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**Upcoming events**

- Blow Hard Regatta Sept. 15-16**
- Packanack Regatta Oct. 7**
- Halloween Classic Oct. 14-15**
- Annapolis Frostbiting Nov. April**
- Cleveland Boat Show Jan. 12-21**

**2006 Nationals Brings It All Together**

We had it all. There were The Regulars: Tom Grace, Team Schwenk, Charlie Engler, The Kennedy's--to name a few. There were The Officer's: Pres. DeFusco, VP Michos, CM Zaugg, Sec./Treas. Shipman. There were Newbie's: Guido and Simon Bertocci, and the Hermetets. There were Northmen: Teams Japikse and Whalen. There were Rock Stars: Greg "Woody" Fisher and Tom Joudrey (Greg because of his sailing fame, Tom because of his hair). There were The Wounded (who wanted but could not sail): Chris MacMurray and Gary Mentasana. And there was The Man: PRO John "No General Recall" Potter. These fine sailors and many others came to Severen Sailing Assn., Annapolis, late August for the 2006 Jet14 Nationals. Kirby and Roberta Mehrhof led a group of hard working Jetters from three area Jet fleets to put on a great regatta. THANKS!

Racing started on Wednesday with the Women's and Junior Nationals. The  
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*continued* **Nationals**

Joann Fisher/Sue Michos and RJ Bay/ Daniel Kowalyshun teams won their respective events by winning the last 4 races each.

Throughout the 10-race (no-throw-out) Nationals light to medium breezes persisted. The short courses, tight starting lines and absence of general recalls emphasized good yet conservative starts. This was shown in Race 2 when current pushed boats “over early” --50% of the fleet was called back individually. Yet, only 2 boats failed to return to start correctly! With a forecast for light wind it was wondered how many races could be sailed. Thursday and Friday each started with light, dying breezes, but then shifted and settled in due to sea breeze. Saturday started in a full hiking wind, but tapered to lighter and lumpier by the end of racing.

Some of the racing highlights:

Clark and Hank Kennedy rounding the 1<sup>st</sup> mark in 2<sup>nd</sup> place during race 3. Team Schwenk being over early, but still winning race 6.

Team Zaugg doing a horizon job on the fleet in race 9.

The impressive comeback by Tom and Paul Joudrey over the last 5 races, finishing no worse than 7<sup>th</sup>.

The very consistent series posted by Team DeFusco and Team Michos, finishing 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> respectively, and tied on points.

The constant pressure applied by Team Fisher.

Team McKenna being the lucky “7-11” boat with all but 3 finishes of 7 or 11.

The impressive perseverance and emotion exhibited by Team Whalen.

When all was said and done, Ben Stock held Team 698 together as they stayed barely ahead of Team Fisher to take the win. Team Schwenk stayed out of trouble to nab 3<sup>rd</sup>, with Teams Defusco and Michos tied for 4<sup>th</sup>, but 1105 getting the tiebreaker. Team Zaugg, with the last day bullet, stole 6<sup>th</sup>, edging Lochner/Campbell/ Hart. Rounding out the top 10 were Team Joudrey 8<sup>th</sup>, Team McKenna 9<sup>th</sup>, and Team Putnam 10<sup>th</sup> (two good last day races).

A big thanks goes to Greg and Joann Fisher for sailing and sharing their expertise. Greg is being tugged in all different directions all day long and it was truly a pleasure to have him and Joann sail with us. Please come back! Also thanks to Greg Koski for lending his 1147 for use, and to Dave and Sue Michos for bringing and rigging the boat for the Nationals. Indeed a big-time effort, and one that defines the type of people we have in this great Class.

One last remembrance. This was the first Nationals Howie Ungemach was not with us. There were many empty moments when Howie’s name was mentioned. His passion for sailing and the Class will never be forgotten, and is something we all will continue to benefit from. One must believe he enjoyed watching us as we struggled around the buoys.

Brent Barbehenn #698

Full Nationals Results at [Jet14.com](http://Jet14.com)

**IN MEMORIAM**
**Howland “Howie” Ungemach**

Howland Ungemach Jr., 80, of Wayne, NJ, passed away Thursday July 27, 2006. Born in Passaic, Howie grew up in Nutley, graduated from Nutley High School and served in the US Air Force as a navigator. Howie then pursued an engineering degree at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and masters in Engineering from Newark College of Engineering.

Howie was employed by Lockheed Electronic, retiring in 1989.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, and six children.

Howie and Mary are long remembered for over 30 years of continuous service to Jet 14 Class as Secretary/Treasurer. The Jet 14 class will surely miss you.

**The Same Skills, 30 Years Later**

**– A Flashback to 1978 From Past Champion Peter Jones**

Going into the last race Greg Fisher was several points behind Brent Barbehenn, but he had beaten Brent the last two races. If he beat him again and put boats between themselves he could win the championship. After the last race's start Greg established a significant lead. Brent, a couple of boats back, could lose the championship. But Brent didn't lose ground. Instead he gained. Near the second windward leg's end I photographed Brent overtaking Greg. The wind had gotten lighter leaving the sea sloppy and Brent outmaneuvered Greg to take the lead. It was an incredible move. Seeing it reminded me of the last race in the 1978 Nationals, confirming his 1st place and my 2nd. His ability to head a boat up higher without losing speed is one of his most dramatic abilities.



*Greg Fisher wins the pin end in Race 9 of the Nationals. Photo Peter Jones*

**President's Message**

2006 has been quite a year. In my past ten years in the Jet Class, I can't recall many years when so much was accomplished. Some highlights include:

- Outgoing Secretary Joy Shipman tirelessly revised by-laws, specs and the constitution. Thanks, Joy.
- Chief Measurer Marion Zaugg updated the official drawings.
- As First Vice President, I launched the Find a Jet 14 Campaign, re-designed our brochure and developed a marketing plan.

While not glamorous, these undertakings will reap long term benefits.

Look for more solid administration in 2007. Past President Brent Barbehenn selected an excellent 2006-7 slate of energetic, enthusiastic officers, including:

- Ted Reshetiloff, First Vice President, and past Jet Blast editor. Ted is loaded with ideas and energy.
- Charlie Smith, Second Vice President. Charlie promises an excellent schedule in time for you to plan your vacation time around Jets.
- Dick Kennedy, Secretary/Treasurer. Dick has been involved with the Class for decades.

•Sue Michos, Jet Blast Editor. Sue will not be shy soliciting articles for the Jet Blast.

•Cliff Peshek and Gary Montesana, Members at Large. Both bring solid track records and practical advice. We also have a new District II Vice President, Nate Ireland. Nate is always recruiting sailing friends into Jet 14s.

These new officers join myself and veterans Chief Measurer Marion Zaugg and Webmaster Chris Hennon A new year and officers will build on a busy 2006.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or ideas.

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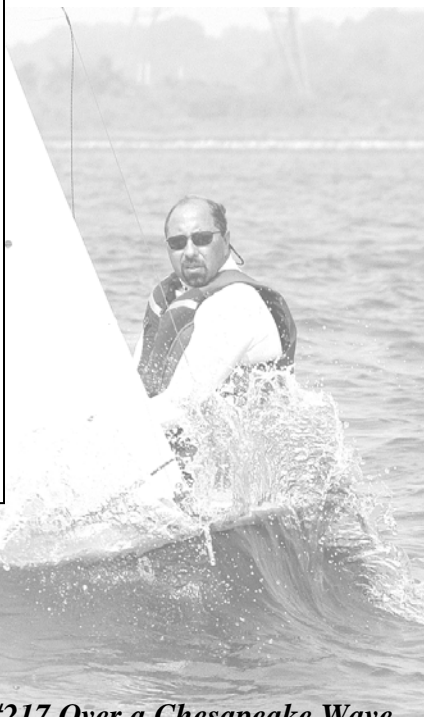
**Secretary and Treasurer's Report**

As of 8/20/06:

- 165 Members
- Cash On Hand \$12,819.82
- FY '06 Income 12,408.98
- FY Expenses 11,905.62

Full National Meeting Minutes, August 25, available at Jet14.com

Dick Kennedy jet14secretary@comcast.net



*President Dave Michos Takes #217 Over a Chesapeake Wave*

## Measurer's Corner

We've made a special effort over the past several years to update our drawings and specifications. We tried to consolidate changes and clarifications that accumulated, sometimes requiring a fair amount of navigation and investigation.

The end results are the revised Constitution, Bylaws and Specifications and updated drawings. The revised Constitution and Bylaws were presented at the annual meeting in Annapolis for ratification.

The updated drawings were approved there. Once the voting on each proposed revision is tallied the final updated specification and drawings will be available. It should be much simpler for each boat owner and fleet to verify that any existing boat or anticipated modifications will meet the letter and spirit of the class rules. I would appreciate all of your assistance: whenever a new drawing or document is generated from scratch typographic errors and small oversights are the norm. Please bring those to our attention for a timely correction.

In the near future a boat rigging guide working with our new drawings and specifications is planned. That should assist in standardizing and re-rigging old boats. Dave Japikse and Dave Michos are heading up this effort and I'm sure would welcome input from anyone with a recent re-rigging project behind them.

Let me know about the new specs and drawings.

Marion Zaugg, Chief Measurer  
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*Caleb Zimmerman at the Junior Nationals. Photo: Peter Jones*

## Notes from Caleb Zimmerman

### **-The Nationals Highest Finishing Junior Helmsman"**

*"Sailing for the second time* in the Jet Nationals was a great experience. With so much still to learn about the boat and the sport, I gained a lot just being on the water. Competing in the Junior Nationals gave me some feel for sailing in the Chesapeake, but it was nothing like Spruce Run. Everyone in the class is so helpful with tuning and getting the boat moving fast. I had a great time sailing with my dad and we both love going to the Nationals to race, have fun and see everyone. Skippering as a junior against men and women that are older is tough, but I've learned so much and continue to improve. I look forward to next year's Nationals and seeing everyone again."

## Women's National Champions

### *Joann Fisher and Sue Michos on #1147 at the pin end of the start*



**Photo: Peter Jones**

*-From Dean Whalen, Winner of the Persistence Award*

We know we simply finished all 10 races, mostly near dead last: Big Deal.

But it meant so much more. It was a goal my wife/crew Kelly set for the Nationals (mine was to not once yell).

“Persistence” is really about Kelly. I’m just a guy with a sailing sickness like the rest of you.

You see...

- *Persistence* is someone who before this year could barely sail, let alone race, yet challenged herself to respect and honor my love of sailing.
- *Persistence* is then spending countless hours this spring in a cold garage helping bring #716 back to life, knowingly giving up on that bathroom renovation because it was important for “him” to get the boat ready for Junior Sailing Camp at MYC and to try this racing thing.
- *Persistence* is her having never flown a spinnaker until the middle of a regatta but still willing to try.
- *Persistence* is tolerating her guy who thoughtlessly yelled; then wiping away tears of frustration. On the next leg she asked how we can do it better.
- *Persistence* is arranging an entire summer schedule around this craziness called the Jet 14.



*The Whalens Putting #716 Through The Paces Around The Race Course. Photos: Peter Jones*

If this sounds like a love letter to my wife, well it is. But this is also a love letter to you, the Jet Class, too.

You see, it was not just Kelly and I that persisted and persevered this year...

- *Persistence* is also a bunch of folks from all over the country who traveled to a rinky-dink lake in the Adirondacks just hoping to grow the class and help three idiots who jumped in with both feet.
- *Persistence* is those who restore the old woodies, buy klunkers with tired rigs and pull junkers from the weeds.
- *Persistence* is those who worked so hard this year in updating records, debated changes to by-laws, traced down missing boats or who worked to simply get “butts in boats.”
- *Persistence* is in two teenage girls traveling from upstate New York to Annapolis, knowing they’d finish last. And for one of their dads (who doesn’t even sail) spending hours this spring to support her new sport.
- *Persistence* is the same teen’s mom who took sailing lessons to share what her daughter was doing.
- *Persistence* is a friend finding a way to spend time with his boys before they’re teenagers with no time for him.
- *Persistence* is a guy from Annapolis who, despite a broken mast, went to New Jersey to spend time camping with his son. Likewise, a guy from New Jersey who got to do the same in Annapolis with his son, Simon.
- *Persistence* most especially is a New Jersey couple and two Rhode Island couples--our biggest cheerleaders.
- *Persistence* is also about honor. It was an honor to watch the number one racer go sail and help the “number six guy” (both would help the 26th guy in a heartbeat). Especially seeing the sixth guy was chasing his butt. That is truly the nature of this class, a rare find in our hectic world. The Jet Class is just such a place.

Oh, one last light thought on this **Persistence Thing**. We’ve been kicking around names for #716 for about a year now and on the drive back north from Annapolis we toyed with “Persistence” as may be appropriate. But then we got thinking: we might have to change it in a year, cause, well, you see, there’s this other award...“**Most Improved.**”

**My Jet Nationals**

*Simon Bertocci #1148, The National’s Youngest Sailor*

I am 12 years old and have been sailing for about two years. I got into sailing Jet 14s last year, when our

friends Doug Brown and Susan Mallows let us borrow their boat for the Wren Regatta. My dad Guido sailed the first race with my sister Lucy and the second with me. After that, they let us borrow their boat for Sunday racing. That's how we decided we liked the Jet14. My dad likes the Jet because it has a spinnaker which he thinks we should learn how to fly. We liked the boat so much, over the winter we bought our own Jet 14. This year we went to the Jet Nationals. This was the first time I ever raced on open water. I thought it was very enjoyable. My favorite part was the waves. When I looked at the other boats going fast through the waves they looked like dolphins leaping out of the water. My other favorite part about sailing a Jet is tacking. I don't know why, but it is. I think I like it because it is easy and I am better at it on a Jet than on a Sunfish. I think flying a spinnaker is fun but requires an enormous amount of concentration, and if I look up for too long my neck starts to stiffen up. I also thought I learned a lot. I got a lot better at sailing in a crowd. One example is when we were going upwind I learned that my number one job was to look out for starboard tackers. I also learned which boats we

award. When I went to the nationals this year I stole the title from Matt Japikse who is only two weeks older than me.



*Simon and Guido Bertocci. Photo: P. Jones*

usually sail against are faster than us with straight line speed. Over all, I though my first nationals were a lot of fun. One of the awards I won was the youngest sailor





**Dominant**  
at the 2006 Nationals

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sailing history, it rekindles many of our introductions to sailing. Sail Newport, July 8-9, brought this to a new level: Outstanding race management; a rigorous agenda emphasizing endurance; and a venue featuring lots of current and local knowledge. Saturday's racing lived up to the billing. Racing started late as we awaited the sea breeze. Decent wind with puffs to 15 knots and chop worked the nine-boat fleet over six races. The short races favored good starts and boat speed. The triangle courses emphasized smarts at the marks. #217

Michoses, #1147 Buckles/Joudrey and #1105 DeFusco/Japikse were the top boats the first five races. Endurance and mental sharpness brought #1032 Lochner/Baquie a win in Race #6.

On Sunday, puffs were going to 20 knots and it looked like a workout. Fortunately, the wind let up. #1032 built on Saturday, taking the first race. The windward-mark roundings were tight, with #217 usually leading but with #1147, #1105, #1032 and #1140 McKennas just behind. However, Sometimes #1147's Bill Buckles/Tom Joudrey were buried deep. Their flawless spinnaker work won four straight races. #217's Dave and Sue Michos regained momentum the last two of Sunday's eight races to win the regatta. #1105 posted solid results from Sean DeFusco and newcomer crew Matt Japikse, sometimes foregoing the spinnaker. The last race secured their third place from #1032.

See you next year for more great memories.

Dave Michos #217

## **District IV**

### **Championships, Sacandaga, New York**

The District IV Championships were held on Great Sacandaga Lake, July 15 & 16, by Mayfield

Yacht Club. Many crews came after the Sail Newport Regatta bringing attendance to 14 boats. Light air and unsettled skies loomed Saturday morning. As the wind filled the race committee set a triangle course. Terry Glackin and Mary Gamble in 1128 banged the start and rounded the weather mark first with Teams Brown, DeFusco and Zaugg close behind. On the reach, Teams Zaugg and DeFusco walked away from the fleet, finishing 1-2. with Dave and Sue Michos third.

Sunday started with more light wind. The Race Committee set a windward-leeward course. The first race started in 5-6 knots. Team Michos rounded first and stayed in front, winning the race followed by Team Zaugg, DeFusco and Reshetiloff/Appell. The second race brought more wind and a couple of general recalls. Teams Reshetiloff-Appell and Brown had great starts, finishing 1-2 with Terry and Mary on their heels. The wind built for the last race. The pin looked favored but Team DeFusco opted for the boat end. A big righty came allowing them to round first, then father/son Dave and Dan Japikse. Team Zaugg, despite being over early, worked their way up to 2<sup>nd</sup> on the leeward leg. Team DeFusco stayed in front for the rest of the race for the win with Team Glackin/Gamble in 2<sup>rd</sup>.

The final results were : 1.)

DeFusco, #1105; 2.) Brown,

#1150, 3.) Michos #217.

Thanks very much to the Race Committee and MYC for hosting such a great event

Sean DeFusco #1105

### **The Wren Regatta Spruce Run, New Jersey**

The 2006 Wren Regatta was held July 22 – 23 at Hunterdon Sailing Club. Saturday's racing was split into two divisions: Junior Skipper and Novice. Visitors included Annapolis' Schwenks and Upstate

New Yorkers Japikses (Dave, Dan and Matt) and Dean and Kelly Whalen. Locals included juniors Lucy and Simon Bertocci and novice skippers Jianming Maio and Elliot Zimmerman.

Saturday, five races were held in 5 to 10 knots. In the Junior racing the Bertoccis and Schwenks were tied going into the last race. Both were over early and restarted.

Lucy and Simon ground back through the fleet to win the race and event. Well done! Dan and Matt Japikse were very consistent, flew their kite well and look forward to Junior Nationals.

In the Novice racing, HSC's Jianming Maio improved throughout, posting a one point win over Kelly Whalen.

Sunday promised better weather for the Open event. The wind, however, came from every direction. The race committee set a long triangular course. Once again, the Bertoccis and Schwenks engaged in a tight battle. At the lunch break, the Schwenks packed it in, opening the door for the rest of the fleet. After lunch, the Smith's got in gear, leading at the windward and wing marks in both races only to be reeled in by the fleet. In the final accounting the Bertoccis posted a 4 point win, with Charlie Engler and Anita DeMatteo placing second and the Smiths taking third on a tie-breaker with the Benson/Mangan. By virtue of their victory, Guido and Simon Bertocci also won the NJYRA Jet 14 Championship for 2006.

Charlie Engler, #1129

**2007 Nationals Scheduled**  
**August 15-19, 2007 at Island Heights YC (NJ)**  
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*Photos From 2006 Nationals*  
**Severn Sailing Assn., Annapolis, MD**

*Photos: P. Jones; C. Peshek; D. Michos*



Clockwise from top left: Women's Nat'ls;  
 Thursday racing; Joudrey Boys roll-tacking; Pool  
 Party; Barbehenn/Stock flying the chute.  
 Background: Saturday' Race 9 in the breeze.

