



# Jibs and Jibes

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### The End is Near

As we near the end of another sailing season at the Webster Sailing Association, I always feel like it went by too fast and that I didn't sail as much as I wanted. I'm sure many of you feel the same way. Yet, when I look back at all the good days I had on the water, I guess it really wasn't so bad after all. We had a very successful Old Friends/Family Day and we had a good racing season in spite having to cancel a few races. And best of all, we saw some new sailors out on the lake this year.

### Closing Work Party

The closing work party is Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> this year starting at 9:00am. Although we usually get a good turnout, each of you should try to make it. We are a members run

organization, and it is each members responsibility to make a contribution. One of the projects I would like to see worked on is the repair and cleaning of the deck. The railing needs refastening and other sections need attention. I'll bring my pressure washer and nail gun to help out.

Remember, all boats must be off the property no later than November 30<sup>th</sup>. No exceptions.

### A Sad Farewell

Fellow WSA member Jim Crowley from Sturbridge passed away June 19, 2006 at the age of 48. Jim loved the outdoors and we would see him out on the lake in his dark blue Day Sailer enjoying the day. Our sympathy goes out to his family.

### Fleet News

We have tried to organize a Day Sailer fleet and more recently a Mariner Fleet at the WSA, with very little success. It is important to support class organization in order to keep the manufacturing and support for our boats alive. I will continue the effort and if anyone is interested, please contact me.

## Starting Line



Point Breeze Regatta. Photo by Sue Colby

Although the weather was not kind to us, we managed to get in a full racing season. Participation was low, but this was in part due to the weather. The Sunfish regatta was cancelled and the Phil Nims and Point Breeze regatta was postponed. I couldn't attend the Point Breeze Regatta, but I hear the weather was spectacular and we had a good turnout.

I've been a part of many sailing organizations over the years and the one thing they have in common is that the racers make up the core group that run and support the organization. Sadly, we are losing racers each year and if the trend continues, you might wonder who will be left to run the Webster Sailing Association. I believe we need to recruit more members who are willing to race or at least be active in the club. It certainly will be an item for discussion this coming winter.

Here are the top finishes in this year's races.

### July 4<sup>th</sup> Trophy Race Results

1 <sup>st</sup>	Peter Schotanus
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Damon O'Palick
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Peter Stone

### Craver Memorial Trophy Race

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bob Gurlitz
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Doug Kenyon
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bob Rowan

### Phil Nims Memorial Trophy Race

1 <sup>st</sup>	Doug Kenyon
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tom Pezzella
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Peter Schotanus

### Point Breeze Cup Race

1 <sup>st</sup>	Peter Schotanus
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bob Cloman
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tom Pezella

### Point Score Race Series

1 <sup>st</sup>	Doug Kenyon
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bob Cloman
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bob Gurlitz

## Special Thanks

WSA would like to thank Sally Putnam Roberts for her donation to the WSA. In addition to a check, Sally has offered to buy a new flag for the flagpole donated by her family, the Putnams.

## On the Ice



Webster Lake North Pond 2006

I know many of you do not want to think about it, but winter is approaching. I few of us at the WSA sail Ice Boats all winter on Webster Lake and other locations throughout New England. It is an exciting sport with boats reaching speeds of close to 60mph. I admit, it is very cold out there, but if you dress for it, it is not a problem. Hope to see some of you out there this year.

**POINT BREEZE REGATTA**  
Photos by Sue Colby



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