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# N.M.Y.C. NEWS

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## Seven Fleets, 38 Skippers Compete in 2018 Race Series



The 2018 NMYC race series is well underway with most classes having four of the six races completed at this date. Evaluating the number of counted races and our scoring system is under review for next year. This review is a direct result of member input at our last board meeting where several skippers suggested we have more counted races for next season.

Four boats on port tack and one coming in on starboard. Hurry up port tackers or dip behind him!

We would like to have your input regarding the number of counted races for next year. Think about this and write your suggestions to the executive board. You can send an email to [lbrannan1@mac.com](mailto:lbrannan1@mac.com). We would like to have a better sense of what club members want for next racing season. Also, should we keep the match races? Here is your opportunity to influence high season racing options - Thanks for your help!

## Hello Wilkie!

This month we are interviewing **Wilkie Marvel**. Residing in Swansea, Massachusetts Wilkie and his wife Marilyn sail their Hunter 336 in beautiful Narragansett & Buzzards Bay. He mentioned that they have sailed the Hunter twice to Florida for the winter.

Wilkie first became involved in sailing at a camp on Cape Cod at the age of six. Seventy years at the tiller or wheel says a lot about his tenacity. He is a member of the Mount Hope Bay Model YC.

Wilkie joined Naples Model Yacht Club in 2015 as his first venture into radio controlled sailboat racing. He now races a DF-95 and a Laser here in Naples and adds a Soling1M when he returns home. He recently competed in the Laser tune-up race at NMYC.

As far as the rules are concerned "I am fairly knowledgeable as I have sailed in the J-30 Nationals, 6 Bermuda races and various other Regattas". Completing six blue water races is impressive indeed!



Wilkie Marvel, always near the water

We always ask "What could our club have done to make your joining experience better?" Wilkie's suggestion was a good one...first he voiced a big thank you to the members welcoming him even though he is here only a few months. Then he

stated his appreciation for the Racing Rules of Sailing classes taught by **Gerhard Kelter** and **David Boulanger** as well as the seminars and set-up instructions for Soling and DF-95. Wilkie suggested we sponsor seminars for potential members that include test sails. Several fleet captains are already offering this, but it's a good idea that merits additional development.

With a background in industrial property insurance sales Wilkie's outgoing personality and ready smile has insured his acceptance into Naples Model Yacht Club. We are honored to have Wilkie as a member!

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**Remember...NMYC annual meeting is Saturday, March 31st at North Collier Regional Park at 12:30pm. Free lunch!**