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## CLASS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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## Record Turnout at 1995 JY15 North Americans

One hundred JY15's on the starting line can be a daunting task for both the sailors and the Race Committee, but everyone seemed to enjoy the challenge at this year's N.A.'s in Stonington, CT. The top JY15 teams from around the country converged on the Wadawanuck Y.C. in late September for this festive 3-day event. The JY15 Class was born at Wadawanuck, home club of the boat's designer, Rod Johnstone. For the sake of race management and club facilities, registration for this homecoming event was limited to 100 boats, leaving some anxious sailors on the waiting list.

The modified-olympic courses were set in Fisher's Island Sound, whose steady breezes, rushing currents, and savage chop create a rigorous racing venue. A total of six races were held over the three days, as the friendly, but competitive, fleet swarmed the line and surged over for numerous recalls. The Race Committee, headed by JY legend Clay Burkhalter, did a flawless job of setting the courses and running the support boats during the breezy, cool weekend. Once again, the infamous "Honey Barge" was anchored next to the starting line to provide grateful sailors with refreshments and facilities. On-shore activities couldn't have been better, as the Wadawanuck Club provided all the ingredients for fun and convenience. As in other JY15 events, friendly competition, comraderie, and post-race fun were the major themes.

On Friday, two races were run in the 15-20 knot southwesterly, testing the endurance of many teams on the long upwind legs. Mike Keegan of Rhode Island tuned in some great boatspeed, especially on the reaches, to win Race 1. He was followed by Paul Foerster of Texas, who climbed steadily up through the fleet, and Jeff Morgan of Massachusetts. JY veterans Paul-Jon Patin and Joe Healey of New York finished in the fourth and fifth spots. The windward leg was shortened for Race 2, leaving a whole batch of unaware sailors overstood on the left side of the first beat. Foerster again used his experience to climb back for the win, followed by Keegan in second and Bruce Atkinson of Vermont in third. Patin again took fourth, trailed by Karl Knauss of Rhode Island in fifth. The tired competitors then planed back into Stonington harbor for some excellent refreshments, dinner, and partying.

A cold front pushed through on Saturday, spinning the wind 180° and bringing a new set of tactical considerations. The sailors donned their warmest clothes for the "frostbiting" conditions. With the windward mark set close to the Connecticut shore, the shifts and currents became big factors on the top half of the course. Knauss jumped off the starting line with great speed to win Race 3, followed by the ubiquitous JY rep Cutter Smith in second and another Rhode Is-

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lander, Tim Hotchkiss, in third. Fourth place went to JY newcomer Tom Linskey of Massachusetts, and fifth to Patin. After several recalls, Race 4 finally got underway. Linskey held off Hotchkiss and Patin for the win, followed by Foerster and Paul Hayes in fourth and fifth. Playing the shift geometry was definitely paying off for the leaders.

The wind softened for Race 5, leaving some airless zones near the shore. Foerster scored his second bullet of the series, followed closely across the line by Smith, John Gjerde of Minnesota, Joe Pelosi of New Jersey, and Hotchkiss respectively. Linskey had finished second, but was knocked out with a PMS, and other scores were highly mixed, causing many teams to use up their throwout. An unofficial fourth race developed as the chilled sailors raced back to the dock for warm showers and hot cider. For the day, Patin, Smith, and Hotchkiss had all scored consistently well to move into a virtual tie for second place behind Foerster.

At the upbeat Saturday night party, the top ten teams wore bright pink hats to identify themselves to other sailors who might need advice on tuning or tactics. JY Sailboats head honcho David Eck ran an impromptu, humorous tuning seminar with these ten skippers during dinner, only to confirm what we already knew: the top sailors all tune differently, and it doesn't seem to matter! After dinner, a great soul band got the crowd warmed up with some dancing music, as everyone enjoyed another fun evening.

Only one race was completed on Sunday, as the ebbing current pushed the increasingly bold fleet over the starting line for several recalls. Foerster nailed his third win of the series to confirm his overall victory. Hotchkiss finished in second, just ahead of Patin, with Knauss in fourth and local JY wizard Chris Field in fifth. As the current built, the RC was unable to start another race within the time limit, even with the 20% penalty in effect.

After the boats were packed up, everyone convened for the awards ceremony. Olympic medalist Paul Foerster, sailing with wife Carrie as crew, graciously accepted the first-place trophy as well as the top husband-wife prize. Tucker Bragdon won the Master's division, Erin Maxwell took the Top Woman honors, and Joe and Theresa Healey won the Sibling Award. Fleet 1 from Stonington again won the Top Fleet award.

Typical of the JY15 Class, the entire event was low-key and friendly, with lots of comraderie and only one minor protest. Wadawanuck Commodore Boyd Cook, Co-Chairs Margot Johnstone and Bobette McCracken, and all the Club members did a super job to handle this major sailing event. Special thanks also go to JY Sailboats for all the support and the dozens of people who pitched in behind the scenes to make it a great regatta. We would certainly love to come back to Wadawanuck for this event in the future!

John Shanholt

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*Mollie Kam and Lindsey Gimple, qualify as the youngest spectators (6 weeks old) at this year's North American Championship!*

## Overall Race Results for North American Championship

SKIPPER/CREW	SAIL #	TOTAL
1. Foerster/Foerster	1748	118.25
2. Hotchkiss/Schaefer	1745	118.00
3. Patin/Ryan	1717	119.00
4. Smith/Robinson	1710	126.00
5. Knauss/Megurer	1719	127.75
6. Linskey/Linskey	1037	136.75
7. Orkney/Merritt	1039	138.00
8. Keegan/Neidhardt	1740	143.75
9. Atkinson/Mercier	1779	158.00
10. Morgan/Winans	1835	161.00
11. Gimple/Gardner	1580	162.00
12. Healey/Healey	1776	164.00
13. Orkney/Frantz	1585	170.00
14. Kinsey/Kinsey	1503	171.00
15. Shanholt/Kern	1747	172.00
16. Pelosi/Yoos	1953	176.00
17. Field/Field	1475	185.00
18. Hayes/Platt	1210	187.00
19. Littlefield/Littlefield	1470	187.00
20. Berger/Johnson	1817	191.00
21. Yout/Eisenberg	1571	194.00
22. Whelan/Whelan	1451	198.00
23. McKay/Schindeler	1846	101.00
24. Gjerde/Woellner	1512	111.00
25. Griffin/Pullan	1036	117.00
26. Bouzaid/Bouzaid	1939	120.00
27. Harkrider/Schroder	1531	131.00
28. Ritt/Peter	1421	133.00
29. Darling/Connell	1077	134.00
30. Eck/Eck	1972	141.00
31. Bragdon/Michael	1804	144.00
32. Frazier/Lytle	1075	159.00
33. Hartwell/Hartwell	1952	161.00
34. Desmond/Sherbacow	1703	165.00
35. Johnstone/McCracken	1701	171.00
36. McCarthy/McCarthy	1718	176.00
37. Maxwell/Manning	1721	176.00
38. Maxwell/Maxwell	1028	177.00
39. Sorenson/Nightengale	1700	181.00
40. Pelosi/Ward	1951	189.00
41. Neiwenhous/Wilson	1688	192.00
42. Martin/Page	1586	197.00
43. Posey/Posey	1930	197.00
44. Freeman/Freeman	1001	209.00
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51. Romeo/Walsh	1788	232.00
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53. Reuter/Reuter	1734	235.00
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56. Long/Alexander	1613	246.00
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58. Samuelson/Samuelson	1616	264.00
59. Blake/Eppinger	1800	267.00
60. Diggs/Fornari	1925	273.00
61. Duffett/Duffett	1977	281.00
62. Witte/Van	1674	288.00
63. Smith/Applegate	1859	290.00
64. Greene/Kondraky	1767	290.00
65. Garvin/Kenefick	1935	300.00
66. Kamerzel/Chevalier	1073	309.00
67. Tanninga/Koeppel	1054	312.00
68. Biddle/Falk	1032	316.00
69. Conway/Conway	1777	320.00
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72. Elliott/McMullin	1635	343.00
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## Patin Wins 1995 JY15 Sailor of the Year Competition

Sixteen skippers competed in at least three championship regattas this year, making them eligible for the 1995 "Sailor of the Year" competition. With the final event being the North Americans in September, the season results were tallied at the completion of that event.

Paul-Jon Patin of Long Island, capping a brilliant season with a third place at the NA's, included his two wins at the Atlantic Coast and New England Championships to lead the field. At the NA's award ceremony, Patin gave credit to his longtime crew Felicity Ryan. If you've raced against Paul-Jon and Felicity, you know that their upwind speed is good, but their abilities on the reaches and runs are unsurpassed.

Give this competition a try next year. Participation is half the battle!

John Shanholt

Skipper	Points	Total
1. Paul-Jon Patin	30-30-43	103
2. Jeff Morgan	30-28-36	194
3. Gary Orkney	28-25-39	192
4. John Shanholt	26-26-31	183
5. David Whelan	29-27-24	180
6. Joe Pelosi	26-23-30	179
7. Chris Field	27-21-29	177
8. Walter McKay	16-20-23	159
9. Rod Johnstone	29-4-11	144
10. Tim Desmond	13-14-12	139
11. Gil Samuelson	21-17-0	138
12. Jim Sorenson	14-16-7	137
13. Peter Freeman	16-5-2	123
14. John Niewenhous	8-8-5	121
15. Dennis Posey	3-3-3	139

Note: JY Sailboats representatives David Eck (43) and Cutter Smith (97) had great seasons but are not considered due to their employment.



Sailor of the Year winners Paul-Jon Patin and Felicity Ryan (bottom right) are flanked by fellow competitors.

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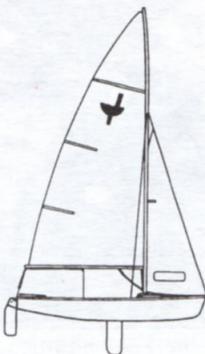
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## RECIPE FOR A REGATTA *by Margot Johnstone*

### Water Ingredients

One Honey Barge  
2 porta potties  
600 granola bars  
4 large orange markers  
1 stand-off buoy  
6 mark boats  
4 crash boats  
1 spectator boat  
1 midline buoy  
Steady winds  
Tide  
Waves  
Some pesky photo boats  
1 shotgun  
8 radios  
2 tape recorders  
Shapes  
1 Z flag  
200 gallons fuel  
75 sandwiches  
(Race Committee)  
25 volunteers  
3 Judges



*The Infamous Honey Barge!*

### Shore — Wet Ingredients

54 cases of soda  
7 kegs of beer  
17 dozen bagels  
10 pounds of coffee  
1 gallon of half & half  
12 gallons of orange juice  
3 bushels of bananas  
3 bushels of apples  
265 plates with chick goo  
8 pounds of butter  
9 pounds of cream cheese  
8 pounds of ham/turkey  
10 gallons of chowder  
9 trays of lasagna  
100 pounds of salad  
600 rolls  
A computer scoring system that works  
4 computers  
1 printer  
A lot of Really Good Deserts

### Shore — Dry Ingredients

1 Wadawanuck Club w/tent  
1 Band-Soul injection  
1 stereo system with 16 CDs  
6 red table cloths  
300 chairs  
25 round tables, seating 10 apiece  
600 feet of hose  
1000 cups (12 oz.)  
500 paper plates  
2 Club Managers  
20 volunteers  
23 sponsors  
30 trophies  
300 tee shirts  
100 ditty bags, sailing instructions, toys, etc.  
8 committee chairs  
250 name tags  
625 feet of line for the name tags  
22 pink hats  
66 beds provided  
1 Security Man  
20 hours of meeting time  
2000 xerox copies  
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One prayer



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