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What a Year

What a year it has been. As we close out another successful year, we have many things to be excited about and thankful for. While there are too many things to list, let's talk about the big ones: Awesome new Executive Director, Head Instructor and Adult Coordinator (Chad Davis, Winni Opel and Toby Wilkinson), a first class instructional staff (see all bios here: <https://www.lwsa.org/staff>), first time US Sailing Instructor Clinic held on site, the continuation of our fantastic Race Committee, new relationship with 603 United <https://www.603united.org>, continued relationship with Camp Resilience <https://camp-resilience.org>, the return of our Annual Summer Cookout, a fantastic J80 Fleet One Series, a great turnout for our Staff and W.A.R. Regattas as well as Frying Pan Race, record boat donations and sales, record student attendance at the sailing school, record capital improvements to our power boat fleet, one of our students sailing in the Sears Cup and last but certainly not least was the incredible North American J 80 Championship Regatta to cap it all off along with hometown champions.

None of this happens without incredible staff and first-class volunteers. All these things are exciting and positively portend a bright future for the LWSA. As we plan for the new year in 2024, please think about becoming more active in our community so we can keep on "Sailing for Good". Finally, we are always looking for new members to join our ranks and for old friends to renew their membership. Everyone is welcome to join and the cost for the annual membership is only 50 dollars. You can begin a new membership, or renew, by accessing the following web page on our site: <https://www.lwsa.org/membership>.



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LWSA and WYC Join Forces for J80 North Americans

The J80 North American Championships were held at WYC October 6, 7 and 8. Competitors came from Canada, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maryland, and Texas to join our local fleet, making 22 boats on the line.

Day one, racing in the most open part of the broads east of Welch island, had promised cloudy skies and medium breeze, but sun brought light air and the day ended after two solid races. Day two was forecasted for big wind and bigger rain, but the rain was only intermittent. Four solid races in that same location had ranging southeasterly breeze from 10-15 kts, making for a solid day 2. Day three was sunny, cold and the breeze was way on — over 20 kts plus gusts for most of the day. With an out of the ordinary westerly, the race course was set between Welch and sandy islands, meaning local knowledge of the course was out the window. With three races, the regatta met its nine race maximum.

Mark, Set, Bot mark robots — inflated marks with GPS programmable electric engines — meant the race could be held in the deepest waters of the lake without concern for extremely long anchor lines. Because they are controlled and placed using a phone, they also allow for easy, minor adjustments if there's a wind-shift mid-race. Race committee with Chip's leadership put on a truly top-notch event.

After race 1 saw the entire fleet "at least four boat lengths over the line," according to top-notch PRO Chip Till, the 8 other races were under U-Flag penalty, meaning an over-the-line call disqualified the competitor, scoring them last+1 for that race. This factored in big on scoring, and made competition tight throughout the fleet through the end.

Fleet 1 showed up big, taking the 1, 3, 5, 6, 10 spots in top ten of the open standings and sweeping top 3 in the Corinthian (amateur) class, and as a group should be very proud of the talent shown on the course.

With meals each of the three nights of the event, visiting competitors gushed about the hospitality and all-around good time they had while at the club. Fleet 1 and LWSA are so grateful to the WYC and all volunteers for their time, energy and collaboration. Not only did you make this event possible, you made it a smash hit. Thank you for sharing the club, dock and mooring field with us and our competitors.

The event also was made possible by its sponsors: Pusser's Rum, NH Distributers, LWSA Fleet 1, White Mountain Fiberglass and Beckwith Builders. Thank you! Here's to next year.

Respectfully Submitted by Conor Hayes and Cat McLaughlin



J80 Champion Teams

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Guy Nickerson placed third on *Pressure*.



2nd Place *Overachiever* skipper Jason Balich (center) and his crew from Beverly, MA.



Conor Hayes with *More Gostosa's* winning team, including Conor, Cat McLaughlin, Dan Jolda and Joe Dillier.

Conor's team took first place honors!

A letter from LWSA's Finn LaDue on his Sears Cup experience

This spring while racing in a high school race at the University of New Hampshire, I was noticed by two sailors from Boothbay Harbor who were looking for one more person for a sailing team to attend the Sears Cup qualifier in Rhode Island. The top two finishers of this qualifier would attend the Sears Cup youth national championship down in Seabrook, Texas, racing in RS21s. We practiced a few times and won the New England qualifier! We practiced in many different boats over the summer and fundraised in many different places. I want to thank all who donated to our team and made it possible for us to go to the oldest youth national championship in U.S. sports.

We arrived in a hot and muggy Texas on the ninth of August and got ready for a practice day and opening ceremony on the tenth, followed by three days of racing. Our first glimpse of the 12 RS 21s up on hoists was jaw dropping, we couldn't wait to get onboard and try them out. There was a complicated rotation of boats to accommodate the 19 teams competing. We had a good practice day but our opening day of racing was a series of unfortunate events from which we were never able to recover. U.S. sailing provided a coach that met with us each morning on what he saw the previous day. On one of the mornings, he used two of our starts as good examples for the rest of the fleet. We also were an honorable mention for the Sportsmanship Award, voted by the sailors. The racing was exceptional, and we also were treated to great speeches from many accomplished and champion racers. It was inspiring. We met some really cool sailors from all over the country from the east coast to Hawaii. The Hawaii A Team were clear and decisive winners which was even more notable by the wildfires ravaging their state while we were there racing. The racing was more competitive than I have ever experienced,

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and we were amazed at the small technical aspects that won or lost a race. I had an amazing experience and learned that I have a lot still to learn.

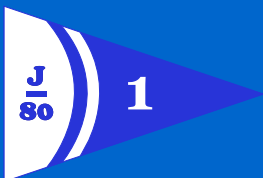


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Here is Finn wearing his LWSA hat ripping it up at the Sears Cup!

Donated Boats Keep the LWSA Strong

As a non-profit organization, the LWSA is fortunate to receive a variety of donated boats from many generous supporters. Occasionally we can use these boats in our youth sailing program, but more often we sell them to help benefit the youth sailing program. We typically sell these boats below market price - a practice that is not only consistent with our mission but also helps us to move them quickly! Additionally, if you are interested in helping sell **the boats that are donated to LWSA please contact Al Posnack at al@lwsa.org**. The Bay Raider below was recently donated to the LWSA. Will your boat be next?



For Sailing School: sailing-school@lwsa.org

To Donate/Buy or Help with donated boats: al@lwsa.org



REMAINING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

LWSA Fall Clean Up Saturday

Saturday November, 11 (9:00 AM)

Contact Us:

If you are interested in joining, donating, or helping us with our operation please contact us anytime at the following;

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Membership Questions (all are welcome to join): membership@lwsa.org

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