

# SIDEWINDER



# NEWSLETTER

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HI SAILORS!

Many years ago when we bought our first sailboat, we sailed with a grand guy who is a real "Old Salt". That was in the early days of Orlon and Dacron and the very first sails made of the new "miracle fabrics" were being used on small sailboats. We saved and saved to buy a suit of the beautiful new sails. And, believe me, this was Heaven. No more carefully hanging out the wet, Egyptian Cotton sails so that they didn't become misshapen; no more worrying about mildew; no more being super careful about winter storage.

Ah, but there was our friend, the "Old Salt" -- no "plastic" sails for his boat. And not only that, but the only good line was hemp. The Navy used hemp, right? Now I can well remember using hemp sheets, but not "fondly" remember. When it was new it was stiff and kinky and it snarled in the blocks and beat my hands raw. When it finally got soft and pliable, it promptly broke.

The "Old Salt" only won a single race so far as I know. That was when our Club Champion read the race course flag wrong and took the marks on the wrong side and we all followed him to a disqualification. All, that is, except the "Old Salt": he was sailing dead last, but he took the marks properly as the flag said -- so he won the race that day!

Well, maybe you like being an "Old Salt". I don't. Our Sidewinder has jib fairlead tracks, an adjustable main outhaul, an extra hiking strap for the crew luff yarns on the jib, and several other small do-dads to make sailing more fun. They are all within the legal rules and they are all inexpensive gadgets. I prefer sailing up toward the front of the fleet -- although I should learn to read the course flags better.

Good Sailing,

*Walter Schwett*

## THE SCORE

Numbered Sidewinders - 1452

Chartered Fleets - 15

UPCOMING EVENTS

The magazine Yachting sponsors each three of four years a regatta by inviting selected boats to race. The purpose is to race one Sidewinder against one each of other popular boats to evaluate their relative performance. We are pleased that Sidewinder has been selected.

Neal Thurber will represent the Sidewinder Class at Newport Beach, California, April 17-20, 1974. This is a "feather in our cap" since to have been invited is roughly like making the Olympic Team.

Early June will decide an argument between Oklahoma and Texas - over who fields the better skippers. Texas hopes to get 10 boats to the Fort Worth Boat Club the first weekend in June, and is awaiting the arrival of Oklahoma skippers. We will anxiously await those results!

The sailing season will find the Texas Sidewinders holding the best seven out of twelve series in three regattas from the middle of May to the middle of July. During the 3rd weekend in May, they hope to have a three race day on Lake Somerville near Bryan, Texas. The next three races in the middle of June at the Ridgewood Country Club on Lake Waco, followed by the Governor's Cup Regatta on the 4th of July weekend at the Austin Yacht Club. The series will end at Lake Stillhouse Hollow near Belton with the District Three Regatta.

August 3 - New York State Sidewinder Regatta. Five races (one day) open to all Sidewinder owners at Cross Lake Sailing Association, Meridian, New York.

August 4 - District 8 Championship hosted by Fleet 13 and Cross Lake Sailing Association. This will be held at Cross Lake Sailing Association, Meridian, New York.

August 24 and 25 (TENTATIVE DATES) - U. S. Sidewinder Nationals to be held at Monroe.

More later ... let's hear from the rest of you with your sailing schedules.

WELCOME NEW SAILORS

According to our records, we had sixteen people buy boats last year who have never sailed before! How about giving them a ring this spring and see if they are all set for the sailing season. A hearty welcome is extended to these folks from all of us.

# 979	Michael Pearson, 6200 Alder #124, Houston, Texas
#1279	Owen J. Newlin, 3315 48th Place, Des Moines, Iowa
#1282	Edwin Stansberry, 4212 Franklin, Des Moines, Iowa
#1285	Steven R. Waters, 1911 34th St., Des Moines, Iowa
#1299	Peggy R. Glatz, 4410 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.
#1308	William R. Gaslin, 6015 McKinley St. NE, Minneapolis, Minn.
#1312	Leonard H. Rubbert, 2231 Cardinal, St. Paul, Minn.
#1320	L. Costa, 515 Mt. Prospect Ave., Newark, N.J.
#1322	Darrick K. Sabo, 3805 Lakefront, Pontiac, Mich.
#1329	Neil Waldo, 49 Lake Forest Drive, St. Louis, Mo.
#1352	Charles E. Warnaca, 2012 Shasta, Ponca City, Okla.
#1357	N. G. Hunt, Jr., 3040 SW 37th, Oklahoma City, Okla.
#1358	A. G. Nekut, 124 Northview Drive, Lancaster, Pa.
#1364	William F. Chaple, Jr., 5513 N. Independence, Oklahoma City, Okla.
#1365	Bob Smoak, 2633 NW 34th, Oklahoma City, Okla.
#1378	James Wiesen, 1232 Willow Way, Noblesville, Indiana

SECRETARY'S NEWS

SAIL MFG will be acting as a Clearing House for Class Association information. They receive information from boat dealers about owners of new boats. They also receive many business questions and requests from owners. If you have a change in address, ownership or if the information on your mailing label was incorrect please let them know (SAIL MFG, 66 Fourth Avenue, Union City, Pennsylvania 16438). In turn, SAIL MFG will forward this information to me in weekly mailings. This is one way we can keep our SIDEWINDER roster list up to date and accurate. The maintenance of roster lists is vitally important to a successful and viable Class Association. Feel free to drop them a line with comments, questions or news.

You will find a map in the newsletter delineating districts and fleets. There are some regions of the country that are rather QUIET. Let's hear a voice from Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, North Carolina, and Virginia. We know that there are quite a few SIDEWINDERS in these areas. Let us hear from you, better yet why not form your own fleet. Fleet numbers don't stop at 15 you know. Any interested sailors, please contact the Governing Committee for application (c/o Mrs. Malve Hill, 811 Winston Drive, Monroe, Mich., 48161).

You will note on the map that we have nine districts. How about a volunteer from each one of these nine districts to serve as District Secretary. This District Secretary would be in close contact with the National Secretary. You sailing folks know the news of your district. Heck, you probably made it! We want to print all of YOUR NEWS. We are anxiously awaiting the return mails.

We need your 1974 dues of \$3.00. Fleet Secretaries will please mail for the entire fleet. If you do not belong to a Fleet, please forward your check to U.S. Sidewinder Association, Mrs. M. M. Hill, 811 Winston Drive, Monroe, Mich. By joining our Association YOU are supporting YOUR class and helping it to GROW...YOU are supporting YOUR newsletter...trophies for YOUR Nationals and expenses related to YOUR Nationals.

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Fleet #15 Invitational Race Results:

Races held July 13 and 14  
Cadillac-Mitchell Yacht Club (MICHIGAN)

FIRST PLACE: Martha Garber #1085  
SECOND PLACE: Mike Wagoner #1232  
THIRD PLACE: Robert Cole, Jr. #1393

Total number of Sidewinder entries were twelve (12). The word was brought back to us that IF you weren't "invited" to our open races - don't come! We were sorry that no outside entries beyond our Cadillac area were involved - this was hardly our wish, as we truly hoped to see some new racing competition. In fact, anytime during our regular season we would hope any Sidewinder sailor would drop in and join us in our races.

The spectator response to our races was just great. Added activities of street dancing, beer stube, band concerts, and an arts festival rounded out this week-end of sailing.

Sincerely, Robert W. Cole  
Secretary-Treasurer

Thanks for the good report! First one in!

There are many languages spoken in America, and many kinds of rules and policies in the different sports and clubs.....So, if Sidewinder is going to be inclusive of old-line and beginners and mixed-experienced types (is anybody a type?), we'll just have to keep trying to spell out more wordily in our announcements.

It seems good to me that this event had spectators...my word, lots of us watch things a while before trying to participate. I think we'll be happier with the "competitive" thing if we drop words of cruelty like 'beat'. We need to let ourselves share our 'brag's, perhaps we sailed faster than boat x. Boat x gave us a good race. Let's try not to give away the regattas by staying home. The winners won't be our best sailors unless we go push them to their best.

Really, it's a recreational activity, and no one should go home feeling whipped. I well remember the first time our old Snipe was able to get ahead of the "Old

Salt" Walter wrote about a couple of issues back! That was the biggest thrill in all sailing, to get ahead of the loyal Mister Last. You can swim, can't you?/ps

From the Constitution:

Two classes of membership...you can join without having a boat.

From the BYLAWS:

3-B. "Honor awards MUST be displayed... on the sail." for what it says about 'may', read your copy. ps: Let's not get into quibbling matches or hassles, shall we agree that for past history, events listed in the newsletter have been "sanctioned", and some effort will be made to list specifically which events qualify for "sanction" as the future unfolds. So, winners, show your colors! Perhaps MAYRU has already spoken as to how this is done. Ma confessus iggermance/ps

5-B. "Name of boat and sail number shall be recorded with the Association." So, let's flood Malvene with postal cards. Here's a toothy smile for you, our yellow Sidewinder's name is WENT.

8-A. "Racing crew will be two persons", etc. Intelligent sailors are apt to check the capacity and consider total weight of the people.

10. Some keywords: "to delay obsolescence of individual boats"... "render the boat stronger, more durable, easier to manufacture and less expensive."

T-SHIRTS Editor's "office" has some "United States Sidewinder Association" white Hanes Statesman 50% Kodol polyester 50% cotton with the big snake on the chest. 7 Large Size 42-44, 17" across shoulder. 18 X-L 46-48, 18" shldr. \$2.65 postpaid while they last, checks returned if sold out.

"It's a plane it's a bird--it's a Sidewinder" Guess what the snake looks like! BEAUTIFULLY MATCHED blue, and orange shirts.

Sidewinder shirts as exhibited Aug 3, \$3.00 to Larry Booth

337 Bloomfield Ave.  
Johnstown, Pa. 15904

These are special Fleet SEVEN Designs!

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ew York Open held August 3rd at Cross Lake....Earl and Charles Solover of Rome, New York said it was their first regatta ever. Charles, the crew, was a fifth grader. First spectators on the scene were Kay & Dick Durbeck of Wappingers Falls. Their problem in sailing in regattas is that they use their Sidewinder in a place where it costs \$10.00 to launch or withdraw their boat from the water. Mike DeLorm of Hanibal NY was busy with registration procedures, planning ahead for the Nationals. He is the sailing class instructor for the marina and the association at Cross Lake. The chairman of the race committee was Bruce Budelman. A neighbor lady at Cross Lake said, "Mr. Keenan was a Peace Corps person with an award and that he married Jackie in Africa." The lunch was a sandwich, cookie, pop and a peach, but the homemade cookie was a meal in itself, Beverly J. Anderson's recipe. The well-behaved dog with the Niagara Falls people was DIE Graffin Von Schrackhausen, some moniker. There were only two pre-registered for this regatta. THANKS TO ALL for reading this newsletter: almost all pre-registered for the Nationals. Attending a hobby meeting like ours sometimes includes conversation with PEOPLE about other interests, too. "Bev" thought you-all would like her Blue Cheese Dressing for some of your salads:  $\frac{1}{2}$  quart jar of mayonnaise or salad dressing, 7 or 8 oz sour cream. Mix. Chop a red onion ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ " size or  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup). Break up  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of blue cheese. Mix in and add a scant tbspf1 Worchestershire Sauce, some garlic salt and plain salt and pepper. That's it. Variation is to substitute 1 can of Campbell's tomato soup for the sour cream, or substitute Roguefort for bleu cheese. Our MUSE suggests that sometime someone might like to raise trophy money by compiling and selling a cookbook, perhaps with a section on suggestions for food that can be steamed in a closed car parked in the sun, yeah.

Skipper Carol Park  
Crew Mary Park  
Sail # 1200  
to be Juniors (11th grade)  
at State College Area High School  
1-2-2 4 & 3/4 points to win

Skipper Steve Park  
Crew Bill Park  
Sail # 987  
brothers of above  
3-5-1 8 & 3/4 points to place

Skipper Walter Schroth  
Crew Mr. Craig  
Sail # 13  
paid pre-registered  
2-3-4 9 points to show

Garry Gebler, Oneida #1037  
Blair Anderson, Syracuse  
7-6-3 16 Fourth

Jack Guthrie & Mike Rossman #896  
Camillus and Liverpool  
4-1-DSQ 17 & 3/4 Fifth

Larry & Cheryl Booth # 1538  
Johnstown  
5-7-8 19 Sixth

Fred Schroth (180 lbs) #836  
Rich LaFountain (260 lbs)  
paid pre-registered  
6-11-5 20 Seventh

Jim & Dave Chisholm # 1122  
Rochester  
8-4-8 20 Eighth

Earl and Charles Selover  
Rome #733  
10-12-6 26 Ninth

Skip Vielhauer #1493  
East Syracuse  
12-8-11 30 Tenth

Bruce & Paul Wakker #1408  
Syracuse  
9-DSQ-10 31 Eleventh

Lloyd Schrack Jr. #976  
Niagara Falls U.S.A.  
13-13-12 35 Twelfth

Gerry & Jim Hailey #1493  
Rochester  
11-DSQ-13 36 Thirteenth