
N.M.Y.C. NEWS

The Joys of Summer Sailing...



For those club members who have left the sunny South, you might consider coming back for some relaxed summer sailing in Naples. We still race Solings two days a week, DF-95 each Friday, MicroMagics on Monday and SeaWinds on Tuesday. Room rates are down, most restaurants are offering “two for one” and the highways are not crowded since one third of the Lee and Collier residents have left. We continue to enjoy our second pond behind Dick’s Sporting Goods on Naples Blvd. For those who fly in, contact us and maybe we can come up with a boat for you to borrow while you are here.

Pat Alberstadt, Dick Hedderick, Richard Flach & Winston Mathews enjoy DF-95 racing on a breezy morning in Naples.

Meet Chuck Weaver!

This was a fun interview with Chuck Weaver. The more questions I asked, the deeper his vast sailing experiences surfaced. For example, Chuck has done extensive off-shore racing including Long Island Sound and the Bermuda race. He has owned a Hunter 30, C&C 34, Ericsson 35, J-22, Elliott 770 and currently races a Catalina 22.

In his work life, Chuck was with UPS for 31 years and was Vice President for maintenance of all ground equipment including the familiar brown trucks. Anything on the ground was his responsibility...big job!

While staying at the Silver Lakes RV Resort, Chuck saw his first SeaWind and bought a boat and started racing that class. That group was a little "rough & ready" and Chuck wanted to race



with a group that used the Racing Rules of Sailing. This led him to find NMYC and he has been a member since 2008 and currently serves as fleet captain for the SeaWind fleet. Chuck also races a Laser, 36/600 and DF-95. He races a CR-914 summers in Georgia at the lake they live on. Chuck rates his knowledge of the Racing Rules of Sailing as "pretty good" which I translate to excellent!

Sailing 50-60 races per year keeps Chuck sharp and very competitive.

Chuck has won the 2016 & 2017 Laser tune-up regattas at our pond.

Naples Model Yacht Club is fortunate to have a number of members who have deep racing experience and are willing to share their experience with other club members. We raced 36/600's together and he would always have time to review my set-up (before beating me soundly).

Chuck is one of the cornerstones of our club and we thank him for his participation and suggestions for improvement.