



2009 International Meeting attendees Top row left to right, Dale Dunning, Jim Frazier, Ed Josberger, Craig Burnell and bottom row Duane Emnott and Derek Omerod. Sandy Pratt not shown.



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2010 Annual General Meeting (AGM) Report

Your outgoing Secretary Sandy Pratt Apologises for not getting these minutes out earlier. I did want to get them out before the AGM February 12, 2011. These minutes will be distributed at the 2011 AGM only in addition to being put on the ITCA web site.

President Dale Dunning called the meeting to order about 1:30 PM February 13th in the Corinthian Yacht Club of Seattle Shilshole Clubhouse. Sean Kane (Chikanery #154) Fleet 5, Boston was not able to attend. The minutes of the 2009 Annual General Meeting were approved as published in the March 2009 Newsletter. There was a general discussion of possible improvements to the class specifications. The proposed specification changes were passed. All officers except the International Secretary agreed to serve for another year.

The following Officers were present.

Dale Dunning, President, Fleet 2, Water Torture #20
 Craig Burnell, Treasurer, Fleet 2, Predator # 1255
 Duane Emnott, Measurement Committee Chair, Fleet 13, Thunderbaby # 1266
 Dale Dunning, Webmaster, Fleet 2, Water Torture # 20

The following members were present.

Ed Josberger, Fleet 1, Snowbird #1020
 Derek Omerod, Fleet 2, Hussy II, 953
 Sandy Pratt, Fleet 2, Falcon #1177
 James Fraizier, Fleet 2, Valkyrie # 974

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Wooden Thunderbird Plans	\$50 U S
Keel Contour Templates on paper	\$20 U S

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MEASURERS REPORT
By Duane Emnott



INTERNATIONAL THUNDERBIRD CLASS ASSOCIATION
APPLICATION FOR NEW OR RENEWED MEMBERSHIP

Renewed Membership New Membership Date of Application _____
T'Bird fleet Membership: Fleet No. _____ (Enter 0 if not a member of a fleet.)
MEMBER INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M.I. _____

Membership type: (please mark applicable category):
Owner Co-Owner Crew Former Owner Building Other

Name of Spouse _____ Email _____

Phone (H) _____ - _____ - _____ (Bus) _____ - _____ - _____
Cell Phone _____ - _____ - _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip _____ Country _____

BOAT DESCRIPTION

T'Bird Hull Number _____ Sail Number _____ Boat Name _____

Hull Material: Wood Fiberglass Other (Explain) _____
Deck Material Wood Fiberglass Other (Explain) _____
Deck Design: Original Cruising Other (Explain) _____
Mast Material Wood Metal Other (Explain) _____
Rudder Design Original High Aspect Other (Explain) _____

DUES ENCLOSED:

ITCA \$20.00 US (or equivalent) \$ _____

Fleet members should submit dues to their local fleet secretary, who will forward to the ITCA.

Individuals who are not members of a fleet may submit their dues with this form directly to:

ITCA, PO Box 1033, Mercer Island, WA 98040, USA

1. New hull, keel and rudder templates constructed after finally locating a set of plans. Templates are stored under Duane Emnott house.
2. Thunderbaby #1266 measured and certified this year with the use of about 30lbs. of penalty weight. Thanks to Craig Brunell and Sandy Pratt for overseeing this process.
3. New Certification measurement forms were developed Mirroring the old carbon copy forms with the appropriate corrections made to bring them up to date. Currant form is Microsoft word documents loaded on a memory stick located in the certificate file box. Paper copies can then be printed and added to the master file as needed.
4. New rule changes to vote on.
 - Use of Kevlar type reinforced Genoas.
 - Use of loose footed mains.
5. Additional changes suggested this year.
 - Upper two Full battens on the main sail.
 - Increase sail inventory to include 2 large and 2 small spinnakers
 - Jumperless mast, Report from John Edwards?
 - Mast weight.
 - Spinnaker weight, allow "The minimum weight fabric shall be 30 grams per square meter" (.75oz translates into 32g/m(2)).

INTERNATIONAL THUNDERBIRD CLASS ASSOCIATION				
Financial Report for 2009				
1/1/2009 through 12/31/2009				
BEGINNING BALANC Balance Forward				\$ 3,388.62
	Date	Description	Amount	
INCOME				\$ 2,111.94
	Income		\$ 2,241.27	
	Interest Inc		\$ 8.67	
	bank charge		\$ (138.00)	
EXPENSES				\$ (1,968.24)
	Advertizing	Ads Events Bonnier	\$ (700.00)	
	Misc	Templates	\$ (177.00)	
	Newsletter		\$ (408.83)	
	Postage		\$ (153.49)	
	Telephone	Budget Conferencing	\$ (48.92)	
	Web Hosting		\$ (480.00)	
ENDING BALANCE				\$ 3,532.32
2009 Balance Increase				\$ 143.70

Craig Burnell, Treasurer

New Business

The following new specification changes were approved.

Specifications

9.0 Sails

Change #1

Add allowance for a Kevlar type string fiber genoa

9.1.1 No material other than woven dacron shall be used in the mainsail and headsails, except that the genoa may, alternatively, be made of dacron (polyester) substrate/mylar (polyester film) laminate, woven and/or laminated ply of either polyester, HMPE or aramid may be used. No material other than woven nylon shall be used in spinnakers.

Change #2

Allow a loose footed mainsail

9.5 Mainsail

Delete section 9.5.3 in its entirety

9.5.3 The foot of the mainsail shall be attached to the boom by means of a track or slot and meet criteria listed in Section 7.7. A loose footed sail is not permitted.

7.7 Boom

Delete section 7.74 in its entirety

7.7.4 Provisions for fastening the foot of the mainsail to the boom shall be so arranged that the sail foot describes a straight line along the fore-aft axis of the boom. A grooved boom which retains the mainsail foot bolt rope is recommended.

Fleet 13 Report (continued)

August 7th, Tu-Tutsh, Kalua and Thunderbaby sailed to Kingston to visit long-time family friends of the Emnott's and Charter members of Fleet #13, Gordon and LeRae Esterburg (Witherbound). We had a wonderful champagne brunch aboard Kalua, and talked about the good old days of Fleet #13. August 8th we left for Port Ludlow. We met fellow T-birders in Port Ludlow who happened to be racing Port to Port (Port Townsend to Port Ludlow). We invited the Port Townsend group to join fleet #13. Mid August, Laura Emnott & Ken Adams became members and Laura was voted Secretary/Treasurer.

Labor Day weekend, Duane, Laura and Ken traveled up to Victoria so Laura & Ken could purchase "Sunday #900, former world champion from Mark Malleson. They sailed home to Everett in heavy winds, but they made it safe and sound!

October was the highlight of the year! As a group, we traveled to Port Townsend for a Salmon Dinner @ Joe & Julie Ann Daubenberger's house to sign up new members. Our newest Port Townsend members are Joe & Julie Ann Daubenberger (Dorado #242), John & Lisa Lynes (Thatuna #542) & John and Jan Carey (Eastwind #71).



Fleet Reports

Fleet #1 2009 report,

Prepared by Ed Josberger, Snowbird, #1020

2009 was an interesting year for Fleet #1; from organizing races with the Gig Harbor Yacht club, to heading up the effort restore #2, Pirouette at the Gig Harbor boatyard. Fleet #1 teamed up with the Gig Harbor Yacht Club to put on a Frost Bite series. The series consisted of races every other weekend, with the course set inside Gig Harbor. The concept was to have a series similar to the GHYC Thursday May Series but with some space to sail and more importantly, with some wind. Three T-Birds came ready for winter, however Fandango, Cuatro Vientos and Snowbird found balmy temperatures and very light winds, thanks to El Nino. Pictures and results are at the GHYC web site.

There has been a dearth of one design racing in the Tacoma area with many local boats being used as yard art. However, Fleet 1 has been dominating the local big boat racing scene. Here is a list of Fleet #1 accomplishments:

2009 Islands Race, Fandango was Second in class and second overall, and

Quatro Vientos was Third in Class and third overall

2010 Vashon Challenge: Snowbird Third overall

2010 Winter Vashon: Fandango, First overall

2010 Duwamish Head: Fandango, First in Class

In addition, three Fleet 2 boats braved hail, rain and a strong southerly for the 2009 GHYC Lemans Race in November. Arriving Friday afternoon, Valkerie, Hussy II, and Selchie joined Fandango, Quatro Vientos, and Snowbird at the Tides Tavern for some libations and pre-race briefing. Race Day brought southerly winds up to 30 knots and rain showers. Fandango and Valkerie traded the lead with Fandango taking first by half a boat length. Everyone has a great time and Fleet 1 is looking forward to hosting more Fleet 2 boats next year.

Activities at the Gig Harbor Boat Shop (Eddon Boat) are really picking up and TBird #2, Pirouette, is a central piece of the action. Jaime Storkman is leading the effort to carry out a strict historical documentation of the boat's gear. The long-term plan is to restore it to original and use it as a program boat at the site. GHB is open to the public Saturdays 10-4. For more details visit the web site: <http://www.gigharborboatshop.org/>

Or better yet, take a road trip to Gig Harbor to see what is going on.

2009 Annual Report for Seattle Thunderbird Fleet #2

By James Frazier, Valkyrie, #94

2009 marked the 51st year since the first Thunderbird sailboat was launched down in Gig Harbor. Last year's 50th anniversary was a big year for all of the Thunderbird Fleets, and I don't think that anyone expected that the excitement and energy that surrounded the 50th anniversary would carry over with such fervor into the 51st year. Well, for Seattle's Fleet #2, the fun just hasn't stopped, with building membership, new boats and an average of 15 boats registered for the Wednesday night race series at Leschi. The names at the top of the results page are familiar ones, but we're starting to see new names work their way up the ranks, which is an unmistakable sign of a healthy fleet.

Along with a top notch Lake race program headed up by our resident PRO Kevin Cunningham and his team of Whaler drivers and volunteers, we've also had increased participation in on the water social and cruising activities this season.

The 2009 season started off with a request from the folks at Sperry-Topsider to do a photo shoot with as many of the boats in the fleet as possible. The request date was slightly before the regular season, but we managed to get 8 boats to participate and tied it into the Meydenbauer Bay YC Spring Regatta. Sperry showed up with a 10 man production team from New York and proceeded to spend the better part of the afternoon "shooting" the fleet doing starts, roundings and sets from a 40' power boat and a RIB that they had secured for the endeavor. For our efforts, Sperry provided all crew members with a high end pair of shoes (they asked about our sizes prior to the event) and made a donation to the RC for their efforts. All in all it was a fun adventure and you can still see a few T-Birds prominently displayed in Sperry's ads: on-line, in Sailing World, Cruising World, GQ and Details magazines.

The racing season started in earnest in April, preceded by the increasingly popular and well attended Fleet Racing Clinic. This clinic is an opportunity for the new guys (and girls) to work with some of the top racers in the Fleet who assist them with on-boat tuning and set up before the first race. It's also an opportunity for the old guard to dust off the cob-webs and do some boat to boat tuning at the beginning of the year.

Right at the end of the Spring Series, we gathered in Portage Bay to take part in Seattle Yacht Club's Opening Day festivities. The event was back by popular demand from the year before and includes: a BBQ/Keg w/band (Thanks Paul) at the old Timmerman Marina on Friday night, followed by a boat parade through the Mountlake Cut on Saturday, a party at SYC on Saturday night, the Mark Mayer regatta on Sunday, and finally a lunch on the lawn at SYC to finish off the weekend. It's three days of activities, open to all comers, and something not to be missed if you haven't given it a try. I think that we had 11 T-Birds in attendance this year and the entire weekend was free of charge!

Fleet 10 Report by John Morris

Fleet 10 continues to continue. We have a good core of boats - maybe 10 - with a few others here and there. Crew enthusiasm in that 10 is good and we enjoy the social side of it.

There have been some boat changes, mostly pointing in a good direction.

Our Awards party is coming soon on March 13 at my house and we will have results tabulated for that. The winners continue to win while the rest (which includes me) show the odd flash of brilliance. Enthusiasm for the Internationals is high and the support from the two clubs where TBirds live (ABYC especially and TH&SC quite a bit) is strong.

The Thunderbirds fleet is relatively strong, which speaks to the weakness of other once proud fleets, such as C&C 27s. J24s seem quiet even.

It all seems to prove the worth of the boat as envisioned 50 years ago - it's a good boat that people continue to enjoy!

Fleet 13 Report by Mary Emnott

President, Mary Emnott (Kalua #262)

Vice President, Joe Daubenberger (Dorado #242)

Secretary/Treasurer, Laura Emnott (Sunday #900)

Activities Coordinator, John Lynes (Thatuna #542)

Spring of 2009, Howard Slauson (Tu-Tutsh #39) dropped his keel and began maintenance/ repairs for the up-coming cruising season.

Fourth of July Weekend, Thunderbaby #1266 participated in Regionals in Victoria, BC. Late July, Kalua & Thunderbaby sailed to Langley for an overnight. The following morning we sailed to Coupeville for lunch and reached Penn Cove (Captain Whidbey's) for dinner and an overnight.

Fleet 5 Report (Continued)

Mysterious Ways emerged victorious at Quincy Bay Race Week over *Amr'a*. The deciding race featured lots of lead changes and a dramatic wind shift which resulted in an “upwind” spinnaker leg.

August – The Spirit Series was contested at Cottage Park’s Make-A-Wish Regatta. Geoff Youngman’s *Atomic Salsa* dominated with five of six bullets. *Mysterious Ways* won the Hingham PHRF Hitchcock Race. *Chikanery* and *Mysterious Ways* finished 2-4 at the New England PHRF Championships at Marblehead.

Chikanery won the Thunderbird Atlantic Districts in thrilling fashion. Two of the four victories were of the come-from-behind version on the last leg near the finish line.

September – Don Kavanagh’s *Thunderation* sailed to victory at the Butch MacCormack Race. *Amr'a* won the Fred Hanson Race.

Chikanery placed 13th of 82 boats at the Great Chase pursuit race. *Mysterious Ways* was the top T-Bird at the Boston Harbor Islands Race placing 21st of 56 boats in the spinnaker fleet.

Mysterious Ways won the Mass Bay Sailing Class E PHRF Championship.

Atomic Salsa won the Mass Bay Sailing Thunderbird Championship and *Chikanery* captured the Fleet 5 Championship trophy.



2009 Lipton Cup –
Thunderation leads
at the mark.

Fleet 2 Report (Continued)

In Mid-May, CYC hosted the Second Annual Seattle NOOD Regatta out at Shilshole. The 2008 regatta was blessed by incredible, unseasonably warm windy weather, and in 2009 we got to pay for the good fortune of 2008. We suffered through the entire week-end with extremely light air, but still, it was warm and rain free, so folks managed to make the best of the light air. That said, we are due for a good year in 2010 to balance things out.

The Interim Lake Series kicked off just before NOODS and carried on until the middle of June. I should mention that this year’s wind on the Lake was really exceptional. We kept expecting for it to shut down, but week after week, it was solid and provide an excellent racing environment. It was so strong on the night of our annual skipper swap, that most boats decided not to fly spinnakers due to the strong winds.

The end of June found a handful of Fleet 2 boats getting together to go over to the Port Madison Yacht Club for Father’s Day weekend. This was a family friendly affair, and also happened to coincide with the 6-Meter’s Lipton Cup Race. PMYC welcomed us with open arms and gave us the run of the facility, even though they were running their own regatta, solstice celebration and junior regatta all at the same time. They offered to let us race on the 6-Meter course, but we opted to borrow a Whaler and set our own course away from the “serious” racing. The weather was fabulous for the weekend and the opportunity to meet the folks at PMYC and the other visiting racers was a real treat. I’m sure that this will become an annual Fleet event...if they’ll have us back.

The premier social gathering of the season was the CWB Regatta held in Lake Union during the first weekend of August. This three day event included a welcome BBQ/Keg on Friday night. A race and dinner on Saturday (including lunches delivered to the boats on the course). A movie displayed big screen style outdoors on a hoisted main sail on Saturday night, and a scavenger hunt around Lake Union on Sunday that included a modified water balloon toss / capture the flag kind of event...you had to be there. This weekend had a lot of moving parts and special thanks need to go out to Alyssa, Kemp, Daddy-O and all of the volunteers that made this happen...great job guys.

The Lake racing wrapped up in September with Mr. Dunning’s yearly Theme Night and was quickly followed by the Fleet Championships. For all of this year’s racing results, please go to the Fleet 2 link on the ITCA web site.

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Fleet 2 Report (Continued)

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After the race sails were taken off the boats and stored for the winter, we all got together for the annual Christmas Party and White Elephant gift exchange on December 12th at Craig and Cathy Burnell's. I think that this year's party had the biggest spread I've seen yet and the gift exchange just gets better every year, I can't wait for next year.

Just when you thought that the season had finished in earnest, there was a group of die-hards that made the voyage down to Gig Harbor to join the folks in Fleet #1 for the yearly Le Mans race during the first weekend in November. The delivery was a bit of a challenge, including a funnel cloud over West Point, 35 knot winds on the nose and blinding hail that filled the cockpit and clogged the scuppers, but all boats made it into Gig on Friday night and the folks from Fleet #1 welcomed us with warm friendship and cold beer. Jaime, Ed, Bill and Mike all went out of their way to make us feel at home (besides throwing the race for us) and their hospitality made the trip worthwhile...thanks from Selchie, Hussy and Valkyrie!

2009 was an eventful, fun filled year to be a part of Thunderbird Fleet 2. We should consider ourselves fortunate to be a part of an iconic one design fleet that is continually growing, has tight racing on and off the Lake, and a multitude of social events throughout the year. It has been my pleasure to serve as the Fleet President this season and I look forward to seeing what 2010 will bring for the Thunderbirds in Seattle.

Fleet 4 Report, Victoria B.C.

Fleet 4 is a very active Fleet. Your secretary did not take notes during their report. See their Fleet website (access through the ITCA website) for their activity.

Fleet 5 Report- Boston Ma.- by Steve Kavanagh, Mysterious Ways # 1192-Race Chair

January – Fleet 5 celebrated the 2008 season with it's annual banquet at Cela's Restaurant. More than 50 people in attendance saw Ken MacLeod and the crew of *Flyng Gull* take home the bulk of the hardware.

March – Peter & Carol Gilson of *Amr'a* fame hosted their annual Fleet 5 Pot Luck party on the hard in Newtonville. In addition to good food & company, guests enjoyed photos, trophies & other T-Bird memorabilia spanning the early days of Fleet 5 to today.

April – The Fleet welcomed two new "birds" to the flock. Ralph Larson introduced his beautiful wooden Bird, *Good Run*, to Fleet 5. And *Hi-Tops* got a new owner as Rob Zehner completed one of the longest negotiations in Class history.

The Volvo Ocean Race made a stopover in Boston Harbor and many of the sailors from Fleet 5 got to see the sleek speed machines up close.

May – The Volvo racers departed "Puma City" and sped off into the fog to the next race stop in Dublin.

In the meantime, winter covers were stripped and preparations underway for the Fleet 5 season.

June – Several T-Birds did not launch resulting in a lighter than usual turnout for the season. Steve Kavanagh's *Mysterious Ways* captured the first race of the Twilight Series. However, Sean Kane's *Chikanery* later won a stretch of five straight to earn first place for the series. Cameron Pforr entered *Sea Wisp* in the final two races of the series – sparking some excitement with a second place in his first race since... since?

Mysterious Ways & *Chikanery* finished 2-3 at the Hingham Bay PHRF Solstice Race.

Mysterious Ways sailed through the fog to win at Cottage Park YC's PHRF Constitution Cup.

July – Thunderbirds cruised into Boston Harbor to view the Tall Ships during their visit to Beantown.

At the Lipton Cup Regatta, *Chikanery* squeaked out a tie-breaker to win the series over *Amr'a*. *Chikanery* also won Savin Hill YC's Hosea White PHRF Race.