

SIDEWINDER

NEWSLETTER

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Send items for next issue to 41 West High St., Union City, Pa. 16438

THE SCORE

Numbered Sidewinders - 1743

Chartered Fleets - 15

Hi, Sailors,

Now that you have opened up your newsletter, please put it down and go get your CHECKBOOK, a PEN, an ENVELOPE, and a STAMP.

Now make a check for THREE DOLLARS to United States Sidewinder Association.

Then address the envelope to: Mrs. Malvene M. Hill, Secretary

811 Winston Drive

Monroe, Michigan 48161

Please note! If you have JUST bought a NEW Sidewinder, your 1974 dues are paid. Malvene says new membership cards will come along soon to all you whose dues are already paid; the '74 cards have come from the printer.

Now what do your dues buy? Well, for one thing, they pay for these newsletters containing all the regatta dates we can find, news and doings of your fellow members, and my own precious philosophies on sailing.

You'll need your 1974 Sidewinder card at all District and National Championships, so to avoid last-minute-itis and hard feelings, get this taken care of now. Put your card in your wallet when it arrives. We want our hardware to grace the mantles of Sidewinder sailors, not week-end boat-borrowing hot-shots.

Convinced yourself? I certainly hope so. Please now, fill out the form below LEGIBLY. Put it in the envelope together with your \$3.00 check, and mail it to Malvene.

Happy Sailing,

Walter Schroth

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(area code)

FROM THE MAIL, Hill's and Schroth's, we find in copies of fleet local racing schedules.....races on Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesday evenings. Fleet #7 lists a date to "sail down the lake and go in cove for picnic". Let's hear about waterproof picnic baskets that can be squeeze into Sidewinder cockpit. Two dates are set aside for "novice race clinic" and another for a women's race: "no men allowed on board".

Oklahoma City Fleet #14 has a two-page newsletter dated March following a meeting with twenty people present. They plan picnics after racing one Sunday a month.....sociable, huh.

Malvene also says the patches from 1973 Nationals should be along without much more delay. There was a manufacturing error, and the patches had to be done over.

Sally and Mac Carson are the proud parents of the youngest "Sears Cup" trainee in the world. "Kit" (what else?) was born January 18th, 1974. Sally and Mac are in Fleet #12, Norman, Oklahoma. Congratulations.

The secretary of the Silver Lake Ohio Fleet #11, Debbie Bryan, got a new spinnaker last summer, but was laid up with mono and hasn't used it yet. She plans now to take her Sidewinder along to Duke University in the Fall '74.

Fred Schroth went to Poughkeepsie in a team representing Penn State for a weekend series of TWENTY-FOUR races of intercollegiate sailing. "If you EVER sail on a river.....1. Buy a current chart and STUDY. 2. Buy a tidal chart and STUDY." The home team won the competition.

Neal Thurber went to the West Coast, to Mission Bay near San Francisco, for THE National One-of-a-Kind Regatta (handicapped) in April. Each race was twenty-five miles long, 4 miles from shore.

In the small sloop group, their Sidewinder made it into the top quarter overall.

Neal will be glad to explain at length how his score would have been better if the committee hadn't moved the weather mark causing him to drop from 2nd to 22nd place in one of the races. There was PLENTY of wind!

DUES COUPON FOR MALVENE

Regattas for Sidewinders:

USSA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cross Lake Marina, Meridian, N.Y.
August 17-18 (see story)

DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTAS:

DISTRICT 3 - TEXAS

July 4th weekend, Belton, Texas
Lake Stillhouse Hollow

Contact Ralph Johnson
1010 South 4th
Temple, Texas 76501

DISTRICT 4 - OKLAHOMA - KANSAS

July 13-14 Norman, Oklahoma
Thunderbird Lake

Contact Bob Rogers
8113 N.W. 29th St.
Oklahoma City, Okla. 73008

DISTRICT 1 - MICHIGAN & WESTERN OHIO

July 27-28 Monroe Boat Club, Lake Erie
Monroe, Michigan

Contact Don Thurber
318 Humphrey St.
Monroe, Michigan 48161

DISTRICT 8 - NEW YORK STATE

August 4, Cross Lake Marina, Meridian

Contact Steve Keenan
Cross Lake Marina
Meridian, N.Y. 13113

DISTRICT 2 - EASTERN OHIO & PENNA.

Late September - date not decided
Prince Galatzin State Park
18 miles westerly of Altoona

Contact Steve Park
537 Kemmerer Road
State College, Pa. 16801

ASSOCIATED YACHT CLUBS
OF WESTERN LAKE ERIE
OPEN REGATTA SERIES

Contact Don Thurber
318 Humphrey St.
Monroe, Michigan 48161

June 1-2 Jolly Roger Sail Club
(home of National Champ
Barry Williams)

June 8-9 North Cape Yacht Club

June 22-23 Toledo Sail Club

July 6-7 Cooley Canal Yacht Club

July 20-21 Ottawa River Yacht Club

July 27-28 Monroe Boat Club

(includes Dist.#1
championship)

Sept. 7-8 Maumee River Yacht Club

Oct. 5-6 Port Clinton Yacht Club

August 24-25 Carson Cup

AYC JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP
at Perrysburg Boat Club

June 1-2 ERIE OPEN REGATTA, Erie Yacht Club

Contact Walter Schroth
41 West High Street
Union City, Pa. 16438

June 1-2 OKLAHOMA vs. TEXAS
at Fort Worth Boat Club

Contact Ralph Johnson
1010 South 4th
Temple, Texas 76501
or Bob Rogers
8113 N.W. 29th St.
Oklahoma City, Okla. 73008

July 13-14 FLEET 15 SAILING INVITATIONAL

Contact Robert Cole
P. O. Box 329
Cadillac, Michigan 49601

August 3 NEW YORK STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
open to all members

Contact Steve Keenan
Cross Lake Marina
Meridian, N.Y. 13113

Our Secretary, Malvene Hill, represented Sidewinder Class at the North American Yacht Racing Union meeting in Washington, D.C., recently. NAYRU is trying to improve its services to one-design classes. Formerly, their emphasis was on off-shore yacht racing and Olympic classes.

Individual membership at \$15 includes:
Racing Rules
Yearbook
Quarterly Newsletter

Racing Rulebook by First Class Mail
costs \$3 total.

Address: NAYRU
1133 Avenue of the Americas
New York, N. Y. 10036

If you have never tried RACING your Sidewinder - you are welcomed-encouraged-urged to avail yourself of the opportunities. A race is sometimes close -- sometimes a strung-out parade. Every race is a fun-learning experience. Sailors are friendly people who help each other with every aspect of using the nice FREE wind.

SailMFG keeps a small supply of blank sails so that reasonably prompt service is possible for those of you who wish to order fresh sails with your own number. They also report a limited quantity of spinnakers are available this season -- although sailcloth is on the critical list and spinnaker cloth is most scarce. These or other items for your Sidewinder may be ordered through your SailMFG DEALER -- but not from the factory.

SIDEWINDER is a reasonably new boat, as racing "yachts" go, and the activity and organization will be as much as we each help make it become. There does not exist a ready-made institution for us to plunk ourselves into and follow. Whatever strength we have will come of investing individual enthusiasm. We are in our fourth year of having enough for a national assembly.....there is no "George" to let do it. Boats don't make themselves into a fellowship; only live people can organize gatherings and races.

ATTENTION FLORIDA....maybe you-all can organize a fleet. "Zeke" Zetty last sailed Sidewinder in the 1973 Erie Open with Pauly Wontenay. "Zeke" was the business manager of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra. Contact Mr. Arlington Zetty
231 East Lantana Road, Apt.505
Lantana, Florida 33460

ATTENTION WEST VIRGINIA: Silver Lake Ohio's fleet captain moved and now wants to form up another fleet. Contact Richard C. Young
101 Briarwood Place
Parkersburg, West Va. 26101
phone 304/485-6024

Send ADDRESS CHANGES to Malvene
AND Sidewinder SailMFG
55-4th Avenue
Union City, Pa. 16438

Also very important: If you sell your boat, send the new owner's name and address AND yours to the same two places. The new owner may, as you, any time in the future wish to race or otherwise participate in Sidewinder activities. These letters are invitations which should reach all owners.

FOURTH ANNUAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

NATIONAL REGATTA

August 17-18, 1974.

CROSS LAKE is a small "Finger Lake"
about 24 miles west of Syracuse
70 miles east of Rochester
80 miles north of Binghamton
8+ miles from N.Y. Thruway exit.

The Keenans' marina is a beautiful setting: a maze of docks and beach, almost an acre of front lawn partly shaded, big old house with snack bar and tables with "zillions" of windows overlooking lawn and lake, parking lot and field for overflow, and huge big barn-like building from which they usually do business.

The regatta will be a happy meld of informality and keen competition. This affair has and will be attended by some really red-hot Sidewinder sailors and some very first-timers who need to feel very welcome.

Accommodations for the Nationals include two local motels 8 miles from the site, a Holiday Inn 17 miles from the race site, a facilitated camp ground close by, and limited free tenting by permission of the host.

Neal Thurber is official measurer, and with several local helpers, he will check all boats for conformity to class rules. ROUGHLY: the hull, board, rudder, spars, and sails are to be unmodified. Traveller is illegal. Boom vang allowed. Spinnakers are legal. Generally, small hardware is your area for freedom and ingenuity. Whisker poles (80") are for "wing-out" jibs, and spinnaker poles (68") are for spinnakers; both may be carried, No trapeeze. Carry paddle and anchor, life-jackets, painter, hatch covers.

If you turn your house upside down and still can't find your copy of the class rules, send a stamped self-addressed long envelope to Malvene.

Schedule

FRIDAY EVENING - Annual meeting including election of some officers. Bon-fire, hot-dog roast, volley ball.

SATURDAY - races all day
Skippers' Meeting before first race.

Evening lawn party with buffet supper, a good local band, colored lights in the yard, very casual, a keg of beer. (Rain? - relocate in display barn.)

SUNDAY - morning racing
AWARD CEREMONY

The Keenans are smart shoppers and with the Cross Lake Sailing Association and Fleet #13 have planned together for full supplies with respect for your purses. Please prepare to be able to register ahead if possible.

BOX LUNCHES for Saturday and Sunday.

A special newsletter will be mailed late June with specific information about times, motel list, registration forms and fee amount, other costs, and annual meeting agenda.

The terms of the president and measurer are expiring. All ISSUES to be brought before the meeting should be sent ahead for publication to all with the official regatta notice.

Post by June 12 to

Walter Schroth, President
41 West High St.
Union City, Pa. 16438