

## Commodore's Corner

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June was a great month for PYC. Our junior sail campers are back on the Lake. The Schools Out Regatta was a great success. Our GYA Challenge Cup team represented us well with a hard fought third overall finish. The club is active and thriving - at the pool, in the club, and on the lake. All of this happens because of the many members who volunteer to make it happen.

I especially want to thank all of the board members who volunteer their time to spearhead every aspect of the clubs operation. Cathy Deano, who has done a tremendous job over the past year two years directing all of the social activities, is stepping down due to the success of her new Corks and Canvas business and the need to devote more time to it as it enters a critical growth stage. She has my personal thanks for all of the good work she put in, and we will miss her on the board. Besides the much-deserved success for Cathy's business, the other bright side of this is that Jean Sparkman has agreed to step up and fill Cathy's position as Social Chair. Jean will serve on the board for the remainder of this year and, along with her volunteer co-chair, Stefani Sollberger, keep all of the social activity running in high gear.

Thank you also to Bob Lipscomb & Dave Bolyard. Bobby your idea of placing sails above the pool was brilliant, Dave thanks for the sails and the help putting them up, a great plan, and perfect execution!

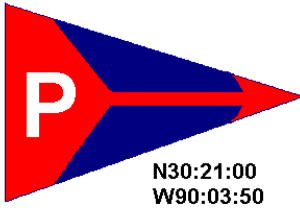
Rob Doolittle thank you and your team for all your sweat equity in the construction of the Sail Room, Race Committee room and Junior Sailing Room. Anyone out there who wants to help Rob in organizing the rooms will be welcome!

Later this month our junior sailing team will compete for the Junior Lipton Championship. The kids have been working hard this year to prepare. Special thanks goes to Brock Schmidt who has been spending a lot of time on the lake with our team. Brock is a great sailor, and a great teacher for our kids. We have a young team, but if they continue on pace, they will be real competitors this year and for several to come.

Last I want to thank again our club staff that works extra hard during the summer months to keep up with the increased level of activity. We are a volunteer club – our staff is few and we are many – so please pitch in whenever you can to pick up some of the load. The members and staff are all family here. Its one of the thing we love about this club.

See you on the water

Tom



# Multi-Hull Race Report - Bob Hodges

## CORSAIR TRIMARAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Corsair National Championship was held April 20-23 in Pensacola hosted by Pensacola Yacht Club. This regatta is open to all Corsair trimarans. The regatta unfortunately had its lowest attendance ever (22 boats) due to the terrible economy but the fleet quality was quite high with past winners Bob Harkrider, Randy Smyth, Don Wigston, and Mike Parsons racing. I was racing my Corsair Sprint 750 with Donnie and Andrew Brennan from Mobile as my teammates. We were racing against four other Sprint 750's as a one design class as well as being scored for overall fleet using the PHRF ratings each boat has.

The racing for the event was extremely fun and challenging. Day 1 had three W/L course races sailed in Santa Rosa Sound with an extremely shifty and puffy 5-15 knot north-westerly. I told Donnie and Andrew no lead was safe on this day and to just hang on as best we could. At the end of the day, we were second in class and around 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> overall. Day 2 featured a 36 mile long distance race that started in the bay and went out to some marks in the Gulf. The southwest seabreeze turned ON big time starting out at 15-18 knots but increasing to over 25 knots on the final run in Pensacola Bay to the finish near the yacht club. We easily won the

Sprint 750 class and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall for the day so we were quite happy at dinner that night. The two remaining days of racing each had four W/L course races in the bay. The conditions for each day were 8-12 knots of sea breeze with flat water. We had a tight battle with Tim Britton and his teammate Jon Farrar for the Sprint 750 class. Tim is the son of Charlie Britton who designed the Tartan 10 and is a really great sailor. They beat us every race on Day 3 by a place and with their scores from Day 1, we could not beat them for class on the final day. Going into the final day, the scoreboard showed us second in class and third overall (Smyth was first, Tim and Jon were second, and Harkrider was in fourth). We focused on Harkrider and finished ahead of them 3 out of 4 races and even beat Tim and Jon 2 out of 4



races BUT (and here is my big disappointment) at the awards presentation, we given fourth overall in the event with Harkrider in 3rd. We asked for the results and times and found what we believe are big errors in the scoring but as of this date, we have been told that the scores as awarded are final. We were very happy with the race management but this is the second consecutive time Pensacola YC has hosted this event

## Multi-Hull cont.

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and had problems with the final scoring. We were awarded 4<sup>th</sup> of 30 boats in 2007 and then were told a week later there was an error and we finished 5<sup>th</sup>. It will be difficult to justify coming back to PYC again in the future for this event but we do have good memories of the racing and the camaraderie with our competitors.

### A-CLASS NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Lars Guck (Bristol, RI, Bristol YC) convincingly won the 2009 A-Class Catamaran North American Championship held May 11-15 at the Fort Walton Yacht Club in Fort Walton Beach, FL. This win was Lars' fourth consecutive victory in this championship having won the 2006 event in Bristol, RI, the 2007 event in Galesville, MD, the 2008 event in Santa Cruz, CA, and this event in Fort Walton Beach. Lars won 8 of 11 races sailed in this event with conditions ranging from 5-12 knots the entire week. The other race winners were first time A-Class racer Jim Leonard (Birmingham, AL) who won race 1, and Pease Glaser (Long Beach, CA, Alamitos Bay YC) who won races 7 and 10. The remaining top five finishers in the event were Pete Melvin (Huntington Beach, CA, Alamitos Bay YC) in 2nd, Matt Struble (Wixom, MI) in 3rd, Andrew Gaynor (Barrington, RI, Bristol YC) in 4th, and

myself in 5th. The top master (50 and over) was Bob Hodges, the top Grand Master (60 and over) was Woody Cope (Tampa, FL, Davis Island YC) who also finished 7th overall.



Forty two (42) sailors competed this year and it was the largest North American Championship fleet in the event's history. It was also probably the most competitive ever with three Olympic medallists competing (Jay and Pease Glaser, Randy Smyth), five World Champions (Guck, Melvin, Struble, Smyth, and Jay Glaser), a Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year (Pease Glaser), and many sailors who have

won national and North American titles in other classes. Two weeks before the event look over the entry list, I told myself I would be satisfied with a top 10 finish but had set a goal to finish in the top five so I was very happy to achieve that. This regatta was the culmination of a five month program of regattas and training that started in January and I had hoped to "peak" in Fort Walton. It was a really fun and satisfying journey as I had made a major design change to my boat over the winter and had two new mainsails to evaluate before deciding on which one to use for the North American Championship.

Fort Walton Yacht Club did an excellent job for this event and I cannot say enough good things about regatta chairmen Sam and Jennifer Grant and PRO Tom Warner. Next year's championship will be held in September 2010 on the western shores of Lake Erie at North Cape Yacht Club north of Toledo, OH.

## Fleet Captain & Race Report - Rob Doolittle

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Well Challenge Cup is over, but before we start fully focusing our efforts on winning Lipton's I'd like to congratulate everyone for hard fought races that landed PYC with a 3rd place finish overall behind Southern and New Orleans, with 1st and 2nd place finishes respectively. I'd also like to give a special thanks to our boat owners: Lee Eikel and TinMan (Class A), Kyle Wylde and Sierra (Class B), Reeves Allen and Super Duck (Class C), Steve & Karen Choate and The Bear (Class D). Without them we'd be, as the adage goes, up the creek without a paddle. So let me finish my spiel on Challenge Cup by congratulating our two boats that placed in their individual classes. Reeve's and Super Duck, along with their crew finished 2nd overall in Class C, while Steve, Karen, and The Bear raced to a 1st place finish overall for Class D. Congrats again to all who participated and sailed hard, and we hope to see you next year when Pensacola will play host.

On to a bit of housekeeping... After a few years of digging through a hot, dirty, unorganized tin can (the sail trailer) to find sails, we finally have resolution. The sail room is finished! Please do your best to keep it clean and organized by putting the sails back on the shelves where you found them. Next on the agenda is the race committee storage room. If anyone has some great ideas for neatly storing buoys, flags and anchors, please step forward and help us out. All ideas and labor are appreciated!



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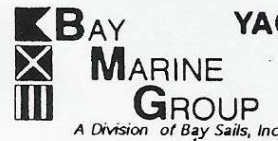
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# Happy Bithday Pat Ross!!



# Stuffed Speckled Trout—Yum!

Prep Time 30 min/ Serves 4

## Ingredients

- 8 slices thinly sliced [bacon](#)
- 1/3 cup chopped [onion](#)
- 1/3 cup chopped [green bell pepper](#)
- 1/3 cup chopped [celery](#)
- 2 cups diced [mushrooms](#)
- 2 tablespoons [heavy whipping cream](#)
- 2/3 cup breadcrumbs
- 1 tablespoon [garlic](#), minced
- 2 teaspoons “Slap Ya Mama!” seasoning
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- 8 (6-8 ounce) speckled [trout fillets](#) (6-8 oz each)
- 2 teaspoons salt and black pepper, as desired
- 1/4 cup [extra virgin olive oil](#)
- 1 bunch [green onion](#), blanched
- 1/2 cup [dry white wine](#)
- 1/3 cup [parmesan cheese](#), shredded [paprika](#), for garnish

## Directions

2. Place bacon on a shallow baking pan and bake at 375F for about 15 minutes or until bacon looks crispy. Remove bacon from pan and set aside on paper towel to drain.
4. Add about half of the bacon drippings from the baking pan into a sauté pan. Sauté your veggies, and mushrooms on medium heat for 2 minutes. Add the heavy cream and let cook until the veggies wilt and the mushrooms soften.

6. Begin stirring in just enough bread crumbs to create a stuffing (you don't want it wet and pasty, but not dry and crumbly either). When the consistency is right, stir in the garlic, parsley, and seafood seasoning. Set the mixture aside to cool.

8. Preheat oven to 400°F.

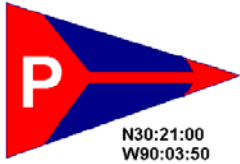
10. Place fillets on a cutting board, parallel to your body. Then using a sharp knife, slice them horizontally in equal parts so that you create an upper and lower half; leave the top half still attached to the bottom half at the end of the cut, giving you a "flap" which can be raised, up and over. Between the flaps is where the stuffing goes. Now lay the flap on each fillet open, sprinkle on a little seasoned salt and pepper, drizzle on some olive oil, and spoon in a couple of tablespoons of the mushroom stuffing. Then top with the strips of bacon and close the fillets.

Tie each stuffed fillet shut with strips of the blanched green onions. Then place

in a shallow baking pan, splash on a little wine, top with a pinch or two of Parmesan cheese, and slide them into the oven. In 12 to 15 minutes the trout should cook to perfection.

Enjoy!





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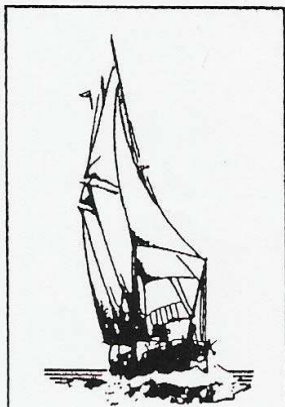


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