

SIDEWINDER NEWSLETTER

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43 SNAKES AT THE 1972 SIDEWINDER NATIONALS

On Saturday morning, August 19, 43 Sidewinders from all parts of the United States met at the starting line for the first of five races. Winds were NE to E at 6-8 knots, starboard course, triangular plus a windward leeward. What a beautiful sight to see!! At the end of the three races on Saturday, the leaders were: Neal Thurber of Monroe, Michigan with 7-3/4 points; 2nd place--Alan Taylor of Erie, Pennsylvania with 13 points; and 3rd place--Roger Stark of Toledo, Ohio with 16 points.

Sunday morning, the 20th, dawned bright and windless and we do mean WINDLESS!!!! The fourth race was postponed an hour while all skippers prayed for at least a little wind. In desperation, Gail Garren, RC Chairman, decided to go ahead. Thus, the fourth race began and twenty minutes later the last Sidewinder crossed the starting line. About midway in the second leg (like an hour later?) the breeze began to catpaw the Bay and stayed right there.

Presentation of trophies was hosted by Fritz Busse, Jr., Commodore of the Erie Yacht Club; Richard Morrison, President of MFG Boat Company; and Joseph Farago, Sail Division of MFG. Trophies were presented to the first eight place winners. Consolation prizes were drawn and presented to many of the other sailors. The marine accessories were donated by Zurn Industries of Erie, Pa. and boat hardware was donated by MFG Boat Company.

FINAL STANDING

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOME PORT</u>
1.	Neal Thurber	Monroe, Michigan
2.	Alan Taylor	Erie, Pennsylvania
3.	Noel Thurber	Monroe, Michigan
4.	Heidi Pinkley	Toledo, Ohio
5.	Barry L. Williams	Toledo, Ohio
6.	Roger Stark	Toledo, Ohio
7.	Mark R. Santia	Erie, Pennsylvania
8.	Chris & Beth Bloomstine	Erie, Pennsylvania
9.	Natalie Hill	Monroe, Michigan
10.	Matt Thurber	Monroe, Michigan
11.	Steven G. Park	State College, Pennsylvania
12.	Jeffrey B. Young	Cheswick, Pennsylvania
13.	William M. Townsend	Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina
14.	Carol A. Park	State College, Pennsylvania
15.	George Hill	Monroe, Michigan
16.	Karl Reichert	Kitchener, Ontario, Canada
17.	John T. Fischer	York, Pennsylvania
18.	Kim Wontenay	Union City, Pennsylvania
19.	Terry O'Regan	Schenectady, New York
20.	Don Phillips	Monroe, Michigan
21.	Craig Spear	Toledo, Ohio
22.	Greg Green	Kettering, Ohio
23.	Gary D. Kuntzman	Ferndale, Michigan
24.	Rick L. Smith	Belton, Texas
25.	Steve Tooze	Fairview, Pennsylvania