

Sailing with board and rudder up is a growth area for me.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) hosted a meeting in July, very well attended, to discuss the problem and their strategies for dealing with Hydrilla. A spraying schedule has been described, and a commitment to control of the weed declared. Florida is the leader of Hydrilla management in the world. The spray is an herbicide that is specific to Hydrilla and will not harm native aquatic plants or wildlife

Club racing begins Labor Day weekend, and Lake Eustis is on the schedule for spraying. Careful attention will be paid to the treated areas, and to the overall condition of the lake. Planning for Midwinters, 2019 has begun and we look forward to great racing again this year.

High Winds Blow out Eastern Championship but Can't Extinguish Racers' Good Time
Dave McCreedy W11861

Eight sets of Wayfarer sailors showed up at the Tawas Bay Yacht Club on September 8 and 9 for the US Eastern Championships, only to be greeted by winds in the high teens and 20s on Saturday and even more forecast for Sunday. PRO Bill Coberly tried to get things going on Saturday morning, but only one boat (Marc Bennett and Julie Seraphinoff) made it to the line on time. One other capsized on the way out, and another lost a rudder and made it back only under tow. Postponement led to abandonment, and so racers took advantage of the down time to re-measure and tweak their boats. Then two crews went back out to test their new rig setup in what was by then a fantastic, fairly steady breeze around 15 knots.

Not to be deterred, the seven sailors from Detroit-area American Sailing Institute (four of them in their first Wayfarer regatta, and all camping together at the Tawas Point State Park) made quick friends with the other Wayfarers and had an excellent time enjoying the Club's hospitality and hanging out at the campground. The feeling turned from disappointment over not racing to, hey, what an awesome camping weekend!

Those in attendance were:
Canadians: Rob and Samantha Wierdsma; David and Anne Pugh; and Al Schonborn with (US) crew Shannon Donkin.
From the US: Marc Bennett and Julie Seraphinoff; and Doug Scheibner/Andrew Lockhart; plus ASI racers

Dave McCreedy with Peggy Menzies; Eric and Peter Zachmann, with Angela Brazil; and Matt Dailey with Nick Burtka.

Tim Dowling Memorial Regatta
Clark Lake, Jackson, Michigan

It was a repeat of last year's victory for Al Schonborn and Shannon Donkin at the Clark Lake Open Regatta on the last weekend of September.

Only one point behind were Marc Bennett and Julie Seraphinoff. Capturing third were Mike Codd and Kirk Iredale of Toronto Sail and Canoe Club. Dave McCreedy and Peggy Menzies placed fourth. Fifth place went to Dave Wilpula and Art Christiansen. Matt Dailey and Bill Kundt placed sixth.

Rick Belcher reported in the Clark Lake Spirit Foundation webpage, *"If you like things slightly to the chilly side, Sunday was a picture perfect fall day. There was plenty of sunshine and the right amount of wind for sailors competing in the annual Clark Lake Yacht Club Fall Regatta. Saturday was chilly, there was not much sun nor wind—and that added to the challenge."*

Two races were held on Saturday before the wind gave out. Sunday started with a delay and then there was time for one race.

This event remains a favorite for Canadians and Michigan sailors. There is camping on site and boundless hospitality! Complete report coming soon on wayfarer-canada.org

<p>LAKE EUSTIS SAILING CLUB invites you to Florida in February 2019</p>	
February 1-3	XX Wayfarer Midwinters
February 9, 10	Wayfarer Solo Races
February 16, 17	GWB Regatta
<p>For information and registration http://lakeeustissailingclub.org/ (Access under Wayfarer fleet) Dave Hepting at E mail: hepting.david@gmail.com</p>	
<p>Your dues are important! The year on your label indicates when your next dues are due!</p>	
<p>In January the Treasurer will invoice members for 2019 dues. Thank you for your support!</p>	
<p>United States Wayfarer Association</p>	