

Gavia Yachts Newsletter

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2005 - Off to a strong start

A number of regattas are planned in both the United States and Canada for the 2005 season. Noroton Yacht Club, Darien, CT is the host for the 2005 US 2.4mR Class National Championship, July 10-12.

Two other regattas are planned for western Connecticut and hosted by the New England Competitive Sailing Center (*NECSC*) and Gavia Yachts at the Brewer Yacht Haven Marina. They are the Northeastern Championships, June 10-12 and the 2nd Hugh Fletcher Regatta, September 9-11. The Brewer facility in Stamford is an ideal location for these two events. The *NECSC* has hosted a number of successful regattas in the past few years at the Brewer Yacht Haven facility.

Noroton Yacht Club, Fleet One

The US 2.4mR Class has officially designated Noroton Yacht Club (NYC) Fleet One. As of this writing the club has six boats owned by six individual owners. Gavia Yachts is delighted to be recognized as their builder of choice. We look forward to a long relationship in growing Fleet One and the other fleets in the area. Peter Wilson, Fleet captain and Tom Sergo had two new Norlin Mark III boats delivered to them in early April. Stephen Van Dyck, of Tampa Florida, and a member of NYC, took delivery of his new boat in early January 2005 and has already participated in three Class regattas. Other Fleet One Class members are Rick Doerr, Jim Linville and Carolyn Wilson.

Regarding those other fleets, the *NECSC* fleet of boats numbers six and is designated Fleet Two with Garth Boyd as its Fleet Captain. The boats are owned by Garth, John Kruger and the *NECSC*. and are all available for use by the *NECSC* and its members and customers.

There are at least three additional privately owned Norlin Mark III boats in the area including Rye, NY and Greenwich, CT. We hope to see these owners and their boats participating in the locally sponsored regattas.



Noroton Yacht Club

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Unsolicited Testimonials

Two of our new owner's wrote unsolicited testimonials about our boats and Class. Stephen Van Dyck, USA, was kind enough to share his enthusiasm with many others by writing to Scuttlebutt. Here is what Stephen had to say:

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www.sailingscuttlebutt.com

* From Stephen A. Van Dyck (edited to our 250-word limit): Having raced all kinds of boats from childhood to my current age of 61 I feel compelled to share a totally rejuvenating experience. Perhaps others have also grown tired of how much hassle racing can be. My most recent boats had been 48' IMS types with 12 in crew - quite a contrast to the 2.4 meter I tossed on a trailer and took it to the Nationals and OCR in Miami. This baby (13') 12-meter was an absolute blast. It's like strapping on a jet fighter. Fast and agile. All 20 controls are at your finger tips. No hiking, just stay in your cockpit and drive and tweak. Everything is easily adjustable, even in 20 knots. And the racing was tight and great. It took me a time to work my way out of seeing only transoms and bad air. But, most importantly I laughed my way around every race course, even

when DFL. No crew, no explanations, no apologies, no hassle, have a blast, your way.

If your budget, aging back, arthritic hands, or limited time make racing bigger boats too much for you, join us. We are learning what Europeans learned years ago as their fleet has built to over 400. This is a thinking sailor's boat - not an athletes. Come along and get your butt kicked by disabled sailors of all types, I did, it was really fun.

Allan Leibel, Canadian 2.4mR Class, wrote similarly for the Canadian 2.4mR Class Newsletter.

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"The 2.4 metre Mid-Winter Championship and Olympic Classes Regatta in Miami in January were a real eye opener for me. I never expected such great competition. We had two world champions in the fleet, (one from Finland and one from Sweden) as well as several top British and U.S. sailors (including Steve Van Dyck, a five-time America's Cup Winner). It was also interesting that the four Canadian boats were more competitive than we thought they would be.

This is also my first time competing in a single-handed boat. While I miss sailing with others, it seems that single-handed sailing creates a very high level of camaraderie among the competitors. I have made a number of great new friends. The 2.4 metre class is extremely popular in Europe and Australia. It was interesting to hear how the U.S. 2.4 metre sailors intend to capitalize on the new North American momentum in class growth." Next year the US 2.4mR association is planning a North American Championship (since named 17th US 2.4mR Midwinter Championship) just before the Miami OCR. These two regattas should once again prove to be great competition. Hopefully other Canadian boats will join the fun.

2005 plans

We plan to display a boat at the West Marine store at 401 Shippan Avenue, Stamford, CT between April 30 and May 15 in support of the NECSC and its

ongoing local sailing program. This will allow our local sailors to see the Norlin Mark III and tell them about sailing in 2.4mR Class.

We also plan to participate in selected Strictly Sail and other boat shows during 2005.

As always, we will support the United States, Canadian and International 2.4mR Class and all sanctioned North American sailing events, as appropriate. As you will see later in the newsletter, a full schedule of US 2.4mR Class events is being planned as we go to press.

New Boats Available

We have new boats available for immediate delivery on a first come basis. These boats can be inspected at Stamford, CT.

Please call us for details.

If you are contemplating ordering a new boat, let us know and indicate the options you are interested in having installed and delivery instructions.

We're ready – let us know when you are



*Getting ready for race day, September 2004.
Brewer Yacht Haven Marina, Stamford, CT*

Some Pictures of Interest



Norlin Mark III 2.4mR sail trim clinic by Rick Doerr- 9/2005.



Approaching a leeward mar.,



Practicing some upwind techniques.



Some changes in position!



Rounding the windward mark.



Some tight racing.

Norlin Mark III
International 2.4mR Class

Single-handed, powered-up, no need for crew!




Photo Courtesy of Chad M. Lyons

See and test drive - by appointment
New boats available for immediate delivery

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2005 US Disabled Sailing Team

Gavia Yachts salutes the members of the 2005 US Disabled Sailing Team (*USDST*).

Members are:

2.4mR Class

Nick Scandone
Roger Cleworth
Tom Franklin

Sonar Class

Rick Doerr, Jim Leatherman, and Mike Ross;
David Schroeder, Keith Burhans, and Brad Johnson;
and Jen French, JP Creignou, and Brad Kendell.

Rick Doerr also compete in the 2.4mR Class



USDST

US 2.4mR 2005 - 2006 Schedule

Canadian Spring Regatta,
May 21, 22, National Yacht Club, **Toronto, Canada**
Canadian ABYC One-design
May 28-29, **Toronto, Canada**
Northeastern Championship Regatta,
June 10-12, *NECSC*, **Stamford, CT**
National Championship Regatta (3 day racing event),
July 7-10, Noroton Yacht Club, **Darien, CT**
Newport Regatta
July 15-17, Sail Newport, **Newport, RI**
Leukemia Cup Regatta,
July 22-23, Mystic Shipyard, **Mystic, CT**
NACC/USIC (Disabled Event)
July 29-August 1, Chicago Yacht Club, **Chicago, IL**
Canadian Championship,
August 19-21, National YC, **Toronto, Canada**
2nd Hugh Fletcher Memorial Regatta,
September 9-11, *NECSC*, **Stamford, CT**
World Championship,
September 19-25, Marciana Marina, **Livorno, ITALY**
Southeastern Championship Regatta,
November, LNYC, **Mooreville, NC**

2006 - Preliminary

17th Annual Mid-Winter Championship (3day racing event),
January 19-22, Coconut Grove, **Miami, FL** -
Miami Olympic Class Regatta,
January 23-28, Shake-A-Leg Miami, **Miami, FL**

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