

# Northwest Multihull Association Newsletter

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## Meeting May 3

You're invited to our meeting at Puget Sound Yacht Club, 2321 N Northlake Way, Seattle. Please bring a dish to share. The potluck will be at 6:30, followed by a brief business meeting shortly after 7 as we go around our circle of introductions.

## A Note from the newsletter editor

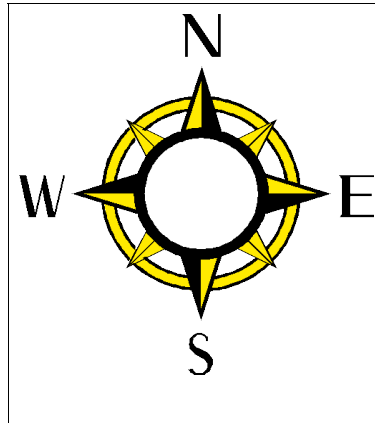
We pulled the F-24 8600 miles to central Florida on a 31-day trip and managed to go north downcurrent in the St. Johns to Jacksonville, but there were significant problems—the Tech Talk article below will discuss that.

## Dock Talk & Meeting Minutes



Northwest Multihull Association minutes of the April 2, 2011 regular meeting with 20 people in attendance.

Wow, wonderful food at our potluck. We had barbecued



chicken, pasta, salad, fruit, pizza and 3 different cakes. Randy Roland brought two cakes from a neighborhood Pilipino bakery that were delish. One was brown and mocha flavored and the other was lavender and flavored with some kind of beans! Interesting stuff. You shouldn't miss these things. Come and join us next month.

Our May 3 meeting will be a bit unusual. We are going to sort out our library. A buyer, Mark Donnellan from Second Wave will be there to help us. There is also a possibility that another store, Sea Ocean Book Berth, which specializes in marine books, will buy the whole lot. Some will be available to members for a reasonable price, so if you are interested in old books about boats and building them, this is a must be there meeting for you. Come help us sort out our library. It is rather painful to part with it, but storing and managing it has become too great a problem.

## 2011 Officers

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### Appointed Officers

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<i>Web Curator</i>	<i>Keith Burke</i>

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As we went around the room introducing ourselves we got some news from members. Pat McGarry has moved to La Connor. He is thrilled with his new home there and is in sort of semi-retirement.

A new member, Tim, whose last name I failed to get was attending his first meeting. He owns a Nacra 5.8 and a Wildwind 33. He was amused by our around the room introductions and said that he felt was at a multihulls anonymous meeting.

Wayne and Ann Erickson are going to be ground crew for Ruf Duck for at least part of the Van Isle 360. There are several member boats going to that race in June and excitement is building!

Members chose Sunday April 24 for an informal sailing gymkhana, 10 am at Shilshole (north end at public launch ramp, short term guest dock near the launch lift).

Come see Ruf Duck rig up from trailer to sailing, receive gymkhana activity list and then sail out to see what you can do. If you have room to give a ride or would like to hop on a boat give Martyn a call at 425.672.8668 or 206.817.4904. This will be sailing exercises to improve our skills. Linda will have a list of things to do and everyone will do the exercises together. It should be a lot of fun "messin' around in boats"! Bring your own boat if you wish, or get a ride on a boat. It is a great chance to look at boats and go for a sail.

Our speaker for the evening was Tom Speer, our member who is actually employed by the Oracle America's Cup Team. He has all the inside scoop on the boats, the wing sails, and the plans for sailing in San Francisco Bay. They have so many innovative ideas for this race that they are going to create a whole new kind of racing. Plus they are giving multihulls a tremendous boost. This is so exciting. Thanks Tom for a fascinating evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Erickson, secretary

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### **Commodore's Comments**

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Mark Olsoe has exhausted the leads to have museums or libraries take at least part of the library for their books. He found only the library was willing to take them and then only to sell them at a fundraiser.

I have contacted Mike Donellan at Second Wave (a the suggestion of one of our members - thank you!) and he suggested Mark look on [www.bookfinder.com](http://www.bookfinder.com) to get an idea of the high and low worth of the club's books. Then he would

come to the May meeting and help us sort thru the books, determine a selling price. Attendees of the May meeting could purchase books that night. Of those not purchased, Mike would take the books he feels are appropriate for his store with him and when they sell the club would receive 60%. He would also help us determine if there are any books that are of high or rare value that might be better sold to Christopher at Seaocean Book Berth (Marine/Maritime/Nautical/Navy Fine used books, 3534 Stone Wy N, Seattle, WA 98103 206.672.9020).

I invited Mike to tell us the story of his store; how it got started and what we could find there.(3601 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle, WA 98103 206.632.4371) He has a proposal that is best that he explain but he said it has worked very well for Seattle Yacht Club and he would extend the same to NWMA.

The list of the library is on the website at:

[www.nwmultihull.org/library/library.htm](http://www.nwmultihull.org/library/library.htm)

The library has been stored for several years. Over the years books and materials may have been lost, so there will be boxes of untold treasures. There maybe books, tapes, videos, pamphlets, magazines, articles, newsletter, designs. Look at the library online and you'll recognize some names infamous in the multihull world.

If we all pitch in, this library issue can finally have a happy ending! I hope everyone is getting ready for Opening Day of Boating Season. I know for many of us there was no "Closing Day" but for others, it has been a long cold dreary winter of dreaming about sailing. I have wondered about that at times. Why would someone spend \$50M to \$150M so they can sail for a few weeks and then spend another pile of cash so they can protect their investment from the ravages of winter. Then again, every time I walk by any marina, I am amazed

how many boats seem to never move.

Ah, life...it is a puzzle.

Another puzzle is why it takes 2 weeks to do a job that you predict will take a day. For some time, I have not liked the location of the bi-color bow running light on Ruf-Duck. Like most, it is (was) located on the underside of the top rail of the bow pulpit. Thus, it is partially obstructed by the furled jib, the jib when flown, the spinaker when flown, the screacher when flown or furled or lashed to the pulpit and all those things make it illegal. You can't obstruct the running lights.

Where is a better place to put it? How about twin red /green lights set on each side of the main hull? Even if you could get all the alignment (got to be parallel to the centerline of the hull) adjusted, they can not be below the deck level, so that idea is out and if they are at deck level, you are back to obstruction problems.

Well, I decided to put it at the tip of the sprit. Couldn't find any reg that said not to and it meets all the other requirements. Problem is the sprit takes a bit of a hammering when flying the kite so the nice LED red/green bulb in the Aquasignal housing won't cut it. Innovative Lighting makes this really cool bi-color assembly. What the ...what's this for power boats only ???

I settled on another Aquasignal. A Series 32 unit. I pulled the sprit and built a bracket, mounted same and installed the unit. Some foam, epoxy fairing compound and sand. More fairing compound and

rasp and sand. More and sand. Good grief the darn thing is only 6 inches long. Read the cure time for the white epoxy spray paint... 72 hours! OK, it doesn't need to be white for this weekend.

It is installed. Now for the wiring. Linda called and I am now writing my "Comments". Multi task, I can do this. Tomorrow is the Gymkhana. Linda has a question about the Lat/Long of one of the points on the course...I'm pretty sure it is in the water...if not we are sailors. We will adjust. Anyway, just think, we could be wondering about the concept of "Opening Day of Boating Season".

Fairr winds,

Martyn Adams Commodore

## America's Cup Details

(This is a short recap of a previous article from Tom Speer.) The event will be on San Francisco Bay in August or September 2013 in a new class of 72-foot catamarans; there are now six challenger entries.

The following photo is from the Extreme 40 series in Qingdao, China. Extreme 40s are similar to the AC45 class. Team Red Bull goes over and crew members fall about 25 feet to land next to or on the mast.

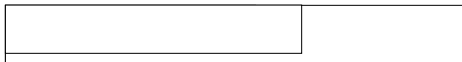


## Tech Talk

From Bill Mains: This is a good example of how a small mistake compounds into important mistakes.

A big strong guy and I were rolling the mast back to get it into the pivot points in central Florida. The photo is from starboard, and you can see that the turnbuckle got fouled over its attachment point and bent. Then the starboard lower was too short to let the mast go up all the way.

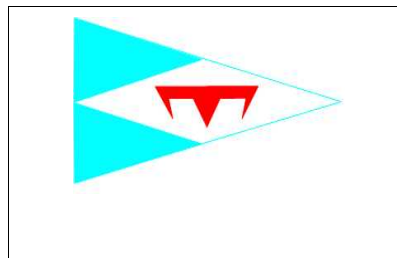
I was in a huge hurry for various unimportant reasons, so I unpinned the turnbuckle and used a strong line to tie the shroud to the small block in the middle of the picture where the cunningham is rigged. That block exploded and the top of the mast fell on the ground next to the boat, tearing out the port pivot fitting and leaving a 2-inch-square hole in the cabintop. Without two pivots the mast could not be raised, so we became a motorboat.



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Membership Form (Please print and return to above address)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please include active spouses) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Boat(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sail # \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Type \_\_\_\_\_

Length \_\_\_\_\_

Beam \_\_\_\_\_

Designer/Manufacturer/Builder \_\_\_\_\_

Rig \_\_\_\_\_

Home port \_\_\_\_\_

Interest:      Cruising      Racing      Design/Building      Repairs      Social  
(Circle)      Crew      Rendezvous      Crew Needed      Skill Acquisition

Include your telephone number and/or address in the club roster?      Yes      No  
(This information is for club use only and is not sold or distributed in any way.)

Any suggestions for the coming year can be written on the back.

2011 Membership Dues:      \_\_\_\_\_ \$30 First time member

\_\_\_\_\_ \$60 Full membership

## 1995 Elf 26 Catamaran

length: 26' beam: 16', draft: 2'  
6", weight: 2016 lbs



Sistership

- Fanchor SD80 head-sail furler
- Dacron full batten main and genoa
- Symmetrical spin-naker with sock
- 11 lb Bruce anchor and
- 14 lb Danforth style,

each with 10' of chain and 200ft nylon rode

- 2 x 85 amp hour deep cycle batteries
- 10 amp guest battery charger
- Apelco 360 depth and speed instruments
- Marcom hand held VHF radio
- Autohelm tiller pilot
- 2 burner propane camp stove
- 60 quart ice chest
- 8 hp Yamaha 4 stroke electric start out-board
- 4 single berths
- 1 double berth

Despite its high performance potential, ELF is safe and easy to sail. The high bridge-deck, long cabin and knuckle in the topsides result in a dry boat, even at speed.

The furling jib, lazy jacks and fully battened mainsail make even single-handed sailing easy. The wide overall beam, relatively low rig and buoyant forward sections help increase stability.

A 9 hp outboard gives a 9-knot cruising speed and it can be turned to give excellent maneuverability in close quarters. Alternatively 15 hp gives a 10-knot cruising.

The low aspect ratio keels are an integral part of the hulls and are the latest in a long line of development. They simplify sailing and beaching enormously, yet windward performance is only a little less than with daggerboards.

**Asking price**  
**\$29,500**

Call Wayne Erickson for further information at 206-546-5430



For Sale - **Stiletto 27 SE Catamaran  
w/dual centerboards (1982)**

### Classified Advertising

'Duet' is a special Stiletto 27' SE which was factory customized for a Stiletto company VP and has won Stiletto Nationals.

She has in-hull retractable centerboards (good system) with a mast that is 2' taller than stock. She has been modified with a custom electronics and console with self-tailing winches.

- all Harken hardware
- full set of B&G instruments
- Technora running rigging.
- 2 single berths
- galley in starboard hull
- head with holding tank in port hull
- full batten, triple-reef square-head main (very good), 150% genoa (fair), heavy weather jib w/storm reef (excellent), 2 roller furling screechers(good/excellent), 2 spinnakers (excellent)
- lazy jacks
- 10 hp 2009 Tohatsu electric start 4-stroke outboard
- 2009 battery
- fresh tramp
- cockpit tent that encloses the bridgedeck and hulls.
- Built 1982.

14' wide when sailing, crossbeams compress to 8' wide for trailering. She doesn't currently have a trailer. Can also be shipped on a flatbed or in a container. Located in Seattle.  
\$19,500 or best offer.

Mark Olsoe (206) 937-7454



## **Classified Advertising**

### **For Sale**

30 Ft Endeavour Cat: FELIX MAXIMUS. USA/DCA Reg'n.; 1992;  
good cond. new Honda OB; hot water; refrig... Located Anacortes. \$99,000  
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**About Us**

NWMA meets the first Tuesday of every month, September through June at Puget Sound Yacht Club, 2321 North Northlake Way in Seattle. Doors open at 6:30 pm for a potluck dinner, socializing and sea stories. The business meeting runs from 7 to 7:45, there is a 15 minute break, followed by the program at 8 pm.

All are welcome, please join us!

**Membership Information**

\*Membership benefits include discounts of up to 40% at some suppliers, use of club library, the newsletter, rendezvous, free classified ads in this newsletter, fascinating monthly meetings and access to a group of interesting and experienced multihull builders and sailors.

\*Regular club membership cost is \$60 per year (Sept. through Aug.).

\*First time members pay only \$30 for the first year!

\*A subscription is included with NWMA membership.

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