



Naval Academy Sailing Squadron

Bullhorn

Summer 2006

Commodore's Comments

Greetings, I hope your summer went well! Navy Sailing planed around our summer course and found ourselves on the eve of another fall season; complete with a wonderful schedule, remarkable and dedicated volunteers and staff, and optimistic midshipmen. Here are a few updates and pictures for you.

BERMUDA! It was a great honor to be a part of the 100th Anniversary of Newport to Bermuda. Serving as a member of *Patriot's* crew, I was utterly amazed and impressed by the amount of responsibility we give our Skippers. MIDN 1/C Reed Smythe validated for me every-



The Supe and returning Mids (L to R): MIDN 1/C Monica Mondloch, MIDN 1/C Evan Scott, MIDN 3/C Josh Adkins, MIDN 3/C Josh McMinn, MIDN 3/C Ryan Sullivan, MIDN 2/C Mark McClure, MIDN 2/C Cullen Shaughnessy

thing we've been working for all year. The weight and responsibility of Command At Sea was clearly evident and he, and the other skippers and XO's of our five boat fleet, rose to the occasion. The respect I have for fellow shipmate, Pete Carrico – our VOST Asst Coach – grew enormously after watching this experienced mariner at work. He can fix anything. I commonly refer to Pete as "that person you want to take with you into battle." The midshipmen were graciously hosted by families from throughout Bermuda. As a Dinghy Sailor by trade – I absolutely loved the close quarters chaos of a Big Boat Race sailed on a Small Boat course around the buoys in Bermuda. The entire experience was life changing and will

only inspire our midshipmen to get involved in life's epic adventures. Something has changed in them. You can see it. They walk around Robert Crown as if they own this building and everything in it (and they do) – their rise in self confidence is wonderful to see.

Swift, skippered by MIDN 1/C Evan Scott, was particularly inspired. They finished 3rd Overall of 43 in the On-ion Patch Series. *Vigilant* was 13th and *Flirt* was 14th. *American Promise* and *Patriot* also participated and had strong finishes in their classes.

1/C Skippers	28 (All-midshipmen boats)
2/C Skippers	1
1/C XO	72
2/C XO	9
LAS	774

CSNTS:

We've had great success thus far in our CSNTS program.

Qualifications so far (another month to go)

We surpassed our goal and achieved 28 All-Midshipmen Boats, a dramatic increase from last summers 9. We've begun to streamline our Fall Program to support midshipman that will come to us with greater sailing experience than before and we want to identify Midshipmen Skipper candidates earlier in our process. You'll hear more about the Sailing Squadron and our ambition to send midshipmen boats to port visits during the school year. We've added two welcome additions to the CSNTS operation. The first is LT Tony DeFilippo, coming to us from



the Navigation Department and a veteran of our CSNTS program. The other addition is Peter Sarelas

as our Maintenance Officer. Peter has instituted an aggressive Remote Technical Assistance Program that has enabled our boat skippers and OTC's to affect numerous repairs aboard their vessels – while at sea. His weapon of choice ... a cell phone.

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BST is in full swing. Our Plebes are sailing lasers and earning their qualifications in the Navy 26's. To express the support we have from the Brigade...the Plebes were sailing on Day 2 of their Plebe Summer.

IC We said farewell to Coach Molly O'Bryan who is heading to China to continue her quest for the Olympics. She left a tremendous legacy with our ladies team. Three All-Americans - MIDN 1/C Andrea White, MIDN 1/C Katie Whitman, and MIDN 2/C Charlotte Hill - and the rest of a winning ladies' team. And she left one other... her fiancé. We have hired our new IC Asst Coach, John Vandemoer, prior Asst Coach of St Mary's College. We expect great things from this young and ambitious sailing professional.

Foreign Engagement Members of our IC Team represented USNA and USA proudly by winning the French Naval Academy's Regatta. See the story with picture later in this issue.

In town. In the spirit of community support, Craig Patterson, our lead Navy 44 technician at the Cutter Shed, led 7 new Ensigns in the design and building of our Annapolis Build-a-Boat Challenge entry. They won Fastest Boat Built and got 4th overall. A great start to the Annapolis Summer. We sailed *Merry Thought* in the Wednesday night races...now renamed *Dreadnought*.

NAPS Sailing. We are going to greatly benefit from the support provided to NAPS Sailing. Several of last year's NAPS recruits are currently sailing on our IC Team. Coach Gavin O'Hare headed up to Newport and provided guidance for our NAPS Summer Sailing Training Program and helped the NAPS Athletic Director draw up plans for a NAPS Intramural Program - a new initiative. We have a goal of boosting NAPS' Sailing Program this year.

Superintendent Support continues to be incredible. VADM Rempt has conducted several day sails aboard our CSNTS boats, to include with Mrs. Rempt, and even rode

American Promise into Annapolis as she returned from Bermuda. During the weekend prior to that, the Superintendent hosted a "First Hull Celebration" ceremony held at Pearson Composites in Warren, R.I. The ceremony honored the many entities that are going to make our Navy 44 MK II's a real-



ity. SEN Reed, Pat Burke - CEO of Pearson, and Gary Jobson - representing Fales, attended along with many others, to include CAPT John Bonds, a previous DNAS, whose historic words on the merit of our program were quoted in the Superintendent's Speech.

Please plan on attending our Commissioning Ceremony of *Renaissance*, NA-21, in Annapolis upon her arrival. I'll get the word out once a date is set. Take Good Care and



thank you all for the support you continue to provide Navy Sailing.

CDR Yvette Davids, Commodore

Midshipmen Sailing Squadron's First Voyage

Two Navy 44's got underway on 13 April 2006 and set sail for Norfolk, Virginia to inaugurate the Naval Academy's newly conceived, midshipmen led, Sailing Squadron. NA-18 *Dash*, skippered by LT Shane Crockett with Midn 1/C Corey as XO, and NA-6 *Alert*, skippered by Midn 1/C Huck with Midn 1/C Lyon as XO, departed Santee Basin bound for the MWR Marina in Willoughby Bay

tional outlet for midshipmen. This first voyage succeeded in that mission and set the bar high for follow-on missions.

They arrived Friday evening and the crews took some time to relax before getting underway again at noon on Saturday, 15 April. Two youngsters, 3/C Robie and Aperson, received a tour aboard USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71), and were impressed by the size of the aircraft carrier. On the return trip, the crew of *ALERT* flew the spinnaker and both crews weathered a squall, giving the skippers a chance to evaluate crew performance in more challenging situations for the vessel and crew. The two boats returned to Santee Basin early in the afternoon on Sunday, 16 April.

The goal of CSNTS training throughout the year, during spring break, and over weekend trips like this, is to increase the number of midshipmen-only boats skippered during the summer training blocks.

Under the guidance of Midshipman Commodore Michael Dausen, a 3 - Striper, the sailing squadron plans to sail to St. Michaels and Norfolk during Fall 2006.



LT Tony Defillipo

at Naval Station Norfolk. The purpose of Sailing Squadron is to provide professional development for Skipper/XO qualification for CSNTS as well as provide a recrea-

LOOKING FOR A NEW RACE COMMITTEE CHAIR

To provide oversight and organization of regatta management, personnel, resources and equipment. Interested?

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Sailing to Professional Development The Sailing Program and the Small Craft Repair Department have successfully transitioned to the Professional Development Department. Captain Cindy Thebaud is the new Professional Development Director. She is a Surface Warfare Officer, previous Commanding Officer of USS Decatur, an Aegis Destroyer stationed in San Diego, and most

recently served on the Joint Staff at the Pentagon. Her husband is Captain Mike Fierro, another Surface Warfare Officer, and Commanding Officer of NSA Annapolis - the entity that replaced Naval Station Annapolis. Captain Thebaud is a USNA graduate and sailed for four years with the USNA Offshore Sailing Program. I look forward to introducing her to you in the near future.

Membership Reminder

Renewal letters for FY2007 NASS membership dues will be mailed before the end of September!

If you have paid your FY2006 dues, you will receive a renewal letter from NASS. Supporting Members who have not paid FY2006 dues have been placed in an 'Inactive' status and have been removed from the active mailing list.

If you know of any former members who have let their NASS membership lapse, please encourage them to consider becoming active again.

They can view the Bullhorn online at the NASS website: <http://www.usna.edu/Sailing/news/bullhorn/bullhorn.html>

New NASS Members

We welcome the following new members since the last issue of the Bullhorn.

William Anderson
Annapolis MD

Catherine Burchett
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Navy Offshore Sailing Team Wins Kennedy Cup

Mids win 'Big Boat' Intercollegiate Sailing National Championship.

May 2, 2006

ANNAPOLIS, MD. -- Navy's Varsity Offshore Sailing Team topped nine other crews from around the country to claim The Kennedy Cup, Intercollegiate Sailing's Big Boat National Championship for the first time in nine years. The three-day event was held on the Chesapeake Bay off Annapolis on April 21-23 aboard the Academy's fleet of matched 44-foot sloops. Conditions for the regatta ranged from light to moderate winds and allowed for a total of nine races to be completed.

Led by senior team captain Greg Storer, Navy's crew got off to a good start winning the first race on Friday and posting a second and third in the day's remaining races. However, at the end of the day, Cal Maritime was on top of the leaderboard with Rhode Island and Navy tied one point back.

Saturday featured 10-17 knots of wind and sporadic rain showers. Four races were completed and the leaderboard saw a big shuffle. The Merchant Marine Academy scored 1,4,1,2 to take the lead while Navy struggled with a 4,2,6,3. However, Cal Maritime and Rhode Island suffered worse allowing Navy to remain close at the end of Saturday just a point behind the new leader, the Merchant Marine Academy.

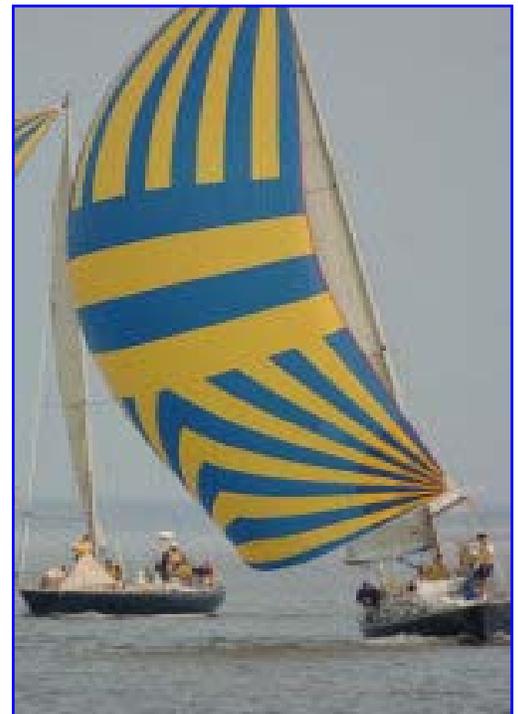
Sunday dawned with little wind and a dismal forecast. After a short postponement, the day's first race got underway in a six-knot southwesterly breeze. Navy and USMMA started close together, but the breeze shifted dramatically and both teams rounded the first weather mark well back in the pack. Navy struggled to a sixth while USMMA slipped to ninth. This left Navy with a two-point lead over USMMA and three points ahead of Cal Mari-

time. A final race was started in what appeared to be a building northwesterly breeze. Navy got off the line in good shape while USMMA and Cal Maritime were stuck in traffic. But the wind again shifted significantly and dropped in velocity turning the race into a "follow the leader" parade. Navy finished second in the race behind a surging Rhode Island team, who won both of the day's final races, while KP and Cal Maritime could not recover finishing seventh and fourth respectively.

Navy's winning crew was led by Greg Storer and included Jeff Parker trimming main, John Casilio on bow, Colin Chandler as primary trimmer, Leigh Loesel as tactician, Nick Goddard also trimming, Jared Webster in the pit, and Mark Picinich at the mast.

The same crew also won the Intercollegiate MacMillan Cup and US Sailing's Offshore Championship for the Lloyd Phoenix Trophy last fall.

Jahn Tihansky, VOST Had Coach



Navy's Offshore Sailing Team claimed the Kennedy Cup.

Final Thoughts: Outgoing VOST Captain

As I settle into life as a fresh ensign assigned to temporary duty at Robert Crown Sailing Center, I have decided to finally learn some of the history of the organization of which I have been a part these past four years. To start this project, I broke open *Sailing at the U.S. Naval Academy*, a recent gift from my parents and graciously signed by the author, RADM McNitt. As I delved back through the years of sail training, the tradition of Naval Academy sailing struck me in a way that it had never had before. There were times at which Navy sailing was all but forgotten. Under-funded and scorned by senior officers, it was considered nothing more than an expensive hobby for the “spoiled and pampered pets of Uncle Sam.” Alternately, the sailing program at Navy has had its time in the sun as the premier organization of its kind anywhere in the world.

Through my four years “by the bay,” I feel that I have seen both of these extremes. During my plebe year, funding to the program was deeply cut, cruise credit for VOST summer cruises was taken away, and it looked as Navy sailing was headed for some rocky years ahead. Then came VADM Rempt's “Renaissance in Sailing,” which placed an emphasis on giving midshipmen offshore sailing experience that would develop small unit leadership and expose them to watch standing in a harsh environment. Although funding was still tight due to budget constraints relating to the War on Terrorism, sailing began to gain more importance as a training tool in the eyes of the administration.

What this meant for the VOST team was more opportunities and more focused training, both in round-the-buoys racing as well as offshore point-to-point racing. VOST made steady improvements in both. The Navy's results in the US Sailing Offshore National Championship over the past few years show this. In 2003 Navy placed 4th, followed by a 3rd in the 2004 event, and of course ending with our win in the past year's event. This was on top of

our wins in the Kennedy Cup, McMillan Cup, a Brazilian Naval Academies Regatta, and Intrepid Cup, as well as first in class in the Ft. Lauderdale to Key West Race and first to finish in the Marion-Bermuda Race. All told, Navy Offshore Sailing has won more major events in the past year than ever before in the history of the team, and this is the first year Navy could ever claim the title of US Offshore Sailing Champions. These feats are the direct result of the hard work and dedication of the midshipmen combined with the patience and expertise of our coaching staff. The level of selfless teamwork I have observed on Navy Offshore Sailing boats is what I believe truly gave us, as a team, the edge over our competitors.

Even with these impressive accomplishments under our



2006 VOST members with their spoils (L to R): 2nd LT Jeff Parker, MIDN 1/C Leigh Loesel, MIDN 1/C Jared Webster, MIDN 1/C Nick Goddard, ENS Greg Storer, MIDN 3/C Mark Picinich, ENS John Casilio, ENS Colin Chandler

collective belt, the team and the training is still changing and setting our sights on new and higher goals. This coming academic year, the Kennedy Cup will be moved to the Fall, which will allow more focused inshore racing practice during that season, while leaving the Spring open for developing midshipmen as truly competent mariners and offshore racers.

As a biased observer, I would say that Navy sailing is at one of those high points that I described earlier, and it has the potential to get even better. With the focused leadership of our coaching staff and CDR Yvette Davids, sailors on VOST are gaining opportunities for racing at the highest levels, interacting with foreign midshipmen and foreign navies, and discovering what ocean racing is all about. Though I would love to stay and be a part of the upward swing that Navy sailing is still on, now seems as good a time as any to make an exit. Thank you to all of the coaches, staff, and volunteers at Robert Crown who have made my time with the team worthwhile.

You have all helped to make me both a better sailor and a better officer.

ENS Greg Storer

NASS Members in the 2006 ‘Centennial’ Newport to Bermuda Race

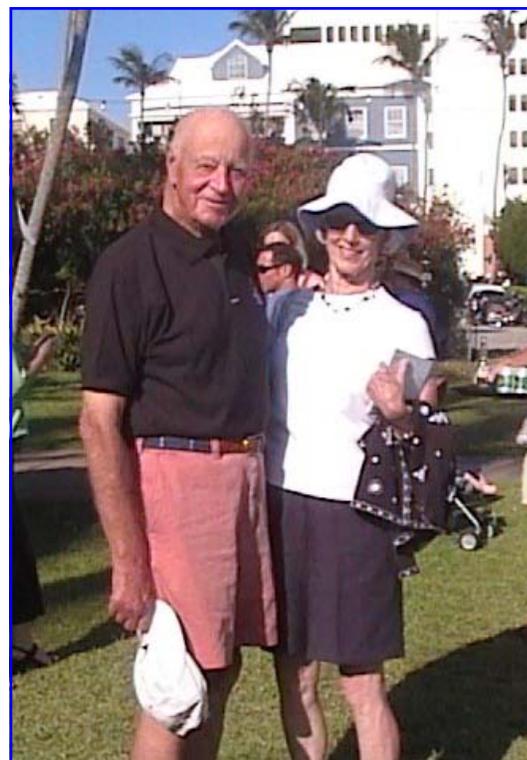
Boat Name	Boat Type	Division /Class	Skipper	NASS Member Type	Finish Class	Finish Division
Selkie	Custom 38	SDL/1	Sheila McCurdy	Honorary	8	13
Swift	Navy 44	SDL/2	MIDN 1/C Scott Evan	VOST	2	12
Vigilant	Navy 44	SDL/2	MIDN 1/C Joe Campbell	VOST	7	24
Flirt	Navy 44	SDL/2	MIDN 1/C Ryan Field	VOST	14	41
Patriot	C&C 48	SDL/3	MIDN 1/C Reid Smythe	VOST	12	57
Dolphin	J/42	SDL/4	RADM Henry Morgan	Honorary	1	25
Flying Jenny V	J/120	SDL/6	L. David Askew	Supporting	1	30
DownTime	First 40.7	SDL/6	Ed Freitag	Participating	2	31
Blue Mingo	J/120	SDL/6	Ed Tobin	Honorary	11	87
Upgrade	Farr 395	SDL/6	Peter Gibbons-Neff	Supporting	17	115
Windborn	J/120	SDL/6	Rick Born	Supporting	20	123
American Promise	Custom 60	SDL/7	MIDN 1/C Greg Nannig	VOST	24	137
Snow Lion	Ker 50 C/R	SDL/9	Larry Huntington	Honorary	2	146
Kodak II	Sagamore 80	SDL/9	Llywd Ecclestone	Donor	12	158
Hissar	Farr 60	GHL/12	Edgar Cato	Donor	4	11

*SDL = St. David’s Lighthouse Division (262 boats) *GHL = Gibbs Hill Lighthouse Division (22 boats)

[ORR Scoring]



MIDN 1/C Joe Campbell, VOST Team Captain, receives Battle of the Atlantic Trophy with family and friends.



NASS member RADM Henry Morgan and wife in Bermuda after winning SDL Division Class 4 aboard *Dolphin*.

American Promise - Newport to Bermuda

After a spring season dedicated to improving offshore skills and readying their boat for ocean racing, the crew of American Promise reassembled in Annapolis on Saturday, June 2nd. Like the other sailors participating in Block A of the Varsity Offshore Sailing Team (VOST) summer training program, Promise's midshipmen arranged their gear, stowed provisions, and then departed for Newport the afternoon of June 5th. Led by skipper MIDN 1/C Greg Nannig and executive officer MIDN 1/C Jaime Moreno and supervised by Lieutenant Christopher Perry and Ensign John Coombs, American Promise—along with four other VOST boats—braved stormy conditions while exiting the Delaware Bay and beating up the coast to Newport.

Thoroughly soggy but nevertheless in high spirits, the team docked at Naval Station Newport; lodging was provided at the Naval Academy Preparatory School. Although Promise's crew met frequently to conduct boat maintenance and make final race preparations, the full week spent in Newport allowed for plenty of recreation and fun. In fact, American Promise's sailors toured Newport's historic Cliff Walk as a crew; water sports at Newport Beach and lively downtown nightlife also provided memorable experiences for the mids.

The afternoon weather was gorgeous for the June 16th start of the centennial Newport Bermuda Race. With sunny skies, brisk winds and relatively calm seas, American Promise thrived upon the early conditions, notching 200-plus miles during each of her first two days underway out of Narragansett Bay. As the race progressed, however, winds along the course east of rhumb line became less favorable for the massive Promise—a boat that generally fares best with a strong breeze off her beam. The crew pressed on, but Promise's large tacking angle thwarted their attempts to beat speedily toward Bermuda. Even so, the midshipmen aboard gained tremendous offshore knowledge

and experience; Promise crossed the finish off of St. David's Lighthouse safely and in good repair the morning of Wednesday, June 21st.



Sightseeing, cliff diving, beach lounging, Royal Bermuda Yacht Club festivities and even a formal Government House awards ceremony filled the team's days from arrival until departure on June 25th. Sunny days, fabulously warm water, unbelievable scenery and great camaraderie were enjoyed by all.

The VOST boats transited back to Annapolis as a fleet; American Promise particularly thrived upon gusty conditions through the Gulf Stream. After sailing up the Chesapeake, Promise was met by Vice Admiral Rodney P. Rempt, Naval Academy Superintendent, who came aboard and personally steered the sailboat up the Severn River to Santee Basin. Admiral Rempt's visit provided an unforgettable conclusion to the now-salty crew's hundreds of miles of blue water sailing.

MIDN 2/C Sarah Horn, American Promise Crewmember

It is with great joy that we share the exciting news that Midshipman 1/C Chris Schubert of the Varsity Offshore Sailing Team has been selected to the Roy Disney Morning Light Transpac Team!



He and 29 other sailors competed in early August for the final 15 positions. The selection is complete and he is now officially part of Disney's Morning Light Project. The Transpac-52 team building begins in January 2007 and the crew will compete in July's Transpac Race as the youngest crew to ever sail the Transpac Race. As the story unfolds, I'll certainly share it with you.



Crew of Patriot: MIDN 3/C Tyler Struzinski, MIDN 3/C Steven Elliott, MIDN 3/C Kellen Browne, MIDN 2/C Matt Recker, MIDN 1/C Reid Smythe, MIDN 2/C Jim Foss, MIDN 3/C Maile Cornish standing proudly in Bermuda

'06 VOST Summer Campaign in Northeast

During this past August, the offshore sailing team sent three boats on a racing campaign in New York and Rhode Island. The boats included the Taylor 49 *Polaris*, the Farr 40 *Seawolf*, and the Navy 44 *Flirt*. The block not only provided the midshipmen invaluable inshore and offshore racing experience, but allowed them to represent the Naval Academy during sailing excursions with youth sailors at three different venues.

The first week of the block included offshore cruising, youth sails, and intensive boat-handling practice



to prepare for the upcoming regattas. During a five-day stop in Larchmont, NY, the mids helped to cultivate a new generation of future offshore sailors by taking more than 100 junior sailors from Larchmont YC and American YC onboard to show them what big boats are all about. The juniors, most of them age 8-12, performed almost every task the midshipmen usually execute, including helming, trimming, and racking out. Attempts were made towards practice of proper radiotelephone protocol, though the youngest of them preferred singing to the strict Navy RT standards.

The weekend of July 15th marked the beginning of racing for the New York Yacht Club Race Week in New-

port. *Polaris* crew had the enviable opportunity to get their feet wet by learning from the best. *Polaris*' division included some of sailing's newest and fastest racing boats, one of which had a canting keel. *Seawolf* had somewhat of a homecoming, as the boat was donated to the Academy by three members of the New York YC, two of which are current flag officers of the club. All three boats represented Navy well at the regatta, which for many of the 3/C, was the first big boat regatta they had ever participated in.

Navy then headed back to Larchmont, NY to participate in the second weekend of Larchmont Race Week.

As the crews became more familiar in the boats, results improved to where the Navy boats were routinely finishing in the top three boats in their class on corrected time, including a first in one race for *Seawolf* crew. Unfortunately, because the teams were not there for the first weekend, their overall finish positions could not compete with the boats that had sailed both weekends.

The final racing portion of the block was The Around Long Island Regatta, a distance race beginning south of New York City and ending in the western end of Long Island Sound off of Sea Cliff, NY. The Atlantic portion of the

race proved to be a fast one with a quick blast reach; the two donated boats reached speeds in excess of 16 knots. The wind calmed as teams entered Long Island Sound, and the rest of the race was a light air upwind beat punctuated towards the end with a squall line containing winds in excess of 45 knots. No worse for the wear, the Navy boats rolled into Sea Cliff having all sailed excellent races, and with some more great sea stories under their belts.

It should be noted that the logistics of the block could not have been accomplished without the generous support of members of Larchmont YC, the Schubert family, and the Naval Academy Parent's Club of Long Island. Our sincere thanks to them all.

In Memoriam: We bid farewell to a deceased friend of NASS, Dr. Samuel Wilton McFadden II of Marion, MA. who died June 26, 2006.

Dr McFadden and his wife Nancy have been long time supporters of NASS. Beginning in support of the 2005 Marion - Bermuda Race, when their son Jesse was a midshipman, they hosted an elaborate barbecue for the crews of all the Naval Academy Boats in the regatta and also for any guests that the crews desired to invite.

From the VOST Fleet Captain

USNA's Varsity Offshore Sailing Team has just begun its Fall season, and VOST volunteers are essential to the program's success. There are three major intercollegiate regattas this fall: Shields, 16-17 September; MacMillan Cup, 21-22 October; and Kennedy Cup, 3-5 November. VOST will also compete in Annapolis Race Week, NASS Race to Oxford, Lloyd Phoenix (in Long Beach this year) and an international regatta, but our main focus will be on the three intercollegiate races, so please save those dates.

This year, VOST Head Coach, Jahn Tihansky, and the other Offshore Office professional coaches conducted pre-season on-the-water refresher training sessions in mid-August to share collective experiences and ideas, get us all on the same page on technique and coaching methods, and improve the consistency of our work with the Mids. Coach T and his assistants will also help us throughout the season to fill in any gaps in our expertise, sharpen our ability to analyze problems, and review universally recognized solutions with us.

Another evolutionary change in the Fall program is that it is no longer required to have a volunteer on the back of each boat each and every day of practice – the qualification level of VOST crews is such that the previous arrangement is now unnecessary. While not required, VOST volunteers are more than welcome at practice – indeed, it's important to have current time onboard the 44s, so we'd like everyone to sail at least three days this fall. Up to three slots will be available each day the team is on the water. Additionally, if you sign up to sail as a safety officer in any or all of the three IC regattas this Fall, it's important to sail with the team for at least a day or two in advance of the regattas in order to be up to speed.

Finally, Bravo Zulu to my predecessor Mike Brownlee. Mike did a superlative job as VOST Fleet Captain, and leaves awfully big shoes to fill.

And thanks for your continued commitment to VOST.

Sail fast,

Gene Gibbons, VOST Fleet Captain

CSNTS Meeting Its Goals

In the fall of 2003, I visited Dan Rugg, to learn more about the volunteer support to the Naval Academy's sailing programs. Our visit was a long-delayed sequel to a conversation I'd had almost 30 years earlier at West Point with LTG (Ret) Robert Tabor. It was also my first introduction to the Command Seamanship and Navigation Training Squadron (CSNTS). While I'd originally intended to volunteer to work with the varsity Offshore Sailing Team (VOST), I was instantly enthralled by the potential of the CSNTS program. As a result of that conversation, I attended the CSNTS / VOST winter lecture series that winter, and became an active participant in CSNTS during the summer of 2004.



The Superintendent with CSNTS participants during summer training.

The summer of 2004 was an exciting time to join CSNTS as a volunteer. The program was expanding, thanks to the superintendent, VADM Rempt. He wrote *"In subsequent summers, every midshipman will be required to complete an*

offshore sailing cruise and qualify as a watch captain. A number of midshipmen will even be afforded the opportunity to train and qualify as skippers on 'Navy 44' sail training craft."



Midshipmen from Block 4A enjoying themselves after weathering Tropical Storm Beryl

Since 2004, I've been privileged to be a participant in the "Renaissance of Navy Sailing". As I sailed with the skippers and XOs for Blocks 4A and 6A on their final evaluation cruises, the thought occurred to me this summer that I was witnessing the final phase of transformation of the youngster crewmen of 2004 into the midshipman skippers and XOs of 2006. The full potential of this initiative was driven home when I subsequently joined Block 6A - with three all-midshipman crews in the squadron - for the cruise to Freeport, NY. It's exciting. It's a win-win proposition for all concerned.

The leadership training potential that enthralled me during that first talk with Dan Rugg in 2003 in being fulfilled – one CSNTS cruise block at a time.

Richard J. Lunsford, Jr., COL, USA (Ret)

Navy earns 3 All Americans!
Congrats to :
2/C Katie Whitman
2/C Andrea White
3/C Charlotte Hill



Welcome
John
Vandemoer

New Assistant
IC Coach!

Intercollegiate News



ICSA National Women's Dinghy Championship
(Gerald C. Miller Trophy)
College of Charleston
REGATTA HIGHLIGHTS:

Friday:

The last day started at 9:45 AM in westerly breeze 5-8 mph. Two races were completed in A-Division. Races were postponed until 12:00 PM when a nice SW breeze filled in, building to 16-18 mph. All 18 races were completed in sunny skies. Congratulations to the College of Charleston for winning the Women's National Championship. Two protests were filed resulting in one DSQ.

Thursday:

The second day started at 9:45 with the B Division. In all today, 10 B Division races and 8 A Division races were sailed, leaving four races in each division for the final day. Sailors enjoyed warm weather and winds ranging from 8 mph in the morning to 18 mph in the afternoon. Winds came in from the SSW. Racing was stopped around 2:45 for about twenty minutes as a storm cell appeared just northwest of Charleston. The cell continued on a northeasterly track and racing resumed at 3:10. Nine protests were filed resulting in four DSQs.

Wednesday: The first race started at 12:00 PM. Six A Division races and four B Division races were completed in a SSE breeze ranging from 6-10 knots. Sunny skies and long races were enjoyed by all. A few protests were heard resulting in three DSQs.

The Navy women sailed well to a sixth place finish at this years nationals. Katie Whitman finished 5th in "A" division with the help of crews Andrea White and Trisha Kutkiewicz. In "B" division Charlotte Hill sailed to a 6th place finish with the help of crews Andrea White and Maggie Reynolds. On top of this good finish at nationals, three female midshipman were named to the 2005-2006 All-America team. In addition to the All-American status, Midshipman 2/C Charlotte Hill was a finalist for Quantum's Female Sailor of the Year. Starting off the new college sailing season the Navy women are currently ranked 2nd in the country and the Navy Coed team is ranked 17th. Go Navy!!



Standing proudly are MIDN 3/C Trisha Kutkiewicz, 2/C Charlotte Hill, Molly O'Bryan, 1/C Andrea White, 2/C Maggie Reynolds, 1/C Katie Whitman.



CAPT Brian McCormack, former Commodore of NASS, received orders to San Diego after decommissioning the Naval Station Annapolis.

Farewell: Coach O'Bryan!

Please join all of NASS in wishing Fair Winds & Following Seas to Intercollegiate Dinghy Coach Molly O'Bryan.

Molly Watch!

Follow the latest in Coach Molly O'Bryan's 470 Olympic Campaign on her website:

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Navy Sailing Claims European Naval Academies

Keelboat Championship

BREST, FRANCE - The Navy IC sailing team won the 2006 European Naval Academies Keelboat Championship hosted by the French Naval Academy on June 22, 23. The midshipman crew of Lauren Sutehall, Maggie Reynolds, Mike Mullee, Kevin McGill, and Dave Parker along with CDR Art Gibb claimed the championship with 15 points, while teams from France and the United Kingdom placed second and third with 23 and 28 points respectively.

The regatta played host to a total of nine teams who sailed seven races over two days. Day one saw a steady NW breeze of 12 – 15 knots allowing for the completion of four races with defending champion Poland leading over the United States and the United Kingdom. On day two, sailing was postponed due to a lack of breeze which eventually filled from the NE to a variable 3-5 knots, providing for three additional races. Closing the regatta with two firsts and one second place finish, consistent sailing allowed the mids to easily overtake the Polish and finish comfortably ahead of host team France. This win marks the second championship for the U.S. Naval Academy which last won the regatta in 1999.

-- GO NAVY --



RADM Pierre de Roquefeuil, Superintendent of the French Naval Academy, presents the winning trophy to Navy IC team (l to r): 2/C Mike Mullee, 2/C Kevin McGill, 1/C Lauren Sutehall, 2/C Maggie Reynolds, and 2/C Dave Parker

NAPS SUMMER SAILING LED BY IC MIDS



This summer, nineteen midshipmen filled their third block of summer training by performing a sailing detail at the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, Rhode Island.

These midshipmen, lead by CO Andrea White and XO Lauren Sutehall ran a ground school day where all 200 midshipmen candidates were oriented to sailboats, knot-tying, and nautical rules of the road. All of the midshipmen candidates were then treated to a day on Narragansett Bay with a Naval Academy midshipman as the boat captain and safety officer on board. The midshipmen candidates were excited to experience sailing, many of whom had never before been on a sailboat. They had enthusiastic attitudes and were curious about the lives of midshipmen and what is to come for them next year.

While in Newport the nineteen midshipmen also visited the boatyard constructing the brand-new fleet of 44's, the first of which will arrive this academic year. Professor Paul Miller of the Naval Architecture Department provided a detailed tour of one of the boats and explained the entire ship-building process. The midshipmen also visited the America's Cup Museum and learned about the history of competitive sailboat racing in America. The experiences were worthwhile and the midshipmen hope that the program will expand next summer.

LT Grant Garcia - IC Ops Officer

3RD BATT WINS BLAKELY CUP

Congratulations to Midshipmen 4/C Brian Rigby, Nicholas Bernard, Lisa Mattrella, Martin Stirling, Kevin Pate, Matt Roberts, Briana Tucci, Nicholas Engle, Matt Libby, Jonathan Herb, and William Scott for winning the 2006 Plebe Summer Sailing Championship for their battalion. Sailed in the Navy 26s, 12 crews from the class of 2010 represented their respective Plebe Summer companies and demonstrated their newly gained sailing expertise. The plebes were divided into their respective battalions, each of which had 2 boats entered in the regatta. This regatta marked the end of another extremely successful Plebe Summer Sail Training Program. Thanks to the class of 2008 who served as cadre during the summer training and the outgoing class of 2006 who provided safety and guidance to the overall program. The Blakely Trophy was presented to the U.S. Naval Academy in 1957 by Mr. DeCoursey Fales, Past Commodore of the New York Yacht Club, in memory of his former commanding officer, Rear Admiral John Russell Young Blakely, USN (Ret.) and the USNA Class of 1892. RADM Blakely was the commanding officer of the USS ARIZONA (BB-39) during World War I when Mr. Fales served aboard. Congratulations to 3rd Battalion for a job well done!

LT Larry Williams, BST Operations Officer



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NASS Fall Sailing Calendar

Sep 9-10	Hospice Cup/ Navy Laser Open
Sep 16	52nd Annual NASS Race to Oxford
Sep 16-17	Shields Trophy
Sep 23-24	Laser Qualifier South
Sep 30-Oct 1	Faye Bennet - MAISA Women's Singles
Oct 1	AYC Fall # 1
Oct 4-9	Lloyd Phoenix Regatta
Oct 7-8	Navy Fall Women's Intersectional/MAISA Men's Singlehanded
Oct 6-9	Brazil Regatta
Oct 8	AYC Fall #2
Oct 14-15	Navy Fall Intersectional
Oct 15	AYC Fall #3
Oct 21-22	McMillan Cup/MAISA Sloops
Nov 3-5	Kennedy Cup
Nov 7	Huntington Steel Regatta
Nov 17-19	ICSA Sloops