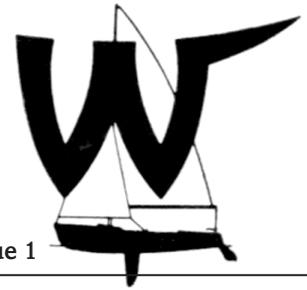


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Midwinters – All kinds of warm

An old boat and a new adventure

By Paul Miller
W971

“What the hell is that?!” That was the greeting we received shortly after arriving at Lake Eustis Sailing Club for the Midwinters, our first Wayfarer regatta.

Admittedly, the comment from Uncle Al (Schonborn) was justified. He was staring at our old jib, which is an '80s mylar thing that has fully delaminated and is heavily mildewed. Plus it's blown out and the leech is as floppy as a piece of string cheese in the Florida sun.

It is, frankly, an embarrassment and an eyesore.

A lot of people came by to laugh at it or pity us. Some even offered to loan us a jib so they wouldn't have to look at it. As a way to power the boat it was a disaster, but as an icebreaker it worked! Welcome to the Wayfarer Fleet!

Jim Heffernan asked us to write our impressions of our first Wayfarer regatta, so here goes. Secretly, we think he was hoping we could provide filler for the Skimmer and clearly he doesn't know us well. Dawn is a recovering scientist, I'm an introverted engineer and neither profession is known for their writing skills.

We'll do our best to make the other articles look professional.

A quick background about us: Dawn and Paul met sailing International Canoes on San Francisco Bay about 30 years ago. For those not familiar with ICs, they are 17 feet long, about as wide as a doormat, sloop rigged and sailed single handed. ICs have a seat that slides out seven feet to windward to keep the thing usually upright.

Sailing them is a blast. They are quick, exciting and, as a bonus, you get to practice your swimming skills. I recall one fellow commenting that he won a race simply because he only capsized three times. Good fun.

But now that we are older and wiser (or less agile and frighteningly clumsy), we decided we wanted something



Paul and Dawn Miller of Connecticut sail to the windward mark during their first Wwayfarer regatta appearance at the Midwinters. Photo by John Cole.

more sedate than Canoes but more exciting than our 28-foot ketch.

Our criteria for our next boat was: classic, trailerable behind our little car, doublehanded, had a spinnaker but no trapeze, built of wood (we're gluttons for punishment), and had a good class culture that would be interesting and fun to be part of. The Wayfarer checked all the boxes! (You can ask us sometime what our second choice was.)

While we were stewing our decision, Uncle Al decided to bring his boat to Annapolis for a wooden boat race. We offered him a room for a couple nights. By twisting his arm, plying him with beer and Dark and Stormies, and threatening bodily harm, we were able to coax him into talking about Wayfarers. Well actually, it didn't take much prodding. He talked more than a politician on the eve of an election, but we soaked it all up.

After that, the search for a boat was on.

It took almost two years, but we got word of one in Michigan that fit the bill. After a few emails with Wayne Loescher, we reached a deal and drove out last June to get W971.

We were smitten at first sight. Built in '64, she is in great shape and is a time capsule of when she was last restored in the early '80s.

A newbie's perspective of first Eustis trip

By Peggy Menzies
W11158

After having fun crewing for Dave McCreedy last summer, I took the plunge and bought a new Mark IV from Nick Seraphinoff late October with the Midwinters at Lake Eustis in mind for an inaugural regatta.

Winters in Detroit can be rough and who could resist the appeal from the website (I love the humor and used it to convince my daughter, Maggie, to crew):

Well, it's that time of year again. The Wayfarer sailors at the Lake Eustis Sailing Club are gathering on Wednesday mornings, tinkering, fiddling, rigging, and asking that all important question, "What about you? Turned your air conditioning off yet?" "Nope". Meanwhile a few inquiries have floated down from the north. "Any word on the Midwinters?" "Is there a NoR?", "Are we going to Cedar Key?", leaving us wondering why anyone would be thinking about February racing in the middle of Summer. Then one of us will remember that we are in November, and one of us may have also seen the weather report from our Northern fleets (tee-hee).

Late January, Maggie and I gladly left "Barney, the purple Polar Vortex" to seek warmth and competition in Florida.

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Some of my best moments:

Snapchatting temperatures to celebrate weather above freezing as I drove through Georgia.

The moment I arrived, being greeted by Al with a smile and a beer to share (it was a very long drive to me).

Having no clue how to rig my new boat and getting lots of help from Anne Pugh followed by Dave's tips and tricks, and Marc Bennett's advice along with guidance from countless others.



Being included in evening plans and finding new friends in Dawn and Paul Miller, a fellow Naval Architect.

Sailing in fabulous winds for our practice day and being asked about my tattoo (I don't have one btw, but a little blood in the boat seems to be a necessary sacrifice to sailing fast).

Experiencing professionalism in Race Management from the first to the last. Despite challenging (shifty) winds, we had beautifully square courses, excellent racing, awesome judgment when to sail and when to not sail.

OMG, did I mention the food? I'm still in awe over the breakfast omelets. Everything was just perfect. Easy lunch options were available to take on the water and mouth-watering dinners followed.

Overwhelming sportsmanship of competitors - While I'm admiring Jim Hefernan's tactics right at the finish line, he was apologizing (don't know why - it was great strategy). Penalties were taken without contest. Sadly, they still beat me in the races after doing 720s :P

Al's Dark and Stormies - need I say more?

All sorts of extras, like the picturesque bird watching in the fog, the group trip to the Fish Camp restaurant, camping on the grounds and hearing all the alligator stories, fantastic facilities.

Even packing up, I was blown away by everyone's help, especially Dave helping us pack up the boat with covers and trailer help. Heck, John even offered to drive my daughter back to the airport (a two hour round trip for him) so I could get on the road easier. I'm so grateful.

Regattas are so much more than just the racing and competition. It's the host club's culture and fleet members that make the event.

Interested in scores?

The local favorite, Dave Moring and Ariel Harrington



Maggie and Peggy Menzies kick back between races during the Midwinters on Lake Eustis. The mother-daughter team was happy to escape the brutal Michigan winter in their first trip to the Florida regatta. Photo by John Cole

Results are final as of 7:26 on Feb. 3, 2019

Overall

Sailed: 7, Discards: 1, To count: 6, Entries: 20, Scoring system: Appendix A

| Rank | Seed | Fleet | SailNo | Helm/Crew | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 | R6 | R7 | Total | Nett | Notes |
|------|----------|-------|--------|---|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | 2 (7) | S | 10864 | Dave Moring/Ariel Harrington | 1 | (2) | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 8 | |
| 2 | 5 (15) | S | 11222 | David & Anne Pugh | 2 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 1 | (8) | 28 | 20 | |
| 3 | 1 (4) | S | 3854 | Al Schonborn/Shannon Donkin | (DNS) | 4 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 42 | 21 | |
| 4 | - | S | 11158 | Peggy & Maggie Menzies | 5 | 1 | (8) | 7 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 30 | 22 | |
| 5 | - | S | 971 | Paul & Dawn Miller | (10) | 8 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 7 | 3 | 42 | 32 | |
| 6 | 7 (17) | S | 7372 | Jim Cook/Mike Taylor | (7) | 3 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 39 | 32 | |
| 7 | 3 (13) | S | 10866 | Jim & Mark Heffernan | 4 | 5 | (10) | 8 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 43 | 33 | |
| 8 | 4 (14) | S | 10873 | Richard Johnson/Michele Parish | 8 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 8 | (9) | 50 | 41 | |
| 9 | 6 (16) | S | 10978 | Uwe Heine/Nancy Collins | 3 | 10 | (12) | 9 | 8 | 10 | 6 | 58 | 46 | |
| 10 | 14* (66) | S | 11149 | John Cadman/Charles Child | 6 | 11 | 4 | 11 | 12 | (18) | 16 | 78 | 60 | Most Improved Spinnaker |
| 11 | 11 (52) | S | 10861 | Dave McCreedy/Angela Brazil | (16) | 9 | 9 | 12 | 11 | 14 | 14 | 85 | 69 | |
| 12 | 9 (47) | NS | 3487 | Craig Yates/Rob Krental | 12 | (16) | 11 | 10 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 88 | 72 | |
| 13 | 15* (68) | NS | 10963 | Jim Burns/Ron Plank | 13 | (14) | 14 | 14 | 14 | 9 | 10 | 88 | 74 | Most Improved Non-Spinnaker |
| 14 | 16* (71) | NS | 449 | Ken Butler/Gail Walters | 9 | 15 | 13 | 13 | (16) | 15 | 11 | 92 | 76 | Most Improved Non-Spinnaker |
| 15 | 13 (208) | S | 11135 | Patty Kuntz/Linda Heffernan/Bufy Moring | 11 | 13 | 16 | (18) | 10 | 12 | 18 | 98 | 80 | |
| 16 | 17 (76) | NS | 10874 | Izak Kielmovitch/Ron Normark | 14 | (19) | 15 | 16 | 17 | 11 | 12 | 104 | 85 | |
| 17 | 8 (42) | NS | 10862 | Dave Hepling/Charlie Jensen | 15 | 12 | (17) | 15 | 15 | 16 | 15 | 105 | 88 | |
| 18 | 12 (55) | S | 10945 | Evan Trudeau/Yukako Kayashima | 18 | 17 | 19 | 17 | 18 | 17 | (20) | 126 | 106 | |
| 19 | 13 (63) | NS | 8705 | Karlheinz Krueger/Mike Tighe | 17 | 18 | 18 | (20) | 20 | 19 | 17 | 129 | 109 | |
| 20 | 18 (91) | NS | 276 | Annette Grefer/Trish McDermott | 19 | (20) | 20 | 19 | 19 | 20 | 19 | 136 | 116 | |

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won by a landslide. You can tell who they are in all the pictures - dayglow green and lots of layers. As Floridians, they were cold while we were in shorts.

I'm undone by such a wonderful and welcoming group of sailors and the host club! I'm so glad to be part of the fun. Thank you for welcoming me to Wayfarers.

Lansing in May anyone???

“Regattas are so much more than just the racing competition.”



By Chip Cunningham
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March 2019

Solje under wraps, but Guinea memories not

Linda Heffernan has wrapped up her second great run as editor-in-everything of the SKIMMER. The SKIMMER has been a top notch publication under Linda's care for a total of 14 outstanding years. Heartfelt thanks for every issue, Linda. She has handed the privilege off to Julie Seraphinoff. Julie's journalism teaching puts her in good stead. Happy next challenge to both women!

There is a photograph of the cutest hippy girl with her fashion forward coiffed husband, and young family, hanging in the Heffernan's downstairs stairwell. Don't miss it if you're in the neighborhood. In a similar vein, a seraph is a celestial being with three pairs of wings. Most people don't know that.

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The 24th of February I got an

email from Julie asking for a cruising article for this, her first issue. At the time, cruising was a bit far from my mind. We were in the middle of being blown off the map. The west wind was a steady 40 knots with long gusts over 60. I know some of you will shrug, but I trust you will admit dealing with that kind of weather does take some practice. It was snowing, too.

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