

Jet Blasts

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Time For Racing? Upcoming Jet-14 Class Events



Above: Marsha Kneller and Sierra Bode (1141) chase Chuck and Ian Connors (530) during Thursday night racing off Edgewater YC in Cleveland.

After a surreal spring and summer of lockdowns, social distancing, masks, and quarantines that have disrupted everyone's life in some way, people are sailing again, albeit with abundant caution. The Jet-14 class ultimately cancelled its sanctioned regatta schedule, including the 2020 Nationals at Mayfield Yacht Club. But as restrictions have eased and with

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evidence that outdoor activities are generally much safer, there has been Jet activity brewing in several parts of the country.

Fleet 60 (Edgewater YC) near Cleveland began a regular Thursday night racing series in early July with sustained success. Dave Michos (#217) generously offered to set up marks and run the races for the fleet. See Ernie Michaud's fleet report later on for more details.

Down in North Carolina, Fleet 65 has been participating in club regattas at the Asheville Sailing Club. Due to state restrictions,

only family members may sail with one another so there has been quite a bit of single handing going on.

Lake Norman Yacht Club near Charlotte, NC will conduct a series of fall regattas, socially distanced of course! A Jet fleet is already being assembled for the first event, the Labor Day Regatta September 5-6. High school seniors Kevin Trebilcock and Caswell Kern are eager to debut their new rides, #544 and #1107. All Jet members are invited to race - see the Upcoming Events calendar (p. 9) later in the issue for links and information.

Get To Know Your Jet-14 Friends and Neighbors

Sailing season is usually a time to reconnect with family and friends. In the absence of one, allow us to introduce 12 members and friends that you may meet on or off the water in 2021.



Mike Chambers (Fleet 4, Mohican Sailing Club)

Boat Number: 1133

How long have you sailed a Jet? Since 1963

Who taught you to sail? My father Don and John Zaugg

Who do you regularly sail with? My son Jon

Favorite sailing venue? Any place where the Jet family is gathered. Have met some amazing

people over the years and would not trade that experience for the world!

Best attribute of the Jet-14? Great two person, family friendly boat

Fav activity beyond sailing? Winter skiing, reading, travel, hiking time with family

Sailing goals for 2021? Put 2020 behind us and sail on sailor!

Favorite movie? How the West was Won



Don Janeway (Fleet 65, NC)

Boat Number: 1115

How long have you sailed a Jet? 6 years

What other boats do you sail? Laser, Classic Moth (Vintage class)

Who taught you to sail? My dad introduced me to lake sailing small dinghies as a kid. I did some windsurfing in the '80s, but only came back with an interest in learning to sail better in 2014.

Who do you regularly sail with? Rebecca (wife)

Favorite sailing venue? Everett B. Jordan Lake.

It's close and relatively open for a NC lake.

Best attribute of the Jet-14? It's just complicated enough to keep presenting something interesting to learn to do better every time out.

Fav activity beyond sailing? Cycling, running, boat tuning/repair.

Sailing goals for 2021? Sail more and better than in 2020

Favorite Movie? It's hard to beat "Monty Python's Holy Grail" or "Princess Bride" for quotable lines.



Bridget Ireland (OH)

Boat Number: 1147

How long have you sailed a Jet? I've been sailing all my life. Started sailing Jets about 20 years ago.

What other boats do you sail? So many...but mostly Lasers, Interlakes, and crew on Lightnings, Thistles, and Highlanders

Who taught you to sail? Indian Lake Yacht Club!!!

Who do you regularly sail with? On the Jet, The

Wonderful George Auer is a regular crew for me.

Favorite sailing venue? Everywhere! Recently been doing lots of sailing at Hoover Sailing Club
Best attribute of the Jet-14? The boat is so easy to rig that I can do everything myself!

Fav activity beyond sailing? The beach! Having my toes in the sand and a drink in my hand.

Sailing goals for 2021? Getting my three boys ready and skippering Opti's like they own it

Favorite Movie? Any I can sit still for...the funny, scary, suspenseful.



Susan Mallows (Fleet 51, Hunterdon SC)

Boat Number: 747

How long have you sailed a Jet? I started as crew for Charlie Engler and sailed with him for at least 5 seasons before becoming crew for my husband in 2003

What other boats do you sail? Sunfish, Laser, Force 5, Sanderling, all one design classes

Who taught you to sail? Hunterdon Sailing Club - it was a group effort by some of the nicest people in the world. I crewed for Art Mohan in an Albacore for my first season. He was very kind and arranged for me to borrow a Sunfish every week for a summer, I struggled at the back of the pack for years in this before I had any real sense of how to skipper a boat. When I got into the Force 5 it was easier as the boat was symmetrical. Charlie taught me to crew a Jet and manage a spinnaker, my husband has, over the years, spent a lot of time coaching me to increase my abilities.

Who do you regularly sail with? Many people in different classes. In the Jet now it is mostly when we travel to regattas, I really like the people in the class and enjoy their company. Favorite sailing venue? For a long time it has been Spruce Run, the home waters of HSC, mostly because it is 10 minutes from my house and I learned to sail there. I love West River because of the people and the Pirates Cove. Lake Norman is awesome. I think the Jet struggles in big chop so venues with this are not my favorite for the boat.

Best attribute of the Jet-14? Everything is to hand. It is small enough so I can reach everything I need to with ease. It roll tacks well and is nimble. Also, I can sail it with my husband.

Fav activity beyond sailing? Spending time with family, my dogs and traveling. Also weeding which is totally weird. It's just instant gratification.

Sailing goals for 2021? Always to get better starts.

Favorite Movie? August Rush, not many people have seen it but I like it and bought the soundtrack, which I never do.

Arthur Roswell (NJ)

Boat Number: 1001 (in the old days)

Who taught you to sail? My uncle

Who do you regularly sail with? I sailed with Vim Einthoven

Favorite sailing venue? Spruce Run

Best attribute of the Jet-14? Planing hull

Fav activity beyond sailing? Photography and reading

Sailing goals for 2021? I have retired from sailing because I am 91 years old!

Favorite Movie? Fiddler on the Roof



Lenny Wells (Fleet 65, Asheville Sailing Club)

Boat Number: 433

How long have you sailed a Jet? Since 2013

What other boats do you sail? Laser, Sunfish

Who taught you to sail? I took two 1-week summer sailing camps on Lake Mongonia, West Palm Beach, FL

Who do you regularly sail with? For over four years it was Caswell Kern (above), now Teri Fosmire

Favorite sailing venue? Tossup between Mohican Sailing Club and Lake Norman YC. I like Mohican for the friendship and closeness of participants in the regattas.

Best attribute of the Jet-14? It is ideal for small lake sailing

Fav activity beyond sailing? Motorcycle riding

Sailing goals for 2021? Lose more weight and move up in the Jet-14 Nationals overall score by at least 20%



Dean Whalen (Fleet 63, Mayfield, NY)

Boat Number: 716

How long have you sailed a Jet? Since 2004

What other boats do you sail? Holder 20
 Who taught you to sail? My dad. He learned in his teens crewing on Oneida Lake on a Lightning for a gentleman who was paraplegic, but had the Lightning modified with seats on each side
 Who do you regularly sail with? Since Chris our son moved to Maine, I often day-sail the Jet by myself

Favorite sailing venue? I am admittedly partial to our home lake of the Great Sacandaga Lake, but always enjoyed all the different Nationals venues. Favorite of those - Annapolis/SSA.

Best attribute of the Jet-14? It's "tweaky" and the rules allow for experimentation on deck layout. Unlike the hot boats of today (Viper, J-70, etc), it makes it a more technical boat. And, I have to admit, I fell in love with the plumb-bow first time I saw one.

Fav activity beyond sailing? Mountain climbing (mostly winter), XC skiing

Sailing goals for 2021? Yeah, Nationals at Mayfield. Be there!

Favorite Movie? Well, not "Wind" though that was fun. Kelly and I are actually partial to "An American President"



Bruce Sampson (Fleet 65, Asheville SC)

Boat Number: 977

How long have you sailed a Jet? About 6 years

What other boats do you sail? Thistle #3185

Who taught you to sail? Junior sailing program, Sandusky Sailing Club

Who do you regularly sail with? ASC Jetters

Favorite sailing venue? Sandusky Bay

Best attribute of the Jet-14? The Jet is a miniature Thistle and easier to sail solo
 Fav activity beyond sailing? Granddaughters, Cameron and Kinsley
 Sailing goals for 2021? At least 6 Jet regattas
 Favorite Movie? Free Willie



Barbara Zaugg (Fleet 4, Mohican Sailing Club)

Boat Number: 94

How long have you sailed a Jet? I've been sailing since I was about 8; crewed for my dad/brothers/Mike Chambers until I started sailing my own Jet in high school.

Who taught you to sail? My mom, dad, brother
 Who do you regularly sail with? Nowadays, whoever I can get to crew

Favorite sailing venue? Mohican, of course

Best attribute of the Jet-14? Easy for two people to handle; light and responsive; great people in the class.

Fav activity beyond sailing? Work

Sailing goals for 2021? I hope for a renewed interest in sailing/racing at our home club and in the class.

Favorite Movie? The Blob

Tim Miller (NC)

Boat Number: 722

How long have you sailed a Jet? Still restoring!
 Owned for a year.

What other boats do you sail? None currently.
 Used to sail 420s

Who taught you to sail? Northwestern Univ.

Sailing Club

Best attribute of the Jet-14? [It is a planing-hull design that fits in my garage.](#)

Fav activity beyond sailing? [Road cycling](#)

Sailing goals for 2021? [Finish a race above the waterline](#)

Favorite Movie? [Snatch](#)

Adam Schumann (Cleveland, OH)

Boat Number: [955](#)

How long have you sailed a Jet? [Haven't raced her yet](#)

What other boats do you sail? [Tartan 10, J-24](#)

Favorite Movie? [Rushmore](#)

DeDe Richardson (Fleet 65, NC)

Boat Number: [962](#)

How long have you sailed a Jet? [1 year](#)

What other boats do you sail? [Crewed for FS and Buccaneer](#)

Who taught you to sail? [Katie Richardson](#)

Who do you regularly sail with? [Katie Richardson](#)

Favorite sailing venue? [Jordan Lake - close by](#)

Best attribute of the Jet-14? [Very fun lively boat to sail](#)

Fav activity beyond sailing? [Pottery](#)

Sailing goals for 2021? [Get on the water](#)

Favorite Movie? [Lord of the Rings](#)

In Memoriam

Over the past three years, the Jet-14 class said goodbye to three sailors who left an indelible mark on us and their family and friends. I'm sure many of us have vivid memories of our times with them, whether it be competing on the water or just chatting over a regatta dinner. The following provides a small glimpse into their lives, with observations from Jet-14 class members who knew them.

Ed Barbehenn (1924-2017)



Ed "Steady Eddie" Barbehenn was born in Jersey City, and spent the majority of his life working and sailing in New Jersey. His love for the water and boats started as a teenager when he would canoe on Lake Hopatcong. He soon noticed the sailboats, which often were moving faster and didn't even need to use a paddle! So he decided to convert the canoe to a sailboat.....2 side boards, a rudder and makeshift sail were added. One of the Lake Hopatcong E-scow sailors noticed how often the kid in the canoe was on the water, and asked Ed to crew in a race. The rest is history. He became hooked with competitive sailboat racing, and never stopped his push to make a boat go faster until his body wouldn't let him in the late 80's.

While at Lake Hopatcong, over the course of about 40 years he raced Comets, Jet-14s, Thistles and E-scows, winning club championships in each class. He also joined Hunterdon Sailing Club when Spruce Run reservoir was created in the mid-60s. There he would race Jet-14s and occasionally a Sunfish.

His Jet-14 experience began in the late 50s, when Comets started to dwindle, and the Jet was the hot boat. He purchased #354, then in 1963 bought #558, which at the time was just the fiberglass hull---no deck, no CB trunk, no nothing but the bare shell. Being an engineer, Ed loved to work on and tinker with the boats, so he figured why not build one, or at least add as much as he could to the hull. So he added a

wood deck, wood CB trunk, made a rudder, and made sitka spruce spars. It turned out he needed a bit more practice with fiberglass (relatively new construction in the early 60s) as the CB trunk popped out during his first regatta on Raritan Bay, and the boat almost sank. Ed was Class President at some point in the mid-60s, and won the Nationals in 1972 at Hunterdon with approximately 50 boats in attendance. He would go on to purchase #589 in the late 70s, when his son sort of “took” #558 from him.

Ed and wife Sheila retired to Oxford, MD in 1988 where they both spent the rest of their lives. Ed’s desire to race did not slow down, and he owned/raced J-22s, Flying Scots, Ideal 18s, and Lasers during his latter years.

While his love for the sport was high, so was his generosity. He often would help others with their boats, technique, and tactics, help organize events, and help promote the sport, especially at the junior level. His efforts and support of the junior program at Tred Avon Yacht Club in Oxford helped make it one of the best in the northeast. On a personal note, he for sure gave me awesome opportunities both in sailing and other aspects of life, and I am forever thankful. - Brent Barbehenn

Charlie Engler (1928-2020)



Charlie has been the heart and soul of Hunterdon Sailing Club back to its earliest days. Serving many roles including Commodore in 1975, 1983, 1998, and 2006. Charlie was racing his Jet-14 *Charlie's Angel* (#1129) well into his late 80s. Those many who crewed with him are proud to have earned their Charlie's Angel t-shirts. Charlie was a good friend to all who sailed with him. He never let winning get in the way of sharing the joy of sailing, but if you weren't paying attention, you'd often get a good view of his transom crossing the finish line ahead of you. -Susan Mallows

I first met Charlie at the 2000 Nationals at SSA. I just remember he was always ahead of us and always smiling. A couple of years later at a regatta at Saratoga, I recall a discussion I had with Charlie in which he told me that he always sells his car and gets a new one when it reaches 90,000 miles, no questions asked. For some reason, that has stuck with me ever since. We purchased *Charlie's Angel* a few years

ago when Charlie finally retired from sailing. He was sad to see her go. I think of Charlie every time we sail #1129. Such a kind human. -Chris Hennon

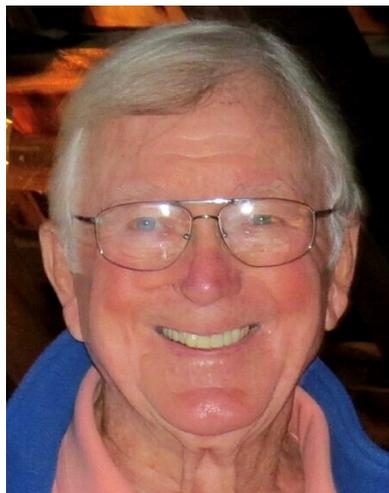
Charlie was one of the nicest people to sail against. I will always remember his friendly smile when he would come to sail in the Packanack regattas. He will truly be missed. -Sue Clark

He was truly a class act both on and off the water. I will fondly remember my time with him that spanned over a 45-year period, especially at his home away from home at Surf City. -Gary Mentasana

Charlie was always the epitome of great sportsmanship. He added something special to every event. -Bill Hall

He was one of the class greats! Always enjoyed talking to him. -Greg Koski

Ralph Hansen (1925-2020)



Beginning in the 1970's, Ralph was a stalwart of the Jet 14 Class, where he was both president of the class and editor of Jet Blasts, and of Fleet 51 at Hunterdon Sailing Club, where he was the Commodore and active for almost 30 years. While Ralph was a tremendous asset to the class, fleet and club off the water, he was also extremely influential on the water as evidenced by the class' perpetual trophies being littered with the Hansen name, whether it was Ralph's, his wife Jane or sons Tom (Donna) and David (Anne).

I was fortunate to have both sailed with and against Ralph in his Triple Nickle for probably 25+ years, which started when I was 10 or so when I knew him as Mr. Hansen.

I was even more fortunate to have known Ralph, both during my formative adolescent years as well as an adult. Ralph always had a smile on his face, a twinkle in his eye and, maybe most importantly, time for you. He truly was a wonderful man. -Gary Mentasana

I met Ralph only once, the first time James and I sailed at Saratoga Lake, and remember well how gracious and friendly he was to us rookies in the class. -Peter McKenna

I also was fortunate to sail with Ralph when he came to sail at Packanack Lake or at the Gravy Bowl on Spruce Run. He was a wonderful competitor and always so friendly and helpful to all. A true gentleman (with that gorgeous woodie #555) – he will be missed. -Sue Clark

Fleet Reports

A couple of fleet reports have come in over the last few weeks - if your fleet/club would like to report activities or announce future plans, please send an email to jet14webmaster@yahoo.com.

Fleet 60 (Edgewater YC, Cleveland OH)

We have had six weeks of Thursday night racing in Cleveland out of Edgewater Yacht Club and Whiskey Island Marina. It was a late start as we had to figure out our part in working with the Foundry, who we sailed with the last two years. As a more formal solution, Dave Michos has returned from his year hiatus and offered to run the race committee inside the break wall. What's really impressive is how much family involvement we have on the race

course. For example, during this time of Covid restrictions, we have Chuck Connors' young son Ian, sailing with us. My wife Paula is subbing for my regular crew Anna. Johnathan Maude's wife sailed with him as well.

We have had four or five boats out there each week and what is really amazing is that we have not missed a night. The weather has been our friend this year. In past years, we had cancellations due to extreme heat, and no wind or potential downpour. So far so good this year. With four to five races each night we are enjoying some good skill building at starts and mark roundings. We are hoping to put in about six more weeks this year and of course are moving the start time a bit earlier as the evening sunset is earlier too. -Ernie Michaud

Fleet 65 (Carolina)

Twice monthly “fun sail” regattas are underway at Asheville Sailing Club (ASC), with 2-4 Jets on the water for each one. ASC now boasts 9 Jets in its fleet, while Fleet 65 as a whole is comprised of approximately 15 Jets from Asheville, Charlotte, and the Raleigh-Durham area.

We are planning to participate in a series of upcoming regattas at Lake Norman Yacht Club, beginning with the Labor Day Regatta September 5-6. The regatta is open to all visitors and we encourage anyone interested to get in touch.

President's Corner

Hello fellow Jetters,

I hope you are doing well and getting some safe, on the water time in your Jet 14's. I have come to learn that our normally scheduled Halloween Classic will not be occurring in October, as the board at the Mohican Sailing Club has decided it is just not safe or feasible with all the risks and restrictions in this year. Sure they too are likely hopeful that in the new year we will be able to hold some events, but until then consider other options for the month of October for your outdoor leisure.

If you have received a 2020 membership packet and have not put your car decal on please do so in a place that will help in lightly marketing the fleet. It can go on windows or even the paint of your car and follow the directions for application and removal if needed. As we go into the new year, share any ideas you have to help us keep others aware. We will be putting ourselves onto the US Sailing One Design Central registry for much more detail or marketing from or through their website soon.

So continue to share your work on your boat this year with all of us on the email list, Facebook, or just email Chris Hennon the webmaster (jet14webmaster@yahoo.com). You can try to sell used parts, new parts, used boats or trailers and even sails. Don't hesitate! Try move things along if you are not using them or have extras. Otherwise I trust some of the boats will be getting some refreshing repairs or upgrades in these next six months.

Until we meet again on the water racing, Ernie Michaud Jet 14 Class President

Upcoming Events

Labor Day Regatta (Sept 5-6), Lake Norman Yacht Club, Mooresville NC: Online registration (\$20) only at https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/21146#_home . On site camping available.

Chili Bowl (Sept. 12), Edgewater YC, Cleveland, OH: May be limited to local sailors due to health restrictions. Contact Ernie Michaud (emichaudcht@wowway.com) for details

Hospice Regatta (Sept. 12-13), LNYC: Contact Fleet 65 for details including potential participants

Board Bash (Sept. 26-27), LNYC: Contact Fleet 65 for details including potential participants



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