

SIDEWINDER

NEWSLETTER

PUBLICATION OF THE UNITED STATES SIDEWINDER ASSOCIATION

Hi Sidewinder Sailors,

We hope everyone took advantage of the good winds this season. It has been very enjoyable for sailing, cruising, and racing. During the spring we had the opportunity to be racing just outside of New York City on Long Island Sound, it was the first time we had ever sailed on current. As you can all guess, it was different and at times very tricky! A couple of weeks after, we were invited on a 25' sailboat for a week cruise on the Chesapeake Bay. We started on the east shore, 10 miles above the Bay Bridge. From there we traveled south through Annapolis (we would have stopped but the midshipmen weren't there) and down 15 miles to Oxford, Md. When we got home from the cruise we realized that summer wasn't all fun, because we were greeted at home by a lawnmower.

The rest of the summer was spent Sidewinder sailing! The first weekend of June we went to the Erie Open for two great days of wind and sunshine. From there we spent weekends racing with Fearless Fleet #7 at Lake Glendale and the weekdays teaching people how to sail on the Sidewinder. By the end of the summer we were ready to go to Erie, Pa. again, this time for Sidewinder Nationals. What a weekend it was - great wind, sometimes unpredictable weather, time to get to know the other Sidewinder sailors and two days of challenging racing. It was well worth the trip because that weekend topped off a great summer of sailing.

CAP & MKP

At the National meeting we elected a new Commodore and Sec/Tres replacing Larry Booth and Pat Schroth respectfully. As commodore Larry began the revision of the Sidewinder constitution and bylaws. Along with this major project, Larry wrote a survey to see who the Sidewinder sailors are. Larry was our Chief Measurer before taking on the Commodores office. Our past Sec/Tres held the office for four years (at least). During those 2 terms, Pat spent considerable hours working for the Sidewinder Association, her work was vital in keeping Sidewinder sailors informed. Pat began a scrap book for the Association, anything you have to offer (news clippings, photos, etc.) will be accepted to be included in the notebook.

THANK YOU LARRY AND PAT



The faces tell it all



Fred Schroth and wife, Sally Strong.

From the Commodore

Hello Sidewinder Sailors,

In 1971 the Sidewinder builders decided it was time to go for broke and they organized the first Sidewinder Nationals. The regatta had to be reasonably large or it meant the death of the boat as a racing class. All kinds of stunts were used to get a fleet together and 42 boats showed up and had a great time. Since 1971 we have grown from four fleets and one regatta to 10 active fleets and nine regattas. The Sidewinder has risen from a "what is it" to an old standard.

As Commodore of this organization I will try to promote Sidewinders as racing boats, training boats, and fun boats. The Sidewinder is excellent for all these pleasures and by demonstration will sell itself. The other thing I will do is try to get everybody I see to race with us at least once. To me, racing is sailing at its finest and even those who are turned off by racing will get to meet some of the fine folks that I have met while racing.

Fred Schroth

THE NATIONALS

.... at Erie this year had the best wind combination of any Nationals yet. We had a very competitive fleet with folks all the way down the list finishing well in one race or another. Every race was held over the same course layout. The Stake boat left 5 minutes before the start, motoring into the eye of the wind. About one mile from the start the boat dropped a mark (A). The gentlemen in the boat waited until the fleet drew near and motored to drop a reaching mark one mile away. With these marks and the start we had formed a triangle. We sailed to the start, windward to A, leeward to the start, and windward to finish at A. This is six legs or a triangle with an extra windward, leeward, windward.

RACE 1: Mary Park took the lead with a sharp start. Fred Schroth tacked into the lead before the first mark. On the second reaching leg Mark Bloomstine (with Jim Rickloff running his patented spinnaker) blew by everybody and took the lead. On the second windward leg Bloomstine sailed to the Peninsula shore and Schroth followed. Park ignored the "home fleet" and sailed to the open bay and First place.

RACE 2: The waves came. The wind rose from the 8 knot first race to a steady 12. Schroth and Bill Millar went to the port end of the starting line and demonstrated how straight the line was set up by meeting the Starboard fleet in the middle. As the race continued Schroth stretched out a lead and the race was for second. Walter Schroth, Larry Garber, Dave Garber, Bloomstine, Park, Dale Eager and Nils Demar all held second for some period of time.

RACE 3: The wind was dying slowly. Bloomstine started at the port end of the line on starboard and caught Schroth and Millar against the second committee boat. Bloomstine held the lead until the second windward leg when Park passed with Schroth following. Schroth and Park engaged in a tacking duel with Schroth not only finding the short end but a 720° turn for a foul against Park. While Schroth was doing the 720° Park sailed toward the finish. The distance between the boats made a freak finish possible where Schroth rode over the line in wind that never reached Park.

RACE 4: Sunday morning it rained, it poured, and it blew sparks in the sky. Almost 2 inches of rain attempted to wash Erie into Lake Erie. When the storm passed, a 4 to 8 knot wind stayed. Park decided that it was time to get serious, so the fleet followed Mary and Carol around the course. Bloomstine never recovered completely from a 720° performed at the start and chased Schroth.

RACE 5: In 1975 Jeff Young tied for the National Championship with Carol Park on points. Carol beat Jeff three times and won the Championship. Young left the fleet at the starting line to remind us all that he can still beat us all. Bloomstine threatened with the patented spinnaker only on one leg and held off Larry Garber's charge to take second. By the beginning of the last windward leg Park was still in 9th and Schroth was in 17th. When Dave Garber crossed the finish line one boat length ahead of Schroth, the Nationals was decided.

Fred Schroth

Future Newsletters

We hope to make the newsletter fun and enjoyable for the beginning sailor to the old salts, we'll include:

Favorite places to Sidewinder sail
(vacations)

Short Stories

Learn the Knots

Comics

Racing Tips

Sailing Tips

Reading the Rules

From the Mailbag (letters answered)

Winter Reading-discussion of magazines &
books available to you

Clothing

Nomenclature

How the Winners set their Sidewinder up

Weight Distribution & How to Move in a
Sidewinder

U.S. SIDEWINDER NATIONALS

Erie, PA

August 13 & 14, 1977

Name	Boat #	Races 1-3			pts/place	Races 4-5		Total pts
1 Mary Park	1200	1	4	2	6 ³ / ₄ /2	1	4	11 ¹ / ₂
2 Fred Schroth	2000	2	1	1	3 ¹ / ₂ /1	2	6	11 ¹ / ₂
3 Mark Bloomstine	300	6	2	3	11/3	3	2	16
4 Larry Garber	1085	3	3	5	11/4	9	3	23
5 Jeff Young	344	5	6	4	15/5	12	1	27 ³ / ₄
6 Nils Demar	622	4	5	8	17/6	5	10	32
7 Dave Garber	1598	7	7	6	20/7	14	5	39
8 Dale Eager	1568	9	8	9	26/8	6	8	40
9 Gary Packer	530	8	10	14	32/10	13	7	52
10 Larry Booth	1538	12	15	11	31/9	4	11	53
11 Bill Millar	1163	11	17	7	38/13	7	14	56
12 Walter Schroth	1999	13	9	15	35/11	11	13	61
13 Nancy Slaybaugh	1421	14	14	13	37/12	10	15	66
14 Joe Carter	421	10	11	10	41/14	22	20	73
15 John Harvey	1835	15	18	18	51/17	8	18	77
16 Terry O'Regan	570	22	DNS	12	59/20	15	9	83
17 Ken Noon	1112	17	16	22	55/18	16	12	83
18 Larry Schmida	428	19	12	19	50/16	21	22	93
19 John Brunskill	1707	21	21	16	58/19	17	19	94
20 Dave Keech	906	16	19	DNS	60/21	19	16	95
21 George Dalby	1787	18	13	17	48/15	DNS	DNS	98
22 Bill Ringle	438	WD	20	21	65/23	20	17	102
23 Bruce Thering	819	23	DNS	23	71/24	18	21	110
24 Gerd Lubben	1467	20	22	20	62/22	DNS	DNS	112

A ship shape Sidewinder sailboat sailing for shore should surely look satisfying to Suzie whos looking for sea shells on the sea shore.

Say that three times!

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The Annual Sidewinder Association Meeting went about as fast as you can read this page. It was by far the shortest meeting ever, but the business was accomplished.

- 1) Call to Order by President Larry Booth
August 13, 1977, Saturday evening (7:45)
Erie Yacht Club Board Room
- 2) Treasurers report
Checkbook balance of 698.56, with an outstanding bill for the Saturday dinner at the Erie Yacht Club
- 3) Secretarys report
Reeding of the 1976 Association Meeting as published in the January 1977 Newsletter
- 4) Larry Booth reported on the progress being done of the revising of the Sidewinder Constitution and By-Laws
- 5) Fred Schroth to get constitution revised and send to committee
- 6) John Harvey, Chief Measurer reported the difference in boat weight is not significant enough to require ballast in the Sidewinder while racing
- 7) Pat Schroth, Secretary reported 119 paid memberships with 48 new boat owners
- 8) Lower regatta attendance discussed
- 9) Membership voted to raise dues to \$4.00 per year starting April 1978
- 10) Fred Schroth elected President for a 1 year term
- 11) Carol and Mary Park elected Co-Treasurer and Secretary
- 12) Thanks given to Pat and Walter Schroth and Larry Booth for jobs well done
- 13) Adjournment 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Schroth

CADILLAC REGATTA SUMMARY

Those who arrived at Lake Cadillac Friday were treated to one hundred degree weather, blue skies and wind. The wind stayed for the weekend and so did the blue skies. The race committee persuaded mother nature to turn down the thermostat and the Sidewinders were treated to excellent conditions.

RACE 1: The winds were 4 to 8 knots and the two Garber Yachts sailed around the course in the 8 knot stuff. When all the rest of us finished they told us Dave had won. Actually they had been in so long that everybody had forgotten who won but some nice person on the race committee had written it down.

RACE 2: The wind dropped to 4 to 6 knots, Dave Garber started out in first place again and, as he told it, the first bouy swam over and bit his boat. While Dave sailed around the bouy again the fleet left with Wagoner leading. This lead was not to be held. Wagoner rounded the weather mark and started to reach for the second mark. When Wagoner was halfway across the lake he was headed away by a shift and Larry Garber passed. Garber sailed into the shift and Fred Schroth passed, never found the shift, and rounded the bouy. On the last leg Garber and Schroth exchanged the lead five times with their spinnakers running.

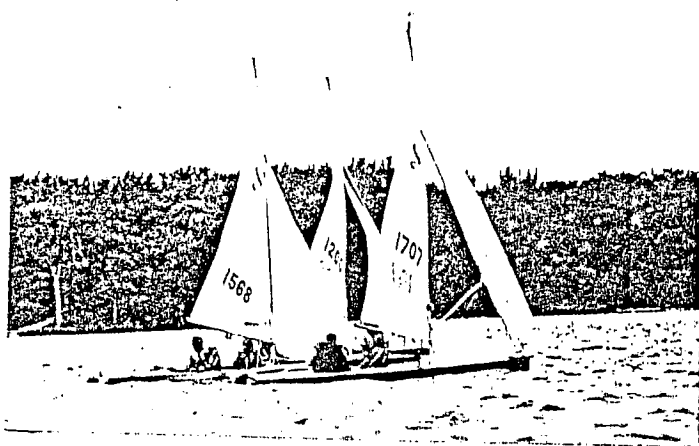
RACE 3: The wind was 10 to 14 knots and the heavyweight team of Schroth and Steve Sears (350 lbs.) led from start to finish. Sig Sjogren sailed well ahead of the rest of the fleet on the upwind leg and the first reach. The last leg of the regatta was the length of Lake Cadillac (1 to 1½ miles) and all broad reach. Sjogren is an excellent sailor who in this race demonstrated the true value of the spinnaker. While both Garber boats slowly overtook Sjogren, he was heard attempting to buy either one for \$500.

RESULTS:

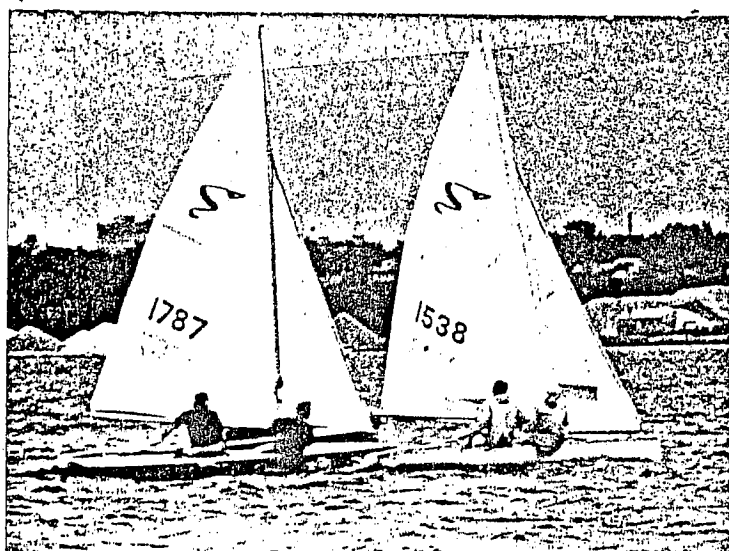
Larry Garber	1	Robert W. Cole	8
Fred Schroth	2	Lynn Johnson	9
Dave Garber	3	Ron Frisosky	10
Sig Sjogren	4	Gordon Danke	11
George Dalby	5	Charles Cummins	12
Larry Schmida	6	Charles Leister	13
Robert T. Cole	7		



Three Champions
Carol, Jim, and Mary Park



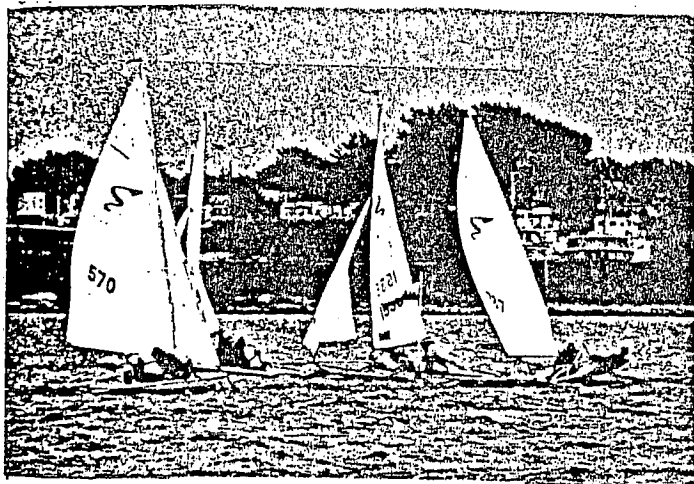
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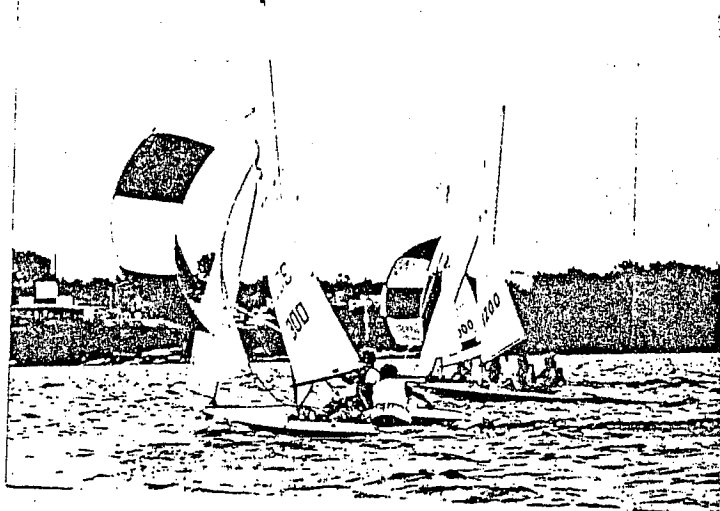
Close company between
George Dalby and Larry Booth



Cheryl and Larry Booth wearing
turtled T-shirts



Mark rounding

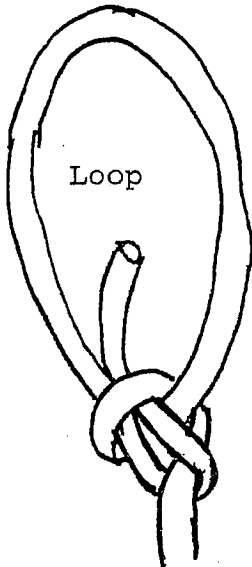


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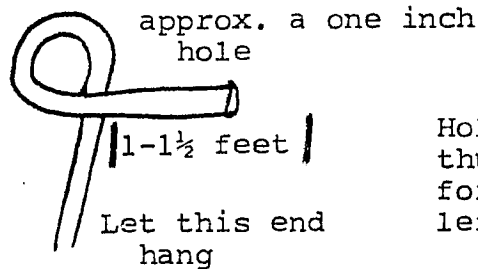
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pronounced Bowlan

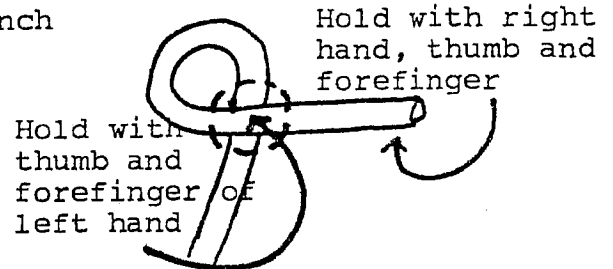
The Bowline is called the "King of Knots." It can be used for docking or for tying off any line. Find a peice of line or use your shoe string and learn how it's done.



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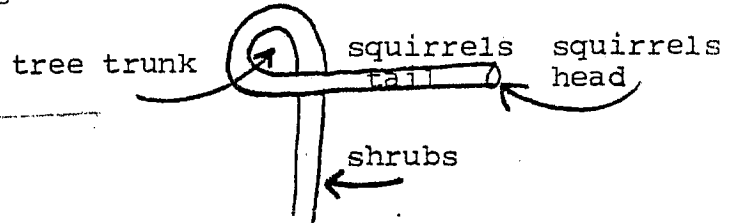


Step 2



Step 3

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O.K. - The squirrel is going off to the right - and it's just an overhand loop. When you start, your line should be exactly the same as the diagram.

The Story

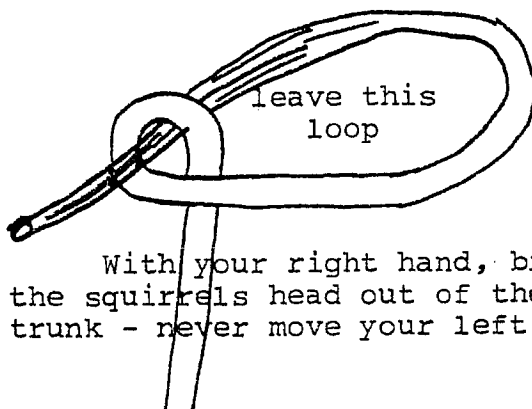
The squirrel comes out of the tree trunk - once the squirrel is out of its hole it sees a bear!! The squirrel runs under the schrubs. As soon as the coast is clear, the squirrel goes back into the tree trunk.

Remember

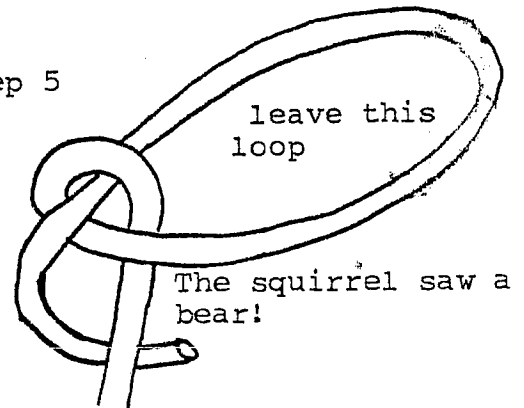
1) Its the squirrels tail that makes the loop - so the bigger the tail. the bigger the loop and the smaller the tail the smaller the loop.

2) The tree trunk shouldn't be any bigger than 1 inch - it's the squirrels tail that makes the loop.

Step 4

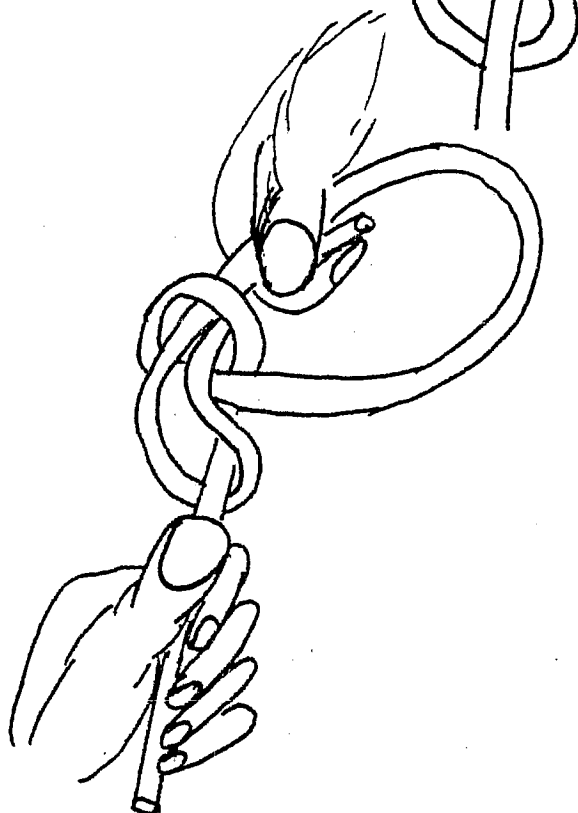


Step 5



Step 6

When the coast is clear the squirrel goes back and into the tree trunk.

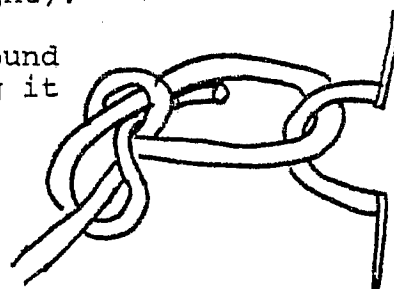
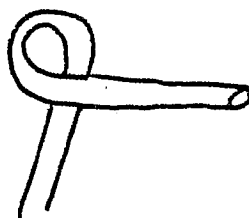


DO NOT PULL ANYTHING
With your left hand - let go of the tree trunk and hold onto the shrubs.
With your right hand you want to pull the two lines that are inside of the tree trunk
NOW PULL TIGHT

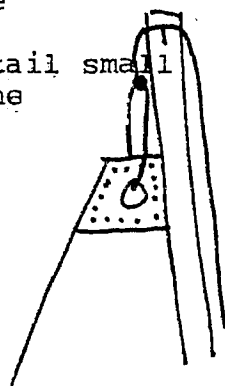
If you want to tie something up with a bowline - get your line looking like steps 1, 2, and 3 (an overhand loop with the end of the line going off to the right- the squirrel going to the right).

THEN

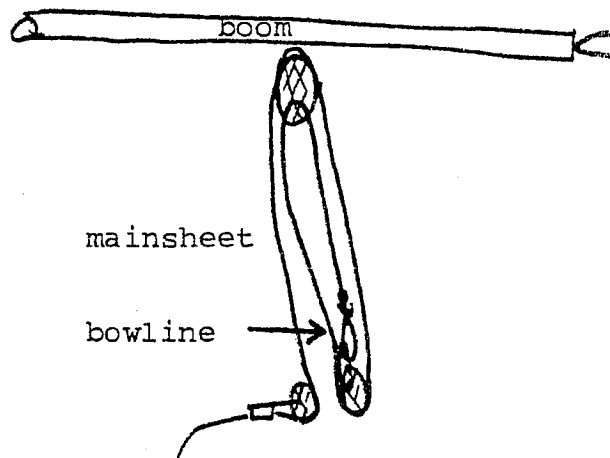
Take the squirrel around what ever your tying it to.



When tying the halyard on the sail keep the squirrels tail small therefore keeping the loop small



halyard



mainsheet

bowline

HAUL-OUT REGATTA

September 24 & 25
Sandusky Sailing Club
Sandusky, Ohio

The Regatta begins with a skippers meeting at 12:15 Saturday.
Saturday:

12:15 skippers meeting

1:30 first race

second race immediately following
the first

Sunday:

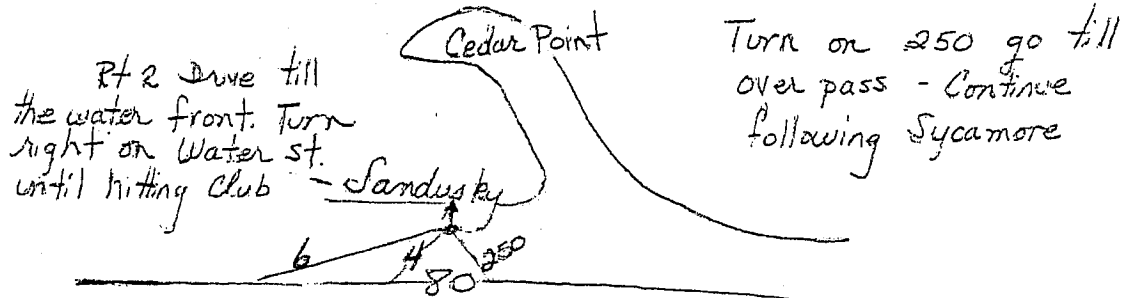
10:00 start of the third race

followed by awards ceremony

The Sailing Club will provide hot meals for Saturdays and Sundays
breakfast and lunch. Also they will host a meal Saturday night.
None of the meals are included with the \$6.00 registration fee, but
all are reasonably priced.

The Club has very nice facilities and the races are held in a
protected bay. So Haul on over.

Fearless Fleet 7 is bringing new recruits to this regatta, fearless
of the wind and weather!



Lots of hotels & campgrounds all near by.

Send \$6.00 to Jim Hendricksen/Sandusky Sailing Club, P.O. Box 814
Sandusky, Ohio 44870 419-625-1963

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ Type Boat _____

Will You be eating any meals at the club?

FROM THE MAILBAG:

Dearest Ladies- Please see what can be done about reversing
(long-term relationships) positions from skipper/crew
and visa versa. Good Luck, Gara Graham

Gara,

In the By-Laws it is stated that the racing skipper must be an associate or active member of the U.S. Sidewinder Association. This requires \$3.00 membership dues been paid prior to the event. (Membership dues have been raised to \$4.00 beginning 1978) Also in the By-laws, the same crew must be used in all races of a given regatta. So you can switch from regatta to regatta. The association is revising the constitution if you would like to see a change write or call us. If anyone has an opinion on this let us know.

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