

## 2016 Board of Governors Regatta Report, Lake Quassapaug, CT. August 27 & 28

Twenty Eight Snipes and their sailors attended the Board of Governors Regatta. Please note, many liberties have been taken, and out right lies included with the reporting of this event. Many of the comments are “inside” jokes, known only to Quassy participants. The only way to know what actually happened is to attend a Quassapaug Regatta.

The Regatta became a family smack down with over half the fleet made up of multiple boats from the Braverman, Fraser, Rousmaniere, Hetherington-Young, and Zackin Families. Seven Snipe and Quassapaug first timers attended the event. By the end of the weekend a consortium of 20-something year olds were talking about how to acquire their own snipe! The fleet was evenly split between those that can easily qualify for a snipe masters event and those well under 30. In fact, the top 5 finishers were evenly split along those lines too.

Saturday began with a beautiful breakfast of Quiche hosted by Gerry and Tom McCabe.

We started with a competitor’s meeting on the lawn. Since the club only owns six RC flags, a careful review of what they meant and how we would signal the racers ensued. Only to be interrupted by a Jane Panza–esque shout (scream? yelp?) from the water. Seems that Jennifer Rousmaniere, listening carefully from the water, was attacked by a reef shark. One needs to be cautious as to how one attends the competitors meeting.

Reluctantly, Lee Griffith played the part of Lee Griffith. Guess he dislikes type casting. Hopefully he finds a new role next year.

The competitors meeting broke up to a stiff 22 knot Northeast breeze. Just under the Snipe class limit. A spited race was run. Won by Lee Griffith and Nikki Bruno. Peter and Leslie Zackin took second followed by Jack Gannon and Jennifer Rousmaniere (who showed an amazing recovery from the shark bite). With the wind knocking up over 25 knots the fleet went ashore for lunch.

After a lengthy lunch break waiting for the wind to abate, we headed back onto the lake. The second race, with Andy Klein and Debbie Muse leading was abandoned due to the wind clocking up over 28 knots. Everyone was very relieved to be back on shore and preparation for dinner and the party begun.

After an amazing dinner of clams followed by steak, lobster and accruements organized by Peter Wolcott, we moved on to the dancing. Everyone was eager to see if Liz Ghuinski could repeat her dancing title. Certainly was amazing how these sailors could rock (lobster) the dance floor after such a strenuous day on the water. The DJ looked like he was ready to run for his car when the rendition of “Its Raining Men” was performed by some of the male snipe sailors. The dance floor rocked until midnight when the hardy set up a game of beer pong. No one was able (sober enough?) to find a quarter for butt darts. Carol Tomassetti refrained from singing John Valby songs. Tommy Coyle sang something. Kegs were kicked and the party deemed a great success. Reports of late night adult swimming were unconfirmed.

Sunday, Keri Wolcott pleased the fleet with waffles, while the wind howled from the Southwest. A series race was run, won by Cam Fraser and Liz Ghuinski. Followed by a

“Trading Places” Race. At Quassy, trading places is optional and up to the comfort level of the sailing team. Given the blustery conditions, a surprising number of teams traded places. Many new snipe skippers were given their first chance at skippering in a major competition. In other boats a very experienced skipper was relieved of their foredeck duties to drive. See below for results.

Over the weekend 14 women skippered Snipes in races.

Out of time, the regatta came to an end. The coveted “Take a Bow” Trophy was awarded to Peter Wolcott for organizing such great food for the weekend, Nikki Bruno for her dance floor Limbo, and Justin Kusiel for his dancing. No one performed an act clueless enough to justify receiving the “Get a Clew” Award. I know Kevin H-Y is planning something for next year. Peter and Pierce Wolcott won the “Narrow Victory” Trophy for edging out a four way tie for ninth place. Megan Place skippered her way to the coveted 16<sup>th</sup> place trophy with Andy Pimental as crew. The same dynamic duo in reverse rolls received the Mike Elser “Mid-Fleet award for 14<sup>th</sup>. Hanna Calahan, Maggie Swanson, and Jamie Bartlett sailed their way to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Quassapaug Rookie Awards.

Photos of the weekend by Vivian Hetherington-Young are at:

<http://vhetheringtonyoung.smugmug.com/Quassy-BOG-160827/n-sVr6vK>

There is a rumor of dance floor videos somewhere on facebook. Sheila Elser?

Fun was had by all!

Joel Zackin, Quassapaug Fleet 231.

Does anyone know the real story?

Place	Name	Boat	R1	R2	total	
1	Lee Griffith & Nikki Bruno	30904	1	4	5	
2	Jack Gannon & Jennifer Rousmaniere	16333	3	6	9	Top Rousmaniere Team
3	Adam & Art Rousmaniere,	31280	4	5	9	Top So/Father Team
4	Harry Waskow & Kyle Persau & Jamie Barllett	30325	6	9	15	
5	Joel Zackin & Josh Lovett-Graff	29111	13	3	16	
6	Jim & Carol Tomassetti,	31001	5	12	17	Top married Couple
7	Brendan Cook & Maggie Swanson	27861	8	10	18	#1 Rookies
8	Peter & Pierce Wolcott	30606	21	2	23	Top Father/Son team
9	Sue Lodico & Jan Tabor	28442	15	8	23	Top Siblings/Top Women's Team
10	Joe Benoit & Hannah Callahan	30908	10	13	23	#2 Rookies
11	Andrew Klein & Deb Meuse	31309	12	11	23	
12	Cam Fraser & Liz Ghuinski	30903	23	1	24	
13	Ray Schmidt & Elisa Adams	31204	7	17	24	
14	Bob Coyle & Justin Kusiel	28542	9	15	24	
15	Andrew Pimental & Megan Place	31355	18	7	25	
16	Peter, Leslie & Ben Zackin & Katie Mihalek	26026	2	25	27	#2 Married Couple
17	Katie Levinson & Emily Lynn	29842	14	14	28	
18	Cindy Olsen & Steve Braverman	30422	11	19	30	#3 Rookie
19	Bob & Jane Panza	29964	17	16	33	#3 Married Couple
20	Audry & Kevin Heatherington-Young	29704	16	21	37	#2 Women Skipper - #1 Daughter/Father

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<b>21</b>	Mike Elser & Kristen Granja		20	18	<b>38</b>
<b>22</b>	Jurgen & Minna Hollock	24991	19	23	<b>42</b> #1 Father/Daughter Team
<b>23</b>	Kelly Rousmaniere & Andrew Goldfarb	29499	22	22	<b>44</b>
<b>24</b>	Martin & Suzette Fraser	30999	26	20	<b>46</b> #4 Married Couple
<b>25</b>	Max Heatherington- Young & Ben Braverman	30600	24	24	<b>48</b>
<b>26</b>	Ian Ray & Braden Green	26663	25	27	<b>52</b>
<b>27</b>	Matt Weingable & KC Green	25861	27	26	<b>53</b>
<b>28</b>	Charlie Baywood & Benden Holleck	26128	28	28	<b>56</b>

### Trading Places Race:

Name	Boat	R1
Lee Griffith & Nikki Bruno	30904	1
Art & Adam Rousmaniere	31280	2 Top Father/son Team
Mike Elser & Kristen Granja		3
Emily Lynn & Katie Levinson	29842	4 #1 Woman Skipper
Kevin & Audry Heatherington-Young	29704	5 #1 Father/Daughter Team
Steve Braverman & Cindy Olsen	30422	6
Jim & Carol Tomassetti,	31001	7 Top married Couple
Jennifer Rousmaniere & Jack Gannon	16333	8 #2 Woman Skipper
Hannah Callahan & Joe Benoit	30908	9 #3 Woman Skipper
Liz Ghuinski & Cam Fraser	30903	10 #4 Woman Skipper
Maggie Swanson & Brendan Cook	27861	11 #5 Woman Skipper
Josh Lovett-Graff & Joel Zackin	29111	12
Minna & Jurgen Hollock	24991	13 #1 Daughter/Father Team, #6 Woman Skipper
Jamie Bartlett & Harry Waskow	30325	14 #7 Woman Skipper
Bob & Jane Panza	29964	15 #2 Married Couple
Megan Place & Andrew Pimental	31355	16 #8 Woman Skipper
Ben Zackin & Katie Mihalek	26026	17
Andrew Goldfarb & Kelly Rousmaniere	29499	18
Pierce & Peter Wolcott	30606	19 Top Father/Son team
Ian Ray & Braden Green	26663	20
Deb Meuse & Andrew Klein	31309	21 #9 Woman Skipper
Ben Braverman & Max Heatherington-Young	30600	24