

# SIDEWINDER



# NEWSLETTER

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NEW PRESIDENT-WALTER SHROTH

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HI SAILORS!

You have a new president. Or, rather, you have the old one back again. Jerry Dunlap bought a boat of another class and left our happy group, so he regretfully resigned the job. May he have many happy hours. We will miss him.

Our family has enjoyed sailing since we first bought a Snipe nearly twenty years ago. Although all three children have been sailing since they were tots, my wife, Pat, and I have sailed together most of the time.

And now I want to make a point: I am 50 and Pat is 49. Our boat is launched in mid-May and is pulled out late in September. We compete in 2 or 3 races a week during that period, and we have no reason to believe that we will slack off much in the next few years. And! we win a few pieces of hardware in the bargain too. So, Parents, borrow the Sidewinder from your children and find out what you have been missing.

Now for another point. Part of the fun is keeping score. I think we should do it monthly.

-----THE SCORE-----

Numbered Sidewinders	1438
Chartered Fleets	13

And why should we want lots of boats? Simple! So we can have lots of competition in the form of fleets and district regattas and open regattas and two club regattas and three club regattas and winter regattas, and to top it all off, our glorious annual National Championship Regatta.

Your Sidewinder is a One-Design Sailboat which means it was created equal to all other Sidewinders so that you could test your skills in competition wherever you go. And you will meet the greatest people in the world--other sailors. The things Pat and I value most highly in our many years of racing are the memories of places we sailed and the hundreds of wonderful friends we have made as we traveled with the sailboat.

Pat wants me to tell you that the regattas are not expensive either. How much can you spend on hot dogs and beer?

This is my fifth season with Sidewinder, and my enjoyment of the boat is still growing. We are going to put old number 13 on its trailer and visit some of you this Summer. It will be wonderful to see you.

GOOD SAILING!

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May we suggest that you band your mast and boom prior to your arrival? The Mast should be Banded (tape, etc.) 2 1/2" from the top edge, while the Boom Banding should be 8'6" from the aft edge of the Mast. The allowable Spinnaker Pole length is 66" and the Whisker Pole may be 80" overall.

The Banding of the Mast is a visual check to assure that the Sail is raised only to that place on the Mast. This speeds the work of the Chief Measurer.

DO NOT FORGET: Coast Guard Regulations- Must have aboard:  
 Anchor w/minimum 50' line  
 Bailer (bleach bottle with handle-bottom cut off.  
 Life preservers for skipper and crew

We know that for various reasons some of us must sell our boats. This is always done with regret. In order that the Association keep in touch with as many SIDEWINDERS as possible we do encourage you to please inform the new owner of the Association and in turn send in your name and the name and address of lucky new owner with sail number.

1973 NEW YORK STATE SIDEWINDER CHAMPIONSHIP  
 AUGUST 4, 1973 "rain date" AUGUST 5th.  
 CROSS LAKE SAILING ASSOCIATION/ Cross Lake Marina  
 Jordan Road  
 Meridian, N.Y. 133113

The entry fee is \$6.00 which includes lunch for the skipper and a crew of one. The races are open to all SIDEWINDER owners.

The very best part of being Sec-Treas., is meeting the sailors and their families. All of a sudden your names have nice people attached to them and you are a delight to meet. Such was the case this past week when Gary Kuntzman of Fleet #5 invited the Hill family to sail with them on Stony Creek Metro Park in Mich. Fleet Captain Kuntzman then brought most of his Fleet to Monroe for Fleet #6 Tues. races.

Thru these Fleet activities and others we meet the nicest people like Gary, his wife Marian, Barbara Nelson and her son Paul, Adam Czuprenski and his sons Mike, David and Wayne. Ron Beck, his lovely wife and Jonathon, Ken Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Sean Wallen.

All of these people will be at the NATIONALS as will the Carsons of Okla., Ralph Johnson of Texas, The Bloomstines of Penn., The Williams and Cramers of Ohio, Betty Waller-come and say hi to Betty I know she will enjoy seeing you as will our Pres. Walter Schroth and his Pat.

But most of all come and challenge our NATIONAL CHAMPION Neal Thurber in his own backyard.

Now on to a very serious subject that effects all of us who dry-sail our boats. John Rousmaniere, Associate Editor of Yachting has been concerned about the growing danger of overhead electrical wires near small-boat launching areas. His thoughtful article "It's Not a Freak" prompted by the tragic death of Manton Scott, can be found on page 42 of the July issue (1973) of Yachting Magazine.

Secretary's Corner

An idea has been rattling around in our head for sometime now, but will need your help to follow it thru...please feel free to comment.

We would like to set up a question and answer page in the NEWSLETTER since requests have been made for information on rigging- go fasts- and help for novice sailors - how about sharing an interesting experience. Sailing trivia is always fun to read. We've all had many wonderful zany times with our Sidewinders, lets share them.

Most of all the need does seem to be in the area of information about our boats.

For starters we could have a Sidewinder Clinic with experts in the field answering questions.

I'm really looking forward to hearing from you.

M.M.H.

And now the time has come to put it all together... the Nationals, that is. Attached to this Newsletter is the registration form and a tentative list of events for the week-end.

Monroe Boat Club wishes to extend a hearty welcome to the U.S. Sidewinder Association. We will do everything in our 'POWER' to make this a happy time for you bed-sheet sailors. We have a very hospitable Club and the members will see to your every convenience while you are our guest. We warn you however, the kids out here are Hot Sailors and will give you plenty of competition.

Our ladies Auxiliary President, Pat Sindeldecker, promises an array of fine Food and Rear Comm. Bob Coutcher will take good care of great thirsts. See you at the NATIONALS.

Marcus Latray Jr., Commadore  
Monroe Boat Club

The week-end consists of a five race series sailed over a triangular course on Lake Erie. The low point system is used in scoring (3/4 point for 1st place, 2 points for 2nd place, 3 points for 3rd place etc.).

The starting times and a list of week-end activities are included in the schedule attached. To better plan our week-end, we are enclosing an EARLY REGISTRSTION FORM. We URGE you to mail your Registration Form early. It not only results in a savings to you, but enables us to better plan the week-end for all.

TENT CAMPING, TRAILER CAMPING, and MOBILE HOME FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE

Campsites are available on the Boat Club Grounds. We do require advance notice if you desire these accomodations. We do request, however, that you use the sanitary facilities in the Clubhouse.

MOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS are readily accessible within a mile or so from the Club. Both HOLIDAY INN and HOWARD JOHNSON are very close by. If you so desire we will be glad to place reservations in your name, providing we are advised well in advance. Please advise the number of reservations needed as well as your expected time of arrival.

WIVES AND MOTHERS PLEASE NOTE! Sport clothes are in order....  
MBC is a boating club and no one 'dresses' during boating season.