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## **2009 Racing Report for J/24 and Beneteau 40.7**

by Kris Werner

2009 was a good year for us and it had a lot to do with Haarstick sails. Haarstick provided us with great sails and service for both the J24 and the 40.7.

### **J-24 "Pee Wee"**

The J-24 class started 2009 with a lot of talk and ideas about the approval of using Aramid fibers for the genoa as an alternative to Pentex. The Aramid fibers are surely stronger and perhaps may stretch a bit less, but would the increased cost actually produce a sail that lasts longer and gives good value? With the serious abuse the genoa gets on a J-24, Steve was not in favor of this change, as it is unlikely that anything would last a lot longer, but the class wanted to try it and approved the fabric.

We started off the year at the Midwinters and St Pete NOOD. For both of these events we used the 2008 design sails including the Pentex genoa and Formulon spinnaker cloth. At both events we went in with an eye on practice and testing, and not so much on end result. The boat was fast but we found a few areas where we could improve the keel and bottom, as well as the deck. As far as the sails went, there were only a few minor changes that I thought might help. I talked with Steve about making an adjustment to the length of the luff bolt rope and the height of the cunningham eye.

We decided to have a new genoa made with the recently approved Technora fabric for the Worlds. Although I don't think it really hurt us, I do believe that the Pentex is a better sail fabric for light and lumpy conditions, which was almost the entire regatta.

After a tireless effort to prepare the boat and with Haarstick Sailmakers making a few small changes in the sails, we were as prepared as we could be. However we had a difficult time getting good starts and tactically I was at a loss for most of the event, which featured mostly under 6knots of wind, rain, and lots of current...ughh.

We had a VERY disappointing finish at the J24 Worlds in Annapolis. I will say it had absolutely nothing to do with the sails or the boat as it was some of the worst sailing conditions ever, and not a "boatspeed" regatta.

After the World's we were most disappointed over our inability to let the boat show off it's speed, sort of like having the best passing attack offense on a rainy and windy Sunday football game. Needless to say that after the let down in Annapolis, there was plenty of motivation to redeem ourselves. The rest of the summer saw team "Pee Wee" absolutely dominate! We won everything possible at RYC with mostly first place finishes, won the Hospice regatta overall, and then placed a very respectable 4th at the East Coast Championship, winning the last day with a 3-1! There is no doubt that between our boat and the Haarstick sails, we have boat speed second to none!

One other thing I wanted to mention is the quality of the Haarstick sails, and the accuracy of your cut measurements. At every regatta we attended that required sail measurement, your sails were absolutely spot on to the exact millimeter of max dimensions! Each time the measurers would shake their heads at how close the measurements were. I guess that you can be proud of your unique CAD program and Gerber cutting machine and your staff for giving the customer every last millimeter of cloth.

Next up for "Pee Wee" will be the J24 Midwinters in Tampa, Fl.

### **Beneteau 40.7 "Mullet"**

In 2008 "Mullet", using Haarstick sails, won just about every possible regatta or race on the lake including LYRA (Lake Ontario) "Boat of the Year", so the bar was set pretty high for 2009! In the end, it was clear we did not have as great a year, but I believe we actually learned more and tested ourselves against better competition. Really, the first event of our year was a trip to Block Island Race Week, in Block Island, RI. After a solid 10 months or so of planning and preparing, as well as a nice trip through the canal and down the Hudson, we arrived at Block Island. This was the boats first trip to salt water!

We were competing in IRC division, and I was not sure exactly how the boat would sail to it's rating. Compared to most of our competition we were a "stock" boat, and really had done nothing at all to optimize for IRC the way much of the fleet had done, but we were the slowest rated boat in our class which I thought couldn't be all bad. The good thing was that our sails were all in great shape, and our crew was absolutely top shelf.

The forecast called for breeze during the first few days of the event and that is exactly what we saw:

Day one was very windy and the RC decided it would be the day for the Around the Island Race, an 18 mile track clockwise around Block Island. After some pre-race planning of what angles we would see and what sails to prepare to use, we got off to a nice start. It was blowing around 20-25kts+ and we were able to use our asymmetrical .75oz sail, which was an old cruising asymmetrical spinnaker that Steve re-cut to max dimensions! This sail really made the difference as we carried the sail for a very long reach leg and we were hitting speeds around 16kts. After the turn uphill with our carbon #3, we were blazing fast and managed to win the race boat for boat against our entire class! I think we finished 2nd or 3rd out of 100+boats in the race. It was a great way to start for the boat from Rochester NY that surely did not figure to be a favorite amongst the more local boats.

"Mullet" managed to win the day again the next day during course racing, and held onto first through Day 3 as well! We were sailing a very good event and felt like we could win it. The next two days unfortunately brought much lighter winds and we quickly learned that was a weakness of the 40.7, especially downwind. We could hang in with almost everyone upwind in pretty much any breeze, but turning the corner with our narrow little spinnaker, proved to be a major problem. We ended up relinquishing the lead and finishing third overall, still a "podium" finish in a very competitive fleet! We were happy and felt that if the breeze held to over 8-10kts we could have won. Overall it was a fantastic experience to take the boat from Lake Ontario all the way to Block Island and back, and to compete in one of the very best regattas in the US.

After returning to the Lake Ontario our next big event was the Lake Ontario 300. The 300 seems to be growing each year and we were looking forward to another great test. Well, after the "heartbreak" of winning at Block Island for 3 days and ending up 3rd, we managed to find another stratosphere of "heartbreak" on the 300! After arguably leading the entire fleet on corrected time for nearly 270 of the 300 miles, we found a death hole of no wind somewhere between Youngstown and the Port Credit finish line. We drifted for nearly 8hours as most of our division, and most of the smaller boats in the race either caught up, or outright passed us. This was where keeping a sense of humor is king!

Next up was the LEVEL regatta. LEVELS this year saw some great conditions for the second year in a row! We sailed a consistent regatta and managed a commanding win with a 1-3-1-2-2!

The remainder of the year we raced mostly in the Rochester Yacht Club 40.7 Fleet Races. The problem with this is that all the boats, but one other, uses almost all Haarstick Sails, so it was hard to beat up on them as much as we would like. We had our ups and downs, and coupled with the amount of local races we missed for the regattas (above), we did not end up where we wanted to in the fleet races. I think that each year our fleet has raised the bar on each other, and everyone has gotten a lot better, hopefully next season we can get some more 40.7s on the line!!

Honestly the one constant for us this year was dependable quality and speed from Haarstick's sails! Thanks again and both "Mullet" and "Pee Wee" are looking forward to a great 2010 season!!

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Editor's note: Thanks Kris for taking the time to write up your summer's sailing. I remember the similar looks that I got when I took my ½ tonner "Daedalus" to Block Island in 1981. The

looks changed as the week progressed, when our boat speed became apparent. We were also sporting a “radical” Kevlar/Dacron “Quilt-Cut” main and a 2.2 oz Dacron “Quilt-Cut” all purpose genoa. These sails got a lot of stares that week!

-Steve Haarstick

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## **2009 Results Recap**

Thanks to all of our customers for another great year. You can tell by these results that Haarstick Sails help the top sailors dominate in every regatta in the area. Almost all the top finishers in almost all the sailing clubs in Western NY use Haarstick Sails. Thank to all of our customers for your continued support. We look forward to 2010 and celebrating Haarstick Sailmakers 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

### **Block Island Race Week**

1<sup>st</sup> “Mullet” – Beneteau 40.7 –in Division IRC40B – long distance race around Block Island

3<sup>rd</sup> Overall in Regatta Division

### **Scotch Bonnet Light Race (Across Lake Ontario and Back)**

1<sup>st</sup> Overall - Tim Breen on “Key Lime” – J34c

### **Rochester Hospice Regatta Overall Results**

#### **Spinnaker Fleet**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – “Pee Wee” RYC

Kiki Werner J/24

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – “Tastes Like Pennies”

Todd Schumacher Evelyn 25 BYC

\*3<sup>rd</sup> Place – “Joint Venture”

Todd Salzman J/24 Canandaigua YC

4<sup>th</sup> Place – “Arrow”

Gunnar Richardson Peterson 34 Rochester YC

\*5<sup>th</sup> Place - "Dr. Feelgood"

Lambert Lai J/24 RYC

### **Genoa Only Fleet**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – "Dolly"

Sean Grape Pearson 26 Brockport YC

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – "Liberty"

Jon Fox Catalina 27 BYC

4<sup>th</sup> Place - "Playtime"

Bob Spencer Pearson 26 BYC

5<sup>th</sup> Place - "Stiletto"

Larry Stephans Wavelength 24 GYC

### **Oswego Country Hospice Regatta**

1<sup>st</sup> Place\* – "Moongator" Peter Quackenbush J/33 (Sodus)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – "Pee Wee" Kiki Werner J/24 (Rochester)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – "Sail A Vie" Fran Enwright Beneteau 30E (Oswego)

Each of these boats also came in first in their Divisions

### **Youngstown Level Regatta**

#### Beneteau 40.7 One Design

1<sup>st</sup> Mullet Kris & Kiki Werner

3<sup>rd</sup> Polestar, Tim Kinsella

#### C&C 29-1 One Design

1<sup>st</sup> Rockin' Chair, Skip Doyle

2<sup>nd</sup> Celtic Fire, John Meagher

3<sup>rd</sup> First Today, Tom Beach

#### C&C 29-2 One Design

\*1<sup>st</sup> Smack, Jack Evans

\*3<sup>rd</sup> Gruntled, Robert Lister

#### PHRF 3

1<sup>st</sup> Arrow, Peterson 34, Brook Richardson

#### PHRF 8

1<sup>st</sup> Puffin, Pearson 26, Matt Keene

#### Beneteau First 235 One Design

2<sup>nd</sup> Practice, Scott Nichols

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### **LYRA Results**

#### **Centennial Race**

#### **IRC Fleet**

1<sup>st</sup> Out of the Blue, Beneteau 40.7, John Doyle

2<sup>nd</sup> Mullet, Beneteau 40.7, Kris & Kiki Werner

#### **PHRF A**

\*1<sup>st</sup> Comfort, Cayenne 41, Tor Johannson

## **Freeman Cup Short Course:**

### **PHRF Fleet**

\*1<sup>st</sup> Advantage, Catalina 30, Glenn Sears

## **LYRA Course Racing:**

### **Beneteau 40.7 One Design**

1<sup>st</sup> Silver Bullet, Harry Voss

3<sup>rd</sup> Out of the Blue, John Doyle

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## **Sail Oswego Regatta**

### **Division 1**

1<sup>st</sup> Blaze, J/30, Brendan Benson

2<sup>nd</sup> Terrapin, Soveral 27, Mike Thurley

\*3<sup>rd</sup> Crusader, J/30, Dan Mather,

### **Division 4**

\*1<sup>st</sup> Joint Venture, J/24, Todd Salzman - Also Overall Winner

3<sup>rd</sup> Seaweed, J/24, Charlie Kyrlo

### **Division 6**

1<sup>st</sup> Jennifer, C&C 29-2, Bryan Doktor

## **Eastern Yachting Circuit Regatta (Lake Ontario)**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Overall Course Racing**

“Sail a' vie” Beneteau 30 E – Fran Enwright (Competed with 1995 and older Haarstick sails)

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## **2009 Ensign Class Regatta Results:**

**Region I - 1st, 2nd, 3rd** (3rd place was using 6 year old sails)

Brain Simkins, Bill Murphey, and Mike Frankovich respectively

**Region II/III - 3rd place** by National Commodore Eric Jones

**Region IV - 4th place** by Ensign Spars owner Zeke Durica

**Region V - 1st place** - Nick Lubar

**Nationals - 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th**

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## **US Shark Nationals**

1<sup>st</sup> Keven Piper, Hamilton Ontario

## **Shark Canadian's Championship**

3<sup>rd</sup> Keven Piper, Hamilton Ontario

## **Thistle - Lake Erie District Championship**

\*1<sup>st</sup> Doug Kaukeinen

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### **Rochester Yacht Club Top Finishers**

#### **Div I**

Keith Polidor

Dave Spang

#### **Ben 40.7**

Harry Voss

John Doyle

#### **Div 3**

Gunnar Richardson

Brook Richardson

James Hill

Joseph Pawlowski

#### **Div 4**

Bob Fields

Bill Baum

Fred Lawrence

#### **J/24**

Kris and Kiki Werner - who won almost all of the races they started in

### **Genesee Yacht Club Top Finishers**

Gary Nelmes

Darren Leonard

Larry Stephans

Tom Beach

John Meagher

Bob Blakely

Rich Allen

Eric Leipold

Richard and Sue Baker

Hans Boetrich

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### **Buffalo Harbor Sailing Club Fleet Champions**

#### **M1**

2<sup>nd</sup> Plum Bob Beneteau 36.7 Michael Sendor

3<sup>rd</sup> Cheers C&C 35-3 Carl McElwain

#### **M2**

1<sup>st</sup> Summer Love Beneteau 32 Tom Vaughan

*2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hideaway II	C&C 32	Tom Clouden
<b>M3</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Elusive	Catalina 30	George Czumaj
<b>M5</b>			
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Main Brace	Catalina 27	Michael Bailey
<b>S2</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Hot Pursuit	Andrews 30	Jim Christensen
*2 <sup>nd</sup>	Banshee	Kirby 30 Custom	Jim Grenauer
*3 <sup>rd</sup>	Abino Hawk	Frers 36	Peter Rains
<b>S2A</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Seitz Seer	J/27	Donald Seitz
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gusto	Pearson Flyer	Jack Mathias
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mad Max	Laser 28	Richard Ham
<b>S4</b>			
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gotcha Again	Cal 27-2	John Boyce

### **Buffalo Yacht Club Queen City/Mayors Cup Regatta**

#### **Non-Flying Sails 1**

*1 <sup>st</sup>	Cheers	C&C 35-3	Carl McElwain
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#### **Non-Flying Sails 2**

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Elusive	Catalina 30	George Czumaj
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#### **Division 2**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Polestar	C&C 35-3	Robert Dobmeier
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mad Max	Laser 28	Richard Ham

#### **Division 3**

*2 <sup>nd</sup>	Telos	Niagara 31	Mike Attwood
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### **Cleveland Race Week**

#### **PHRF F**

*3 <sup>rd</sup>	Play It Again Sam	J/29 MH	Bill Giles
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### **Edgewater Yacht Club Final Gun Results**

#### **JAM 1**

*3 <sup>rd</sup>	Play It Again Sam	J/29 MH	Bill Giles
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Congratulations to all the Buffalo customers who have brought home their fair share of silverware this summer and to Robert Gillman for winning the BHSC Distinguished Service Award. On a side note there are many clubs in the Western New York Area that have not

published their race results, please send them in so we can give you the recognition that you deserve.

\* Indicates Partial Inventory

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