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RC Sailors Gazing at the Landscape, Micro Magic NCR 2020" Photo credit: Mary Jursinovic

2020 Micro Magic NCR, sailed in 2021

by Greg Norris

We finally got our 2020 MM NCR in. It had been cancelled three times due to the pandemic. And we had a great time! We had 15 skippers and used HMS due to the small size of our pond.

On Saturday we had a very atypical day weatherwise, with light, very shifty winds all day long. But RD Al Stiewing was able to set excellent courses and the racing was just great. Too numerous to count lead changes and tons of HMS ups and downs. Also, we all got to hear half of the funniest phone call in the history of the AMYA. And we even had a fly-over with some aerial pictures. We got 13 races in, as well as a huge amount of discussion and laughter. In the evening, we met again at Azura Winery (just above the pond) for a beautiful white tablecloth dinner. Helen Gillespie, co-owner of the winery, is an excellent cook, and as always, she did not disappoint. We had delicious local salad, paella (saffron rice with seafood, chicken, and sausage), and English cream with fresh local fruit for dessert, all accompanied by the delicious Azura wines.

Sunday dawned with our usual weather pattern, stronger winds from the east in the morning, and a fluky change-over to reasonable winds from the west from 10am to noon. We got in 6 more races for a total of 19. Gary Boell repeated his win from 2019. Al Lehmann and Ron Stephanz tied for second by points and Al won the tie-break. Jack Ward and Ray Seta were fourth and fifth. Jack Chamber was the top finishing local skipper.

Many thanks to Al Stiewing, our RD, who drove all the way from Phoenix to help us, our skippers, many of whom came from long distances, and the many helpers, most of whom are listed below!



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Summary of the 2020 Micro Magic NCR, Gold Chevrons:

Dates: July 24 and 25, 2021

Location: Paonia, CO

Host Club: Azura MYC

Entries: 15

Winds: 1-12 mph

Races Completed: 19

Scoring: Low Point with 3 throw-outs

Race Committee: **Al Stiewing**, RD and **Sam Norris**, Scorekeeper; Food: **Helen Gillespie** and **Greg Norris**;
Helpers: **Ty Gillespie**, **Sandy Chetnik-Norris**, **Mary Jursinovic**, **Nancy Whelan**, **Marie Pena**, and **Julie Chambers**

2020 Micro Magic NCR Results

| Place | Skipper | Sail# | Points |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1 | Gary Boell | 977 | 33.0 |
| 2 | Al Lehman | 106 | 44.0 |
| 3 | Ron Stephanz | 727 | 44.0 |
| 4 | Jack Ward | 45 | 57.2 |
| 5 | Ray Seta | 81 | 63.0 |
| 6 | Jack Chambers | 777 | 80.0 |
| 7 | Greg Norris | 294 | 85.0 |
| 8 | Jim Tarr | 618 | 128.0 |

Remaining finishers in alphabetical order: Dick Azzam, Chris Doerr, Ty Gillespie, Steve Washburn, Bain Weinberger, Mike Wyatt, and Tony Zimmerman



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2021 SeaWind National Championship Regatta(NCR)

by Mark Erdrich

Congratulations to Gary Boell for mastering the light winds which were the order of the day for the 2021 SeaWind NCR held in West Sacramento on September 21 & 22, sponsored by the Sacramento MYC & the Elk Grove MYC.

This NCR was the 2nd NCR held as part of the first edition of the Sacramento Sail Week. Gary was able to go two for two as he also won the first NCR in the US 1 Meter class.

The 1st day never saw winds above about 2-3 knots and we only were only able to get in 7 races for the 12 boats racing. Gary had a slim lead after the first day over Mark Erdrich with Paul Brown, Charles Witcher and Steve Vaczovsky rounding out the top five.

The 2nd day of the regatta was a little better with the wind reaching 5-7 knots during the day. Gary found this wind to his liking as he stretched out his lead during the 13 races held on this day. Charles Witcher also had a great day and was able to jump up two spots to 2nd, with Mark Erdrich, Paul Brown, and Steve Vaczovsky filling out the rest of the top five.

This NCR was the 2nd NCR held as part of the first edition of the Sacramento Sail Week. Volunteering and assisting during this NCR was Gene Novak as the event organizer and race director; Bob Eger handled scoring. Observers included Peter McGroarty and John Stiff; finish line recorders were Colleen Ellis and Jeff Synder. Lunches were handled by Dan & Ginger Robinson while donuts and coffee were taken care of by Cheryl Novak. Water was donated by Edges Electrical Group.

Summary of the 2021 SeaWind NCR, Gold Chevrons

Date: September 21 & 22, 2021

Location: Bridgeway Lakes, West Sacramento, CA

Host Clubs: Sacramento Model Yacht Club & Elk Grove Model Yacht Club

Entries: 12

Winds: 0-7 knots

Races Completed: 20

Scoring: Single Fleet Low Point, 4 throw-outs

Regatta Committee: **Gene Novak**: Event Organizer and Race Director; **Bob Eger**: Scoring; **Peter McGroarty** and **John Stiff**: Observers; **Colleen Ellis and Jeff Synder**: Finish Line Recorders; **Dan & Ginger Robinson**: Lunches, snacks, and water; **Cheryl Novak**: Donuts and Coffee.

2021 SeaWind NCR Results

| Place | Skipper | Points | Place | Skipper | Points |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1 | Gary Boell | 27 | 8 | John Hancock | 105 |
| 2 | Charles Witcher | 38 | 9 | Doug Wilkinson | 144 |
| 3 | Mark Erdrich | 45 | 10 | Rick Pomeroy | 152 |
| 4 | Paul Brown | 47 | 11 | Gary Salvo | 157 |
| 5 | Steve Vaczovsky | 77 | 12 | Marty Swingle | 182 |
| 6 | Neal Richman | 82 | | | |
| 7 | Greg Fletcher | 91 | | | |



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RC Laser Region 3 Championship Regatta (R3CR): The Rockin' Radio Regatta

by Rick Ferguson

The weather was cool and gray, and the weather system winds were 9 to 12mph NNE when racing began. Unfortunately, at our location on Lake Crabtree, this wind direction means the racecourse is in the lee of a tree-covered hillside, making for winds on the course that were fluky, puffy and generally lighter, but with occasional - and unpredictable - knockdown blasts.

Most skippers stayed with their A-rigs because the water was flat and winds were mostly light and gambled on maintaining control in the gusts. This produced some entertaining viewing for the race committee. Occasionally the B rig was a better choice. Good sailing was on display when the skippers were able, and almost everyone had a turn near the front, and a turn in the tank. It was not unusual to see someone lead 3/4 of the race and sail helplessly into a hole on the last leg, to be passed by three or four boats.

The race committee set a long course, two and a half laps, with a start at the leeward end and finish in the middle. This at least gave skippers a chance to recover from a bad break early in the race. The weather system wind remained consistent throughout the day and the wind on the racecourse remained consistently inconsistent.

At the end of the day, the top three places were separated by only one point each, with Chris Bock sailing most consistently to win. Tom Rummage (second place) loaned Chris a spare hull when Chris' rudder servo gave out after lunch, enabling Chris to ultimately beat him by point - though he would not know it at the time. Good sportsmanship was on display throughout the day. Larry Nunnery won his first race sailing with TMYC, and we appreciate Al Butzer traveling with his wife from the Tidewater area to race with us.

Summary Laser R3CR, Red Chevrons

Date: 11/6/2021

Location: Lake Crabtree County Park, Morrisville NC

Host Club: Triangle Model Yacht Club

Number of Entries: 12

Winds: 9-12 mph NNE

Races completed: 12

Scoring System: Low Point System, one throw-out every six races

Regatta Committee & Valuable Assistants: **Neil Saunders** – Regatta Organizer; **Rick Ferguson** – Race

Director; **Brian & Katie Bennett** – Breakfast, swag, staging; **Tom Rummage** – BBQ; **Michael Roberson** –

Awards; **John Sanders & Craig Corry** – live music

2021 Laser R3CR Results

| Place | Skipper | Points | Place | Skipper | Points |
|--------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1 | Chris Bock | 29 | 7 | Sam Harris | 54 |
| 2 | Tom Rummage | 30 | 8 | Cothran Harris | 65 |
| 3 | Skip Allen | 31 | 9 | Andre Koetz | 77 |
| 4 | Michael Roberson | 34 | 10 | Brian Bennett | 80 |
| 5 | Sam Bigelow | 45 | 11 | Albert Butzer | 95 |
| 6 | Chase Thomas | 54 | 12 | Larry Nunnery | 98 |



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2021 SeaWind Region 3 Championship Regatta (R3CR)

by Chuck Menninger

The Queen City Model Yacht Club, started in 2015, hosted the Region 3 Regatta at the Belle Johnson Park in Pineville, NC. This was their third Region 3 Championship Regatta hosted during their 6 year history. The two day event included 20 boats from Tennessee, South Carolina and North Carolina.

The winds were steady both days coming from the north west ranging from 10 to 12 mph with gusts to 18 mph. All races were started sailing East to West and due to the large fleet (20 Participants) each race was split into Odd and Even Heats. A total of 15 races were run on Saturday and 9 races were run on Sunday for a total of 48 heats.

Steve Helander lead the racing on Saturday, followed by Brendan Sullivan and Mike Doyle. Steve (Greensboro, NC) held onto his lead as Brendan (Charlotte, NC) managed to hold onto second and Mike Doyle (Charleston, SC) took third as the racing completed shortly after noon on Sunday. Red Chevrons were awarded to the First three positions as well as plaques made by Brendan Sullivan and Paul Reynolds. To illustrate the strength of the participants, of the 20 Competitors, 12 of them posted at least one first place finishes. Steve Helander made a special note honoring Dennis Headberg, who passed away last year, and who sailed with the Greenville, SC club and the QCMYC over the past several years.

Summary of the 2021 SeaWind R3CR, Red Chevrons

Date: November 6-7, 2021

Location: Belle Johnson Park, Pineville, NC

Host Club: Queen City Model Yacht Club, Charlotte, NC

Number of Entries: 20

Races Completed: 24, 48 Heats.

Race Committee & Assistants: **Chuck Menninger**, RD; **Bob Green**, Assistant RD; **Maureen Menninger and Dave Sommers**, Scorekeepers; **Teri Hipp and Bill Bewley**, Lunches and Hotel arrangements:

2021 SeaWind RCR Results

| Place | Skipper | SAIL# | Points |
|--------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1 | Steve Helander | 88 | 37 |
| 2 | Brendan Sullivan | 438 | 54 |
| 3 | Mike Doyle | 172 | 56 |
| 4 | Skip Steagall | 12 | 60 |
| 5 | Paul Reynolds | 625 | 66 |
| 6 | Brad Russell | 443 | 75 |
| 7 | Leonard Cass | 258 | 76 |
| 8 | Bob Green | 497 | 76 |
| 9 | Ron Small | 72 | 79 |
| 10 | Richard Wiley | 77 | 82 |

Remaining Finishers, in order of finish: Bill Bewley, Andy Russell, Dave Watson, Ann Gates, Cary Pinkerman, Ron Rash, Fred Newton, Bo Jones, Bill Thompson and Howard Baugh.



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2021 RC Laser Harvest Regatta

by Dave Branning

After a long wait since the 2019 RC Laser Harvest Regatta, we finally got to dial up the 2021 version at famed Tred Avon Yacht Club in Oxford, MD. The wind gods decided to make the 17-boat fleet wait just a little longer. The first event after the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:30AM was a gorgeous buffet lunch. There was no wind. We then started racing at 12:15PM and that was a test of patience as the forecasted 3 to 7 knot NW wind could not settle down. We lost valuable time playing catch up with 90-degree wind shifts forcing multiple buoy placements all afternoon. Along with the wind shifts frustration, mother nature threw in an ebb and flood tide change. The day was a test of patience but the skippers and race committee handled it well under the circumstances.

After three seeding races we kicked off the gold and silver fleet series accomplishing a full seven races for each fleet. In the gold fleet, Danny Thomas got the best of Alex Ramos and his dad, David Ramos, by six points to win the Richards Bowl. Alex won over his dad on a tiebreaker. Host skipper, Bob Roe, certainly, deserved the MVP award for the day as he won two races, finished fourth in the gold fleet while changing the buoys with Earl Segal a gazillion times. Don Barker finished 5th

In the silver fleet Stuart Challoner, bested Ray Szulczewski by three points in his first RC Laser regatta. Martin Besant finished third, Bill Sysyn 4th with host Fleet Captain, John Yates 5th.

Ten different skippers won races. Again, a good testament that the balance of skills in the RC Laser Class is very tight. Tred Avon Yacht Club continues to be an excellent venue with a welcoming support team. Put this event on your race schedule for 2022.

Summary 2021 Laser Harvest Regatta

Date: October 23, 2021

Class: RC Laser

Location: Tred Avon YC, Oxford, MD

Host Club: Oxford RC Laser fleet

Entries: 17

Winds 3-7 mph

Races Completed: 17

Scoring: low point with one throw-out; All races sailed under the I Flag

Regatta Committee: Regatta Chmn., **John Yates**; PRO, **Dave Branning**; Judge, **Nick Mortgu**; Scorekeeper, **Beth Lippincott**; Chase boat, **Earl Segal**; Tred Avon YC team, **Vicki Van Loo**, **Lisa Wending**, and **Commodore, Tom Campbell**; Photographer, **Stan Meyer**

2021 Harvest Regatta Results

Gold Fleet

| Place | Skipper | Points | Place | Skipper | Points |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | Danny Thomas | 11 | 6 | Scott Graf | 23, tiebreaker |
| 2 | Alex Ramos | 15 tiebreaker | 7 | Jim Flach | 23 |
| 3 | David Ramos | 15 | 8 | Scott Schiller | 29 |
| 4 | Bob Roe | 19 | | | |
| 5 | Don Barker | 20 | | | |



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Silver Fleet

| Place | Skipper | Points |
|--------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Stuart Challoner | 19 |
| 2 | Cape May Ray | 22 |
| 3 | Martin Besant | 24 tiebreaker |
| 4 | Bill Sysyn | 24 |
| 5 | John Yates | 27 |
| 6 | Joe Paradine | 34 |
| 7 | Mike McGuckin | 37 |
| 8 | Conrad Richter | 41 |
| 9 | Polly Cox | 50 |