

June 2017

# Rebel Rabble

Only a few more weeks until the 2017 Rebel Nationals at Clark Lake. We hope to see as many travelling as possible to support Clark Lake's efforts in hosting the regatta as well as adding to the fellowship and competition. One IMPORTANT house-keeping item for the Nationals..... TROPHIES! Anyone having one of the perpetual trophies from last year or any year.... PLEASE return these to Neil Robb. While we would prefer to have these trophies delivered "in person" as a participant in 2017, if this is not possible please contact Neil Robb (neilrobb@gmail.com) to mail it, Fedex it, or whatever method works... and please do so by July 1st, 2017.

Thank you in advance,

Kevin Nickels — Rear Commodore NRCA

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## How High's the Water?

The question from an old Johnny Cash song is very appropriate in the spring of 2017; at least it is for Lake Fenton. Fortunately, we aren't talking about the chickens sleeping in the willow trees as the song goes, but the east seawall by the launching ramp being nearly underwater presents plenty of challenges.

As far as anyone can remember we have never seen the water this high, let alone the water level being up for any significant period of time. And while just raising the dock posts sounds simple enough, when these posts haven't been adjusted for 15 years or more the bolts and legs don't move so easily. The biggest issue is that typically the docks were mounted to be even with the top of the seawall, and the main dock was merely held by gravity against the seawall. So, new starting attachments have been made to raise the docks up and even to start some of the docks on top of the seawall. Dock-in-day was delayed two weeks to adapt and prepare. That said, where there is a will there is a relative... David Nickels created and/or adjusted the new mounting points and a small band of club members assembled to put the starting pieces in the water to ensure all was well before the official dock-in process was to get underway.

The hope is that the water will go down some, but at the current rate it may take all summer and more. Everything in the area drains toward Saginaw is effectively full and running at maximum capacities. So, likely we won't have to worry about dragging bottom with the centerboard anytime soon. New "highs" in the stock market might be a great thing, but we're not convinced this new high for Lake Fenton water levels is having any positive effects.

Kevin Nickels,  
Rabble Editor

Late April—dock mounting and seawall at ramp is still underwater.





**2017 Rebel National Championship Regatta  
July 14 - 16, 2017  
Clark Lake Yacht Club  
Clark Lake, MI**

This event is set up for family fun! The junior races will be directly in front of the club.  
Tentative Schedule:

Thursday	July 13	12:00 PM - 5:00 PM Early arrival Registration & Measurement
Friday	July 14	8:30 – 10:00 AM - Final Registration & Measurement 10:30 AM – Rebel Officers / National Race Committee meeting 11:00 AM - Lunch 12:00 Noon - Senior Skippers Meeting 1:00 PM - Senior Rebel Nationals Begin - Races 1 & 2 Break (minimum 30 minutes) Race 3 – If practicable Junior Skippers meeting (Immediately following Seniors) Junior Races 1, 2 6:30 PM – Dinner at the Club 7:30 PM – Rebel Membership Meeting
Saturday	July 15	11:00 AM - Races 3 & 4 Lunch 1:30 PM - Races 6 & 7 Junior Races 3, 4 & 5 (immediately following Seniors) 7:00 PM – Dinner on your own 7-9 PM – Juniors TBD.
Sunday	July 16	10:00 AM - Races 8 & 9 Lunch Trophy Presentation
Friday - Sunday		Continental Breakfast & post-race refreshment provided by CLYC.
Friday - Sunday		Lunches & dinner may be purchased from CLYC

This event is organized by **Rebel Fleet 2** with help from **Clark Lake Yacht Club Members**, and many **friends**. Dan Hockenberry (from CLYC) will be the principle race officer. Our intent is to have a very good time! All events are open to all club members. Please come and join the fun!!!

**Welcome All to the 2017 Rebel Nationals!!!**

Come one and come all to the 2017 Rebel Nationals! Clark lake is hosting the Nationals— July 14th to 16th. The Rebel Class thanks Clark Lake in advance, and asks that anyone and everyone come and support the NRCA and Clark Lake Yacht Club to make this a fun and friendly event. Planning is one thing, but participation is EVERYTHING! Need a boat, need a crew? Let Neil Robb or anyone associated with the NRCA know and we do our best to help you find what you need.



Registration

2017 Rebel National Championship Regatta

Clark Lake Yacht Club

July 14,15,16

Skipper \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ Sail# \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_ Fleet# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Miles Driven \_\_\_\_\_ Local Address \_\_\_\_\_

Crew \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Crew \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

WAIVER OF LIABILITY: By participating in this regatta, I understand that I voluntarily assume and am knowledgeable of the risks of sailing and I agree to hold harmless and free of any liability the National Rebel Class Association, Lake Fenton Sailing Club, or members of these organizations and employees or individuals volunteering for this regatta, for any damage or injury, material or personal, suffered by me during racing or other activities related to this regatta.

Skipper Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Full member: \_\_\_\_\_

Crew Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Assoc member: \_\_\_\_\_

Crew Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Assoc member: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: fees and memberships are waived for Junior National participants

Registration Fee (per boat): \$90 \_\_\_\_\_  
Late Registration (After June 30, 2017) \$100 \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: Rebel Fleet 2

Mail to: Neil Robb  
2023 Rendall Dr.  
Jackson, MI 49201

Meals

2017 Rebel National Championship Regatta

Clark Lake Yacht Club

July 14,15,16

Skipper \_\_\_\_\_ Sail No \_\_\_\_\_

Friday July 14 Lunch: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$6.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Friday July 14 Dinner: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday July 15 Lunch: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$6.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday July 16 Lunch: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$6.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Attending Junior outing Saturday night (no charge) \_\_\_\_\_



## 2017 Rebel Nationals Sailing Instructions

July 14-16, 2017

Clark Lake Yacht Club Clark Lake, MI

### Sailing Instructions

1. **Rules:** The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, including US Sailing Prescriptions, except as any of these are altered by these sailing instructions.
2. **Notice to Competitors:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board labeled and located on the north window of the east porch of the clubhouse.
3. **Signals Made Ashore:** Signals made ashore will be made from the Race Committee Raft while moored.
4. **Schedule of Races:**

**5 Junior Races** are scheduled as follows:

- 7/14 Friday – Junior skippers meeting (immediately following Senior races)  
 Jr Race 1 Friday – 30 minutes after skippers meeting  
 Jr Race 2 Friday – Back to back
- 7/15 Jr Race 3 – Saturday - After Senior Races  
 Jr Race 4 – Saturday - Back to back  
 Jr Race 5 – Saturday – Back to back

## 2017 Rebel Nationals Sailing Instructions—continued

**9 Senior races** are scheduled as follows:

- 7/14 Sr Race 1 Friday – 1300  
 Sr Race 2 Friday – Back to back  
 Break  
 Sr Race 3 Friday – If Practical
- 7/15 Sr Race 4 Saturday – 1100  
 Sr Race 5 Saturday – Back to back  
 Lunch  
 Sr Race 6 Saturday – 1330  
 Sr Race 7 Saturday – Back to back
- 7/16 Sr Race 8 – Sunday – 1000  
 Sr Race 9 Sunday – Back to back

The first race of each day will have a race call (half-hour horn) prior to the start. On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1200.

5. **Racing Area:** The racing will be on Clark Lake.
  6. **Course:** The courses to be sailed will be displayed on the port side of the Race Committee Raft prior to the warning signal of each race.
  7. **Marks:** Inflatable yellow tetrahedrons 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 will be the marks and their general location on the lake will be as indicated on the chart of Clark Lake below. The Background color of the Mark number placard will indicate (red) leave mark to port or (green) leave mark to starboard.
- The starting/finishing mark will be an orange or yellow inflatable sphere. The Start-Finish lines will be between the mast flying the “RC-flag” on the Race Committee Raft and the Start or Finish mark.

## 2017 Rebel Nationals Sailing Instructions—continued



8. **Check-In:** Prior to the warning signal of the first race of each day, each yacht must sail past the stern of the Race Committee Raft, on Starboard tack, and hail her sail number. Such a hail will be acknowledged.

9. The **Start:** Races shall be started by using a modified Rule 26 sequence as follows:

Signal	Flag and sound	Minutes before starting
Warning	Class flag raised 1 sound	3
Preparatory	Flag P or I raised 1 sound	2
One minute	Prep flag lowered 1 short	1
Starting	Class flag lowered 1 sound	0

\*\*\*3 short horns will sounded before the starting sequence of the **second** race of back to back races.

10. **Retirement:** a yacht which retires from a race is asked to notify the Race Committee or RC Support Craft either before leaving the course area or, if that is impossible, as soon as possible after arriving at the Club.

11. **Finishing Boats on the Course:** The Primary Race Officer may finish boats on the course to expedite the race's completion. Such boats will receive the same score they would have received if they had

## 2017 Rebel Nationals Sailing Instructions—concluded

12. **Protests:** "A boat intending to protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee;" this changes 61.1. Protests shall be lodged with the Primary Race Officer within one hour of the Committee Raft's docking; this changes rule 61.3. A schedule of protest hearings will be posted on the official bulletin board.

13. **Scoring:** Low-point scoring will be used as per Appendix A4.1 of the RRS: each yacht starting & finishing a race and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified shall score points equal to her finishing position. Lowest score wins. There will be no throw outs; this changes Appendix A2 of the RRS. Disqualified yachts shall be scored points for the finishing place two (2) more than the number of yachts entered in the series; this changes A4.2.

### Advertising Rates

*Includes Internet Listing*

Issues	1	2	3	4
<u>Cost</u>				
Full Page	\$100.00	190.	270.	340.
Half Page	50.00	90.	135.	170.
1/4 Page	25.00	47.	67.5	85.
1/8 Page	15.00	28.	40.5	51.

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.

Advertisements will be run and placed on the internet when payment and copy is received.



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**NEW ADDRESS:** 2457 E. Judd St. Burton, MI 48529  
**Phone: (810) 730-7138**

**Rebel Molds -**

As of March 31st, 2017 the owners of Windrider-Nickels have decided that they no longer desire to produce "fiberglass" boats due to the labor and expense of fiberglass vs. their other processes for boat construction. This "change of heart" by Windrider-Nickels is not specific to only the Rebel, it affects the Lightning as well. Sadly, this continues to leave the Rebel Class without a boat builder, but to date a new Rebel has not been ordered/produced since Rebel 4200 was completed in 2010.

The main thrust of this is that the molds for the Rebel had remained at Windrider-Nickels until now. As the company is changing locations yet again, the Rebel molds have currently been "rescued" by David Nickels. For the time being the Rebel molds reside at David's house in Holly, MI. There are basically 8 pieces (molds): hull, deck, port/stbd interior, centerboard trunk (2 halves), and the rudder mold (2 halves).

The Rebel in general has been a dependable and sturdy boat. The good news being boat owners don't need to replace their boats regularly. The bad news... Boat owners don't replace their boats. This has unfortunately lead to the current dilemma of not having a boat builder and needing to rescue the molds. While the possible production of additional boats is uncertain for now; it would be quite certain that no more boats would be produced should the molds be lost and/or destroyed.

Sincerely,

Kevin Nickels – Rear Commodore NRCA

/ Rabble Editor

**Stuff 4-Sail:**

**Boat # 4190** ----- white hull with black & grey stripes. Nickels built Mark IV

includes:

Shore mainsail in racing condition

Shore jib sail in racing condition

Full compliment of Harken/Nickels racing gear, vang, jib blocks, boom hardware, remote control of traveler, vang, etc. from either side of boat. Boat cover, jib pole and paddle.

Mounted on Nickels Custom galvanized Rebel trailer, 2" ball, lifting jack, mast support pole, and tie down straps.

Total Price ----- \$5000.00

**Boat # 4194** ----- white hull with blue racing stripes.

Exactly the same as above except:

1. Main sail and jib are a Doyle set.

2. Trailer has spare tire mounted.

Total Price ----- \$5000.00

**Additional Rebel sails available:**

A. Main and jib Shore set stamped in '01, in fair condition, #4194 ----- \$600.00 for both or \$400.00 for the Main and \$200.00 for the Jib.

B. Mainsail made by Shore, #4190 stamped in '02 in good condition ----- \$500.00

C. New Jib made by Dieball (in Toledo) ----- \$350.00

All can be seen near Coldwater Lake. Everything has been stored indoors every winter.

**Contact John Hudak**

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### Stuff 4-Sail Continued:

#### **Rebel 4150:**

(aka "Sabotage") with the trailer. It is currently listed on craigslist for \$1500. The sails are few years old and in reasonable condition.

Larry and Julie Lowry (landjlowry@gmail.com)

#### **Rebel 1445:**

Looking to sell/donate Rebel 1445. Worked on it in the late 1980's and made it sailable for my young family with three children. We had a great time with the Rebel.

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## 2017 NRCA Summer Meeting Agenda Items :

*(not necessarily in order, or an exhaustive listing):*

### CLYC—Friday July 14th @ 7:30 PM (per event schedule)

- 1) Approve minutes of previous meeting
- 2) Approve Treasurer's Report / budget
- 3) Approve new slate of officers
- 4) Approve rule change to permanently adopt multiple sail windows

Any additional items wishing to be discussed.... the Annual Membership Meeting is the time to do so.

#### From the editor:

Having been the "temporary" Rabble Editor has been both fun and challenging. With that said, I anticipate this to be my final edition of the Rabble. The change(s) in positions will be covered and approved in the July Membership Meeting. I want to say "thank you" to all who have contributed to the Rabble the past couple of years, and especially "thank you" to the many photographers capturing our events digitally.

Kevin Nickels,  
Rabble Editor (off-going)



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