

**Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club Hosts
WoodPussy National Championship**
By John Quinn

Our SSYC WoodPussy Fleet hosted the 62nd annual WoodPussy National Championship Regatta on September 20 and 21. We had 21 sailors including visitors from Crystal Lake YC in Michigan, New England WoodPussy Association in New York and Monmouth Boat Club. The excitement began even before the first warning signal, when Peter Coggins (PC) flipped just off Gooseneck Point. He explained later that the collar of his life jacked had snagged the main sheet, as he ducked the boom in a tack. Peter's DNS in the first race put him out of contention for the trophy but he came back with a 7th place in the regatta overall. Champions never give up! John Garth (PC) won the first race but he was OCS at the start of the second race. John restarted and demonstrated again that champions never give up, by passing 15 boats, to finish in 5th place. The competition was close and after we completed Saturday's three races Dan Vought of MBC was in the lead with 9 points, John Garth had 10 and Denis Farley of MBC had 11.

On Saturday night the guest of honor at our regatta dinner was Mr. Brub Hance and he was accompanied by his 2 daughters and sons-in-law. Brub is the WoodPussy National Champion of 1958, 1959, 1960, 1963 and 1990, and he is celebrating his 89th birthday. Several of our WoodPussy sailors talked about the wonderful inspiration that Brub had been in their youth and then we announced that he is being named Honorary Commodore of the United States WoodPussy Class Association. By the way, Brub is Lee Ingram's father.

At noon on Sunday we had no wind so Bob Broege, our PRO, postponed the harbor start. The prediction was for 3 to 5 mph Westerly in the morning, diminishing in the afternoon, so it didn't look good. Then after about an hour wait we saw a sea breeze approaching from down river and our day was saved. Our committee got our fifth race off just minutes before the 3:00 PM limit and we sailed it in a nice steady light breeze from the East. John Garth finished first in both of Sunday's races winning his second WoodPussy National Championship and keeping the Palmer Scott Trophy at SSYC for the third year in a row. We thank Bob Broege and the rest of his committee; Howard and Dianne (PC) Welch, Talbott (PC) and Lee Ingram, Jim Brinkman, Pete Moller, Chuck Bertrand and George Morris and also Sandy Huntsman our US Sailing Judge, for the excellent racing.

Regatta Results

Last Name	First Name	Fleet	boat name	Sail #	race 1	race 2	race 3	race 4	race 5	total	regatta position
Garth	John	SSYC	Dirty Laundry	1022	1	5	4	1	1	12	1
Farley	Denis	MBC		790	8	1	2	5	2	18	2
Vought	Dan	MBC		894	5	3	1	11	3	23	3
Pratt	Chris	SSYC	Cheshire Cat	1004	7	2	8	4	4	25	4
Gettis	Priscilla	MBC	Gale Warning	563	6	7	3	3	7	26	5
Watts	David	MBC	Funk	4	2	14	6	10	10	42	6
Coggins	Peter	SSYC	Magnificat	880	DNF 22	4	11	2	6	45	7
Usechak	Dave	SSYC		2	9	10	15	8	5	47	8
Quinn	John	SSYC	Black Cat	79	11	13	7	9	8	48	9
Barney	Cole	MBC		100	12	9	9	7	12	49	10
Jacobi	Jeff	SSYC	EMU	554	10	11	10	13	9	53	11
Keator	Tony	MBC	Blond Babe	1008	3	6	5	DNS 22	DNS 22	58	12
Pedersen	Ole	SSYC		889	13	16	12	6	11	58	13
Tull	Toby	CLYC		1103	14	12	13	12	13	64	14
Minton	Dave	MBC		881	4	8	DNS 22	DNS 22	DNS 22	78	15
Foster	Jack	SSYC	Kitty Hawk	112	16	19	17	16	16	84	16
Morrow	Sandra	MBC		876	17	20	DNF 22	14	14	87	17
Burns	Joe	MBC		711	15	17	14	DNS 22	DNS 22	90	18
Unsinn	Tim	MBC		862	DNF 22	18	DNF 22	15	15	92	19
Hill	Robert	MBC		1	DNF 22	15	DNF 22	DNS 22	DNS 22	103	20
DEloia	Tony	NEWPA	Simba	103	DNF 22	WD 22	16	DNS 22	DNS 22	104	21