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Ireland/Stock Triumph at Jet Nationals in Mayfield



Above: Jets jockey for position at the start of the 2021 Nationals at Mayfield YC

The last time I visited Mayfield was for the 2009 Nationals. We had just welcomed our firstborn, Vincent, into the world six weeks earlier and decided to take him with us. That was quite the whirlwind and Bridget and I remember very little of the actual event. This was like discovering a new venue for the first time. Wow, what a gem!

The club itself sits atop a hill overlooking the lake and the scenery is beautiful, but the people are what makes the place amazing. Kelly and Dean Whalen ran point and worked their tails off. It is obvious how much time and effort went into making everyone feel welcomed as their own. If anyone has yet to make the trip, I highly recommend it!

We all came for the racing, and initial reports did not look very promising. Each day had forecasts close to light and variable, but PRO Dave Japikse and his band of race committee helpers had confidence that we would get off a great series.

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Day 1 we sailed in the bay close to the club. The wind was light across the course with some holes from time to time but everyone was able to keep moving. Some points that stood out day 1:

- Chris and Olivia Hennon had great light air downwind speed and nipped a few boats at the finish each race.
- Chris and Dean Whalen had a great second race and were the fastest boat on the water for a good part of the race.
- Dave Michos and Cara Sanderson Bown were solid every race and had a knack at keeping themselves in the best air and moving downwind.

I must put a plug in for the community watering hole. The Whalens refit an old wood Jet into a top-of-the-line bar, which Bridget and PJ put to use keeping the sailors and club members sufficiently lubricated. The last-minute rum gummies had just enough kick even with the quick soak, and the blender drinks were flowing long enough to make everyone's cheeks rosy. Surprisingly everyone was in good spirits even the next morning.

Day 2 was a marathon. We sailed out into the main lake and bobbed until after lunch, waiting for the wind to come in. True to plan, the wind came up and we sailed five races.

The first race saw Bridget, sailing with PJ Blonski, leave the rest of the fleet behind to sail in her own little bubble. Despite taking a huge gamble she won the race going away. She then passed us the next race as well. Ben and I realized that they were just faster in the light stuff. At that point with only one point separating us, it turned into a match race to just try to stay, and keep, in front of each other. Sadly, a broken main halyard on the final beat of race 8 was the final straw for the Funky Llama team.

Random thoughts:

- Kudos to Doug Brown and Susan Mallows for two bullets on the day. They definitely found the groove for low points on the day.
- Ernie Michaud and Marsha Kneller had a set of 2's and in the last race were mere inches away from winning their first race at a Nationals.

- Our New Secretary and Treasurer, Tom Grace and Paula Pacheco, started off the day with a nice pair of 3s, showing their usual light air prowess.

- The last run of race 8, (and the regatta, as it turned out,) got spicy when a 15+ knot puff decided to arrive rather suddenly. The fleet handled it with aplomb, but it sure was exciting!

- Friday's racing was followed by a wonderful Italian dinner served by the Mayfield members; the carbs were much appreciated after the marathon day of sailing!

Unfortunately, Day 3 turned into a bust. The RC made a valiant effort to find the breeze, but after one too many 180* shifts, the time limit loomed to large, and the regatta was called. This was no doubt much to the relief of Chris and Olivia, who finished on the podium, but also only 2 points ahead of sixth place. Scores were REALLY tight...

There were so many highlights I'm sure I've failed to mention, but suffice it to say, everyone had their moments, both good and bad, as shown by the jumbled scores. A special personal thanks to Ben Stock for crewing with me. Ben kept my head straight on the water and did an amazing job in the boat while making it fun at the same time.

I think it's safe to say that a great time was had by all, and we look forward to a return to Mayfield!

See everyone on the water soon,

Nate Ireland



Above: Nate Ireland, PRO Dave Japikse, Bridget Ireland, and Ben Stock enjoy some liquid refreshment at the 2021 Nationals.

Regatta Results

2021 Jet-14 Nationals Results

Mayfield Yacht Club, Mayfield NY

August 5-7

Sail	Skipper	Crew	Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Total
698	N. Ireland	B. Stock	Hoover	1	2	1	2	2	[7]	4	1	13
1147	B. Ireland	PJ Blonski	Hoover	2	1	4	1	1	2	8	[10]	19
483	C. Hennon	O. Hennon	Asheville	3	4	3	4	7	[8]	5	3	29
747	D. Brown	S. Mallows	Hunterdon	6	[7]	6	6	4	1	1	7	31
1141	E. Michaud	M. Kneller	Edgewater	5	6	5	[8]	8	3	2	2	31
1157	D. Michos	C. Brown	Edgewater	4	3	2	[7]	5	6	7	4	31
717	T. Grace	P. Pacheco	Lake Norman	7	8	7	3	3	[10]	6	8	42
716	C. Whalen	D. Whalen	Mayfield	9	5	9	[11]	10	5	3	6	47
433	L. Wells	T. Fosmire	Asheville	8	10	[11]	9	6	4	9	5	51
1129	P. Hennon	M. Dionne	Asheville	10	9	8	5	9	9	[11]	11	61
1151	D. Lehane	D. Lehane	Mayfield	[11]	11	10	10	11	11	10	9	72
265	B. Ward	Mark	NJ	[DNF]	DNF	DNF	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	91

2021 Labor Day Regatta

Lake Norman Yacht Club, Mooresville NC

September 4-5

Sail	Skipper	Crew	Club	R 1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total
1136	E. Michaud	S. Michaud	Edgewater	[1]	1	1	1	1	1	5
433	L. Wells	T. Fosmire	Asheville	[3]	2	3	3	2	2	12
717	T. Grace	P. Pacheco	Lake Norman	2	[4]	2	2	3	4	13
977	B. Sampson	P. Michaud	Asheville	[6]	5	4	4	4	3	20
1129	C. Hennon	S. Winburn	Asheville	4	3	[DNC]	DNC	DNC	DNC	28
962	K. Richardson		Carolina SC	5	[DNF]	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	33

2021 Governor's Cup

Kerr Lake, Henderson NC

June 20-21

Sail	Skipper	Crew	Club	R1	R2	R3	Total
433	L. Wells	T. Fosmire	Asheville	1	2	2	5
717	T. Grace	P. Pacheco	Lake Norman	2	3	4	9
483	C. Hennon	O. Hennon	Asheville	DNC	1	1	11
737	B. Saunders	T. Ochoa	Carolina SC	3	6	3	12
1129	P. Hennon	E. Mann	Asheville	4	4	5	13
1007	C. Kern	A. Sodi	Asheville	6	5	6	17
962	K. Richardson	D. Richardson	Carolina SC	5	7	7	19
544	K. Trebilcock	M. Dionne	Asheville	DNC	DNC	DNC	27

Jet-14 Nationals in Pictures

See all at: <https://jet14.smugmug.com/Jet-14-Nationals-Pictures/2021-Nationals/>



President's Corner



Had a great time doing nationals this year with my wife and crew's spouse along for the traveling and touring as we came and went from Mayfield Yacht Club. We got just enough racing in to demonstrate to each other our expertise in light and moderate air.

Don't forget the upcoming regattas on the Jet-14 calendar.

September 25-26

Board Bash, Lake Norman Yacht Club, Mooresville, NC. Jets did this one for the first time last year and had a blast.

This One Design event is for dinghies only! Contact Tom Grace (704) 574-0598, gracet@att.net or go to the Lake Norman Yacht Club website (lakenormanyc.org) to register!

October 9-10

The Halloween Classic returns! Contact Stewart Fitz Gibbon (330) 464-0509, hsfitzgibbon@gmail.com or go to the Mohican Sailing Club website (www.mohicansailing.org) for more information!

Keep talking up these boats and take time to mix it up in development of others into our boats. In the winter remember giving, selling, renovating, and marketing these boats - it will make a difference!

See you soon,

Ernie Michaud
President and Fleet 60 Captain
Jet-14 Class Association

Upcoming Events

Board Bash (Sept. 25-26), LNYC: Contact Tom Grace (704) 574-0598

Halloween Classic (October 9-10), Mohican Sailing Club: Contact Stewart Fitz Gibbon, (330) 464-0509

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**Mohican Sailing Club
Jet 14 Halloween Classic Regatta
October 9-10, 2021**

Location: Charles Mill Lake, MSC address 2187 Township Road 1265, Lucas, OH 44843

Schedule:	Saturday, October 9	10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Registration
		11:30 a.m.	Lunch
		12:00 noon	Skippers Meeting
		1:00 p.m.	First Gun
		5:00 p.m.	Social Hour
		6:00 p.m.	Dinner
	Sunday, October 10	8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
		9:30 a.m.	First Gun
		1:00 p.m.	Lunch and Trophies

No race will start after 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and after Noon on Sunday.

One fleet, trophies to the top 5 finishers.

Costs:

Registration per boat:	\$20
Saturday Lunch	\$5
Saturday Dinner	\$10
Sunday Breakfast	\$5
Sunday Lunch	\$5
Boat and 2 people package	\$60 (\$10 off)

Checks preferred, payable to Mohican Sailing Club, or exact change only.

COVID 19: There are no mandates in the State of Ohio. MSC is following CDC guidance, with masks recommended indoors, where social distancing is not possible, and for those unvaccinated.



Refurbishing a Jet-14 (excerpt, see full article at jet14.com)

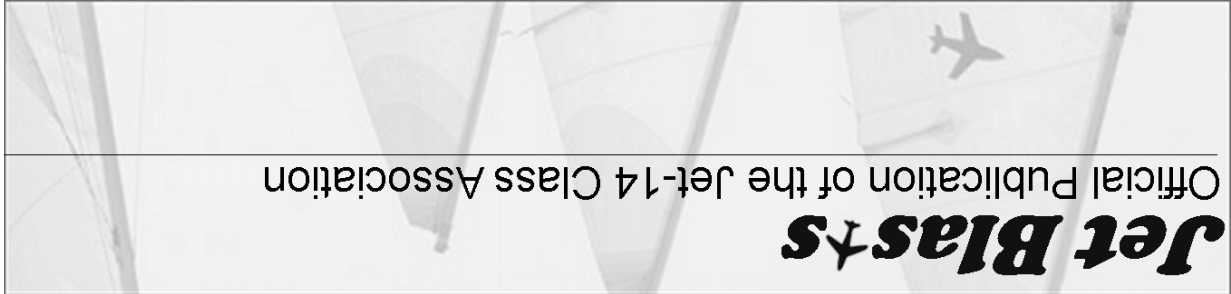
By Ernie Michaud, Class President and Fleet Captain in 2021 — A year of COVID where we needed something to do in isolation.

Falling in Love with Jet 14's

Before I tell you how I refurbished a Jet 14 boat over the past year, I'd like to share my journey with the Jet 14's. I joined the Jet 14 National Association in 2008, after having bought my first boat, a Jet 14 #760. I picked it up locally from someone who had been told that he had to sell one boat or the other as his wife moved in with him. The boat I bought from him had been partially refurbished, but was not completed and needed a good bit of work over the first couple of years I was sailing it. I learned a lot about tanks v.s. air bags on Jet 14's the hard way — just ask my crew, Anna Pentronzio, who took a swim in Lake Erie, twice, because of me. (Sorry, Anna!) Thanks to Dave Michos' expert advice and instruction on how to glass, I soon had at least the front tank and the full centerboard pin area redo complete before I sold it.



My second Jet 14 a few years later was #1136. It was a well made Buckles boat that Dave Michos and later Jim Hermetet had rigged and upgraded. It has been a great boat. Each year I improve or replace some needed lines or rigging, and some trailer adjustments have been made to make it one of the best supporting and lightest trailers in the fleet. I focused on several things ...[continue reading at jet14.com]



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