

SeaWind Express

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Dantas Wins Sunflower Classic in Kansas

By Andy Rust, SW #425

The Sunflower Classic Regatta was held on May 31 in Wichita, Kansas and was hosted by the Air Capital Model Sailing Club. This year marked the 3rd year for the event, which doubled as the National Championship Regatta last season. Eight skippers from 2 states (Kansas and Texas) competed for the right to claim the coveted green chevrons from the AMYA.

While the weather was very pleasant—temperatures in the low to mid 80's and sunny skies—the wind was out of a less than favorable (for the sailing venue) East/Southeast, which made setting a good course a bit of a trick and the velocity was around 5-10 mph.

McKinney, Texas skipper Dennis Corder started the day off hot winning 2 of the first three heats, but fellow Texan Mauricio Dantas and local skipper Scott Moses more than kept the pressure on him throughout the day. When the skippers broke for lunch, the top three skippers (Corder, Dantas and Moses) were only separated by five points!

When racing resumed things were far from settled and the racing would be extremely competitive amongst the entire fleet (five of the eight skippers who participated logged at least one heat win).

In the end, while Corder recorded the most heat wins overall (six in all), it was the strong and consistent sailing of Dantas down the stretch that allowed him to capture top honors. Moses, through a very strong series of heats of his own slipped into second place, and Dennis Corder (suffering from mild heat exhaustion but still managed to sail very well) rounded out the top three.

The ACMSC would like to thank Travis Donily—who was a jack-of-all-trades throughout the event (taking pictures, recording scores, etc.) and a huge help to the Race Director. We would also like to thank all of the skippers who participated and hope that everyone considers joining us again next May for the 2015 Sunflower Classic.

See results, pg. 3...

2014 Nationals Set, Details Released!

The SeaWind National Championship returns once again to Middlebury, Connecticut, on September 26 – 28, 2014, having been hosted by the Housatonic Model Yacht Club previously in 2006 and 2009. It is hoped that many of those who sailed with us on one or both of those occasions will want to return again, and we promise to do our best to make the trip another positive experience!

For those not familiar with our sailing site, Hop Brook Lake is a recreational park administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as part of an extensive flood control system in Western Connecticut's Naugatuck Valley. There is ample parking, right at the edge of our sailing site, with rest rooms nearby. We do not have a dock, so boats need to be walked in. We of course will have several rescue boats should they be needed. Our Race Director will be Ron Rhault – one of the best there is, and we have a full compliment of staff ready to cater to your every need...

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Top 3 finishers at the 2014 ACMSC Sunflower Regatta at the Air Capital Model Sailing Club, Wichita, KS. (from left) Dennis Corder, Mauricio Dantas, and Scott Moses. Congrats, gentlemen, on a regatta well sailed!

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By Mike Eades, SW# 86

The long awaited new SeaWind product line offering from Kyosho is now a reality. The new SeaWind Readyset version is now coming into the USA on a regular basis and dealers have stocks in hand. I received one of the first shipment for evaluation and a detailed Product Review and Photo Gallery is available for download from the AMYA SeaWind Class page: <http://www.theamya.org/boats/seawind/>.

Kyosho America are also receiving shipments of part sets which, although listed as Readyset parts, are fully interchangeable with those for older kit boats. At this point only a couple of the Plastic parts sets and sails have yet to arrive but I believe these are expected in late June. With this excellent news we can look forward to further growth of the SeaWind Class! In fact I have registered or transferred 19 SeaWinds thus far this year.

I trust you are all aware by now that the Class Officers approved an alternative US source of sails for the SeaWind.

Will Lesh, Tippecanoe Boats, Everson, WA (1-800-206-0006) makes excellent sails which will keep your SeaWinds active and competitive for years to come. I am sure that many of you are as disappointed as I am that the excellent SeaWind Resource Center web site appears to be out of action. I have tried to contact the webmaster for over a year now with no success.

The Class Officers and I reluctantly determined we needed to implement a new web presence for the SeaWind COA.

SCOA Class Officers:

- Secretary.....Mike Eades
- Technical Advisor.....Ken Bauser
- AMYA Regional Directors*
- Region 1 (NE).....Ken Bauser
- Region 2 (NE).....Vacant
- Region 3 (SE).....David Lawrence
- Region 4 (Central).....Andy Rust
- Region 5 (SW).....Bob Piper
- Region 6 (NW).....Doug Lanterman
- Region 7 (FL).....Darrell Krasoski
- Newsletter Editor...David Lawrence

SCOA:

From the Secretary's Desk

Being both unskilled in web site development and cheap in desiring to not commit large sums of SCOA funds for web activities we have found ways to represent the SCOA on the web without cost.

1. A new web site has been constructed: <https://sites.google.com/site/seawindcoa/> which will be the home of news and information about the SeaWind and the SeaWind COA. Scott Moses, SCOA Director for Region 4 (smosesks@hotmail.com) and I (seawind@theAMYA.org) will act as webmasters. I hope you will Bookmark this site and visit often as we intend to keep it fresh with up to date news.

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SeaWind COA Financial Report

Cash balance at 3/31/2013	\$962.71
Income:	
Yacht Registrations (New 28; Transfers 14)	294.00
Postage Contributions	5.00
Expenses:	
NCR Expenses	18.00
Tippecanoe Boats Sail Dev. Expenses	184.88
Postage	36.59
Cash Balance at 5/31/2014	\$1022.24

2014 Seawind Region 5 Championship Regatta

The 2014 R5CR returns to Texas October 18/19th at Rymer Park, Farmer's Branch (N. Dallas Area) Texas. The NOR will be posted shortly on the SeaWind COA page and in the AMYA Regatta Schedule. The North Texas MYC always put on a great event with spirited competition and after sailing conviviality! We hope you can join us!

Sails worn out? Need new ones?

As a reminder, class approved replacement sail sets are now available for sale! Sail corners are offered in a variety of colors; battens and luff tube, with Spectra forestay, are included.

**Contact Will Lesh at
Tippecanoe Boats
fun@modelsailboat.com**

**Or
800-206-0006**

**Tippecanoe boats is the only class approved supplier of after-market SeaWind sail sets!
\$79.00 per set, plus \$12.50 shipping**

**Pssst...Hey you...yeah, YOU!
Got a Good SeaWind Story or Idea?**

Tuning tip? Building idea? I'll bet you do! If so, why not submit it in Word format to me, David Lawrence, Editor, and we'll get it published in the next issue of SWE! All submissions are welcomed!

**This is YOUR newsletter-- please contribute!
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2014 SeaWind NCR!

The 2014 SeaWind National Championship regatta will be hosted by the Housatonic MYC at Hop Brook Lake, Middlebury, CT September 26-28, 2014. Everything you need to know is on the front page of this edition! Hope to see a great lineup there!

Be there, or Be square!!

Sunflower Classic Results ACMSA, Wichita, KS, May 31, 2014

1	Mauricio Dantas	37
2	Scott Moses	45
3	Dennis Corder	47
4	Bob Piper	60
5	Steve Crandell	70
6	Rob Fresh	81
7	Reidar Clausen	103
8	Gary Webb	132

Suggestions for format or content for upcoming issues of the SeaWind Express? We'd love to hear them! Please send them to:

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Sec. Desk, from pg. 2...

We encourage all Clubs and Regions to notify us both of Notices of upcoming Regattas and Results for posting on the site. We also welcome any suggestions for other information that members feel would be helpful to have available. We will limit the number of photos posted on the site itself to conserve web site capacity but we will be happy to post links to albums in Picasa, Flickr etc. of relevant events.

2. We are also pleased to announce that a new Forum will be available: <http://www.rcsailing.net/forum1/forumdisplay.php?82-Seawind-COA> for items of SeaWind COA news and for members to post questions about the SeaWind or the SeaWind COA. We are grateful to the Owner and Moderators of this web site for agreeing to make a special section available for SeaWind COA use. While anyone can view the Forum postings, in order to post yourself it will be necessary to register to use the Forum. The Forum uses a two step Registration/Introduction process which has been quite successful in keeping at bay the scammers and hackers that bedevil Forums worldwide so please bear with it!

You first fill out the online Form which will trigger an email to which you need to respond. Then when you are registered you need to post an introductory note in the Introductions section before you will be authorized to post in the general Forum.

3. Of course the AMYA web site SeaWind Class page (url see above) will continue to be available as an alternative source of SeaWind Class Documents including the archive of Class "SeaWind Express" newsletters.

It is time once again to report on the financial health of the class (see financials, pg. 2)
Approximately 180 are current AMYA members.

I hope to meet up with many old friends and hopefully a few new ones at the National Championship Regatta in Connecticut in September. As always our SeaWind Nationals are a social gathering as well as good quality friendly competition!

See you at the Pond! *Mike*

SEAWIND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2014

SEPTEMBER 26-28, 2014

RECOMMENDED HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

We have secured a block of 10 rooms at the following hotel
It is right off Interstate 84, and an easy 5 minute drive to our sailing site

HAMPTON INN
777 CHASE PARKWAY
WATERBURY, CT 06708
203 573-1777

Rate is \$109 + tax, per night
Check in Friday, September 26 -
Depart Sunday, September 28
Make reservations directly with Hampton Inn Waterbury
For "Seawind Nationals"
Deadline to reserve room is August 26, 2014
Any questions, please contact
Ken Bauser
Phone 203 575-9882
E-Mail: kbsails@aol.com

Nationals, from pg. 1...

For those who may want to consider an extended vacation stay, you will be here at the early stages of our beautiful fall foliage season, and a drive through the Northwest Corner will take you on very scenic rural roads into the heart of it all.

Should a more nautical theme be your desire, we can point you toward Mystic Seaport and Mystic Aquarium, with a stop at the Submarine Museum and a boarding of the Nautilus, first of the nuclear submarines.

A word about the host club. Housatonic Model Yacht Club, AMYA #117, was sanctioned twenty six years ago, and presently sails a regular season series with SeaWinds and Soling 1 Meters on alternate Thursdays, plus those two classes along with U.S. One Meters and Star 45s on Sundays.

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Some tips for the astute RC sailor.

by Rob Hill

DON'T

- Don't forget to bring drinking water on a hot day.
- Don't arrive late; a few minutes, on the water, making sure everything is working well may make all the difference in your performance for that day.
- Don't forget your radio. You'd think we wouldn't have to say this, but you'd be surprised.
- Don't break your boat. This is just as likely off the water as on. (car doors, house doors, etc.)
- DO NOT throw your SIM into the pond to launch. We've seen them break in half when the keel keeps going, and the hull floats
- Don't forget to tune. Various conditions call for different set ups. (Just because you were fast last week, doesn't mean you will be this week.)
- Don't crowd inside boats rounding marks. A raft up is very slow. (Styrene has magnetic qualities?)
- Don't be over the starting line early. It's very slow to start last.
- Don't barge, see above.
- Don't start on port unless you really know what you're doing. Skippers on starboard get upset.
- Don't argue with the Race Director, you cannot win.

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- Don't be the last one to realize there was a major wind shift or condition change.
- Don't drop your radio in the pond.
- Don't drop your radio at all. (Boat either).
- Don't get frustrated if you have a bad race, another will start in a few minutes. Shake it off.
- Don't yell at the really old guys, they are doing the best they can. They can't hear you anyway.
- Don't be a poor sport when you lose. Congratulate the winners
- Do NOT miss a major regatta that is close by.

DO

- Do charge your batteries, and bring spares.
- Do prepare your boat. Most places get only a limited race days per year. Shame to miss even one!!
- Do get a good start, and have the boat moving fast. It's fun to be out in front.
- Do find a spot on shore where you can see your boat right after the start. Sometimes that's more important than where you start on the line.
- Do anticipate wind shifts, tack on them.
- Do learn at least the basic Racing Rules ...and follow them.
- Do sail to clear air. It's much faster.
- Do your turn(s) if you foul someone.

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Nationals, from pg. 2...

Our SeaWind fleet goes back to the introduction of the design by Kyosho, and many of the single digit registration numbers were assigned to HMYC skippers when the U.S. Class Owners Association was formed and sanctioned by the AMYA. In addition to the SeaWind NCR's and RCR's we have hosted in the past, we have also hosted Regionals for several other classes such as Marbleheads, ODOMs, US1Ms, and Star 45s, plus Nationals for Marbleheads, US1Ms and Star 45s.

Please consider joining us for this year's SeaWind Nationals, and please don't hesitate to ask any questions you may have in the process of making your decision or plans. We welcome all skippers in the SeaWind "family", and encourage sailors of all skill levels to participate. Whether this is your first regatta, or one of many you have experienced, our aim is to make you feel both comfortable while with us and happy that you chose to attend.

Editor's note:

The article above was submitted Ken Bauser of the Housatonic Model Sailing Club. I'm looking forward to attending the 2014 NCR, and encourage any SeaWind sailor to travel to attend a Seawind Regional or National regatta. You'll meet some great folks, have a great time, and probably learn a whole lot! DL

A Member Moment with Charlie Fawcett, SeaWind #186

How old are you, what is your occupation, and where do you live?

I am 50 years old. I am a psychotherapist and a director of a counseling clinic, and I live in Richmond, VA.

What was your first exposure to sailing?

My father always had sailboats as I grew up in Minnesota and later Missouri. I remember sailing on Lake Minnetonka on his C Scow. He later bought a Sunfish so I could learn to sail which I spent hours on during the summers.

What was your first RC vehicle?

I tried to learn to fly RC gliders in high school in the 70's. I would have preferred power flight but had to settle for gliders due to my limited budget.

Do you sail any other classes competitively?

I've been racing RG-65s. I'm not much of a builder so I purchased a boat from a club member who loves to build excellent boats.

Have you sailed, or still sail 1:1 scale?

I used to own a Catalina 22 when I lived in Virginia Beach. However, I never raced it so I'm having to learn race strategies and precise rig tuning now.

Best advice for someone new to the hobby? The best boat to buy is the one that your local club members race! I purchased my Seawind before I found a club, and I got lucky- guys like DL Lawrence and Rob Suydam built a local fleet of Seawinds.

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2014 Seawind Region 3 Championship Regatta

Hosted by the
Greensboro Model Yacht
Club

Sept 6-7th, 2014, High
Point, North Carolina.

Make your plans to be
there now– GMYC has a
superior venue, site of the
2013 EC12 Nationals– Oak
Hollow Lake in High Point,
North Carolina. Mark your
calendars!

For more information and details go to
www.gmyc.spruz.com

Or contact Steve Helander at

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Tips, from pg. 4...

- Do apologies if you wronged another boat.
- Do have fun!
- Do pay attention to boats ahead of you, notice how fresh air effects them. That's the crystal ball for your immediate future.
- Do use a neck strap on your radio.
- Do get out front and stay there, the view is much better.
- DO be a good sport when you WIN or LOSE.
 - Do play nice, no one wants to see a bad temper.
 - Do put yourself on a brief "time out" if you get frustrated. Some of us are a little too competitive sometimes?
 - Do smooth things over if you encounter a heated disagreement pond side.

*-DO respect Murphy's Law. **Anything that CAN go wrong, will.***

- DO open your boat up between sailing dates and let it dry out. Moisture can kill your connectors and batteries.
- Do loosen downhaul, outhauls, vang, and all other sail controls, sails can stretch.
- DO loosen your rig between sailing dates. May save your deck.
- DO remove your keel, dry it out, and lube it once a year with waterproof grease. Keeps the wood from rotting and keel from deep-sixing!!
- Do travel to a couple of close by regattas every year. You'll have a great time, meet interesting people, make new friends and learn a LOT.

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Member Moment, con't from pg. 4...

What other interests do you have other than RC sailing?

I love to fly radio control Electric Ducted Fan (EDF) jets on the weekend when I'm not sailing my Seawind.

Tips, con't...

-DO HAVE FUN! You may have noticed we've added this one more than once. It is the most important. Remember, we'd rather come in last in a sailboat race, than second in a fight. ;-)

**Many thanks to Rob Hill, for graciously allowing me to reprint from MY magazine.*