



A Sail in the S-boat Mischief

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Luckily, I got to go for sail in the S-boat *Mischief* a week or so ago, the first boat to raise sail in Center Harbor this season. First sail for *Mischief* since her restoration as well. It was a lovely cool day with a snapping good breeze from the northwest. Frank Hull and Hans Vierthaler of Brooklin Boat Yard were about to shove off on a trial sail when I showed up and was invited to join them. Nice, nice, nice! Rail down, no water in the bilge, and just flying along. We beat halfway up Eggemoggin Reach, tried a donut or two (sheets in, backstays tight, and tiller hard over for a 360 degree spin), and came back to the yard on a broad reach. Next, Steve White and Brian Larkin and I gave her a second sail, this time off the wind to High Head, then a beat back in the late afternoon's ever lightening breeze.

Gosh, these are nice boats. And the deep cockpit, where you're quite well sheltered from the wind, was much appreciated on this chilly day.



After her final painting (she's hauled out now), *Mischief* will be officially rechristened by her new owner in Newport early next month and then join the Narragansett S-boat fleet in racing as the season progresses. Here are some photos that go with the above and conclude our *Mischief* story, which began with OCH's very first video of two years ago and my blog earlier this spring. (That's Hans grinning at the tiller. He made up the new rigging.)

I'm sorry not to have taken more photos while we were underway, especially one of Brian Larkin at the helm, since Brian led *Mischief*'s restoration. But the truth is that I was so into the ride that I forgot all about my camera.

Maybe we'll catch up with *Mischief* in Newport one of these summers for a Wednesday night race. Wouldn't that make a fun video? If the stars were to align for us (and I remember the camera), maybe it'll happen.





