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2009 Was Another Great Year for Haarstick Sailmakers

We helped power the:

Buffalo Yacht Club – Boat of the Year

Rochester Yacht Club – Sailor of the Year

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Haarstick Win’s Big In Buffalo

This past Friday evening the Buffalo Yacht Club hosted it’s annual awards dinner. The club really went all out this year providing live entertainment before and after the awards ceremony and an excellent dinner menu. The turn out was huge and it was nice to see so many faces that I normally only get to see during the summer months. My hat off to Don Warfe the club manager and Ted Johnson for putting together a first class evening.

With that being said I would like to acknowledge those customers who’s hard work and effort paid off over the summer months. Dick Ham, sailing his Laser 28 was best overall Buffalo Yacht Club boat on the Lake Erie Interclub Regatta and received the Courier Express Award. Dick, finished fourth overall out of 56 entrants, besting a tough fleet of several well-sailed Beneteau 36.7’s, J-Boats, Shocks and other custom and production race boats.

For the Wednesday evening buoy racing, the overall winner was Don and Paul Seitz's J/27, Seitz-Seer. Seitz-Seer received the Club Wheel and the father-son team has been sailing together for as long as I can remember has been tough to beat in both J/27 one-design and PHRF events. Nice job Team Seitz.

The Buffalo Yacht Club BOTY award goes to my dad, Jim Christensen and Robert Gradwell sailing Jim's Andrews 30, Hot Pursuit. I was thrilled that I could have Bob and his son Tom sail with us this summer. Their efforts were tireless and they contributed to a big part of our success. After winning this several years ago on our previous boat, my dad was thrilled to have done it once, but I think having the opportunity to do it again with a boat that was still new to us really made it special. The crew work and driving was spot on which allowed us to focus on refining our sail combinations and trim and it really paid off.

I would like to congratulate all of my customers for their hard efforts this summer and promoting Haarstick Sailmakers through their fine efforts. I would also like to take the time to thank my crew for coming together and sailing an excellent season. Without your efforts none of this would have been possible. So thanks JT, Sharon Diane, Tom, Bob and Dad. I look forward to seeing you all at the Sailing Club awards this Saturday and out on the water in the spring.

By Eric Christensen

Congratulations to Gunnar Richardson for winning the "Madge Cup". This is the award for the sailor of the year at Rochester Yacht Club. Gunnar worked at Haarstick Sailmakers for many years and we have all sailed with him at one time. He won overall in the offshore fleet and the Sonar fleet after only sailing Sonars for a few weeks prior to the start of the season. He also had some great finishes crewing on a J/22. Congrats to Gunnar.

Kris Werner is going to write a full report on his 2009 racing season for next month Loft Lines. He, and his wife Kirsten have been actively campaigning a J24 and Beneteau 40.7 using Haarstick Sails. They had a great year racing both boats and we look forward to getting his article. He almost got it done for this month but has been swamped getting this new service up and running.....

Kris Werner is the Managing Partner of "Waterline Systems Great Lakes", operating out of Shumway Marine in Rochester, NY. We will be utilizing the 5000 sq ft service bay and 1000 sq ft spray booth at Shumway Marine. From Opti's to Farr 40's you can expect to gain a performance edge. Kris and our Rochester staff will be available for a consultation to determine what we can do to make your boat perform at its peak.

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Next month we will have a condensed list of some of our customer's best results of the 2009 season. Please write in if you think we don't have your Regatta or overall club results.

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FALL DISCOUNTS :

Have officially ended, or have they. We still have a few last minute shoppers contacting us about our biggest discount period of the year. We also have a few customers that have decided a little late, or forgot about the deadline. So if we have quoted you sails already and you forgot to order them. Please contact us right away to still take advantage of the BEST DISCOUNT OF THE YEAR.

Did you know that at Haarstick Sailmakers we:

- use our own, proprietary design program
- use our own cloth testing procedure – the most rigorous in the industry
- use our own computer cutter – 1st in the sailmaking business
- built the first radial head spinnaker
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2009 Shark Sails Recap

by Keven Piper – Bay Sails Haarstick, Hamilton Ontario

In a time where most regattas are seeing decreasing numbers, the 50th Shark Worlds in Niagara on the Lake were up from 46 last year to 67 competitors on the line. The event was very well organized, the shoreside activities were well attended, and Richard Hinterhoeller and his race committee gave everyone great races all week long.

This is my second Shark Worlds, and my first Worlds as a driver. 2009 has been a big development year for team "Bedlam CAN 723", which includes myself, Keven Piper, Tom Nelson in middle, and Rob Simmons on foredeck. Our intention was to finish in the top half of the fleet this season at the 10 counter regattas and we have steadily worked our way up the results including first, second and third place overall finishes as our crew work and communication skills have developed.

Our results at the Worlds started off slow and built as we improved our sailing teamwork on the boat. Results are as follows; 24, 23, 31, 11, 2, 4, 1, 4, 4, 1, and we finished with a 5th overall. Why did we start off with mediocre finishes? The first day had patchy wind, I was a bit freaked out by the traffic, and I wasn't getting my bow up to the line aggressively enough. Since we started off in bad air, we could only try to hold lanes and work away from where we needed to sail just to get some clean air. This is a very tough place to sail, and we were sailing defensively rather than looking at the big picture and sailing fast. After the third race, we decided that we had to have more eyes looking around, manage downwind traffic better, and

talk things through thoroughly. This made a huge difference on our results. It was only by the fourth race that we were sailing our boat, and using our speed to go where we needed to go. It was a great regatta, and I even got to port tack the fleet with the #3 up!

This week I am organizing my Shark orders for next season, and the cut sheets are getting dog eared; 2002 (awesome spinnaker), 2004 (updated from crosscut to triradial genoa, increased foot length of jib), 2005 (adjusted the main luff curve and foot seams to match new long spreader rig tuning) are the dates and notes on these sail designs. These designs from the Haarstick design program were fast from the word go, and this season we were able to prove it. Our boat speed has been fantastic all season, and we have been nailing down all of our settings for various conditions. Consistent trim points (8" to 10" off the spreader), and are keeping sheet leads and rig tuning constant across the wind ranges with our long spreader rig have given us the best all around performance. We have been keeping track of speed all season with our Velocitek and have noticed that the Shark is accelerating better by keeping the boom position lower, so expect a tuning guide edit soon. It is against Shark doctrine to lower the traveller, but the boat is definitely flatter and faster.

Team "Bedlam" ended up finishing 2nd overall for the 2009 Shark of the Year to the reigning champions "Crazy Ivan" from Britannia Yacht Club in Ottawa. We also clinched the RHYC Shark Fleet Trophy, and the Hudson Bay Distiller's Yacht of the Year award. Next year is going to be tough however, since there will be many more Haarstick Shark sails on the water.

PS special thanks our back up crew members Stephen Parks (Coupe de Quebec), Linda Galea (US Nationals foredeck and winner of the Nina Devilliers Award for outstanding performance by a woman at the International, National, or Provincial Level), and Sonya deLaat (my understanding wife and foredeck at the windy Canadians in Kingston).

Save The Date:

The [Buffalo Yacht Club](#) will host the annual Lake Yacht Racing Association's regatta for the upcoming 2010 sailing season. This is an event that you won't want to miss and LYRA has not been sailed on Lake Erie waters since 1985. In fact this will only be the second time the event has left Lake Ontario in 126 years!

The Buffalo Yacht Club is Celebrating it's 150th Anniversary and will be rolling out the red carpet for our out of town guests. If you have ever sailed in the J/22 Eastern Great Lakes or participated in the 2007 Beneteau 36.7 North Americans you already know how good a job they do in providing first class racing, great parties and some of the best surfing waves on the Great Lakes. If you have not sailed here yet you won't want to miss out on this prestigious event and the chance to sail in a new place and against new boats.

The event is open to all classes of boats and will feature PHRF, IRC, Level 72 and One Beneteau 36.7 racing classes. [Yacht Scoring](#) will be managing the registration and scoring and we will be running two separate racecourses to keep congestion down to a minimum. The members have traditionally been very accommodating by relocating their boats to provide additional dockage for visiting boats and the Club has two 3-ton hoists for launching small one-design keelboats. We are also in close proximity to [RCR Yachts](#), Skyway location which features a full service yard crews and marine travel lift.

Soon you will see a survey from the LYRA committee. PLEASE take the 5 minutes to complete it. Your input is invaluable to their planning

Stay tuned for more details and I hope to see you in Buffalo, during the last week of July.

- Eric Christensen

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