

March 2022

2022 Is Here! And while the Rebel Association remains steadfast in its commitment to bring unity to our membership and news to our members, 2022 will also bring about some changes.

Notice to our members—This is intended to be the last full printing (*paper copy*) of the Rebel Rabble.

As times change, most people have changed with the times. And to that end the Rebel Rabble will be going to electronic publication. Therefore it is important that all members ensure the association has a current email address on file for future publications. This will be reiterated within the upcoming dues notifications for 2022, please update your email accordingly.

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Minutes of the 2022 Spring Meeting:



Feb 26, 2022

Minutes of Spring meeting done via Google Meet.

Commodore Mary Reif called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

Members present. Kevin Nickels, Tim Nickels, Mary Reif, Scott Wright, Neil Robb, George McCargar, Rick Vorel, Bill Selick, Keith Councill, Ed Cox, Schuchardt's, Brent Nowak, Jack Roe, Sally Scripps, Justin Turnbull, Tammy Cole, Marge Martin, Mark Vorel, Anne Magoun, and Brian Nickels.

Mary led a general discussion on boat maintenance and upgrades.

Minutes of the July 8, 2021 general membership meeting were approved.

The 2021 Treasurers report and the 2022 budget were approved. The association is in stable financial condition. If any member would like copies of the budget or report, please contact [Neil Robb](#).

The treasurer reported that the 2021 taxes were filed. Although the NRCA does not pay taxes, we must file a return to maintain our 501c3 status.

The Board approved adding our next treasurer, Scott Wright, as a signatory on the Rebel bank account.

An updated membership report is attached. Our membership has been steady through the covid season with 5 new members in 2021. When a Rebel is bought or sold, please get the information to Neil Robb or Scott Wright to keep our membership roster current.

National Race Committee. Greenwood Lake will host the 2022 Nationals on July 13 thru the 16th. They are working on the details and will get be sending information soon.

Week end local regattas are Mt Dora, FL March 26 & 27, Grand Rapids Sept 10 & 11, Clark Lake Sept 17 & 18 & Lake Fenton tentatively late Sept or early Oct.

Minutes of the 2022 Spring Meeting *continued*:

Nominating Committee: Mary Reif – Commodore
 George McCargar – Vice Commodore
 Brent Nowak – Rear Commodore
 Kevin Nickels – Rebel Rabble Editor
 Scott Wright – Secretary/Treasurer
 Tammy Cole and Gabriela Councill – Two year directors
 Bill Selick, Tim Nickels, & Jay Topping – One year directors

Rebel Rabble. Kevin will get a March issue out in the next few weeks. We will survey the membership to see who may want an electronic issue rather than a print issue.

Old business. Donations to youth sailing were approved. \$200 to the Grand Rapids High School Sailing Program and \$200 to Rock Hall Sailing School.

New business. Tammy Cole and Brent Nowak will help with upgrades to the web site.

The next meeting will be at the Nationals as usual.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 AM.

Submitted by Neil Robb - Secretary/Treasurer

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 has Velcro side-stay closures reinforced w/snaps.
 Cover is vented bow and stern and has covered zipper
 w/tie closure around mast. A draw-string skirt w/ multiple
 sewn in loops allows for easy tie-down.



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2022 Meeting Minutes — Membership Report:

Membership Report

Through Dec 1, 2021

Year	Active	Active that are new	Associate	Honorary	Builder	Total
1992	140		36	1	1	178
1993	144		31	2	1	178
1994	140		32	2	1	175
1995	128		42	2	1	173
1996	130		41	2	1	174
1997	129		42	2	1	174
1998	133		40	2	1	176
1999	137		54	2	1	194
2000	139		41	2	1	183
2001	139		38	2	1	180
2002	132		45	2	1	180
2003	114		61	2	1	178
2004	104		58	3	1	166
2005	97		47	3	1	148
2006	84		50	3	1	138
2007	92		52	3	1	148
2008	87		47	7	1	142
2009	81		47	7	1	136
2010	116		53	7	1	177
2011	108		48	7	1	164
2012	62		32		1	95
2013	74		48	7	0	129
2014	64		33	7	0	104
2015	57		32	7	0	96
2016	58		25	6	1	90
2017	58		21	2	1	82
2018	61	7	23	4	1	89
2019	75	5	29	5	1	110
2020	82	8	27	4	1	114
2021	85	5	26	3	1	115

Save the Date!

2022 Rebel Nationals

Greenwood Lake, NJ (Awosting)

July 13— Arrival, measuring and welcome party

July 14-16—Racing, followed by awards

Hopefully 3rd time is the charm! We have postponed since 2020 trying to get to New Jersey for the Rebel Nationals. Let's make it happen in 2022!

The 2022 Rebel Nationals are on! Let's make the trip to New Jersey we have been waiting for after more than 2 years! There are some logistics still being worked out, but Awosting will be ready and waiting for us. So grease the trailer bearings, and be ready to pack up the boat in July 2022! Greenwood Lake, NJ is a great venue, a lake so long they had to put half of it in New York state! Please plan to arrive on Wed—July 13th to float the boats, sailing will start early on the 14th.

Tactically Speaking – by Double Nickels

Tactics are sometimes thought of as “tricks” or “ploys” to gain an advantage. In battle often the “high ground” is sought to overtake or overwhelm an enemy. In cards utilizing the odds or percentages might be considered a tactic. If arguing with your child about not eating their green beans, we might use reverse psychology and tell them, “You had better not eat those beans”. And after which they may eat the beans just to think they are winning the battle.

Are there tactics in sailboat racing? Well of course there are, but one needs to choose wisely which tactic to employ and at what times to employ them. If we always do the same things our competitors may become wise to our moves. Just like if we always use reverse psychology with our child they'll eventually catch on and not eat those green beans. The other side of tactics is that the right of way isn't always the right way... In other words starboard isn't always the right tack just because you may happen to be on starboard. We need to plan for the destination, not only for the moment at hand. So let's talk through some scenarios and some different options and think about the tactics that may yield an advantage.

Going upwind, I happen to be on starboard tack, and so the port tack boat approaching me must keep clear of me. As I look ahead I can make a prediction... Will the port tack boat cross me? If so then no point in hollering “starboard tack!”. But if it will be close then I have options. If I yell “Starboard”.... Do I want the boat to tack under me? Will that boat start pinching up and stalling me out? Or do I think the other boat is on the better tack (port), and so I want them to tack to starboard and I'll be going on port after a few boat lengths anyway?

But what if the port tack boat is really making headway (lifting) on me? Maybe I should take option #2 and just sail close (not too close) and tack under them... Give up the starboard tack but I would tack under to be the leeward boat and technically still have rights and try to work up under them to get them to tack away?

Or the 3rd option..... I think my starboard tack is the best tack... and I definitely don't want them to tack under me... And it's going to be close. So maybe I should tell them to hold their course? Maybe I even have to sail a little behind them but if I think I'm going the best direction the "right tactic" might be to let the port boat go ahead of me. They may try to pass me and tack, but I'll be leeward boat and slip under them anyway before they can get going on the starboard tack. So maybe "giving way" even though I'm the right-of-way boat is the right move for the time?

Most people's first thought is "I'm on starboard tack, other boats must keep clear, and so I'll stay on starboard tack". But the "tactical mind" asks the next question... What should I do with my current advantage? It's not just about having rights; it's about when to employ those rights. A wise man once told me that if I want to keep going on starboard... Don't "force" another boat to tack close under me which will disrupt my course. That man was Colin Park, former Lightning National Champion. I learned that and more from watching Colin sail, and listening to him..... *Especially after I caused him to tack under me at a Lightning Districts in Bay City*, which Colin then pinched me out forcing me to tack away to port. But the reality is that he was right, and his words still ring true to this day.

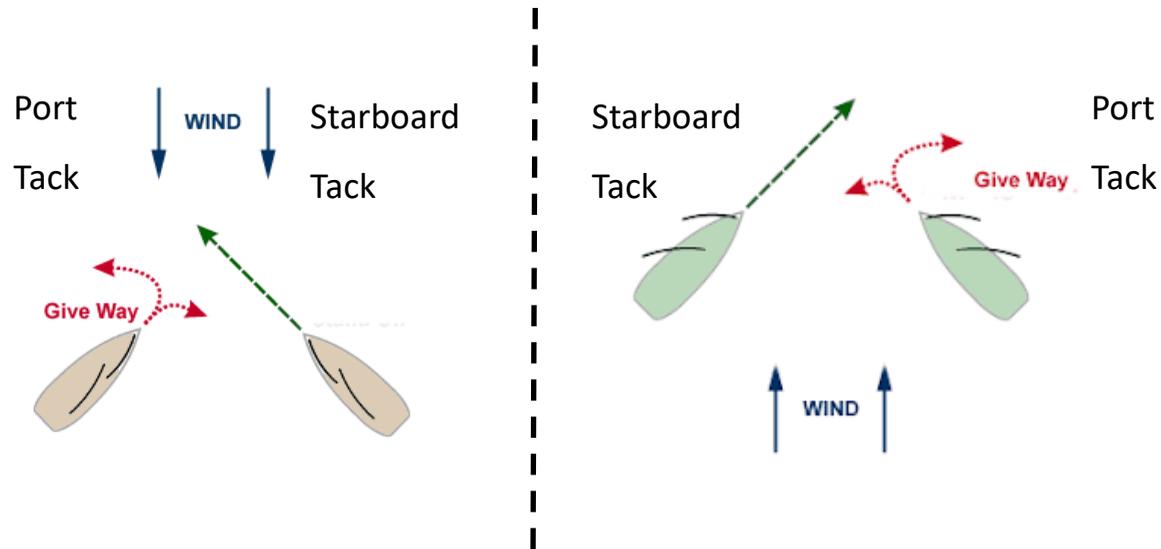
The same can be true of downwind sailing. The leeward boat does have rights... But it does not always make sense to simply run the windward boat(s) to windward. Often the leeward boat runs up and begins to stall out under the windward boat. Often the leeward boat does this trapping a group of 3 or 4 boats "above" the proper course... while the boats farther to leeward simply sail by. Maybe we should utilize that leeward position to run lower in the gusts? This can eventually create some separation, and then in the lulls we can run up and in front of the windward boat(s). We need to sail the wind, not just the "position" as related to the other competitors.

Having "rights" is most useful when closer to an upwind destination.... Like the weather mark, and the finish line. At those times the starboard tack has the greater advantage to "shut out" a competitor on the opposite tack (port tack). This does not mean being on starboard is always the correct tack with relation to the course and wind, but it does mean you can somewhat limit the options of the competitors on port tack coming into the mark or finish line. That would be the time we would not *give way* coming into the weather mark, or certainly at the finish line. (But for the record.... If two boats are overlapped on starboard or two boats are overlapped on port... the leeward boat cannot run the windward boat above the finish.... The windward boat(s) must be allowed to finish if overlapped.)

Sailing tactics can be counter-intuitive. The right move logistically may be to not press our position as leeward boat on the downwind, but going low because we have the freedom to do so.

The right move upwind may be letting that port tack boat cross over us when starting a windward leg to get clear air and away from the pack. The best tactic is always sailing the course and the wind changes; and only using the rules as a “shield” to prevent collisions; not pressing a position simply because we have *right-of-way*.

Happy Sailing!






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From the Editor:

Kevin Nickels here, your Rebel Rabble editor wishing everyone a happy and prosperous 2022! As slowly the world is beginning to return to some semblance of “normal” there should be more club events, personal events, etc. happening.

The Rabble has sought to be a source of information for the membership to share, not only for regatta sailing results, but things that happened in the regular season or just day-sailing. Therefore, as this summer progresses please send in your pictures and stories of happenings over this year of sailing if you would desire to share with your fellow Rebel sailors. Please send your articles (and pictures) for future editions.

Likewise, if there is a particular topic (boat/trailer repair, boat handling question, boat storage, etc.) that you would like to have more information, please send an inquiry. Maybe the subject can be covered in a future edition?

Sincerely,

Kevin Nickels, Rabble Editor (k5centz@comcast.net)

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has Velcro side-stay closures reinforced w/snaps.
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2022 Rebel Sailing Calendar -

March 26-27: Mount Dora, FL - 2022 Spring Invitational Regatta

351 W. Fourth Ave. Mount Dora, Florida 32757
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July 13-16: 2022 Rebel Nationals - Greenwood Lake, NJ

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September 10-11: Grand Rapids Yacht Club: Fall Invitational

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September 17-18: Clark Lake Yacht Club: Fall Invitational

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October 1-2: (TENTATIVE) - Lake Fenton Sailing Club: Fall Invitational

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Business Cards Ads for NRCA members will be placed in four issues at a cost of \$25.00. All Rebel boat owners may advertise to sell their boats, boat parts, and sails at no cost. Other items for sale by NRCA members is \$0.15 per word.

Advertisements are solicited for placement according to the rates published in the Rabble. Ads for boats, parts, and sails will be text only in the Rabble but photos are welcome on the internet.



For Sale — See website for additional details and pictures:
(<http://www.rebelsailor.com/BoatPart.html>)

I need to sell Minnie. Her number is #1562 a Ray Greene, mid 1950's, and not as rough as many others I've seen purchased over the years. Her sails are perfect. The trailer is a LONG. The mast had been kept indoors over the years, but she does need sanding and paint. Floor boards are gone. Boat and trailer \$750. Lori and Tom Ridington (Morgan's kids)757-709-3426 Boat is still in Melfa VA. Chesapeake Bay area

1970 Rebel Mark 1 Sailboat - Asking \$700.00 1 set of sails is in Good condition/used. A second set is in not so great condition but could be used for a pattern for an additional sail set, or repair. Sails are not originals to this boat. Trailer included—*Lights do not work.* Needs TLC and restoration. Fresh water boat as far as we know. Located in Colorado. Courtney Roe 970-227-6896 courtney.tobey@yahoo.com

Rebel For Sale—We intended to finish the boat a bit before putting it on the market, but are happy to see it go to a good home either way. Boat was owned by family friends at the Jackson Clark Lake Yacht Club:

- Rigged for racing (I actually used to race against this boat)
- Needs new floors and lines
- Comes with an articulating trailer in solid shape
- Comes with four sets of sails (Two are good, two are fair)
- \$800/obo all in.

Tom Shaw Tom Shaw <tshawhome@gmail.com>

Posted Oct 24, 2021

Rebel For Sale—Ray Greene Rebel with sails and trailer.

Call Jason

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