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Paul Plotts at the helm and his son Tom on the mainsheet of the schooner 'Dauntless' in the 2006 Master Mariners Regatta.

More on Paul Plotts and Dauntless

"Paul Plotts' wife Peggy and son Tom are very grateful to you for committing your great cover photo of Paul and Jerry's write-up in last month's issue in eulogy to Paul," writes Marcia Hillman of San Diego. "I am certain that Paul himself would feel very honored and appreciative too." We rang eight bells for schoonerman Paul Plotts in the May edition of Racing Sheet.

"I was curious, so I made a quick check of my records," Terry Klaus of the San Francisco-based schooner Brigadoon wrote, referring to the accomplishments of Paul's 61-ft Dauntless in the Master Mariners Regatta. "It looks like Dauntless did set a record for his fleet, which is the largest, the Marconi-rigged boats over 40 feet LOD. I went back 20 years. Dauntless raced several times. She had the fastest time in her class several times, but in 2002 set the record for the fastest time of 2 hours and 3 seconds over the 15.6-mile course.

This course has two long weather legs with reaching and running. During that day, she beat such notables as Santana, Barbara and Landfall II.

"In 2007, Rose of Sharon had the second-fastest record of 2 hours and 7 seconds. The third fastest time, of 2 hours and 13 seconds over the same course in 2012, was by Pursuit, the M-class sloop skippered by the excellent sailor Hank Easom. This does not take into consideration wind and tidal conditions, of course." Dauntless's record time, set in 2002, still stands.

Race Notes

American sailors who already qualified for an event at the 2020 Tokyo Summer Games will keep their qualification for the 2021 Olympics.

"Where athletes, or a team, have been nominated to the USOPC, in full or in part, the selection procedure shall not be amended in such a way that removes those already nominated athletes." So says the Guiding Principles for Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Selection Procedures, released by the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC) on

May 5. So US Sailing has confirmed the nomination of these eight athletes: Riley Gibbs (Long Beach) and Anna Weis (Fort Lauderdale, FL), Mixed Nacra 17; Steph-anie Roble (East Troy, WI) and Maggie Shea (Wilmette, IL), Women's 49erFX; Charlie Buckingham (Newport Beach), Men's Laser; Paige Railey (Clearwater, FL), Women's Laser Radial; Farrah Hall (Annapolis, MD), Women's RS:X; and Pedro Pascual (West Palm Beach, FL), Men's RS:X.

"As of February 29, 2020, each earned selection to the 2020 US Olympic Sailing Team, per US Sailing's Selection Procedures." Nevin Snow (San Diego) and Dane Wilson (Santa Barbara) won the US Olympic Trials in the Men's 49er class. Their nomination will become official pending country qualification.

The Trials are still pending for the Men's 470, Women's 470 and Finn classes. US Sailing will nominate the five remaining athletes upon the conclusion of each class's Trials.

When San Diego Bay reopened to recreational boating, Cortez Racing Association devised a free non-spinnaker