

2025 was another positive year for the PNW Weta Fleet.

The season kicked off with the Live on the Edge Regatta, a multihull regatta, held at the Eugene Yacht Club which also served as the 2025 Weta West Coast Championships. We had a great showing with four entries this year including one boat from California. Marc Simmel repeated his first-place finish in the Weta class.

We were pleased to welcome Rebecca Schelle to the PNW Weta group. Dale Werkema gave her a demo ride, and she travelled with Dale to this year's North American Championships. Rebecca has graciously agreed to be a PNW Content Creator providing photos and content that can be used to generate more interest in our region. We're also working on getting Rebecca her own Weta, hull number 1083, so she can participate in club races and regattas.

We added two new members to the fleet this year, Gregg Hirakawa in the Seattle area and Jim Hill who sails out of the Eugene Yacht Club. While Jim is primarily a recreational sailor, Gregg has expressed interest in participating in regional racing.

We held our fleet meeting as a part of the Live on the Edge Regatta, and with only three PNW members in attendance, the action items were limited. Marc agreed to organized swarms in the Seattle region and was successful in setting up several sails out of Sand Point for informal racing.

The PNW was represented by Dale Werkema at this year's North American Championships. Dale did well, placing 6th on a chartered boat, but best of all he provided an outstanding sailing story as a part of the weekend activities.

Along with Chuck Carroll, I continue to collect club race results for submission to US Sailing to establish an official Portsmouth handicap for the Weta. Our weekly start sequence has Thistles starting 5 minutes after the multihull start, so it's an ideal opportunity to collect comparative times. The race result from EYC, in particular, have resulted in the single-handed handicap dropping to 83. We'll continue this effort in 2026.

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Sincerely,

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