

A most successful 12<sup>th</sup> Wayfarer Worlds was held August 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> on Lake Ontario hosted by the Port Credit Yacht Club and Mississauga Sailing Club.

In cool summer weather but relatively warm Lake Ontario water, a fleet of 59 Wayfarers completed the planned series of nine races, all but two of which were powered by healthy hiking breezes.

As expected, the superb UK team of Ian Porter and Kevan Gibb gave the rest of the fleet a gentle lesson in how it's done, counting 7 firsts as Ian took his fifth Worlds title in his last 8 attempts in a most decisive manner. In frequently shifty winds, the champions regularly worked their way through the fleet after conservative starts and low-risk strategy on the initial beats.

The fight for the remaining positions and glory was considerably more balanced as evidenced by the fact that no fewer than 17 crews managed at least one top five finish. The Waldringfield Sailing Club Wayfarer fleet on the River Deben on England's east coast brought its own container of six Wayfarers and underscored its stature as the strongest fleet in the Wayfarer racing world by placing 2-3-4, and taking 5 of the top 9 places.

The fine Danish team of Søren Jensen and Jesper Friis fell just one point short of cracking the top 5 in racking up one of the best Worlds finishes ever recorded in a borrowed boat. Taking the *Bacardi Trophy* as the best-placed Canadian Wayfarer were Al Schönborn and Marc Bennett who ended up in series 8<sup>th</sup>, while the speedy crew of Jay Colville and lan Harley led the Irish contingent with a 10<sup>th</sup>-place finish. Top US team were Nick Seraphinoff with Joe Blackmore who ended 27<sup>th</sup> whereas the Isle of Man crew of John Dowling with Terry Holt piloted their borrowed Wayfarer to a solid 33<sup>rd</sup> among the 59 entries.

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#### Welcome

This August's Wayfarer Worlds was our first Wayfarer event and was an absolutely superb time – great hosts, great location, great food, great sailing and most of all great people. The only down side was the pain of leaving my own Wayfarer at home and missing out on the racing fun.

Being such a large event this Whiffle is dedicated exclusively to covering the Worlds and its competitors.

Kudos and thanks to all who put this event on, it was an amazing time.

Best of the season to you all.

Paul and Barb Robinson W 10131 "Boatzilla"

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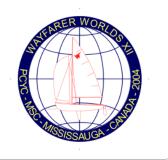
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#### **Monday August 2**

#### **Practice Race**

Course Windward / Leeward

Winds S 10 - 12 kts

Conditions 25 C

Monday's practice race had Ian Porter gaining an early lead but he couldn't really be bothered to finish, leaving this one to team Barker. The rest of the fleet soon discovered that lakes do in fact have currents as many boats hit the pin or windward marks. The race committee also needed the practice, learning which way up to hoist a Wayfarer class flag and how best to hide the signing off sheets from the competitors. Failing to sign off results in "Jerk" points being awarded and beers all round for the sailing committee.

#### **Tuesday August 3**

#### Race 1

Course Windward / Leeward

Winds S 10 - 15 kts  $\downarrow$ 

Conditions 25 C



Roger Challis/Mark Johnstone took a stonking lead by hitting the right side hard. However lan Porter/Kevan Gibb gradually reeled them in, and Challis/Johnstone with frayed nerves in the falling wind lost out in a tacking duel right before the finish line. Neil Fletcher/Chas Edwards conscientiously covered Graham & Robin Barker and Gordon & Emma Harris with the boats finishing in that order.

#### Race 2

Course Windward / Leeward

Winds S 10 - 12 kts  $\downarrow$ 

Conditions 25 C



By the end of the first beat winds (after a more optimistic forecast) became shifty and soon after a drifter with randomly appearing pockets of wind across the course. This resulted in most of the fleet mired in a frustrated attempt to find enough bits of winds to overcome the current and complete the race – which mercifully the RC shortened after two legs. John Goudie/Suzanne Hall benefitted from their newly slimmed down centreboard (having had to plane it down after measurement) to take first place, with Porter/Gibb second and Søren Jensen/Jesper Friis third.

#### Wednesday August 4

#### Race 3

Course Olympic Triangle

Winds N 10 – 15 kts  $\downarrow$ 

Conditions 20 C



Race 3 saw some of the closest and most tactical racing of the week so far. The race officer made a great call to wait 2 and a half hours until the shifty wind eventually settled to a force 2-3 northwesterly. However, it took 3 attempts to get the fleet away, with a short, biased line causing a great deal of bunching.

Challis and Johnston again hit a corner and again were first to the windward mark. But after a poor start, Porter and Gibb worked their way through the fleet, eventually taking the lead on the second beat. They had to work hard to keep the lead throughout the race with Challis/Johnston hounding them all the way. However, after being there or thereabouts throughout, Hartley and Philp sailed well to make it through to second with Challis/Johnston third.

Behind the leading battle the fleet were closing, big shifts and a large hole in the centre giving the opportunity for some massive gains (& losses). Fletcher and Edwards made the most of it to secure fourth right on the line from Ted and Wendy Gadd, with team Harris 6th. Biggest losers were probably Toby Mace/Rachael Rhodes and also the Barkers, both boats having to do turns and consequently dropping them from about 4th and 8th to 10th and 18th respectively. However this was enough to boost Mace/Rhodes to third place overall behind Porter/Gibb and Challis/Johnson.

#### Race 4

Unfortunately race 4 was abandoned as the delay earlier in the day led the race committee to believe the wind would drop before another race could be completed.

#### **Thursday August 5**

Thursday brought completely new conditions for 3 races planned to make up for the race missed Wednesday. Strong overnight winds had left a 6-foot SE swell on Lake Ontario which soon became overlaid by the chop resulting from 10 to 15 knots of cool, gusty northerly under mostly cloudy conditions. As the day wore on, the gusts became stronger exceeding 20 knots at times and causing several gear failures and/or capsizes in the day's third race.

#### Race 4

Windward / Leeward Course Alan Chaplin made a perfect pin end start and crossed half the fleet on port tack. A third of the fleet misread the lay line and ended up over standing the windward Winds N 10 – 15 kts ↑ mark, meeting boats bearing away frantically hoisting spinnakers.

> John Hartley and Neil Fletcher pushed Porter and Gibb who managed to pick the right shifts to pass and then cover up the remaining beat.

Race 5

Conditions

Course Windward / Leeward The star of race 5 was the partnership sailing Bizarre. After a poor start and rounding 30th at the windward mark, Dan and Guy stormed downwind and picked Winds N 10 – 15+ kts ↑ the shifts masterfully on the remaining beats to finish close behind Porter and Gibb who also had their work cut out with rounding 8th at the windward mark, but surfed

> the waves in the gusty conditions to cross the line first, with Fletcher and Edwards 3rd.

Conditions

Race 6

Conditions

Course Windward / Leeward The final race of the day saw the wind increase yet again with some severe gusts coming through at times catching many boats by surprise. Some boats even turned Winds N 15 – 20+ kts ↑

ashore to rest tired legs, but not 90-year-old George Blanchard who was still

showing the youngsters a few tricks!

The starboard end of the line was favoured and Porter and Gibb rounded the windward mark first followed by the Spinaway father and daughter crew.

The downwind legs were very exciting and somewhat scary at times with many boats capsizing. Toby Mace and crew Rachael managed to pull through to secure 3rd position closely followed by the Northern Irish boys in Sink the Pink.

#### Friday August 6

N 10 – 15+ kts ↑

Race 7

Winds

Another blustery day, but today was choppy water conditions over moderate swell, Course Olympic Triangle rather than the big rollers of Thursday. Race 7 was the first chance of the

rounded the windward mark in 6th place but pulled through to second place behind 18 C Conditions Porter/Gibb at the gybe mark in a tight and delicately balanced F5 reach. Local

boats Schönborn/Bennett and the Rahns demonstrated that they too can hack the stronger stuff notching up 3rd and 5th places respectively, their best results of the

championships to get some real speed up on the three sail reaches. Mace/Rhodes

event.

Race 8

Course Olympic Triangle Roger Challis made it to the windward mark first again, only to be overtaken on the reaches, now gusting F6, by Fletcher/Edwards and Mace/Rhodes. Meanwhile

Winds N 10 – 15+ kts ↑ Porter/Gibb sneaked through in a cloud of spray down to leeward on a hairy, edge of seat reach. Mace/Rhodes gybed outside Challis/Johnston but then the Challis Conditions 18 C

> mast decided to call it a day, and Fletcher/Edwards couldn't hold the lay-line and had to drop the kite. This left Porter/Gibb first at the leeward mark, followed by Mace/Rhodes. However Fletcher/Edwards and team Harris correctly chose the left of the second beat to pull ahead of Mace/Rhodes, the boats finishing in that order. On the third and final beat Fletcher/Edwards nearly managed to overhaul Porter/Gibb but were more concerned about protecting for position against Harris and Mace, and let Porter keep the lead in order to maintain cover on the following two boats. Meanwhile team Barker ditched twice but somehow still managed to

finish in 11th place.



#### Race 9

Course Windward / Leeward

Winds S / SE 5 - 8 kts

Conditions 22 C



With almost no wind the start was delayed for nearly 2 hours waiting for a lake breeze to fill in. This was going to be a tense race for the Waldringfield boats with Mace/Rhodes, Fletcher/Edwards and team Harris slogging it out for 2nd, 3rd and 4th places overall. Porter/Gibb, having already won the event, decided not to compete in this race. Team Barker got a perfect pin-end start and sailed off to win. The Waldringfield battle lines were drawn and the three boats crossed tacks off the line looking for clear air. Fletcher/Edwards failed to escape in time from a starboard sitter forcing them left, and that was their race over. Harris and Mace were tied at the top of the beat, and down the run. Both boats chose the port-hand gate mark and a tense tacking duel left Harris ahead. However Mace/Rhodes spotted the wind veering steadily and chose he right side, to just beat Harris to the second windward mark. Going right down the run consolidated the Mace lead. This left Mace/Rhodes 2nd in the race and 2nd overall, team Harris in 3rd overall and Fletcher/Edwards discarding to get 4th place overall.



This championship had it all. Light and shifty, steady and constant, strong and gusty, flat water, choppy water, rollers, Olympic and up/down courses. Excellent sailing and a wonderful race officer (John Weakley and team), a friendly club and good socials meant we were all glad we came along to take part.



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#### THE TEAMS & HOW THEY FARED

1<sup>st</sup> Ian Porter / Kevan Gibb

W 7588

Scavenger Scavenger

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Total

lan Porter and Kevan Gibb of the Hayling Island SC on Chichester Harbour near Portsmouth, England arrived a week early, and demonstrated championship form and class throughout their stay. They supervised the un- and reloading of containers, helped those in need, practiced each day and generously shared what they were learning with those of us too busy socializing and drinking beer to find time to practice. Then Ian and Kevan went out and won 7 of the 8 races they sailed, leaving no doubt that they are the best team in the Wayfarer world. Congratulations on a very well earned victory, Kevan and Ian!



2<sup>nd</sup> Toby Mace / Rachael Rhodes

W 8848

Meg B

C C 40 E 7 2 2 4 2

Total

Toby Mace and his energetic, most capable young crew, Rachael Rhodes of the Waldringfield SC on England's east coast consistently sailed extremely well. In keeping with their outstanding ability to handle and move their Wayfarer superbly, Toby and Rachael never opted for the easy way by banging a corner, and were the only boat to drop two top-10 finishes on their way to a clear and well deserved 2<sup>nd</sup> place among the 59 entries.



3<sup>rd</sup> Gordon & Emma Harris

W 968

Spinaway

5 <del>29</del> 6 6 6 2 <del>13</del> 3 6

28

Also counting only single-digit finishes were Toby's Waldringfield club mates, Gordon Harris and his daughter, Emma. They, too, sailed consistently well and were right in the hunt for the runner-up spot until the final race where they fell just short of catching Toby.



4<sup>th</sup>

Neil Fletcher & Chas. Edwards

W 9644

Betty Blue

3 18 4 3 3 15 9 2 2

Total

Neil Fletcher and Chas. Edwards, another of the powerhouse Waldringfield entries, Like their WSC club mates, they sailed unnervingly fast and well on a consistent basis in their glass Wayfarer, and might easily have done better than series 4<sup>th</sup> had they had better luck in a pair of light-air races where they fell to 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.



5<sup>th</sup>

**Graham & Robin Barker** 

W 8888

**Doubloons** 

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The Norfolk Broads YC team of Graham Barker and his son, Robin, made it 4 of the top 5 for England's east coast. An impressive perfect start at the favoured pin end in the finale enabled the Barkers to grab a lead they would hold to the finish and to sneak into series 5<sup>th</sup> to cap an impressive series.





W 9355

Whistle

A fine performance for the Danish team of Søren Jensen and Jesper Friis from the strong Wayfarer fleet based on Furesøen at Farum Sejlklubben. They fell just one point short of moving W825, borrowed from Ed Tait, into the top 5 overall. Although preferring the windier going where Jesper, can live up to his nickname "Wet Sox", Søren and Jesper placed very well (3<sup>rd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>) in the lighter going as well.



7<sup>th</sup> **Guy Hacon/Daniel Watson**  W 8686

Bizarre

46 DNF 11

58

A veteran of 6 Worlds, Guy Hacon with Daniel Watson of Waldringfield, Guy had his best result yet this year – improving on his previous Worlds best, a 10<sup>th</sup> place finish in 1995. Daniel and Guy had one bad day in this series or they might well have placed higher. On the Friday, they twice went swimming in the waters of Lake Ontario. Otherwise, they were consistently near the top, their highlight being race 5 where they placed a close 2<sup>nd</sup> to Ian Porter



8<sup>th</sup> Al Schönborn / Marc Bennett

W 3854



**SHADES** 

59

In honour of the Worlds, Marc Bennett and I repainted SHADES and killed thousands of bugs doing so. We spent much pub time discussing strategy and were hoping to be reasonably placed by avoiding bad starts and by sailing conservative first beats. Except in race 8 where we banged a corner we had decent starts and sailed what we felt were mostly sound first beats but we still managed to reach the first mark worse than 40<sup>th</sup> in 6 of 9 races. Conversely, we were more than pleased with our remaining legs where we recovered enough to fall to fall just one point short of series 7<sup>th</sup>. And our drops were decent: a 17<sup>th</sup> plus a DNF when our venerable 1977 rudder blade gave up the ghost on a wild spi reach during which we had recovered to 15<sup>th</sup> or so.



9<sup>th</sup> Roger Challis / Mark Johnston



Just Add Water

11 DNF 14 9

Two points behind Uncle AI, was a fifth WSC team: Roger Challis and Mark Johnston. Roger and Mark were in a fight for 2<sup>nd</sup> in race 8 when their mast broke so they lost a lot more than Al did in their breakdown. But both Roger and Al were fortunate that their breakdowns only cost them one race, occurring as they did, in

the third of three back-to-back races.

10<sup>th</sup> Jay Colville / lan Harley

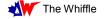


Sink The Pink

<del>28</del> 12 10 5 4 ocs 5 15 64

Leading the Irish contingent was Jay Colville of the East Down YC on Strangford Lough near Belfast. Jay's crew was Ian Harley who is currently interning with Knox Ritchie, a Toronto Sailing & Canoe Club Wayfarer. After a slow 13-28-12-10 start, team Colville/Harley was riding a streak of top 5 finishes but had to count a 15th from the light-air finale and ended up 3 pts. behind Roger. After placing 34th in his first Worlds in 2001, Jay and Ian had to be pleased with this much improved result nonetheless.





11<sup>th</sup> Peter & Alex Rahn

W 286



16 19

76

Montreal's Peter Rahn and son. Alex. edged out a pair of UK crews by 3 pts while improving by 7 places over their previous Worlds finish, an 18th when Alex was only 9 in 1995. The Rahns had fine speed and got off to several good beginnings. Peter and Alex were, for instance, leading race 5 for the first sausage but feels his "seat of the pants" approach was costly, losing him boats later in this and other races.



12<sup>th</sup> John Goudie / Suzanne Hall

W 9812

Cathessa



16 18 7 25 13 79

John Goudie and Suzanne Hall of the Wilsonian SC on the River Medway east of London, England made significant strides from their 28th in the previous Worlds. John and Suzanne were the only boat to beat Ian Porter in any of the races when they won race 2 and the CWA Wayfarer Trophy in light, very tricky winds. Delayed gratification was a problem though, as they and their pursuers remained unaware that the race had been shortened to only two legs and struggled up a close reach into a very light breeze and strong current when all the while, they should have been basking in the glow of victory.



12<sup>th</sup> John Hartley / Nick Philp W 7628





Tota

19 16 19

79

HISC's John Hartley and Nick Philp also improved significantly over their 2001 Worlds début (26th) in the lovely wooden Fantasia. They started the series with three fine finishes, including a pair of back-to-back 2nds, in the first four races but could not hold this top form. A light-air 19th in the finale ultimately dropped them behind Team Rahn and into a tie with Team Goudie in the final tally.



14<sup>th</sup> Stewart Reed / Robin Albert W 10288



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**Finitor** 

18 20

Stewart Reed and Robin Albert of the Bosham SC - John Hartley's Chichester Harbour "neighbours" - sailed a solid, consistent series that included three top 10 finishes late in the series once they had gotten warmed up by doing the necessary amount of partying. Their 14th was a vast improvement over Stewart and Robin's first Worlds finish of 36th in 2001.



15<sup>th</sup> Mark & Paul Taylor

W 7673



87

The pride of the Mississauga Wayfarer fleet, Mark Taylor and his brother, Paul, started slowly but scored single digit finishes for the last half of the series and ended up only two points behind Stewart. This was far and away the Taylors' best Worlds after a 36th in Toronto in '95 and a 55th in their borrowed and aptly named Yellow Submarine at Egå in '98.





16<sup>th</sup> Michael McKechnie / Simon Turner

W 10377



9 20 <del>21</del> 14 15 8 12 <del>DNF</del> 10

Total

Michael McKechnie and Simon Turner of the Royal Harwich YC (another of England's east coast W speedsters!!) entered the last race tied with the Taylor "boys" to whom they lost the race and the series by one place. Michael and Simon scored three top-10 finishes in this series, their first Wayfarer Worlds where they were the best-placed "Rookie" crew. Well done, guys!!



17<sup>th</sup> Brian Jeffs / Scott Bamford

W 9235

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River Rat

20 <del>27</del> 14 12 <del>DNF</del> 16 10 21 7

100

Usually known to excel in and prefer the breezier going, the London, Ontario team of Brian Jeffs and Scott Bamford who sail out of the Sarnia YC, completed a fine series with an outstanding light-air 7th. Brian and Scott were also sailing their first Wayfarer Worlds and were most impressive. Going going, fellows (See? I remembered not to mistake you for gentlemen!!)



18<sup>th</sup> Heider Funk / Tom Wharton

W 600



Hans

102

Heider Funck and Tom Wharton of Mississauga sail out of the TS&CC. Seeded 2nd among the North Americans, Heider and Tom were unable to hold good early positions the few times they got them and ended up 5th among North American entries. What had to be a frustrating series for these two veterans was epitomized by their final race, in which they became the only boat in the entire series to be hit with a Z-flag penalty.



19<sup>th</sup> Brian Lamb/Tony Hunt

W 10201



113

Final Gambol

<del>31</del> 4 <del>29</del> 23 20 21 20 7 18

Total

Finishing 2nd among the five borrowed boats were Brian Lamb and Tony Hunt of the Wilsonian SC in W8261, an Abbott Mark III borrowed from TSCC's Ken Devlin. Although the 19th was an improvement over his 1998 and 2001 Worlds 27ths, Brian - a French and German teacher like Uncle AI - had hoped to do even better. And he kept hearing "That's a fast boat", a comment he probably ranked right up there with other favourites such as "The dog ate my homework." In the end, the *Final Gambol* team had to be content with a second-race 4th and an eighth-race 7th as their very commendable series highlights.



20<sup>th</sup>

Roger Shepherd / Joanne Kumpf

W 7700



Invasion

<del>27</del> 15 <del>33</del> 15 19 19 17 14 25

124

Completing the top 20 were the CWA's very popular Roger Shepherd and Joanne Kumpf, who sailed consistently and well in their Porter-built woodie *Invasion*. Roger and Joanne's boat speed and handling were impressive throughout the series in which they were seeded 10th but placed 6th among the North Americans.





**21**<sup>st</sup> Ted & Wendy Gadd

W 7699

Wild Billy

DNC DNC DNC 15

126

The veteran Hayling Island team of Ted Gadd and his wife. Wendy, probably deserved to end up far better than they did - perhaps even in the top 10. Unfortunately however, Thursday's weird wave action proved too much for Wendy's stomach, and Wild Billy ended up with 3 DNC's @ 60 pts - one of which they of course had to count. Apart from that, Wendy and Ted had all top 15 finishes except for their 29th in Tuesday afternoon's odd crap shoot. The Gadds ended their series on a high note with a fine 3rd and ended up with three singledigit finishes, the other two being a 7th and a 5th.



22<sup>nd</sup> Mike O'Malley / Justin Denny

W 551

**Domino** 

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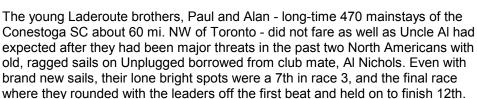
Waldringfield's very own Irishman, Mike O'Malley, and crew, Justin Denny got off to a slow series start but hit their stride in the last half of the series. Only a finalrace OCS prevented the *Domino* team from placing even better. Even so, this was by far Mike's best Worlds result after 34th and 38th in his first two Worlds.



23<sup>rd</sup> Paul & Alan Laderoute W 7380

Unplugged

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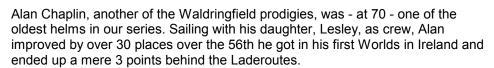


**24**<sup>th</sup> Alan & Lesley Chaplin W 10188



One for the Road

23 DNC 27 26 22 151





25<sup>th</sup> Kit Wallace / David Weatherston W 1037



DNF 29 OCS 22

One of the most pleasant surprises of this Worlds was the excellent sailing done by the newly constituted team of Kit Wallace and David Weatherston out of TS&CC where they rediscovered each other after having been high school classmates. The Ab faB team was seeded 16th among North Americans but ended up 8th among us here. In a couple of races, they reached the windward mark with the leaders whom they subsequently matched very well, ending up with 10-7 in those races. Well done, Kit and David! It was lovely to see you sailing so well - even when you were "axing" us!



26 35 41 18 21 27 28 19 <del>39</del>

174

Another vastly improved Canadian team were the brothers Gumley of Ottawa's Lac Deschênes SC. Seeded 20th among NA entries, Andrew and Nigel placed 9th-best among us here, showing consistently good speed and sound strategy despite a serious lack of training time together in *Windshadow*. This was Andrew and Nigel's first Wayfarer Worlds.



27<sup>th</sup> Nick Seraphinoff/Joe Blackmore

W 864

Bush & Cheney

<del>38</del> 33 27 24 26 28 24 15 <del>38</del>

177

Scoring his best Worlds finish in the last 20 years, Detroit's Nick Seraphinoff with Joe Blackmore steadily improved as the week wore on. The Detroit duo had worked their way up to a fine 15th by the second-last race, but *Bush and Cheney* were 'impeached' by a call of nature on Saturday morning. By the time nature had run its course, Nick and Joe were late for the last race but still recovered to place a respectable 38th.



28<sup>th</sup> Liz Feibusch / Frances Lilley

W 10000



23 4<del>1</del> 23 22 32 26 26 <del>33</del> 30

182

Another personal best Worlds finish (after a 60th and a 52nd in 2001 and 1992) was recorded by UKWA Chairman, Liz Feibusch, with Frances Lilley in W10000, *Ten Grand*, out of the Orford SC on England's east coast. From a North American perspective, Frances and Liz did very well, beating out several very capable Canadian racers on our own home waters!



29<sup>th</sup> Steve Carroll / John Attwell

W 6066



46 25 42 32 <del>DNF</del> 24 21 18 23

Total

It took Steve Carroll, the London, Ontario native who mostly sails a Laser out of Toronto's Water Rats SC these days, half the series to get *Fanfare* and her venerable old sails into gear. With three sound races at the end, Steve and crew, John Attwell, climbed back into the top half of the fleet, and easily improved on the 40<sup>th</sup> place scored in the wild and windy 1989 Worlds in Denmark.



30<sup>th</sup> Dwight Aplevich / Al Nichols

W 4606

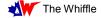


28 <del>37</del> 22 28 27 25 <del>43</del> 32 34

Total 196

Perhaps typical of the culture shock experienced by many North American Wayfarers for whom a 15-boat fleet is a big one these days, were Conestoga SC's Dwight Aplevich and Al Nichols. These two are usually a major threat in our racing here, especially in the hiking breezes, but they seemed to get lost in this 59-boat mass. Still, this year's finish was a nice improvement over the 42nd they scored in their first Worlds in '95.





31<sup>st</sup> Stephan & Troels Nandrup-Bus

W 4898

Fair Dinkum

36 14 15 DNC OCS 35 14 23 OCS

197

Our second Danish entry - also from Furesøen on the NW edge of Copenhagen - was Stephan Nandrup-Bus with son, Troels (17). Sailing Mike Codd's wooden W421, *Sunkissed*, very well, Stephan had no fear of the big fleet ambience - so little fear indeed that he was twice OCS and had to count one of them, which did little to help his series score. Still, his 30th keeps up a progression of improving lots of places each Worlds (48th > 39th > 31st).



32<sup>nd</sup> Doug Netherton / Roger Redwin

W 1366

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Toodle-oo

25 4<del>5</del> 26 35 29 22 44 37 28

202

An enjoyable learning experience for LDSC's Doug Netherton in his first Worlds for which he lured legendary Canadian Wayfarer crew, Roger Redwin, back into action - all the way from Winnipeg, Manitoba. Doug was 13th among the North Americans, a nice improvement over his 21st seed.



33<sup>rd</sup> John Dowling / Terry Holt

W 8322

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Fait Accomplii

42 47 43 30 16 13 35 30 37

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Those Isle of Man Vikings, John Dowling and Terry Holt, sailed our fourth borrowed boat - W3613, a glass Mk I loaned by Tim Bider - to a solid finish that was a considerable improvement over their 2001 rookie experience in Ireland. John and Terry excelled when the going got toughest, scoring 16-13 in Thursday's final two races.



34<sup>th</sup> Alan Bell / Gordon Reid

W 1539



44 19 40 37 35 32 22 27 35

207

Four points behind our Vikings was our second EDYC entry, Almera, piloted by Alan Bell and Gordon Reid. Gordon and Alan recovered nicely from an opening-race 44th and ended up finishing this Worlds nearly 30 places higher than their first one at home in 2001.



35<sup>th</sup> George Blanchard / Mike Codd

W 90



35 30 37 20 30 33 38 40 29

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The legend continues as the 90-year-old George Blanchard of TS&CC maintained his amazing record of having sailed all 12 Wayfarer Worlds over a span of 30 years since 1974. And this was no token entry! With the capable help of Mike Codd, George - in physically quite demanding conditions - beat nearly half the fleet! This from a man who "warmed up" for the Worlds with two solid months of measuring, fixing TSCC club motors, helping neighbours move and towing borrowed boats to PCYC for the Worlds. Thanks, George! We'd be lost without you!





**36**<sup>th</sup> Hans Gottschling / Pedro Santos

W 938

The Nutshell

30 DNS 42 DNF

216

Another good North American Wayfarer (8th seed) who seemed to get lost in the big fleet was TS&CC's Hans Gottschling with Pedro Santos. One of our elder "statesmen" at nearly 70, our covermaker and wooden boat restorer par excellence, Hans did better (23-24) in the lighter airs of races 2 and 9. This was his first Worlds in nearly 30 years.



**37**<sup>th</sup> Peter Kozak / Annelies Groen

W 300

DNC DNC 45

DNF DNC

219

230

After a fine first day performance of 19-12, TSCC's Peter Kozak and Annelies Groen found the heavier going tough. They ended up with about the same placing as in Peter's 1995 Worlds debut.



38<sup>th</sup> **Brian Mills / Louis Jaillet** 

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W 4675

Whiskey Run out

23

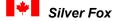


Brian Mills and Louis Jaillet were one of two entries who towed their Wayfarers about 1400 km, from Fredericton, New Brunswick, and won a share of the award for driving the furthest with their boat to get to their first Worlds. Louis and Brian never get to race against more than one other Wayfarer at home and have to travel nearly 1000 km to get to the nearest regatta. Team Whiskey run ... out improved markedly as the series wore on and they gained experience, ending the Worlds on a 23-24-17 run to move into the top 40 despite counting a DNC. Well done, gentlemen!

39<sup>th</sup>

John & Dolores de Boer

W 7351



33 36

234

John de Boer of London, Ontario, gave his new replacement knees a severe test even in Thursday's nasty wave action where he wisely bowed out after one race. John and his wife, Dolores, never hit their top form on the water this time out with their best result being a 22nd in the opener. But John's knee came through fine, and Dolores and John enjoyed their week among so many other Wayfarers, many of whom they hosted for John's special Worlds 2004 wine at their "land yacht" parked at PCYC for the week.



40<sup>th</sup> Peter & Jonathan Ayres

W 1191



25

235

Peter Ayres and son, Jonathan, of TS&CC were right in the thick of things in most races, looking to be in good form the all too many times they were ahead of us. Team Valkyrie finished 19th among North Americans, handily beating their 26th seed, as they improved slightly over their previous Worlds result, a 44th in 1995.





41<sup>st</sup> Bob & Scott Kennedy

W 3571



4<del>3</del> 40 <del>51</del> 42 33 23 33 34 42

247

Bob Kennedy and son, Scott, of London, Ontario's Fanshawe YC have usually been at their best in races on Lake Ontario, but this time they seemed to get - and stay - buried in the bigger fleet. They did however improve considerably on their only other Worlds effort, a 49th in 1995 at TSCC.



42<sup>nd</sup> Alastair, David & Andrew Ryder-Turner

W 10137

**■**■ Aotearoa

<del>52</del> 36 30 29 43 <del>DNC</del> 40 41 31

250

Tasmanian expatriate, Alastair Ryder-Turner of TSCC had by far the youngest crews of this Worlds. David (13) and Andrew (11) took turns, sailing on alternate days. The boys should have had an award for their fine, courageous performances in some serious, cold winds that were making many an adult participant nervous. A good rookie performance - well sailed, guys!



43<sup>rd</sup> Chris Purtle, Doug & Chris Ryan

W 3664

Aliro

252

Doug Ryan and his not-so-little anymore son, Chris, of Wiarton on Lake Huron signed up for this Worlds, not knowing if dad would be able to sail due to impending heart surgery. By regatta time, Doug realized it would not be wise to strain his health with a long, tough series, so he handed the helm to Chris Purtle, a sailing buddy from 27 years ago that hadn't raced dinghies in 25 years. Then, wind and weather permitting, Doug would try to sail the Saturday finale. Well, the weather did permit, but Doug - seeded 23rd among Canadians - didn't just sail the race, he and Chris aced it, placing a dazzling 5th! Congratulations, Team *Aliro*!



44<sup>th</sup> Dave Platt / Lou Scaglione

W 7218



Total

40 51 34 41 36 34 39 35 46

259

A good showing for the TSCC team of Dave Platt and Lou Scaglione in *Splatt*. In this, their first Worlds, they consistently finished in the 30's but the lack of higher finishes and good juicy drops dropped them in the overall standings.



45<sup>th</sup> Doug Honey / Becky Robson

W 6280



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 41 32 47 48 34 36 <del>DNF DNC</del> 26

264

Coming nearly as far as the Brits did were Doug Honey and Becky Robson of Surrey, near Vancouver, British Columbia. Another North American Wayfarer that rarely gets to sail against other W's, the Honey/Robson team enjoyed sailing an Abbott Mk III kindly loaned to them by Knox Ritchie. By the end of the series, Becky and Doug had *No Dozer* in fine form, grabbing a 26th. And they're already planning to do better next time. It's great to have you with us, Doug and Becky!



46<sup>th</sup> Reg & Christopher Bunt

W 7227



33 <del>50</del> 39 36 41 37 36 44 44

266

One of the few North American entries to do better when it blew, were Reg and Christopher Bunt of TS&CC. This father/son team also took the not so envied award as the lowest placed boat with no letters in their finishes (i.e. no DNF's, etc.) as they moved up two places from their 1995 Worlds showing.



47<sup>th</sup> Ed & Winnie Gillespie

W 7525

Tri Panic

54 49 <del>56</del> 34 25 <del>DNF</del> 29 28 51

270

It was a genuine pleasure to again eat and sail with Ed Gillespie and his wife, Winnie, from Aberdeen, Scotland. As expected, Ed - a man of some substance - did far better in the solid breezes in their lovely and freshly refinished (bugless!) dark-green woodie *Tri Panic*.



48<sup>th</sup> Geoff Edwards / George Waller

W 9483

Jansubar

48 39 32 45 DNC DNC 31 38 43

276

Despite having mostly finishes in the 30's, the TSCC duo of Geoff Edwards and George Waller in *Jansubar* ended up 48th overall. No sudden moves for this team: they placed 52nd in 1995, then moved up to 50th in Egå, and this time moved up another couple spots. But at least they're headed in the right direction!



49<sup>th</sup> Anne & Gary Armstrong

W 861



17 26 18 30 DNE 30 51 16 10

Total **294** 

Despite having rarely raced their lovely wooden W861 - not at all in the past 2 or 3 years, TSCC's Anne Armstrong and her husband, Gary, gutted it out very well in the toughest of conditions where they crossed us a few times near the windward mark. Fine sailing, Anne and Gary!



50<sup>th</sup> Jeff & Barry Cox

W 661



49 42 50 <del>DNC DNC</del> 30 41 42 41

Total **295** 

Another Wayfarer coming out of mothballs for this Worlds was Jeff Cox of the Mississauga SC. Even with a fine crew in the person of his son, Barry, Jeff was a bit rusty and could not match his previous Worlds placings from Hayling in '92 (37th) or his 45th from Toronto in '95. I hope we'll see you with us more often, Jeff, now that all that rust has been washed off!



53 DNF 49 43 40 38 50 48 48

316

Lots of new, educational experiences for our beloved Cottonwood Regatta hosts, Richard Johnson, and his wife, Michele, who made the 1200-km. drive from Charlotte, North Carolina with their two lovely daughters, Alyssa and Emily, and one chicken - and a free range chicken at that. Well, actually, a *Free Range Chicken*, W10139. Although their race results were not all they had hoped for, Team Chicken was anything but that, looking very good in cold winds and waves and a fleet far bigger than any they had raced in. And the young ladies enjoyed their week in the PCYC Junior Club, too.



52<sup>nd</sup> Kevin & Shirley Pegler

W 1071

**₩** Wildwood



50 DNE 46 52 38 DNC 49 45 45

325

Also making the mammoth 1400-km. drive all the way from Fredericton, N.B. were Kevin and Shirley Pegler, towing their beautifully rebuilt W1071 *Wildwood*. Kevin and Shirley handled themselves and the conditions very well, enjoying the excitement. And Shirley had the bruises to prove it, too!! Still, after sharing that long drive from the Maritimes with their two young kids, Kevin and Shirley no doubt felt that the hairy runs fraught with death-roll danger were a nice moment of relaxation! This was not only the Peglers' first Worlds but also their first race in a regatta, and their mission, *Don't come last!!* was a success!



52<sup>nd</sup> Alan Simpkins/Dave Earley

W 4581

Simple



<del>59</del> 38 52 47 39 <del>DNC</del> 47 50 52

Total

After an absence of 20+ from the Wayfarer racing scene, Toronto's Outer Harbour Centreboard Club reappeared in the form of Alan Simpkins and Dave Earley. Full marks to this team who made their Wayfarer debut in the toughest possible circumstances, and despite very basic gear and venerable sails did not look out of place. Here's hoping that we will see you guys at more Wayfarer events!



54<sup>th</sup> Andrew & Keith Haill / Julie Colbourn

W 9657



56 48 54 49 42 DNC 48 49 50

340

Sharing longest drive honours with the Fredericton gang at 1400 km, were Andrew Haill and Julie Colbourn of Thunder Bay on Lake Superior. *Njord* sure looked racier than when I had last seen her at our cruising rallies. With no other Wayfarers to consult locally, Andrew used the web sites and email discussions to get *Njord* up to scratch for the racing. Julie and Andrew were another team that made the 2004 Worlds their successful Wayfarer racing debut. A cameo appearance was made by Andrew's brother, Keith, who has W882 in Toronto. Keith - who placed 3rd in the 2000 North Americans - sailed a pair of breezy races with Andrew, helming the second one.





**55**<sup>th</sup> T. Vendely/Zoltan T./Steve S./Marek B. W 9658

Gang Green

39 53 DNC 40 52 47

342

Three different crews for the TSCC Worlds rookie. Thomas Vendely: Zoltan Takacz, Steve Szenasi (Friday) and on Saturday, Marek Badzynski. Only a year ago. Thomas ventured out for his first spinnaker run in a Wayfarer, and here he was at the Worlds, flying the spinnaker like a veteran in very challenging winds. And in race 6, Thomas managed something that Uncle Al for one, never did achieve: Thomas crossed Ian Porter halfway up the first beat. Actually, when I enviously mentioned Thomas' feat to my ever supportive wife and ex-crew, Julia, she replied soothingly: "You did better than that in '86. You hit lan!" "True", I shot back, "but that was before the start where anyone could still foul him."



**56**<sup>th</sup> **Dave & Charles Hansman**  W 282

Banshee

DNC DNS DNC 40

351

Congratulations to North Bay, Ontario's Dave Hansman and to his father Charles who, at 78, may have been the oldest crew ever to sail a Wayfarer Worlds, and who hung in very well in the most trying of conditions that required very hard work from the crews. Son, Dave, was no slouch in the hard work department, either: Not only did he spend all winter bringing W282 Banshee back from the grave and add her to our great array of lovely Wayfarer woodies at the Worlds, but he also brought a supply (quickly sold out!) of his classy Wayfarer hats and T-shirts - the latter with the slogan: Wayfarer, A class act between the sheets.



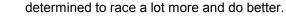
**57**<sup>th</sup> Ed Morysiak / Karin Fairbairn

W 4601

54 DNC DNC DNF DNC 53

Another team making their Wayfarer racing debut here were Ed Morysiak and Karin Fairbairn of TS&CC. Far from being discouraged by the tough competition

and wealth of experience they were up against, Karin and Ed put that experience to good use, soaking up lots of knowledge. The end of the Worlds found them





Ted Lacelle / Don McLean

W 3133



58 DNF 58 DNC DNC DNC 53 DNS 55

404

Ted Lacelle and Don McLean of TSCC were another team that was virtually new to racing. They, too, learned a lot, and sailed enthusiastically - if selectively. Of course, after the months of hard work Ted put in as a Measurer, he deserved the occasional rest!



**59**<sup>th</sup>

Alan Hallwood / Rod McIver

W 3568



DNF DNC DNC DNC DNF DNC DNC

417

Alan Hallwood of the MSC stepped in as a last-minute fill-in for Rod Anderson to helm W3568 for crew, Rod McIver. After three races and one finish, Alan opted for photography as a drier approach to this Worlds.





#### Other entries

Health problems prevented Paul Senechal, the lone entry from the Port Credit YC, from racing, but Paul was most definitely a part of the Worlds. In his green Shark *MGB*, he became a spectator boat, and - on at least one occasion - a "crash" boat, when he kindly towed Uncle Al, Marc and *SHADES* with her snapped rudder, back to safety at the MSC. Paul's W3140 *Green Side Up* also sort of participated in the Worlds. Her rudder, boom and other bits were loaned out as emergency replacements to other Wayfarers. With a smiling reference to *Scavenger*, the World champion Wayfarer, Paul re-christened W3140 *Scavenged*.

Joe DeBrincat (W1115) of Walled Lake, Michigan, had to bow out of the series when he was unable to pin down either of his very talented sailing sons to crew for him. But Joe and his young daughter, Noelle, made the long run to Toronto anyway, just to join and enjoy Friday's and Saturday's festivities.



#### **OUR THANKS & GRATITUDE TO**

Any event as large as the Wayfarer Worlds involves a massive amount of work planning and undertaking the many tasks necessary to make it such an outstanding success. Thanks to all those who gave their time and expertise, homes and yachts, Wayfarers or cash to make it all happen.

### The Organizing Committee

It would be safe to say that our chairman JOHN WEAKLEY did the lion's share of the massive amount of work. In addition to his trademark pith helmet, John wore numerous metaphorical hats. Courtesy of John, the AEC-Wayfarer Worlds had its own very informative web site started a year ahead of time. John also came up with the wonderful idea of making the excellent PCYC Junior Sailing Program available - free of charge - to children of competitors during Worlds week. As a Past Commodore of PCYC, he used his wide-ranging contacts to locate volunteers for everything from T-shirt distribution to banking to fleet-at-sea requirements. Some things John did himself: the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, plus of course, he ran the races in a way that drew unanimous praise. And even after the racing was done, John was not: He posted results on the web site each night after the necessary beer drinking had been completed and was the MC for the daily awards plus the grand finale on Saturday night. An amazing job, John!! Thanks very much from all of us.

ROB WIERDSMA and his Mississauga Sailing Club played a crucial support role in this Worlds. In addition to hosting a lovely BBQ complete with bargain beer, the very friendly and helpful MSC members cheerfully crammed those who could not launch at PCYC into their facilities. Moreover, there was free coffee available each day, all day and BILL TAYLOR who every morning would ensconce himself on his "throne" beside the MSC boat park gate, ready to direct traffic and to be a congenial, helpful resource that could help us overcome any problems that arose.

In addition to competing and being the hub of the Canadian Wayfarer World, UNCLE AL SCHONBORN handled Wayfarer liaison which included pictures, developing competitor profiles, promoting the Worlds on the Whiffle Web, fielding numerous questions from competitors, helping with race preparedness for those borrowing boats and contributing most of the written material for this Whiffle. Hope you are caught up on your sleep Al!

JIM WILKINSON, another PCYC past commodore, was our very efficient treasurer who handled team registration. He also played host to our wonderful sponsor and guests, including a special tour of Toronto on his "Wayward".

#### **Sponsors**

AEC SYSTEMS LTD. of Winnipeg was our most generous title sponsor. Frank and karen koreman and friends Paul and Barb Robinson came all the way from Winnipeg just to take in the Worlds.

CP SHIPS generously subsidized shipping containers and transportation to get UK boats to Mississauga.

QUANTUM SAILS, NORTH SAILS, FOGH MARINE, and SCOTIA BANK were other sponsors who generously donated time, products and services to add to our enjoyment of this Worlds.

#### **Transportation**

STEWART REED of England and ROBIN BALL put in much time and effort to ensure smooth container transport.

The Measurement Team

The tireless measurement team of SID ATKINSON, GEORGE BLANCHARD, BILL FYFE, TED LACELLE, FRED BLACK, MIKE CODD and LEN MACDOUGALL spent the better part of the two months leading up to the Worlds giving up day after day of their time to get everyone measured in and buoyancy tested.

**Borrowed Boats** 

FRED BLACK was our official Borrowed Boats Co-ordinator who, along with George, Hans and Uncle Al made sure boats were sail-ready, insured and on site on time - and returned to TSCC in good shape after the Worlds. MIKE CODD, ED TAIT, TIM BIDER, KEN DEVLIN and KNOX RITCHIE very kindly gave up the use of their Wayfarers for nearly two weeks so that distant competitors could sail a competitively equipped Wayfarer in the Worlds

The Jury

LYNNE BEAL (IJ) was the Chief Judge. Others included WENDY LOAT, KATIE NICOLL, IAN GOW, and JAKE STARR. They were there waiting for us when we came off the water each day, and did a fine job, and we were mostly good and did not overwork them.

The Photographer

BOB THAYER was our official photographer who got great action shots all week and then produced a fine collection of these on a CD that was presented as a memento to each competitor.

Learn to Sail Program ROBIN BALL, director of the PCYC Learn to Sail Program, arranged for the five young lads from Essex, and the two lassies from Charlotte to be entered in the program gratis.

The Artist

As she had done for us in 1995, DIANE ZAREMBA (W440) spent her Friday night creating treasured mementos of this Worlds in the form of caricatures of any Wayfarers who were willing to sit still and look thoughtful for a couple of minutes.

**Accommodation** 

HANS GOTTSCHLING coordinated shore billets in a number of Wayfarer homes in the Toronto area and pitched in whenever help was needed, be it with measuring, boat transport, arranging RV rentals or whatever!

In addition to his duties as treasurer JIM WILKINSON also arranged for "accommodations afloat" at PCYC by "borrowing" boats with sleeping quarters from club members for nearly a third of our competitors.

Thanks to our many hosts who gave visiting competitors a free home away from home and who became instant friends and support teams to their assigned guests from afar.

WIC Representatives

ROGER PROCTOR, our Copyright Holders' Representative, came from England to meet a world-wide cross-section of Wayfarers and to attend Tuesday night's Wayfarer International Committee meeting where he openly answered any questions we cared to ask.

RALPH ROBERTS, the WIC International Secretary, extended his Canada visit past the International Rally at Killbear Park, to attend the WIC meeting.

And last but not least, thanks to our unfailingly gracious and appreciated guests who made all the work that was done totally worthwhile.



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