



# Jibs & Jibes

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*Official Newsletter of the  
Webster Sailing Association*

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## *From the Helm*

**By Tom Pezzella, Commodore**

Dear members,

Well, 2020 was certainly a most unusual season, but I'm pleased to say that with our members' cooperation, while staying socially distant and wearing masks, we were able to salvage a racing season, make many improvements to the property, and enjoy each others' company and sailing on Webster Lake.

We welcomed several new families to WSA, who certainly enjoyed their time here. We also saw new racers, new boats, some homemade, that added to our uniqueness.

Many improvements were made to the property, including new vinyl siding and gutters, new electrical, new and replaced docks, the seal-coated ramp, a fire-proof safe for our documents, and a 3000lb jack to work on boats and trailers. The grounds were im-

proved by a hoard of hard-working members. New sunfish and windsurfers were added to WSA's inventory. We ask that no one use these boats for the rest of the season until we explore insurance issues. These improvements were made possible primarily due to the income from winter storage fees. A reminder that this form & money (\$100/boat) are due to Josh Hines by Oct 1st. Forms are available on our website.

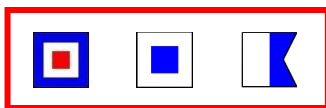


We were saddened by the sudden passing of our long time member a friend, John Benoit. JB was a valuable member of WSA and served on several committees, making a wealth of contributions over the years. It seemed a bit empty around the Anchorage without him and Roger Livingston, who passed last year. Through donations made by family, friends and members, a John Benoit Memorial Flag Fund was established which will be used to purchase American flags going forward. When you see Old Gloiry flying proudly over the property, please remember these fine men.

New officers were elected at the Fall Business meeting, which are included in this newsletter. In addition, two new trustees , Josh Hines and Tom Pezzella were elected. A special thank you goes out to all the officers who give up their time to make our association happen, and a salute to Phil Bastien for taking over as Race Committee chairman.

We formally ended the year with a catered banquet by Eighty Ates Restaurant, and hope to see many of you at the fall work party.

Sincerely,  
Tom Pezzella  
Commodore



## ***WSA Executive Committee Announcements***

### **2021 WSA OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

**Commodore**

**Tom Pezzella**

**Senior Vice Commodore**

**Bob Gurlitz**

**Vice Commodores and  
Executive Committee**

**Lee Amodeo**

**Dr. Kringle Daly**

**Phil Bastien**

**Charlie Farber**

**Bob Ciabaszewski Josh Hines**



## **John "JB" Benoit** 1950 – 2020



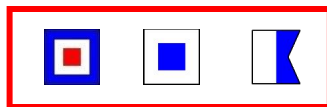
**Webster, MA- John Benoit, 70, of 11 Black Point Road, died Monday, July 13, 2020, surrounded by his loving family at UMASS Memorial Medical Center. Born June 27, 1950 in Webster, he was the son of the late Ernest Benoit, Sr. and Lois (Baxendale) Benoit.**

**John grew up on the lake in Webster and was a veteran of the United States Army. He worked for Southbridge Public Schools as a custodian for over 20 years. John loved spending time at the beach. He was an avid sailor and was a longtime member of the Webster Lake Sailing Association.**

**John's greatest joy in life was spending time with his children and grandchildren who will miss him greatly. He will be remembered for his unique sense of humor and his famous chocolate chip cookies.**

**John is survived by his children, Eric Benoit and his wife Melanie of Woodstock Valley, CT; and Valerie Imre of Dayville, CT; his brother, Ernest Benoit, Jr. and his wife Arlene of Webster, MA; his grandchildren, Jazmin Benoit, Katrina Imre and Alex Imre; and several special nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Rona Lussier, Ronald Benoit, Gary Benoit, and Debra Saad.**





# WSA & Lake News

Any news or events that are WSA or lake related.

## New WSA Members Profile

***Jonathan, Bethany, Liam (6 yrs old) and Angus (4 years old) Chalmers***

Jonathan and Bethany, with their two children, Liam and Angus, live in Putnam, CT. They've been sailing for three years on their 14' Phantom and O'Day 192 sailboat. Jonathan explains... We joined WSA as new members in early July 2020. We have had a blast using the club, making new friends, and using our small Phantom, and larger ODay192 boat.



As a fairly new sailor one story comes to mind when we got a very small rock that jammed up the swing keel after beaching our ODay on the sandy shallows near the state park. I learned very quickly how to sail it the whole way back to WSA without a keel. Another story was on the postponed Regatta day due

to high winds. We got out of the WSA cover onto middle pond and quickly realized it was way beyond our ability in those high winds, so we de-sailed and began to motor around. When we got near Waterfront Mary's the motor quit and wouldn't restart and the anchor wouldn't hold in those winds so I had no choice but to actually sail our ODay, "without sails" as we were blown across the whole of middle pond, through the channel and into south pond.



We found shelter behind a point and finally got the motor going again for safe passage back to WSA.

Our boys have really enjoyed being out on the water, and jumping off the dock, and have become much more confident swimmers. They also enjoy the aquatic animals and bird-life. We are looking forward to a few more sailing weekends in Fall before Winter, and a great 2021.



### ***Jonas & Jean Kozma***

Live in Bolton, MA with their son Dan. They've been sailing for numerous years and own a 16' Catamaran.

### ***Ewa & Jerry Piekielniak***

Live in Dudley, MA with their 14 year old daughter Katrina. They've been sailing for 34 years in Poland and now own a 13'9" 420 sailboat. Ewa has been a certified Helmsman and sailing instructor. Katrina went through the Lake Quinsigamon training. Ewa bought the boat so that she and her daughter could sail together and maybe even race together.

### ***Marc & Tracy Bonin***

Live in Southbridge, MA with their sons Michale and Stuart. They have been previous WSA members and have been sailing for over 40 years. They now sail their O'Day 20 on the lake. Marc's talents are carpentry and is more than willing to help any way he can.

### ***Kevin & Joanna Chester***

Live in Webster, MA and have been sailing for over 25 years and now sail their 16' Hobiecat. Currently retired, Kevin does some carpentry as well as landscaping and gardening.

### ***Richard & Katherine Kaczynski***

Live in Charlton, MA with the son Joseph. Richard is a retired engineer

## ***Eric Belske & Amanda Harrington with Lucas***

Eric and Amanda live in Putnam, CT. and have been sailing for three years now and own a 16' Daysailer. Eric's skills are in the area of carpentry, welding and general motor repair and Amanda is a Technology Specialist. Reason for joining WSA is to learn more about sailing and share their hobby with others.



## ***Kris & Bethany Daly***

Live in Worcester, MA and have been past WSA members. Kris sails an unusual but pristine 1974 International Canoe. Kris brings to WSA his experiences from a leadership position at Regatta Point.





## ***Rebecca & Stephen Zale***

Reside in Hopkinton with their daughter Rachel. Becky currently retired has sailed in her younger years and recently became more active sailing three years ago. On the lake they sail a Precision 15' sailboat. Here's Becky story.... I grew up on a lake in Northern NJ and we had a small sailboat that I learned to sail on. I had lots of fun on it with my friends. As a teen I sailed several times on a J24



that my sister and her husband owned. I missed sailing so I joined Regatta Point Community Sailing (RPCS) three years ago and took their Beginner 1 and 2 and Keelboat classes. I sailed their Hunter 15s on Lake Quinsigamond and their O'Day 24 on Narragansett Bay.



With the COVID pandemic this year, I decided to buy my own boat and join WSA. I bought a Precision 15K, the keelboat version of the Precision 15. It has a short winged keel and no centerboard. I have enjoyed sailing at WSA and look forward to next year when hopefully COVID will be under control and more social activities will be permitted. Everyone I have met so far at WSA has been very friendly and helpful.

My husband, Steve, isn't really into sailing but he went with me several times earlier this summer and was very helpful before I learned to back up the trailer and launch the boat myself.



# WSA RACING RESULTS FOR 2020.....



## Kenyon Series:

- 1st Place – Phil Bastien
- 2nd Place – Lee Amodeo
- 3rd Place – Bob Cloman



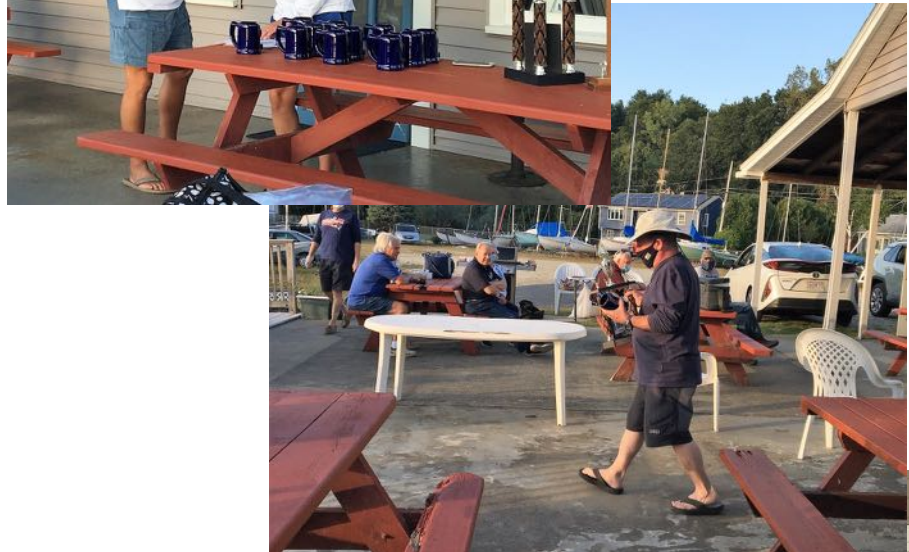
## July 4th Trophy Race:

- 1st Place – Bob Gurlitz
- 2nd Place – Henry Neeser
- 3rd Place – Lee Amodeo



## Craver Memorial Race:

- 1st Place – Josh Hines
- 2nd Place – Phil Bastien
- 3rd Place – Henry Neeser



## Phil Nims Memorial Race:

- 1st Place – Henry Neeser
- 2nd Place – Bob Cloman
- 3rd Place – Lee Amodeo

## Sunfish Regatta Race:

- 1st Place – Lee Amodeo
- 2nd Place – Tom Pezzella
- 3rd Place – Rich Lerner

## Point Breeze Regatta Race:

- 1st Place – Josh Hines
- 2nd Place – Phil Bastien
- 3rd Place – Henry Neeser



# WSA PROMOTIONAL BROCHURES

Once again special thanks to Sue Colby for the great job on our WSA brochure. Plans for the brochures has been delayed due to the virus. The goal is to distribute the brochures to local businesses and neighboring homes adjacent to the lake. If you would like some to distribute, they are readily available.

## A word from the Commodore



The Webster Sailing Association's mission is to promote sailing and racing on Webster Lake. We are conveniently located in a quiet cove on Middle Pond, off RT. 395, exit 2.

WSA is a family-friendly club where members can also swim, fish, kayak, sunbathe, iceboat and picnic. Eagles, osprey, swans, turtles, beaver and muskrat all share the lake with us. I know you will have a relaxing and pleasurable experience.

*Tom Pjella*  
Commodore of WSA

## Membership Information

You may join the Webster Sailing Association if you are 18 years or older, have a sailboat 20 feet or less (18 feet or less for a catamaran) and have a basic knowledge of sailing.

Cost for first year is \$342.00 and \$265.00 for each year after. Membership fee covers all persons living in the same household and includes one boat parking space (either dry sail or mooring).

The first year of membership is probationary and each new member must demonstrate their sailing skills, attend one of our two work parties and show a willingness to help with the management and maintenance of the club.

We are now offering winter storage to our members for a small additional fee December through March.

For more information:



Website: [wsasail.org](http://wsasail.org)  
Email: [webster.sail@gmail.com](mailto:webster.sail@gmail.com)

## Webster Sailing Association



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## About the Webster Sailing Association

The Webster Sailing Association is a nonprofit private sailing club dedicated to the promotion of sailing and sailboat racing on Webster Lake. Established in 1935, we maintain a membership of about 100 members and their families.



The club is located on the center pond in a protected cove. There is dry sail parking for approximately 60 boats. Just back your boat in the water, hoist your sails and you are ready to sail! There are also a limited number of moorings available with a club dinghy to retrieve your boat.



Webster Lake is one of the largest natural lakes in the tri-state (MA, CT, RI) area. The lake is made up of three ponds connected by narrow channels. The area of the lake is 1,442 acres with about 17 miles of shoreline.



Our club house has a two tier deck and patio with picnic tables and grill. Inside there is a complete kitchen with stove, refrigerator, microwave oven and toaster oven. There are two bathrooms and an outdoor shower.

For more information,  
email: [webster.sail@gmail.com](mailto:webster.sail@gmail.com).





This section is for information or interesting articles for the education of our members.

## INSTRUCTIONS ON FLAG DISPOSAL

From John Colby

The [United States Flag Code](#) (4 USC Sec 8 Para (k) Amended 7 July 1976) states: "*The Flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem of display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.*" Burning isn't the only way to dispose of a flag, though.

Here are three ways you can dispose of your worn or damaged flag with the respect that it deserves.

### **Flag Burning**

According to the [Veterans of Foreign Wars](#), the first thing you should do is properly fold your flag. If you're not sure how to fold a flag, you can get step by step directions [here](#). Once you've properly folded your flag, make a fire that's big enough to ensure that your flag will completely burn. When your fire is ready, respectfully place your folded flag on top of it. If you want, you can have a moment of silence or say the Pledge of Allegiance. After the flag has completely burned, the fire needs to be safely and completely extinguished. Collect the ashes and then bury them.

### **Flag Burial**

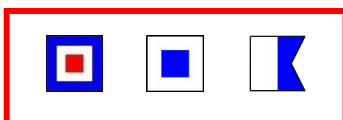
According to [American Disposal Services](#), the proper way to bury your flag is to first fold it and then place it in a [dignified box](#). You can then bury the flag, saying a few words if you wish.

### **Flag Donation**

If you're leary that you might not burn or bury your flag properly, you can donate your flag to your local American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Boy Scouts, or the Girl Scouts. Each of these government organizations will conduct a ceremony to properly dispose of the flag and they'll do it for no charge.

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It's important to note that one of the reasons so much care is put into disposing of an American flag is not only because it's considered to be the most sacred symbol of the United States of America, but also because section 8j of the [United States Flag Code](#) states: "*The flag represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing.*"





## Members Blog

This section is a hub for members to share their thoughts, questions, opinions and stories.

### THE BUILDING OF A LIGHTHOUSE TENDER PEAPOD

By Jeffrey Martin

I've been a member of WSA for a few years now. This spring I had the opportunity to build a sailboat kit from Chesapeake Light Craft. I built the Lighthouse Tender Peapod. It is 13'5" long, 52" wide, and will handle a 650-pound payload. The Peapod tender is a double ended rowing-sailing boat used for lobstering, fishing, and general utility such as tending lighthouses. The Peapod Tender was a common sight on the



coast of Maine in the 19th & early 20th centuries. I can rig this Tender with a single lug sail, or a lug-rigged cat yawl with two mast. It is a easy set up at the beach rigging the sails. I can have the boat off the trailer, rigged, and sailing in 15 minutes! I started this project in April and finished it in July. About 250 hours of dedicated work. During this pandemic I was able to focus on this project. I didn't think I would compete it so quickly. In a way it was like building a model ship.





All the parts were labeled with step by step instructions in a 300 page manual with helpful photos of each step. A Stitch and Glue technique was used to assemble the boat. Every part is fibreglassed, then varnish or painted. I enjoyed every step of the way building this gem!



I've been out several times with "Sisu", that's the name I gave her. It's a Phrase commonly used in Finland that the Finish people would use. Sisu means determination, spirit, courage and persistence. A good name for a boat!

I plan to sail to the end of the season faithfully, its a joy to sail. The lug rig with the mizzen sail sails a lot differently

than my Snipe with a main & jib. Every time I go out sailing I learn something new to launch or sail her. It has been a life long dream to build a sailboat, I am very pleased with my accomplishment. I will hold my head high every time I ram the dock making a landing at WSA!



## LADIES ROOM FIX

Thanks goes to **Mary & George Chabot** for replacing the long needed doorknob in the ladies room.

## BBQ CHEFS

Special thanks and appreciation goes to **Elaine and John Czebotar** for their efforts in making the Summer Banquet as safe and comfortable for all those that attended in leu of Covid19. They went all out in food preparation, utensils and condiments and how the meal was presented. A lot of work and planning was done and it showed. Thanks again you two.

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE...



**WHEN YOU OVERSLEPT**



**AND YOU CAN'T FIND NOAH**



**SO, I WENT FISHING WITH  
MY GRANDPA RECENTLY...**

# SAILING AWAY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

By Elaine Czebotar

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## Across

- not the back of the
- 1 boat
  - 2 near #9
  - 3 do this when winds are high
  - 4 the boats "engine"
  - 5 "yes captain"
  - 6 parked in the water
  - 7 a tipsy boat position
  - 8 tie up to this  
not the front of the
  - 9 boat
  - 10 holds the boat without #6
  - 11 a comfortable point of sail
  - 12 fast & agile (old term) boat description

## Down

- 1 don't get hit by this
- 2 roll the jib
- 3 can forcibly switch course  
a rope - don't sail 3 to the
- 4 wind  
term for a sailor or make of
- 5 boat
- 7 popular maker of boat parts
- 8 found at the corner of the sail
- 9 turn ; direction
- 10 hello!

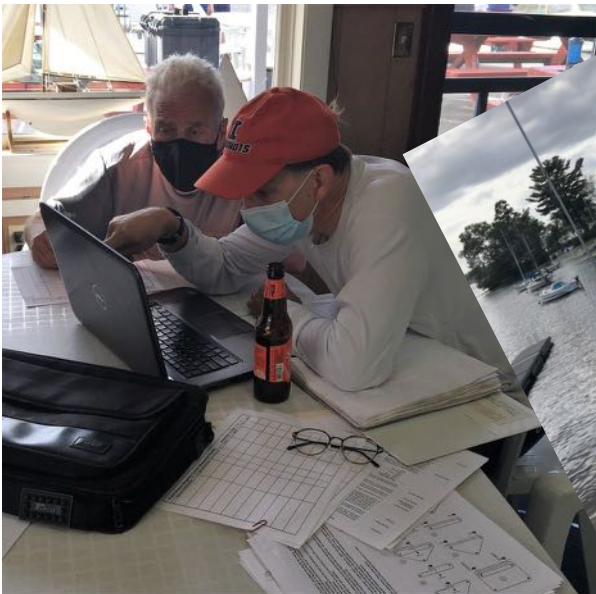
*Answers after the classified ssection*



# WSA Photo Gallery



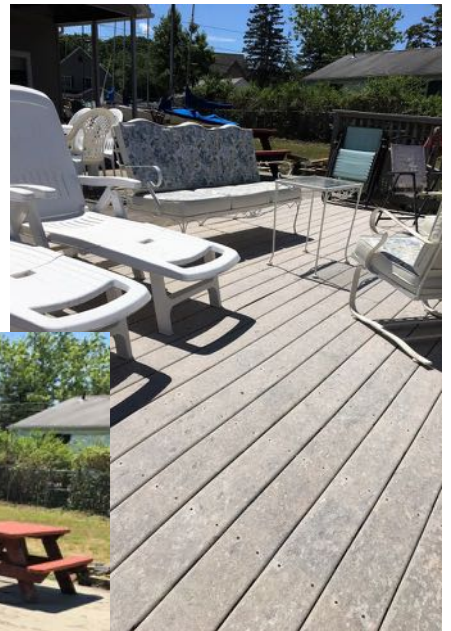
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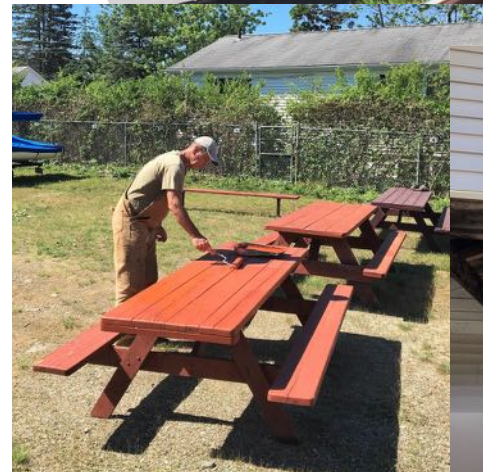
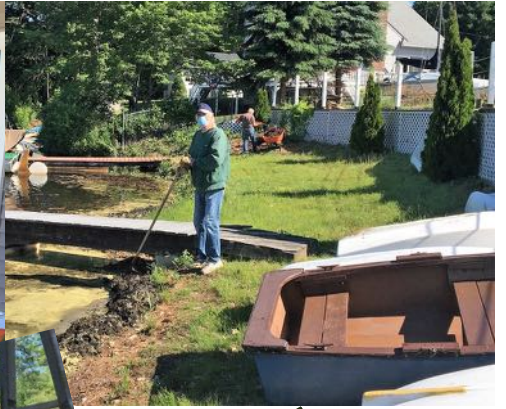


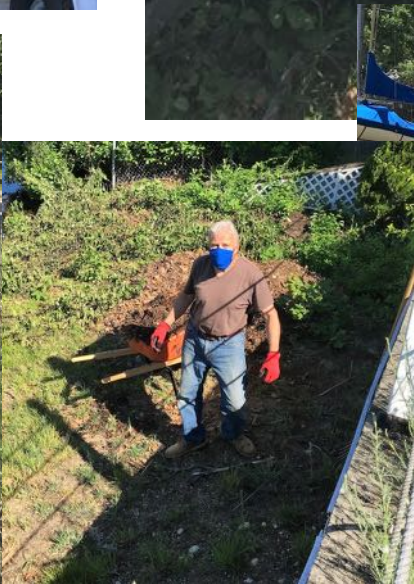
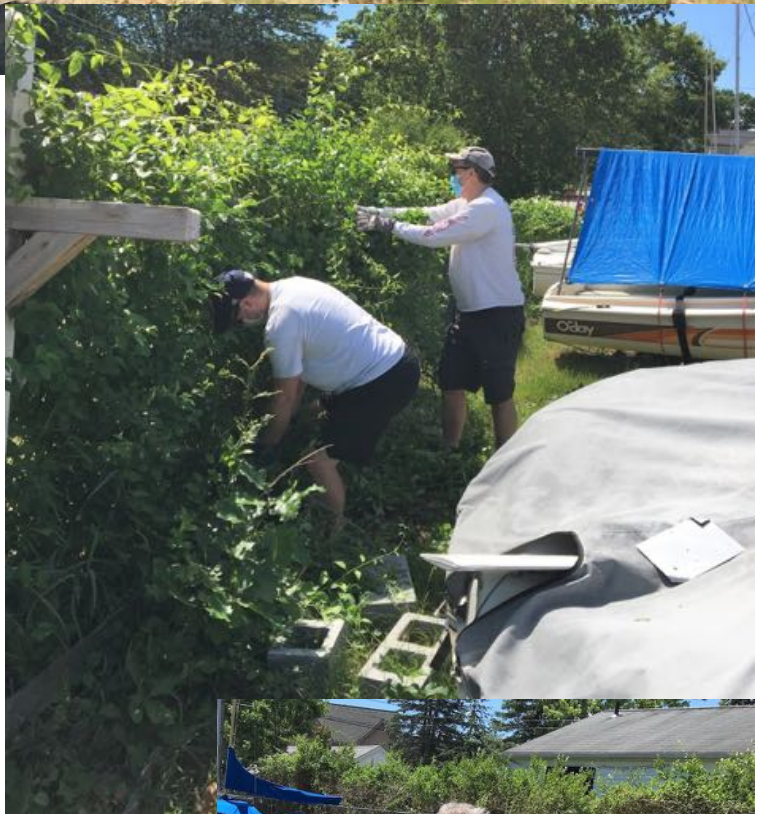
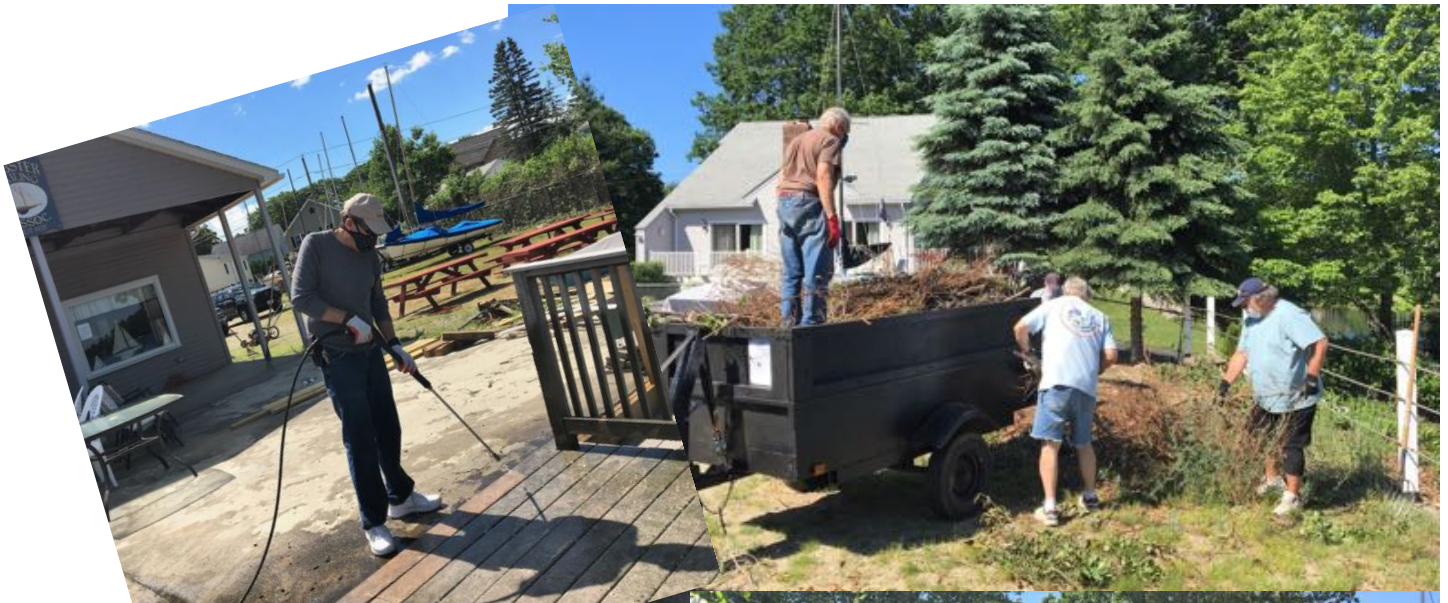


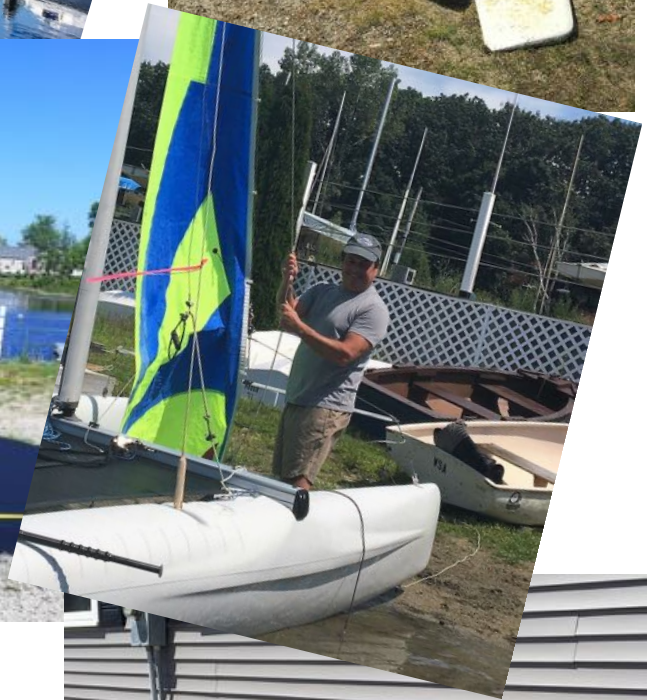
# CLEAN ANCHORAGE –READY FOR 2020 SEASON



# OPENING WORK PARTY









## Classifieds:

Items for sale, for free, or available services

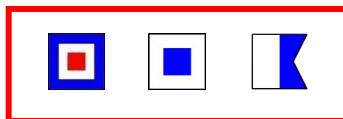
**SPINNAKER w/ '5 Whisker Pole:** Mint Condition—ideal for any boat 20' or under. Perfect for Daysailer, O'Day 192, Mariner, etc. Foot = 10', Height = 17'. \$130.00—see Jim Ducharme or call 508-476-7307



### **FOR SALE - Chrysler Mutineer.**

Chrysler Mutineer, 15' day sailer, 1980 approx  
Center board, roller furling jib  
Yellow hull, white deck  
Complete with mooring cover from Sailors' Tailor  
Rigging and Handling Guide, by Harry Sindle  
The boat is in good shape, all parts present and  
in working order. Registered trailer  
A fun boat to sail for \$800

Contact Peter Stone at 860-871-2794





## Sailing Away ( Answers)

1) B	O	W				2) A	2) F	T			
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- |    | Across   | Down    |
|----|----------|---------|
| 1  | bow      | boom    |
| 2  | aft      | furl    |
| 3  | reef     | jibe    |
| 4  | mainsail | sheet   |
| 5  | aye      | mariner |
| 6  | moor     | -       |
| 7  | heel     | harken  |
| 8  | cleat    | clew    |
| 9  | stern    | tack    |
| 10 | anchor   | ahoy    |
| 11 | reach    | -       |
| 12 | yar      | -       |