

Rebel Rabble

August 2021

Happy Summer! Life has returned to a somewhat normal pace, not everywhere, but little by little signs of normal are appearing. Despite the pandemic continuing to loom over portions of the country (and the world), the 2021 Rebel Nationals are in the history books! The Nationals were not untouched by COVID; have you been to a previous Rebel Nationals where a face mask was the registration gift? And unfortunately some competitors normally attending the Nationals were unable to attend due to schedule changes and/or COVID travel restrictions. But overall the event was successful and well planned by GRYC; and for that the NRCA says “thank you” to the Grand Rapids Yacht Club.

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2021 Rebel Nationals Recap – by Mary Reif

Regattas remind me of reunions. For some of us like the Nickels and Vorel families, it literally is a reunion on the water. That's why I'll be heading to Awosting Yacht Squadron next summer, July 13 (boat setup), July 14 through July 16 (racing), because I miss all those friends in the East. Hopefully, I can add some tourism days as that's the best part of traveling out there where you can visit NYC, see the Statue of Liberty from the NJ side, hike the Appalachian trail, visit Orange County Choppers, or just go on an eating spree!

This year's regatta started out decently with a nice steady wind pressure, but we sailed toward the yacht club where it definitely isn't a steady direction. We sailed 4 races on Day 1. The first race was a shorter one, so we all finished close together resulting in a mixed bag of finishes with David Nickels winning that race. The next race I won before lunch. Ed Cox took both races in the afternoon. The next day was very much a drifter where we were able to sneak in two races; One in the morning with Brent Nowak as the leader, and one in the afternoon with Ken Nelson taking the bullet. Saturday morning brought better wind pressure, it still got pretty light at times, but we kept moving. David won another race, and Scott Wright sealed in second place with his own win in the second race. As you can see in all of the results, there were many people who could win the races and many people who were past overall winners. It always makes it much more interesting and fun to sail against great sailors!

Thank you to everyone who registered and sailed all of the races, and thank you to Keith and Gabriela Cuncell for hosting, Pam Rowe (huge food help), Anne Markaity, Juanita Vorel for more food help, our RC Team of Harrison Vanderground, Brad Bloye, Mindy Alexander, Vasiliy Gagin, and Tim Weaver, Scott Wright handled measurement of many new sails, and Ed Cox and Keith Cuncell took care of scoring. Fun times thanks to everyone working together as well!

A final HUGE thank you to Neil Robb and all of his work over the years managing membership and all of the meeting notes. He provided all of this to us this year even though he was not present this year. 2021 will be his final year as secretary and treasurer, so he was honored with the Don Musselman Service Award.

Take care,
Mary

Neil Robb -

Recipient of the 2021 **Musselman Service Award** as retiring treasurer for the NRCA after 2021.



**2021 Rebel Nationals
Results and Special Awards**

Dave Nickels & Karolina Carmona	Best Michigan Skipper, Dean of the Regatta,
Scott Wright & Heather Chappell/Soren Wright	Ray Greene Trophy for Best 2nd Day of Racing
Ed & Linda Cox	1st Husband and Wife
Mary Reif & Rowan O'Dougherty	Best Woman Skipper
Kevin Nickels & Steven Middlebrook	
Keith Cuncell & Gabriela Cuellar-Cuncell	Rex Pierson Sportsmanship Award, Mint Julep Bucket Hospitality Award (missing),
Rick & Josh Vorel	Best Parent & Child
Ken Nelson & Jack O'Donnell	
Brent Nowak & Erik Hall	Most Improved Skipper
George & Hallie McCargar	
Tim & Hannah Nickels	Farthest Traveled
Jay & Pat Topping	2020 Have Boat Will Travel
Mark & Keagan Vorel	Anchorman and Pickle Boat Award, Youngest Crew
	Neil Robb - Musselman Service Award
	1st Team Grand Rapids: Ed Cox, Scott Wright, and Mary Reif
	2nd Team Fenton: David Nickels, Kevin Nickels and Tim Nickels
	Grandparent & Grandchild Not Awarded

2021 Nationals Roster										Results							
Boat	Club	Name	Sail	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Race 8	Total					
1	4176	Fenton Dave Nickels & Karolina Carmona	Vermont	1	4	2	4	6	2	1	3	23					
2	4180	GRYC Scott Wright & Heather Chappell/Soren Wright	Mad	4	2	8	8	3	3	2	1	31					
3	4165	GRYC Ed & Linda Cox	Vermont	3	3	1	1	9	8	3	4	32					
4	4195	GRYC Mary Reif & Rowan O'Dougherty	Vermont	6	1	6	5	7	4	5	2	36					
5	4200	Fenton Kevin Nickels & Steven Middlebrook	Vermont	9	8	7	3	2	7	7	7	50					
6	3982	GRYC Keith Cuncell & Gabriela Cuellar-Cuncell	Mad	8	5	3	2	5	12	9	9	53					
7	4161	GRYC Rick & Josh Vorel	Vermont	2	7	9	9	10	6	6	5	54					
8	4164	GRYC Ken Nelson & Jack O'Donnell	Mad	5	9	4	7	8	1	10	11	55					
9	4170	GRYC Brent Nowak & Erik Hall	Mad	10	11	5	10	1	9	4	6	56					
10	3963	GRYC George & Hallie McCargar	Mad	11	6	12	6	4	5	8	8	60					
11	4160	Fenton Tim & Hannah Nickels	Vermont	7	10	10	11	12	11	11	13	85					
12	3994	Fenton Jay & Pat Topping	Vermont	13	12	13	13	11	10	13	10	95					
13	4143	GRYC Mark & Keagan Vorel	Vermont	12	13	11	12	13	13	12	12	98					

**2021 Rebel
Nationals -
On the water
at GRYC**



Pat & Jay Topping



**2021 Rebel
Nationals -
Meet the Fleet:**



Tim & Hannah Nickels



Mark & Keagan Vorel

**George & Hallye
McCargar**



**Brent Nowak & Erik Hall
(& future crew)**

**Ken Nelson &
Jack O'Donnell**



**Keith & Gabriela
Cuncell**



**Kevin Nickels &
Steven Middlebrook**

**Scott Wright &
Heather Chappell**

*(2nd day crew -
Soren Wright
missing in action)*



Rick & Josh Vorel



**Mary Reif &
Rowan O'Dougherty**

**Ed & Linda
Cox**



**David Nickels &
Karolina Carmona**

**The 2021
Rebel National
Champions!**

Congratulations!!!

Upcoming 2021 Events:

GRYC Fall Invitational : September 11th and 12th, 2021

<https://grandrapidsyachtclub.org/>

Or contact Keith Councill @ keithcouncill@yahoo.com (or 901-647-6726)

CLYC Fall Invitational: September 18th and 19th, 2021

www.clarklakeyachtclub.org



National Rebel Class Association Board Meeting Minutes

Called to order at 19:08

Roll Call, Present: M Reif, S Wright, D Nickels, K Nickels, T Nickels & K Councill

Approve Minutes of 8 May 21 meeting: K Nickels moved, M Reif second, passed

Review Treasures Report: K Nickels moved, M Reif second, passed

Measurement Committee: S Wright served as measurement committee. 9 sail sets measured, all met class requirements. 4 Vermont sail sets, 5 Mad sail sets.

Race Committee: Reviewed sailing instruction. Request target reasonable length races and move the finish line to make the last windward leg longer. M Reif and K Councill to work with the on-water Race committee for this. Sailing Instructions accepted as-is. K Nickels moved, S Wright second, passed. Copy posted at North door of GRYC.

The slate of officers nominated for 2021:

- Commodore – Mary Reif
- Vice Commodore – Scott Wright
- Rear Commodore – George McCargar
- Second-year directors - Rick Vorel, Dave Nickels
- First-year directors- Bill Selick, Tim Nickels, Jay Topping
- Rabble Editor - Kevin Nickels
- Secretary/Treasurer - Neil Robb (Will be stepping down at 2021 term.)

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Adjourn at about 19:35 (exact time was not noted.)

Rebel Custom Fit Full-Deck Cover
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.



Contact:

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List of new (or 1st Nationals) sails measured.

Per meeting
minutes on
previous
page

Brent Nowak - jib+main MAD
Ken Nelson - jib+main MAD
Keith Councill - jib+main MAD
David Nickels - jib+main Vermont
Rick Vorel - jib+main Vermont
Mark Vorel - jib+main Vermont
Scott Wright - jib+main MAD
George McCargar - jib+main MAD
Rowan O'dougherty - jib+main Vermont

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NATIONAL REBEL CLASS ASSOCIATION

Rebel Association General Membership Meeting Agenda
July 8, 2021 1900 at GRYC

Agenda

(Called to order 11:27 AM 7/9/21), minutes

Minutes of the July 7, 2021 Board Meeting. *accepted from Board of Dir. Meeting)*

Review treasurers report through June 30, 2021. If anyone would like a copy of this report, contact Neil Robb *(Hard copies offered by K. Nickels, Treasurer's Report accepted)*

Vote on the slate of officers nominated for 2021. They will be effective at the end of the Nationals.

(K. Nickels moved to accept,

- Commodore – Mary Reif *K. Councill 2nd*
- Vice Commodore – Scott Wright
- Rear Commodore – George McCargar *- Accepted by membership)*
- 2nd year directors - Rick Vorel, Dave Nickels
- 1st year directors- Bill Selick, Tim Nickels, Jay Topping
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Greenwood Lake bid to host the 2022 Nationals.

Old business – There are sailing scholarships available.

New business. - *Neil Rob to retire as treasurer after 2021, S. Wright will replace Neil 2022.*

Adjourn. *(Motion K. Councill, 2nd J. O'Donnell, adjourned approx. 11:45 AM 7/9/21)*



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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.

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

My brother and 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

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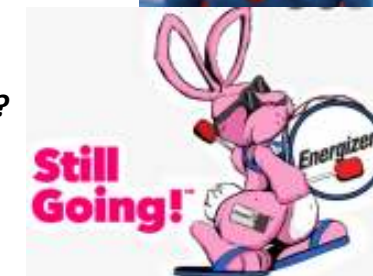
Bruce Wayne
= *Batman*



Clark Kent
= *Superman*



David Nickels = ????????
(Could it be? What's under that hat???)



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