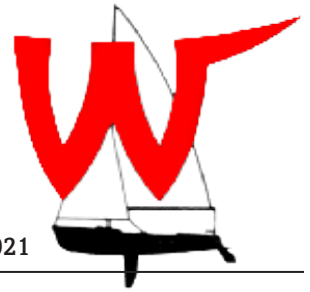


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Wayfarers win CSC Gov's Cup

Team Miller, Fleet 15 make history

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North Carolina's Fleet 15 set out to take the 2021 Governor's Cup at Kerr Lake and win it, we did. CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who attended and we know there were many who were there in thought. As far as I know, this is the first time in the history of the cup that Wayfarers have won. Fleet 15 members - you outdid yourselves showing up in full force.

What's the big deal about it??? Well, for one thing, it is a huge cup. The winners, Dawn and Paul Miller of Mystic, Conn. couldn't even fit it in their car.

There's complicated scoring but, in essence, the more boats you beat in your fleet each race totals to help win the cup. The more boats in your fleet, the more consistent the winner of your fleet, the more likely the win. Dawn and Paul did it in their beautifully restored woodie W971 with a graceful 3-1-1.

Now that we've set the bar - you know what this means... Next year when borders open and with repaired trailers, we'll need to outdo ourselves with even more boats to keep the cup.

Our own U.S. Wayfarer National title trophy with a beautiful half model of a Wayfarer on a plaque full of names dating back to the '60s, was also awarded to Dawn and Paul for a regatta well sailed.

The sailing on Kerr Lake was interesting - complicated by a "little" tropical storm that was wreaking havoc off the coast. This storm made for very hot and humid conditions on the lake and, according to locals, an unusual direction as well. The wind blew across the lake from the campground / boat launch. Throughout the day there were many lefties from the various coves and you had to pick your time carefully to be sure you were in the shift deep enough without being buried too deep in the shadows. Every now and then



Marc Bennett and Julie Seraphinoff, Pete Thorn and Jeanne Allamby, Jim Cook and Mike Taylor, Richard Johnson and Michele Parish, Uwe Heine and Nancy Collins, and Sid Hale and Andy Forman set off on the windward leg in one of the three races held Saturday. *Photos courtesy of Carolina Sailing Club*

there was the obligatory righty that swept in, so you always had to keep a close look for the new pressure.

Saturday's first race saw the heaviest winds, maybe 12-15 knots, though nothing was unmanageable with a tight vang and playing the bridle. As the day wore on, the winds grew lighter until the last leg of the third race when I was wishing for more breeze. The beat back to the boat ramp after racing seemed to take forever and I was grateful we were done for the day.

Courses were twice around Windward - Leeward with an offset mark and an offset finishline to help clear congestion. Some of the classes had a slightly longer leg to the



Dawn and Paul Miller (W971) with the Governor's Cup and a pile of other prizes. The Mystic Lake, Conn. team also took home the USWA Nationals Trophy as the 2021 champs. Joining in the prize giving are USWA commodore Richard Johnson and Sarah Paisner, commodore of the Carolina Sailing Club. *Photo by Julie Seraphinoff*

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Annette Grefe and Ellee Orlovetz of the Lake Townsend Yacht Club in beautiful W276. Photo courtesy of Carolina Sailing Club



Second place was awarded to skipper AnnMarie Covington with crew Gareth Ferguson. AnnMarie was also honored as Top Female Skipper for the regatta.



Third place was awarded to skipper Peggy Menzies with crew Kai Dolan.

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windward mark. While there was much conversation at the skippers meeting about fleets overlapping, I thought we were well spread out and, with 86 boats on the course, it was amazing how well run this regatta was.

Did I mention how hot it was??? I must truly be a northerner now as I totally melted by the end of the day and took a long swim in the lake after racing to cool down.

Dawn and Paul attribute their good day to proper hydration - drinking a gallon of water each throughout the day and even pre-hydrating the day before racing. Personally, I just think they sailed much smarter than I did.

In the results, you can see Dawn and Paul hands down had the most consistent series. The rest of us were a bit of a scramble and anything was up for grabs had we raced on Sunday. The PRO checked the storm's progress and made the call to abandon racing Sunday. Shortly after the call to abandon, bands of rain started showering down on us, which killed any hope of wind. I know I appreciated the op-



The U.S. Nationals trophy is now housed in Mystic, Conn.

portunity to get my boat packed up and get started on the long drive back to Michigan.

Now every regatta has its own bit of drama and mine feels a bit like the saga of the Edmond Fitzgerald, the Great Lakes freighter that sank in Lake Superior in 1975. At some point while traveling the 700+ miles to North Carolina, a weld on my dolly gave out and the bunkers supporting my boat flipped on their side. The edge of the bunkers dug speed bumps into the bottom of my poor boat and cracked the gel-coat. This is not a pretty sight to see after traveling so far.

Always bring a toolbox full of tape and tools when traveling ... Notice the patch of gorilla tape? Yep, that's how I sailed. But you know my biggest (and BEST) takeaway from this? I arrived Friday morning and saw the damage. A member of Carolina Sailing Club came over, saw the issue and started making phone calls on my behalf. Within an hour, he had the name and address of a welder less than 30 minutes away who would repair my trailer so I could at least get back home. What good news



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for me! Members of the Wayfarer fleet, as they arrived, all came over to see how they could help. We lifted my boat off the trailer to a place in the grass and we figured some options to best repair and still be able to sail after traveling all that way. THANK YOU to all who helped. Even those who just wished me well - it meant so much to me and kept me going through that long hot day. We even had a scavenger hunt to find my missing roller and you know who won? YEP - none other than Dawn and Paul Miller. They found my roller and pin by the side of the road.

As of this writing, my boat is still drying out in my garage. Plans are set to get repairs made by a professional. When I bought ice one morning for my cooler, the shop owner was really personable and told me "BOAT = Bring Out Another Thousand." I hadn't heard it before, but can definitely relate



Mike Taylor (top) came north from Florida to sail with Jim Cook in W10873. Fleet 15 Commodore Phil Leonard (above, center), gave up racing to serve on the regatta's race staff. Sid Hale and Andy Forman (left) of Lake Townsend Yacht Club prep for Saturday's racing. Photos by Julie Seraphinoff

Past commodore Jim Hefferman woke to this not-too-shabby view of Kerr Lake from his tent. Lake front camping and beautiful, cooling waters are a highlight of sailing at Kerr Lake.



Rank	Seed	SailNo	Helm/Crew	Club	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	3 (8)	971	Paul & Dawn Miller	Mystic River Mudhead SA	3	1	1	5
2	*8 (29)	11134	AnnMarie Covington/Gareth Ferguson	Lake Townsend YC	7	3	3	13
3	2 (5)	11158	Peggy Menzies/Kai Dolan	Michigan SC	2	5	7	14
4	1 (4)	11339	Marc Bennett/Julie Seraphinoff	Lansing SC	1	6	9	16
5	4 (9)	10873	Jim Cook/Mike Taylor	Catawba YC	4	4	8	16
6	6 (18)	1066	Jim & Mark Hefferman	Lake Townsend YC	5	2	10	17
7	7 (21)	11338	Uwe Heine/Nancy Collins	Lake Townsend YC	9	13	2	24
8	9 (51)	864	Andy Forman/Sid Hale	Lake Townsend YC	11	7	6	24
9	5 (12)	11336	Richard Johnson/Michele Parish	Oriental Dinghy Club	6	8	12	26
10	12 (65)	10978	Pete Thorn/Jeanne Allamby	Carolina SC	12	11	5	28
11	15 (88)	11340	Marie-Lyne Lavoie/Cathy Leonard	Lake Townsend YC	15	12	4	31
12	10 (56)	449	Neil & Adele Smith	Lake Townsend YC	8	10	14	32
13	13 (75)	10945	Evan Trudeau/Macadam; Strickland	Lake Townsend YC	13	9	11	33
14	11 (58)	2458	Mike Sigmund/Logan Williams	Carolina SC	10	14	15	39
15	14 (85)	560	Ali Kishgbaugh/Jim Higgins	Lake Townsend YC/CYC	14	15	13	42
16	16 (113)	276	Annette Grefe/Eilee Orlovetz	Lake Townsend YC	16	16	16	48