

# Jet Blasts

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## Jets Return to Annapolis for Successful Nationals



Above: Eric Johnson and Cathy Cotell (#1146, SSA) lead a pack of Jets downhill at the 2019 Jet-14 Nationals (Photo Credit: Susan Hale)

The 2019 Jet-14 Nationals was hosted by Severn Sailing Association (SSA) in Annapolis, MD. Originally planned for Lake Hopatcong in North Jersey, the large amount of spring rain bringing nutrients into the lake, coupled with warm early summer temperatures created a perfect environment for a large algae bloom, which produced harmful toxins. After testing, state

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officials deemed the toxin levels unsafe, and urged people not to participate in water sports or have contact with the water. This became a liability issue for anyone planning to hold an organized event on or around the lake, and thus it was ultimately decided in late June to try to find another venue, as there was no guaranty the algae problem would be better by August. Turns out sailing on the lake just started again in the last week of August.

Thanks to the efforts of SSA member Eric Johnson, a quick positive response from SSA was obtained, and we were off to the races. A fully manned expert RC stepped up, and the club welcomed us with open arms. THANKS ERIC AND SSA!

Racing started with the Women and Junior Nationals in a 1-day event. 2 boats per fleet meant more match racing than not, and due to the number of boats, both fleets raced together. The breeze built more than anticipated, and after two races, the competitors had had enough. Koralina McKenna and Erika Seamon (SSA) outdueled Paula and Olivia Hennon (Asheville SC) for the Women's title, while Kevin Trebilcock and Caswell Kern (ASC) won the tie-breaker over Nick Reyes and Elizabeth Kiernan (Hunterdon SC, NJ) for the Junior Championship. Nice sailing to all in some breezy conditions!

Next up was the open Nationals where everyone came expecting the light wind common for Chesapeake Bay in August. Forecasts were for 5 to 10 max. Well, we got more. Over the next 3 days winds ranged from 5 to 15 knots, mostly on the high side, and maybe higher in a few puffs. Even some planing while reaching with spinnaker! The wind direction persisted out of the WNW, which meant "shifty". And that direction and strength for 3 days "never happens" in Annapolis in the summer. Looks we were lucky again. Although a sea breeze from the south at 10 knots might have been nice.....

Days 1 and 2 saw winds on the stronger side of the range, requiring hard hiking most of the time. The wind pattern was generally oscillating, which meant it paid to be on the favored tack (bow pointing closer to the mark) most of the time. Racing was tight, and the group from North Carolina (Hennons, Wells, Grace and Saunders) showed us a more aggressive style this year. Day 3 was lighter..... some new faces (Brown and McKenna) led the pack.

TOP 10 Highlights (in no particular order):

- 1) We had a place to sail.....in Annapolis at SSA....with good weather
- 2) Having Tom Grace back in a boat
- 3) Having Sam Patterson as a new Class member
- 4) Chris Hennon/Kevin Trebilcock port-tacking the fleet at the start of Race 6
- 5) Lenny Wells/Caswell Kern leading the fleet during Race 2
- 6) Support by ex-Jettors [Peter Hale (our PRO), Susan Hale, Jono Roberts, Jamie Brickell, Ed Lutz, and Todd Lochner]
- 7) Great sale at APS, although it is sad to see them stop selling hardware
- 8) The burritos
- 9) Eric Johnson...The Hero
- 10) Nate Ireland being Chief Measurer the past 2 years (THANKS NATE!)

While attendance was down a bit this year (due in part by the last minute change in venue, and also several regulars missing due to injury), the enjoyment of the event was not. Good friends, good sailing and good food made for another fun Nationals. Let's look to bolster attendance and have another great event next year in Mayfield, NY!

- Brent Barbehenn, #558

## Nationals Results

Sail	Skipper	Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Total
558	B. Barbehenn	Cooper River	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	[2]	7
1135	B. Parker		2	2	2	2	2	[3]	2	1	13
1147	N. Ireland	Hoover SC	3	3	3	7	[9]	2	6	4	28
1146	E. Johnson	SSA	[7]	4	4	4	4	6	4	3	29
747	D. Brown	Hunterdon SC	6	[8]	5	3	6	5	5	5	35
1143	J. McKenna	SSA	[8]	6	7	8	3	4	3	8	39
483	C. Hennon	Asheville SC	5	7	6	6	[8]	7	7	7	45
1136	E. Michaud	Edgewater YC	4	9	8	5	DSQ	12	8	6	52
47	N. Reyes	Hunterdon SC	12	12	9	DNC	7	11	10	12	73
433	L. Wells	Asheville SC	13	5	DNF	11	13	10	11	11	74
1129	P. Hennon	Asheville SC	[14]	10	10	10	12	8	12	13	75
737	B. Saunders	Carolina SC	10	[14]	11	9	10	13	13	10	76
645	T. Grace	Lake Norman	9	11	[DNF]	DNC	5	DNF	DNF	9	79
1045	S. Patterson	Hampton YC	11	13	[DNF]	DNC	11	9	9	14	82



Above: Brent and Kate shoot upwind as the fleet tries to make gains.



Above: At the start during Day 2



## Michaud/Pacheco Celebrate Win at LNYC

Amazing event at Lake Norman Yacht Club on the 4th of July long weekend. Arriving there on Thursday night my wife ( Paula ) and I watched some many different fireworks around the lake from the end of the docks with Paula Pacheco and Tom Grace our gracious hosts. Friday gave me time to rig and tune and take Paula ( normally Tom's crew ) a chance to get some practice together. Not sure she has ever raced on another Jet before. Now she may have something to say about this and that on Tom's boat. I may be in trouble. Either way it was so light we barely got to raise the kite and keep it flying on Friday.

Saturday came and still quite light but we went out paddling and snailing our way to a course that must of had 9 different fleets started individually, at least for that first race. Only two were had on Saturday. light 2-6 knots varied often. waves and some chop and an occasional rogue series of waves from a larger boat or the remnants of a earthquake in California I imagine kept the sails needing help to stay sagged to leeward. Chris Hennon and Kevin Trebilcock as well as Doug and Susan were dominant on Saturday. Myself and Paula took that infamous dump on stats when in the second race we had failed to attend to once around or twice around and ended up noticing too late that the leeward mark really did require we round it and go back up. All three of the other crews were smiling as they drove upwind watching us dig ourselves out of that one. details, details, and details!

So Chris seemed to have this in the bag until Sunday when we went out and had a much flatter lake with a 4-7 knot breeze much of the day. Sure it lightened with the heat, but then a bit later it would come back for a bit too. Your driving skills and sail adjustments and boat heal were critical on Sunday. Even more so where the course routes you took. Unfortunately the size of a J-88 asymmetrical can kill your ability to stay ahead of others too. Paula and I were thrilled to make several of the right calls on Sunday and our primary challenger in the race this day was Lenny Wells and Caswell Kern who really rocked on Sunday. I guess he had enough of whatever was happening on Saturday for them and changed it up a notch. Some great light air sailing was seen by them both races on Sunday that it was not until

the last half of the last leg downwind that I and Paula got ahead of them to finish first. As far as who won, Paula and I thought Chris might of had this until everything flipped on Sunday and the high math had to be completed. We managed first and he held the second place to also get a set of the very usable beach towel awards that are both flags and the event places embroidered on them too! Very 4th of July I would say and sharp too.

Saturday night's dinner in the Pavilion was pulled pork and beer truck fun! Followed by a live band playing some oldies we could dance to. Doug and Susan are excellent on that dance floor and we had a great time too. Afterward the most amazing fireworks off the LNYC central docks gave us a just under it all view that for a twenty some minute show we could not avoid staring straight upward. Sunday's awards were also in the pavilion with the two BigAss fans and thank goodness for them that breeze does not just come up into that cove with all that tree cover you know! I owe a special thanks to my wife and then too Paula and Tom who made this weekend especially fun as a great summer vacation sailing and socializing in North Carolina.

Ernie Michaud, #1136

### LNYC Independence Regatta Results

Sail	Skipper	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1136	E. Michaud	2	3	2	1	8
1129	C. Hennon	1	2	4	3	10
433	L. Wells	4	4	1	2	11
747	D. Brown	3	1	3	4	11



# Big Fleet Competes for District Crown at LNYC

## Labor Day Regatta, August 31 – September 1

Ten boats, all from North Carolina, gathered to decide the District III and Atlantic Coast Championships at Lake Norman. The fleet was composed of a brittle hull (483), a misbehaving centerboard (433), a boat full of salt water (645), three junior skippers and crew (1129, 1048, 1130), some new faces (Katie and DeDe Richardson in 962), some familiar faces (Bruce Sampson and Teri Fosmire from Asheville, Barry Saunders), and a boat that maybe has seen one too many summers (717).

The plan was to meet for a pre-regatta meal at 6:30 pm Friday at the scene of Caswell Kern's "Biohazard" incident from bad salad a year ago. For those not in the know, Kern absolutely destroyed the LNYC restroom that night as the EPA had to be called in to contain the situation. Things got off to a rocky start this year, as junior Kevin Trebilcock, a newly licensed driver on the roads of North Carolina, tried to test out all of them as he blew by the I-77 exit and ended somewhere near Cape Hatteras before turning back to toward the restaurant, arriving over an hour late. Fortunately for them, it wouldn't matter as service at the joint could be described generously as "putrid". Reports are coming in that Matt Kern, Caswell's dad, is still waiting for his beer.

Saturday dawned sunny and perhaps a little cool for a Charlotte morning. There were warning signs right away that maybe this wouldn't be the best day for sailing. First, the lake had a peculiar glassy reflective quality to it. Second, the PRO immediately postponed racing as the conclusion of the skippers meeting; it would remain that way until 2:30 pm when all races were cancelled. Apparently there must be wind to race sailboats, who knew. The fleet spent the day before race abandonment debating when it was safe to start drinking alcohol. Hennon lasted about 20 minutes and cracked open an Asheville IPA around 11:40 am. Others followed suit in the hours that followed, and it became clear that the odds of someone ending up dancing to 80s cover music later that night were increasing dramatically. Fortunately, the wind filled in after dinner and almost every Jet went out for an evening tuning/pleasure sail in pleasant 6-8 kt. easterly.

More wind was expected Sunday morning and the first start was scheduled at 10 am...until the PRO sent out an email at 2:00 am that said something to the effect of "looking forward to seeing everyone on the line for the first race at 9 am". Fortunately, everyone eventually got the message and the first race went off in a weak and dying northeasterly wind. The left side of the course looked significantly favorable for wind and most of the fleet headed off in that direction. After 20 minutes of battling powerboat chop and slowly drifting up the course, a dark streak on the water up lake announced a new breeze, coming in from the right side. Boats that worked their way back over that way got the wind first and separated from the pack. Wells and Einthoven rounded first, followed closely by Hennon/Russell and Grace/Pacheco. The downwind leg was a tight drag race to the finish, making passing virtually impossible. Katie and DeDe Richardson, in their newly acquired Jet #962, lead the second group down to the finish for a nice 4th place.

The new persistent breeze, now climbing into the low double digits at times, combined with race committee's refusal to reset the course made for a boat favored start and a "no tack" leg up to the mark. Kevin and Tyler (1048) nailed the start and led the fleet up to the first mark, rounding comfortably in first. Unfortunately, Kevin noticed some roads off to the right side that he hasn't driven on yet and relinquished the left side of the course to Hennon and Wells, who took advantage and passed. Tom and Paula (645) are apparently philosophically opposed to not tacking on a windward leg. Their ambitious plans to port tack away and above the layline proved unfortunate and placed them in a deep hole for a podium finish.

After an 80 minute delay for no apparent reason, the windward mark was finally adjusted to the right and tacking became vogue again. While Hennon and Wells were tacking all over each other on the left side of the course, "Team 1129" (Cole Wise and Olivia Hennon) shot in to the mark from the right, powered by a freshening breeze, to round first. They would hold their position on the downwind to make it the third different boat to win a race.

In the final contest, Grace and Pacheco finished their day on a high note by playing the shifts perfectly to win. Trebilcock and Tyler had the chute flying down the last leg and ripped past Team 1129 for a nice 3rd place finish.

The fleet packed up in a rush to make it to the awards ceremony....which due to some scoring issues didn't start until around 10:45 pm that

night. Despite losing a couple of boats overnight Saturday - one planned and one from severe headaches - some challenging wind conditions, hull cracks (483), and service-poor eating establishments, all agreed that the weekend was a success.

Chris Hennon (#483)

### 2019 District III / Atlantic Coast Championship Results

Sail	Skipper	Crew	Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
483	C. Hennon	M. Russell	Asheville SC	2	1	2	2	7
433	L. Wells	N. Einthoven	Asheville SC	1	2	3	5	11
645	T. Grace	P. Pacheco	Lake Norman YC	3	8	4	1	16
1129	C. Wise	O. Hennon	Asheville SC	8	4	1	4	17
1048	K. Trebilcock	T. Pennington	Asheville SC	5	3	7	3	18
962	K. Richardson	D. Richardson	Carolina SC	4	5	5	6	20
977	B. Sampson	T. Fosmire	Asheville SC	6	6	6	8	26
1130	C. Kern	H. Henthorn	Asheville SC	7	7	8	7	29
737	B. Saunders	Tim	Carolina SC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	44
717	P. Hennon	Michelle	Asheville SC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	44

## President's Corner



Accomplishing our Jet 14 Nationals in Annapolis at the SSA or Severn Sailing Association was a great success considering it was put together in the last six to eight weeks due to issues that arose in spring with our NJ plans. Thanks again for the efforts of Brent Barbehenn and Eric Johnson (of SSA) for making all this happen. It is always a pleasure for those who like sailing to experience and visit the city and water there. My wife toured the town and the Naval Academy too. My crew (Anna Petronzio) enjoyed some dining out in the local restaurants and ran into other Jet sailors. Our race committee did an amazing job with the large bay and picking the wind angles, especially with a bay where boats and larger vessels are coming and going out in the larger bay or ocean. We were treated very well, the support was excellent and I for one would look forward to going back in a few years to enjoy that again.

The racing year has wrapped up with the Mohican Halloween Classic. With twelve boats out there, we can say that was a success too. What I want you to know is that there were at least three boats of these fellow sailors that

had not been out in a while. That gives me great hope for the fleet, as the viability of regattas depend on our continuing attendance. We count on all of you to encourage others to try jets, return to sailing their jets, or consider selling your jet if you are unable or not interested in sailing it anymore so that our existing fleets can stay at a level that either sustains or even builds on the events we hold. Thanks again to Marion Zaugg and the group of volunteers for holding these yearly spring and fall events at Mohican Sailing Club.

The leadership board of governors of the Jet 14 National Association job is not complete. In fact we are working often through the winter with group conference calls to make plans, decisions, and help ensure the organization progresses so that you and other interested sailors have a series of events and boats to sail in them in 2020. If you have not looked at the [www.Jet14.com](http://www.Jet14.com) site or taken some time to download some photos from the Smug Mug location we use, please peruse both several times this winter. Chris Hennon does an excellent job getting the information up, including JetBlast newsletters ( all are available in the last several years there ) and the Classifieds section. It makes me happy to see a boat has moved along and this site is really how people can look for a boat in the class that they may be interested in. Additionally, I try to post often on our Facebook group site too ( Search groups for Jet 14 Sailors ) and that data may even include a boat you want to sell or questions about parts or crew you may be looking for. Our group email that comes with your membership mailings to you is one you too can send out similar queries of wants and needs or concerns too. For more challenging issues you wish to bring up to the Board of Governors send that request to me ([emichaudcht@wowway.com](mailto:emichaudcht@wowway.com)) or to Secretary Tiffany Parker

([tiffanyparker@roadrunner.com](mailto:tiffanyparker@roadrunner.com)) .

- Ernie Michaud (#1136)



Above: 2019 Halloween Classic (J. Smith)

## Halloween Classic

I would say we saw something like a repeat from last year weather wise: bad forecast only to have cloudless skies, warmer than expected temps in the high 50's Saturday and 60 Sunday, and wind. Yes, both days start to finish. So better than last year in fact.

All said that got us 12 boats to register and sail. Up from North Carolina was our Web Master, Chris Hennon, and Lenny Wells with Teri Fosmire. Needless to say, that kind of support from that far away is noticed and appreciated. Down from Edgewater we had Ernie Michaud and Johnathan Maude, and P.J. Blonski with Mark Paul. To round out our travelers it was great to see Ivan Baker with Brad Koinis on board as crew, and, well what can anyone say really, Dick Parker and Seth. And finally, Nate Ireland sailing with Ben Stock in Ben's #698.



Above: Baker, Parker, Hennon, and Zaugg (credit: J. Smith)

The wind was what I might call shifty, Dick Parker, how did he describe it....."blowing off both my cheeks".....which Seth said didn't mean what most might think, in a not so good way, across the lake so a work out up wind and down. As is the case many times, the scene seemed to get set fairly early with Nate and Ben putting up the win, with Ivan and Brad right behind, and yes, Dick and Seth very nearly second themselves.

Race two and maybe getting a little gusty. The finishes almost the same, mostly because Dick and Seth got called OCS. Also, Chris and Marsha were moving well with a third. Ernie was moving well also, but in a wacky kind of way, which ended in a capsized under the chute.

The third race and Dick and Seth were a little angry with the home ref ocs call, so they nailed the win. P.J. likely would have won this one, leading for the first two and a half legs, but did I mention it was a little shifty?

Race four and the order was looking to be set. Then race five, the last race of the day. Elizabeth, on my boat, realized she had to get dinner ready for all these folks, and instead of marveling at the weather and beautiful lake full of boats, was concerned that she needed to get in off the water sooner than later. So off we went. #444 lead the pack until Marion, constantly turning around to feast his eyes on the rest of the fleet giving him mean looks, twisted the tiller off the rudder at the bottom mark. Everyone was pointing and laughing except Chris, who blasted into the lead and was gone.

In for dinner. Taco Bar and all the fix'ens thank you Elizabeth. Jonathan Smith was down from Cleveland just to be with the Jet crowd, ran the safety boat and set up the tables and chairs for dinner, thank you. A good crowd camped in the clubhouse, mostly in front of the fireplace downstairs and in all likely hood, to be sure to be first in line for the He-Man Breakfast. Marion made the pancakes and Elizabeth did the rest, including cleaning up the place afterwards.

Out on the lake the wind had shifted south so a long beat and run was set for the 8 knots of building breeze. Great Sailing. Chris Hennon and Marsha were clearly no fluke with the win in race five and led almost wire to wire. Almost because at the last leeward mark with a short beat to the finish the chute was stuck not quite down. The Parkers powered past but Dick thought maybe this would be a good time to ponder with Seth why someone would sail upwind with the chute hoisted five feet....and sailed off the right side of the course. Just to prove that was not a fluke, #1159 lead the last long race all the way around until, what was it, 30 yards from the finish and apparently the same subject or one like it came up again and they sailed off the left side.

Lucky for them I was on the committee boat, not having a tiller that worked, and gave them positive coaching input as they finished. They both wagged their fingers at me good sports that they are.....

Good weekend. We should do it more often. Thank you, every one of you that made the time and effort to be here.

- Marion Zaugg (#444)

Sail	Skipper	Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Total
698	N. Ireland	B. Stock	1	1	2	1	4	2	1	12
443	I .Baker	B. Koinis	2	2	5	2	2	4	3	18
1129	C. Hennon	M. Kneller	6	3	4	5	1	1	4	24
1159	D. Parker	S. Parker	3	OCS	1	3	3	3	2	28
1126	PJ Blonski	M. Paul	10	9	3	6	7	5	5	45
433	L. Wells	T. Fosmire	7	8	8	7	5	6	8	49
1138	B. Regan	E. Regan	8	6	7	9	8	7	7	55
444	M. Zaugg	E. Maldonado	4	4	6	4	DNF	DNS	DNS	57
1136	E. Michaud	J. Maude	5	DNF	10	8	6	9	6	57
1133	M. Chambers	J. Chambers	9	7	9	8	DNF	DNS	DNS	72
94	B. Joudrey	S. Evans	12	5	DNS	DNS	DNS	8	DNS	77
324	C. Walley	N. Shogren	11	10	11	11	9	DNS	DNS	78







*The Jet crowd at the 2019 Labor Day Regatta at Lake Norman YC, Mooresville NC.*

## News and Notes

- Jet junior sailors Cole Wise, Olivia Hennon, Kevin Trebilcock, and Caswell Kern recently competed in an open high school junior regatta in Charleston, SC. Wise and Hennon had some nice finishes, including a 4<sup>th</sup> in their final race (out of 16 boats). All four represent Reynolds High School.
- Although our formal fleet numbers have recently declined, the class has many “free agent” Jet sailors all around the country. If you are interested in formally organizing a fleet and/or running a sanctioned regatta, we want to support you! Please contact President Michaud or one of the other board members for information and assistance.

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