

SIDEWINDER

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THE SCORE

Numbered Sidewinders - 1905

Chartered Fleets - 15



EVERYBODY.....We learned that the postage for this is generously paid by the New Sidewinder Purchasers. There are enough of them so far that ALL Numbered Sidewinders of Record have a person on the Mailing List. There is another PLUS: Association Members ALSO receive these letters. To STAY an Association Member, one sends money to Malvene. During calendar 1974 the check should be for three dollars. She has also PATCHES for one dollar.

The Official Inter-Lake Yachting Association Newspaper MID-AMERICA BOATING AND CLUB NEWS, July 19-August 1, 1974 issue quoted 24½ column-inches from this Sidewinder Newsletter dated July 1974, which was our last before this. Woweeeeee. Their paper covers a wide area from Michigan through Ohio and Erie, tells about oodles of regattas mostly of interest to those of you who have Sidewinder as your smaller boat. The place names are fascinating to the arm-chair sea-lawyers: Port Clinton, Rocky River, Sandusky. Many thanks for such a fine mention!

Wednesday evening July seventeenth, Walter and I visited the second meeting of a new club with one Sidewinder getting organized for racing in a W I D E part of the St. Croix River. They had a Commodore and a Secretary and a Treasurer (collecting \$1 each) at Candlemass Sailing's property with a nifty coffee-machine and an air-conditioned room. The place is about a hop-skip-and-a-jump from the Twin Cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis at Afton, Minnesota, a squeak below the Hudson Bridge into Wisconsin.

With their elections having been taken care of at their first meeting, the second meeting was held on a HOT sunny evening with at least twenty would be-sailors. There were rides on sailboats of all types; they toured the waters that will be their racing area.. But only AFTER the business of assigning the secretary to send off for NAYRU's Rules and Handicap system. Those of you within driving distance who will not abuse the telephone privilege may inquire of Bob Laughlin and/or Kirk Mahle at their St. Paul daytime number 436-7756....or get to Candlemass in Afton in the evenings. They are just south of the elbow in Route 95 about five miles off I-94. We had a fabulous time....did I gab or did I gab...the hot air wasn't all on the Lake.

The August 17th Annual Meeting approved for MEMBERS to vote on all the proposals mentioned in the last newsletter. Next mailing will have full voting information. Walter was re-elected. Nothing anybody had for boat gadgets was newly declared illegal. One skipper had a traveller with tape to keep it inoperable during official racing. Another modified his deck but not the hull. Nationals report p 6-7.

* * * *LETTERS TO THE EDITOR* * * * *

1. "Sidewinder

Pat Schroth Fleet 1

The Sidewinder Sail No 1105

was sold to W. R. Breneman

1133-Maplenole Dr.

West Des Moines Ia 50265. I no longer

have a sailboat. Boo Hoo

From Everett Lyon

601 E. 2nd. St.

Ankemy, Iowa 50021

Constitution Article 7

on membership says this: "2. Associate:

An associate member is a non-owner of a

Sidewinder who is interested in the

welfare of the class. He may not vote

or hold elective office. 3. All members

will receive class publications."

Mister Lyon, if you'd like the letters and

a card, you may correspond with Malvene,

and perhaps help race committees or otherwise.

2. Walter got a note from Malvene which you

may read part of verbatim: "The Newsletter

is just Positively great great great. "You've

got a tremendous team out there and everything

looks great--Aren't you just glowing over a

job well done!!" "Hope to see you @ Nationals."

You all know where she hurts, well she says

she got slugged with two shots into the spine-

--"go ahead and cringe - share my joy!" Presum-

ably she was injected with suitable medication

and will be much improved by the time we-uns

see her./ps

3. Glenn Snow wrote in from WASHINGTON

STATE about "one plastic bulkhead round

hole cover" and we sent a direct reply.

Some of us call those "hatch covers" as

if we were aboard some Naval vessel. It

does seem that a Sidewinder on its side

floats better with these thingamajigs in

place. Saw one of our "yachts" rigged with

some shock cord to keep them snugly in place.

Our experience is that it is ignominious to

right a Sidewinder too low in the water to

sail away. I used to use the cavity like a

kitchen drawer, but NO MORE.

LETTER:

Dear Pat Will you tell me wear i can get
a Sidewinder Pacth --

JOHN SCHRACK

Johnny, I guess you'd write Mrs. Malvene
on that one. Looks like you have a family
boat and not enough patches for everybody's
fawncie sweaters. She should be at the
Nationals.

Ken Walker of Fleet #5 writes from 36733

Rowe, Sterling Heights, Mich 48077. If

you want to sail with them Sept 29 at

Kent Lake or Oct 13 at Stoney Creek, the

Skippers' meetings are at noon. There

are over a HUNDRED Sidewinder owners in

the metro-Detroit area and many more

within a hundred miles. Welcome Welcome

Bob Rogers of Fleet #14: "Our biggest

problem here in Oklahoma City is a drop

in club activity interest for various

reasons. Don Rhodes and myself are

keeping in touch and eventually we hope

to get things going again." He sent his

work address: P.O. Box 1000, Oklahoma

City, Okla 73101 phone 405/235-1671.

Sail number 1111 owner had her picture

on a full page color ad in the Erie Sun-

day TIMES-NEWS August 11th.

Steve Keenan was elected June 1974 to

the School Board. "Cato-Meridian" is

the District.

YACHTING for August 1974 on page 46 has

a full story about an unusual sailing

idea: combining camping and sailing for

a trip 51 miles down a river. Whoever

was first on each hop was penalized for

trying too hard. The article seems to

spell out all the needed rules. See

also the top of page 64.

FLEET # 5 NEWS: Fleet #5 of Detroit is alive and well despite a reduction in paying members from last year. The fleet started racing in late May and will end its season in early October. After twelve races, the leader was Steve Braski, a novice sailor from last year. However, not far behind were Fleet Captain Sean Whalen, Bob Williamson, Paul Nelson, and Ken Walker. The fleet will have 4 more meetings after the Nationals, ending with Sept. 29 at Kent Lake and Oct. 13 at Stoney Creek. Any Sidewinder owner reading this letter in the Metro-Detroit Area, Flint-Lapeer Area or Cadillac are welcome to attend and join in the FUN! We'd love to have you! Skippers' meetings are at 12:00.

Fleet #5 uses an average-place scoring system rather than the low-point system used in the Nationals. This gives all sailors a chance at becoming Club Champion without having to attend every race. In addition, Fleet #5 races with the Tri-County Sailing Association of Detroit, one of the largest one-design associations around Detroit. The Association sponsors large regattas on large inland lakes, something Michigan has no lack of. Current membership involves Wayfares, Challengers, Flying Juniors, CL 16's and Sidewinders. Each class is responsible to race committee twice during the season. The race schedules and committees are set up over the winter.

Sean Whalen, Fleet Captain #5 has been working very hard to increase the club membership. He sent out a fleet newsletter inviting any inexperienced Sidewinder owners to participate in a special workshop in early August. The requirement was that you call Sean to inform him of your interest. Not one phone call was received! There are currently over 100 Sidewinder owners in Metro-Detroit. Where are YOU? (Why not at minimum reply with "thanks but no-thanks because...")

Sean's future plans are to pull heavily on club support and HAVE THE CLUB REPRESENTED AT THE UPCOMING WINTER BOAT SHOWS. If any other fleet has more success than we, please inform us of your methods through this newsletter. It would be beneficial to all.

Ken Walker of Fleet #5 took a sailing class from a local community college over the summer, hoping to increase his sailing skills. However, the class turned out to be very elementary and did not help a bit. The class was taught on Lake St. Clair by a former sailing instructor of Penn State.

The Sidewinder Association organizers "think racing" simply because we-all think that comparative sailing is the way to skill improvement and companionship and like it that way, but we recognize that many people buy one-design racing sailboats who never go near the organized activities. The Newsletter is designed and wished to be able to serve all owners. Please, those of you who have not acquired racing fever, jot down and send me something about what else one does with a Sidewinder. How do you learn to sail? Do you fuss over gadgetry? Do you take more than two in the boat for short or long cruises? Do you sail in most weather, or what is your idea of suitable wind? Does the local fleet meet the wrong day for your schedule? Do you think all "racing" sailors are super-skilled? They ain't all. Write in so we can all stay friends.

We've seen Sidewinders trailered on a snow-mobile trailer. We've seen "snubbers" to tie down any trailered boat; a snubber is heavy stretchy rubber strap with S-hooks on both ends. Instead of a dinky paddle, consider a long one with the blade cut to make it narrow enough to fit under the bow; or use clamps or Velcro to fasten the paddle in the cockpit when not in use. A roll of masking tape in the car trunk may provide a big band-aid for a damaged boat (in cases of collision). A couple of feet of plastic tubing on the jib stays protects from snagging and gives the crew a comfortable hand-hold.

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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 NAYRU has already spoken as to how this is done. Me confessus iggernunce/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% Kodel 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

397 Bloomfield Ave.

Johnstown, Pa. 15904

These are special Fleet SEVEN Designs!

THE NATIONALS

August 16, 17, 18, 1974

Friday evening at Cross Lake, there were enough places in the parking lot and along the roadway to the launching gravel slope. By the beach there were twenty trillion zillion monsterish mosquitos after dark, but by dark the nice people had rigged their Sidewinders and registered and made many friends over the embers of the hot-dog and marshmallow roast. Mr. Gibbs' movies were projected against the side of Keenan's business-barn for everyone to see far from the terrifying hordes of whatchamacallits. Little clusters of conversations included explainers and listeners as the show unfolded.

Tent city had been mostly erected, and arrangements made to borrow the parents' supplies of bug-repellant before we watched the moon' pitcher-show. We saw a him and a her steering a Sidewinder with the sail sheeted into its jammer and the tiller unattended. Them two seemed to be of age to call older student size folks whom sat backs toward the mast in the reg'lar crews' foot place; the boat seemed to be goin' where they meant it to. There were DELIBERATE capsizings of a catamaran and a Sidewinder with quite prompt rightings demonstrated and admired by all.

Bedtime came and went and the morning brought the rest of THIRTY-TWO SIDEWINDERS to be represented at the Skippers' Meeting. Local folks knew what the weather was and gently rolled over to sleep in or otherwise use their brains. Your editor was a damfool and acted as a crew with frostbitten fingertips by the time the "warm" rain was over. The ice-water in Cross Lake was warmer than the California dew that fell like pennies from heaven on icy shoulders under one yellow slicker over a cotton hooded sweatshirt. Frankly, folks, Pat was very much happier in the afternoon wearing "appropriate dry clothing" consisting of a 100% WOOL sweater over a sweatshirt, dry pants and shoes. I seem to have been deaf not to know there had been plenty of extra crews available for chicken people who sail. I did watch the Hill Girls win by a country mile, at least till they got so far ahead I couldn't see any more. After the race, we sailed in with your editor riding prone enjoying the lovely SUNSHINE.

Committee people from the Cross Lake Sailing Association THANKS were Mike DeLorm as Race Committee Chairman and Protest Committee Chairman. Starting line: Bruce and Barbara Budelman & Bill and Nancy Rossman. Marks committee: Joe and Dodie Devine, Larry Anderson, Bill Connell and Tom Leach.

When registering at a regatta, it could be important to have filled in ALL the spaces on the registration form...for instance, one's FLEET NUMBER

FLEETS ONE, SIX, SEVEN and THIRTEEN are the only ones listed in the RACE COMMITTEE's Official Document in the Editor's office.

For all we know Ken Walker sailed with mister nobody in the cockpits with him, but we have some crews' names without places: Blair Anderson, Chris Corppa, Dave Derowitsch, Alex Fraser, Sue Furrer, Herb Heckathorn, Tracey Newlove, Jim McCormick O'Brien, Doug Philips and Sally Strong. Grant Dudley was on the Sidewinder with the blue band on the jib.

Places from which people travelled to Meridian-Cato-Jordan-Weedsport-SYRACUSE Area to Cross Lake to sail: Bear Lake PA, Camillus NY, Gato NY, Erie PA, Flushing NY, Fulton NY, Johnstown PA, Lantana FL, Liverpool NY, Monroe MI, Monument Beach MA, Niagara Falls NY, Oneida NY, Pittsburgh PA, Reading PA, Rochester NY, Rome NY, Schenectady NY, State College PA, Sterling Heights MI, Tarentum PA, Tyrone PA, Union City PA, Wharton NJ, Williamsport PA, and Woodbury LI NY.

Neal Thurber had trouble with his automobile which he tried to repair between races and meeting and party and eating and sleeping. He knew the names of the things he was fixing and the machine did return home.

Sunday Morning dawned bright and beautiful to see. Two registered Skippers had a bit of a time making the starting line, but one at Marshall Manor was awakened by another, and he survived the racing to take home a handsome vessel "for travelling the furtherst", but we are getting ahead of the sequence of this story: forgive

The winds were customarily "shifty": Cross Lake lived up to its reputation as a serious testing-ground for excellence in sailing skills. Those without good sun-lotion or previous tanning would have failed their course of preparation and costuming as allowed by the Constitution.

3 races were sailed "back-to-back" in the gorgeous weather while the ladies and little ones amused themselves in the clubhouse and at the picnic tables and all around the attractive lawn area. There was coffee and cards for guests and a nice segment of "the public", some of whom later wanted Association tee-shirts and Fleet ones, too. Myles is a new Sidewinder owner, but he had to work and was thus unable to be in the races. One Skipper's Parent was on the Committee Boat while His Wife attended to said Skipper's siblings. There were more. A Wife was present whose home was once the genuine England. Some German speakers residing in New Jersey were among the Sailors.

Both days the famous box lunches as pre-announced turned out to be in little brown bags wadded tightly shut for carrying in any size of grubbyfists. No one had time for a bath nor a dip; mosquito repellent lasted while the monsters slept all day away from the dry sunshine. So much for Heavenly Favors

Prize BOX OF LUNCH went with the fellas and girl from over Lake Erie way. What it was was a sealed carton of frozen sandwiches awarded by the Host, Mister Keenan, to the most numerical fleet. Official results furnished by Mike, the Race Committee Chairman;

By Helmsman

IN

ORDER OF REGISTRATION, results:

393	Arlington Zetty	22-20-10-19-16-16
836	Fred Schroth	20-24-20-24-12-20
1463	Nancy Slaybaugh	13-10-15-12-13-13
987	Jim Park	11- 5-12- 8- 8- 6 *
1200	Carol Park	4- 2- 2- 1- 6- 2 *
300	Chris Bloomstine	8-13-13- 7-15-11
570	Terry O'Regan	9-16- 6-11- 3- 7 *
1538	Larry Booth	2- 9-11-18- 5- 8 *
622	Nils R. Demar	6-17- 8-16-10- 9 *
1104	Marty Wilt	
1649	Lin Perry	25-23 25
1356	Guy Kurtz	26-12-17-22-17-19
1467	Gerd Lubben	25-28-25-30
877	Dawn Chronister	19-14- 9-26-24-17
733	Earl E. Selover	5- 6-28- 6-19-14
1299	Chuck Pipich	20 24-25-27-29
438	Robert Phillips	15-25-23-20-22-22
997	Henry P. Ramm	7-17-14-13- 9-12
13	Walter Schroth	24-19 28-28
1355	Fritz E. Hockman	27 28-31
1037	Garry Gebler	14- 8- 7- 5-14-10 *
111	Natalie Hill	10- 1- 4- 4- 7- 4 *
1500	Bill Rossman	16-15-21-23-18-18
896	Jack Guthrie	12-11- 5- 3- 4- 5 *
1400	Noel Thurber	3- 3- 1-10- 1- 3 *
488	Neal Thurber	1- 4- 2- 2- 2- 1 *
1517	Gerry Hailey	27-22-22-14-28-24
698	Jeff Tishman	28-26-19-17-21-23
976	Lloyd Schrack	23-28-26-27-23-27
1600	John Bloomstine	17-27-29-21-20-26
852	Bub Cochran	21-21-18-15-26-21
1016	Ken Walker	18-18-16- 9-11-15

DNS-DNF-DSQ are all listed as blanks

Prize-winning crews: (by ABC's)

Blair Anderson, Cheryl Booth,
 Dave Derowitsch, Emilie Hill,
 Tracey Newlove, Dick O'Regan,
 Bill Park, Mary Park, Doug Philips
 Mike Rossman.

Time was scarcely available for examining the amazingly varied array of personal conveniences on the Sidewinders. Interest was highest while the sun was off duty as mosquito-chaser. Bed seemed better...so write about what's on YOUR Sidewinder, please--thanks/ps