barry Saunders and Rebecca (Carolina Sailing Club, #737) who were hot on their tails in the screaming reach finishes.

It was great to see Don and Rebecca Janeway (#1115) return for their 2nd NC Governor's Cup. We were also thrilled to welcome Curtis Boyd (#203) to his second Jet regatta – he had some great moments. Results on the next page.

Cleveland Race Week, Edgewater YC, Cleveland, OH

| Sail | Skipper | Crew | Race 1 | Race 2 | Race 3 | Race 4 | Total |
|------|-----------------|----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| 1157 | Dave Michos | Sue Michos | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| 1147 | Bridget Ireland | George Auer | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| 628 | Kevin Milligan | Sugerman | 6 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 16 |
| 1136 | Ernie Michaud | Anna Petronzio | 4 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 17 |
| 1051 | Nicholas Maude | | 8 | 7 | OCS | 5 | 32 |
| 1076 | Seth Parker | Meaghan Beal | 5 | 5 | OCS | DNS | 34 |
| 1091 | Andy White | Sean Egan | 9 | 8 | 5 | DNF | 34 |
| 1126 | PJ Blonski | Olivia Moran | 1 | DNF | DNS | DNS | 37 |
| 1134 | Joe Minerd | | RET | 4 | DNS | DNC | 40 |
| 1145 | Michelle Moyer | | DNF | DNF | DNS | DNS | 48 |
| 665 | J. Gemperline | | DNC | DNC | DNC | DNC | 48 |

2017 District III Championships, Kerr Lake, Henderson, NC

| Sail | Skipper | Crew | Race 1 | Race 2 | Race 3 | Race 4 | Total |
|------|----------------|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| 717 | Tom Grace | Paula Pachedo | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| 1130 | Lenny Wells | Caswell Kern | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| 1129 | Chris Hennon | Meg Russell | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 12 |
| 737 | Barry Saunders | Rebecca Walker | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 16 |
| 1115 | Don Janeway | Rebecca Janeway | 6 | 5 | 5 | RET-AF | 24 |
| 203 | Curtis Boyd | Peter Brezny | 5 | DNF | DNS | DNS | 29 |
| 951 | Don Read | | DNC | DNC | DNC | DNC | 32 |

Jets Return to West River SC for Irey Regatta



After hosting a successful Jet
Nationals last year, West River Sailing
Club (Galesville, MD) welcomed back
5 Jets to contend for the Dave Irey
Regatta championship. Doug Brown
and Susan Mallows (#747) came out
with the victory with four bullets in
seven races. Close behind were
Severn Sailing Association Jetters Eric
Johnson and Cathy Cotell (#1146).
Pictured at left (L to R) are Cathy
Cotell, Eric Johnson, Lenny Wells, Teri
Fosmire, J. Veno, David Veno, Susan
Mallows, and Doug Brown.

Dave Irey Regatta, West River SC, Galesville, MD

| Sail | Skipper | Crew | Race 1 | Race 2 | Race 3 | Race 4 | Race 5 | Race 6 | Race 7 | Total |
|------|--------------|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| 747 | D. Brown | S. Mallows | 1 | 1 | (3) | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| 1146 | E. Johnson | C. Cotell | (2) | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| 1150 | D. Veno | J. Veno | (5) | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 19 |
| 1130 | L. Wells | T. Fosmire | 4 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 4 | (DNC) | DNC | 22 |
| 1144 | G. Mentesana | Katie | 3 | (DNS) | DNS | DNC | DNC | DNC | DNC | 33 |

Pictures from the weekend of June 17-18, with 16 Jets in action in two regattas







President's Corner

Summer is finally here! After a busy spring, I have finally been able to get my own Jet 14 in the water and out to the race course. After missing several excellent regattas, I broke into the season at Cleveland Race Week at Edgewater Yacht Club, an event with plenty of wind and blender drinks for everyone. Speaking of Edgewater Yacht Club, mark your calendars for August 9th through the 12th for our annual Jet 14 Nationals in Cleveland! I know that PJ Blonski and the expert crew at Edgewater are going to host a great event and you do NOT want to miss it!

There are many great looking boats for sale on our website in the classifieds section. Please share these with anyone you know looking to get into a great sailboat. Thanks to Chris Hennon for keeping these classifieds up to date. There are also available boats that have not made it to the classifieds page so please get this info to Chris, his info is available on the website. We would love to see all of these unused boats hit the water again!

On a final note, if you have not renewed your national Jet 14 membership yet please do so. Joining the class and paying a small fee allows us to know who is still active in the class and helps us fund publications such as this Jet Blast. When you're hanging out at your local club remind all your Jet 14 friends to join, and if they aren't Jet 14 sailors, get them into a Jet!

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the water,

Seth



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