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Riverside awaits NAC

NAC registration form

Flying Scot American Championship — 1978 August 7-11, 1978 Hosted by FSSA Fleet No. 7 at Riverside Yacht Club, Riverside, Connecticut

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By Len Saari

By late June, 41 skippers had preregistered for the North American Championships at Riverside Yacht Club, Greenwich, Connecticut.

Also expected is Yachting Magazine which projects coverage of the regatta. Registration opens on Aug. 4. Juniors sail on Aug. 5,6. And the Championship series open Monday, Aug. 7. Marc Eagan is the defending Champion.

Skippers entering late are asked to Call David Y. Montheith for lastminute information. Skippers should now send entry fees of \$55 to Montheith.

David Montheith's office number is 203-622-3092. Montheith's residence is 203-637-5200.

> Friday, August 4-[12 noon-5PM]

Saturday, August 5-[9 AM-5PM] Sunday, August 6-

[11 AM - 4PM]

Registration, measurement and launching

Saturday, August 5-

Juniors skippers meeting, 9:30 AM. Two races for Juniors, AM and PM.

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41 register early to challenge Eagan, Governors meet Sunday, dine Monday

The Howard Johnson Hotel, in nearby Stamford, may be telephoned at 203-357-7100. Reservations may be secured by sending the registration form in this issue.

Flying Scot Board of Governors meet Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. The Governor's dinner is scheduled for Monday night.

To expedite use of mooring facilities, the Riverside Yacht Club will provide two manned launches that transport 20 people each, plus standby Boston Whalers. The club will supply fore-and-aft mooring lines and marker bouys.

In the last edition Eligibility for Junior NAC should not have been corrected. Both skipper and crew must be eligible for Sears Cup competition, (No parents can crew).

The 1978 NAC Championship at Riverside promises to be a real bargain vacation for the whole family, including sailors and non-sailors. Bob Vance calls the housing accommodations "the best housing value ever."

A block of rooms have been reserved at the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge in nearby Stamford, Connecticut. A room with double bed accomodating up to three persons (sleeping bags are encouraged) is available at \$30 per night, and one with two double beds accomodating up to five goes for \$34 per night.

Camping is also available for tent, camper, trailer, or motor van at \$24 per person for the entire week.

Attractions for the family include the use of the Greenwich Town Beach on Long Island Sound for swimming, sunning and picnicing. Guest Beach passes will be made available for Scot families and friends. The Town Beach also includes 200 acres of hiking trails and bird sanctuary, and provides a vantage point from which to watch the races.

Other nearby attractions include a day or evening in New York City (only 35 miles by car or train) or drama at nearby Stratford Shakespeare Theater. There are many sightseeing points of interest in Greenwich, too.

The Regatta Committee has done everything possible to make this a top NAC Championship event. For the convenience of all entrants, all launching, mooring and launch service to and from your boat will be provided by Riverside Yacht Club and the entrants need not bring any special equipment.

Sunday, August 6-

Juniors race, AM.
Cocktail Reception for all a#4
PM, with beer, soda, tea and cash bar.

Tuesday, August 8-

One race, AM, for qualification.
Cookout on lawn and cash bar, at 5 PM.

Thursday, August 10-

Two races, AM and PM, for both Championship and Challenger Divisions. Open night

Monday, August 7-

NAC Championship skippers meeting, 8 AM. Two races, AM and PM, for qualification. Cocktails, hosted by Riverside Yacht Club and Fleet 7, with open bar at 5PM.

Wednesday, August 9-

Two races, AM and PM, for both Championship and Challenger Divisions.

Annual Dinner, Stamford Yacht Club, with cash bar, at 6 PM. Annual meeting follows dinner.

Friday, August 11-

One race, AM, for both Championship and Challenger Divisions. Awards ceremony, PM, free chili and beer with cash bar.

NOTE: Junior skippers are to be measured and registered on Friday.

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Hal Marcus resigns as Secretary, FSSA accepts, effective Aug. 31

In open letter to members, President explains decision to continue elected magazine editor, transition plans

Hal Marcus has resigned as Executive Secretary of Flying Scot Sailing Association effective August 31, 1978. Many of you are aware that he notified the Executive Committee during the past Mid-Winters that he would take this action unless **Scots n' Water** was published through Marcus Associated Services.

During the Mid-Winters, the Executive Committee told Hal that they didn't feel this change was in the best interest of FSSA and asked him to reconsider.

The Executive Committee felt that the strength of the FSSA was in the combination of dedicated volunteers with sailing experience making policy, together with professional management handling the day to day operation. FSSA has also traditionally had an elected editor of **Scots n' Water** who was experienced in sailing as well as magazine editing.

A list of professional association management firms throughout our sailing area was compiled. Preliminary examination has shown that our current budgeted fee for mangement services is ample and that there are many excellent firms available to service the FSSA account.

Hal Marcus has made many contributions to FSSA during the last five and a half years, and the Executive Committee wanted him to continue under the current arrangement. However, when Hal told us he would not change his February decision, we had no alternative but to accept his resignation. We did **not** contact anyone directly until Hal gave us his irreversible decision on Wednesday, June 7, 1978.

The Executive Committee is now interviewing candidates. In July, we expect to announce the new Executive Secretary who will work with Hal Marcus during the month of August to effect the changeover of records and property. We appreciate Hal's promise to make this transition as smooth as possible.

Mike Johnson has agreed to continue as Treasurer in 1979, and this will also contribute to a smooth transfer.

Your Board of Governors and Executive Committee are very optimistic regarding the future of FSSA. The caliber of the organizations we have interviewed to-date indicates that we will have excellent operation of the Executive Secretary's office in the future. Our active membership, combined with the best boat builders making the finest family sailboat available, ensures that the Flying Scot Sailing Association will continue to be one of the strongest one-design associations in the country.

Happy Sailing, Robert F. Vance, President

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Marcus says good-bye after 5 years in FSSA

By Hal Marcus

In the past five years that I have been your Executive Secretary, we have seen the Flying Scot Sailing Association grow into the undisputed "Number One" class in the one-design sailing world.

Over the years, the leaders of most of the one-design classes have contacted us for suggestions and ideas on how they can rejuvenate their classes by increasing the membership, construction of new boats and improved communication within the class and among their fleets. Because of this activity, we have made many friends in other classes not to mention the hundreds upon hundreds of friends we have made in the Flying Scot Sailing Association.

We have experienced many achievements in the class since we took over the management of FSSA in March of 1973. At that time, the Flying Scots numbered in the 2200's and now we are in the 3200's - an increase of 1,000 boats We have maintained excellent relationships with builders and have recently initiated a combined advertising

campaign with the Association and the builders. We have also maintained contact with the dealers to find out who purchased the new Scots so that we could contact the new owners to invite them to become members of our organization. For these reasons among others, we have kept the enthusiasm high and have actually seen in excess of 200 boats built each year (with the exception of 1975 which was an economically bad year for everyone).

I think we can safely say that there are no other independent associations (such as the Lightning, Thistle, Highlander, Snipe, etc.) that have experienced that type of growth on a constant basis. Membership in FSSA has grown continually every year (from 1,643 in 1973) and, as we go to press, we can say that active membership is approaching 1,750, an all-time high.

Also in the past five years, we have seen recognition of the Flying Scot and the FSSA by the entire one-design sailing world. In addition to being asked to host the first USYRU Championship of Champions Series, the Flying Scot has continually participated in Mallory, Sears and

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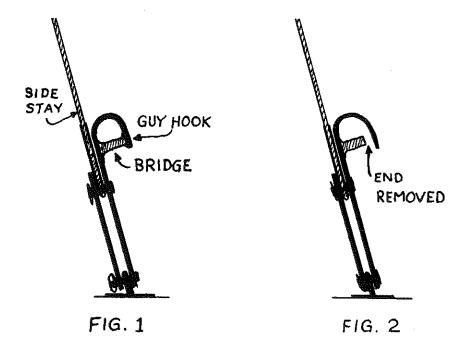


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-Bill McGonical [FS 2232]

Adams cup competition.

Thanks to the untiring efforts of Debbie Peterson and Al Audleman, publicity of the Flying Scot and the FSSA is at an all-time high. You can hardly pick up a national publication today without seeing some mention of the "Flying Scots."

All of the above is our way of reminding you what has been accomplished by the FSSA by all of us working together to assure the success of the class. It is also my way of saying good-bye to good friends. But before we do that, let's get to the rest of this column.

Blain solves Mystery

William Blain, 2424 Broadway, Fargo, ND, reports that he has owned FS 2649 for two years, sailing it at Detroit Lakes, MN. He does not tell us how he found out that his boat was a Mystery Scot, but when Mr. Blain wrote he applied for membership in FSSA at the same time. That's the whole idea.

Mr. Blain receives his new membership, and also wins an official FSSA pocket emblem and lapel pin for finding Mystery Scot 2649 and securing its owner's membership.

Speaking of Mystery Scots, would you believe we were only able to come up with two instead of the usual three additions to our list this month. That's the truth. Searching has been so successful that it is getting harder to find "Mystery Scots." So with this issue add only 2155 and 2194 to the list.

Remember, when you tell us who owns any Mystery Scot on the accompanying list, you will receive an official FSSA pocket emblem. When the owner joins the FSSA, you will receive a lapel pin. You are to be congratulated on your steady interest and progress in this "contest:"

Time to elect governors

Several district governors have notified us who the new 1978-79 governors for their districts will be. If you have not yet advised this office, please do so as soon as possible. If you can obtain your new District Governor's telephone number, it will help make our listing of FSSA fleets and districts as complete as possible.

McGonigal wins again

Bill McGonical (FS 2232), the originator and first winner of our "Hints & Kinks" contest sent us another prize-winning idea. Congratulations, Bill, and you now have another \$5 credit toward the \$15 needed for your FSSA brass belt buckle.

Bill's idea appears above. Bill says he figured this arrangement would last at least for a few days before it failed. . . and that was four years ago. Super idea!

A final reminder and good-bye

Remember that your National Office will be moving elsewhere as of the end of August. If there are any outstanding matters that need to be finalized prior to that time, please get in touch with me so we can get right to work on it. We don't want anyone left holding the bag after that date.

As my position as your Executive Secretary (Business Manager is perhaps a better term) comes to an end, I want to say that it has been my greatest pleasure serving you, and I feel that you have been served very well. I want to wish your new Executive Secretary and the entire class every sucess in the world. I will always be looking at you to make sure that you continue "on course." Don't let me down!

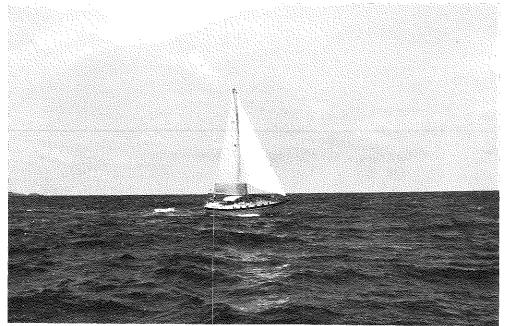


Photo by Lela Tintstman

Scot crews log week's cruise in Carribean

Editor's Note: Among the eleven 44-foot sloops chartered to cruise the Grenadines were two wives and crews of Flying Scot skippers. They kept the log.

Jean Bremner is the wife of Dr. Norman Bremner of Dallas, a Scot owner of over a year. The Bremners have a family of six boys.

Susan Hanes is the wife of Charles Hanes of Arlington Heights, III. They have owned FS 1321 for a year and sail at Lake Delanan, Wisc.

Boat heels, bow rises, then dips into blue

By Susan Hanes

The boat heels over as the winds freshen, the bow rises into the sky and then dips deep into the sparkling blue water.

Come closer to the wind, furl the jenny and set the staysail. The sun warms and the salt spray from that not-quite-quartered wave refreshes.

For us it started with a blustery day in January. The worst blizzard in 10 years. The phone was a jangling intrusion in a grim depression.

"Would you like to go sailing out of St. Vincent?" is probably the most beautiful phrase it is possible to construct.

The whole voyage was organized by the Flying Scot Sailing Association, so everyone would either sail the same kind of boat, or know someone who sailed Scots. That was our only common ground. Eleven boats were sailing more-or-less together, and I'm sure everyone has a large "thank-you" for Bob Vance, the Association president, who worked so hard to put the whole thing together.

Arriving in the beautiful warm March sunshine of St. Vincent Thursday afternoon, just in time for some rum punch, was a joy unsurpassed. Sunday morning we were to begin our great adventure. By noon we were ready to sail. All the boats leaving Sunday were headed for Bequia.

SUNDAY—We arrived in Admirality Bay at 4 p.m. By 4:02 the local Cricket Field Committee of teenage boys had rowed along side requesting donations. At 4:05, the advance agents for the group known as the "The Super Flies" booked an on-board concert for later in the evening.

MONDAY— Quick breakfast and head for Petit Nevis. This small deserted island had been used by the people of Bequia to process whales. Many large blanched whale bones lay near two enormous pots.

On to the night's anchorage at Mustique.

TUESDAY—We set out for Cannouan. The winds were strong, the water gorgeous. Skies were cloudy and shedding on us now and then. We all were handling sails and taking our turns at the wheel. Cannouan for lunch, and we head on to Mayero and Salt Whistle Bay. We tendered our garbage, along with \$1.00 BWI (British West Indies currency) to a young rowboat entrepreneur. We (Continued on page 10)

Admiral Vance Calypso

Pleiades lost their dinghy down P.V.S. way Floated o'er to Carriacou one fine sunny day. Picked up by a native who says ''I got it, Jack'' Cost you plent B.W.I. if you want it back.

Flying Scot sailors taking mighty chance
Come to Carribean led by Admiral Vance.
He take us sailing across this o, great big ditch.
He one fine fellow for son of Green o wich.

When the crew on Robert Vance's Pleiades lost their dinghy, Jean Bremner of Dallas taught her shipmates this calypso. Like natives, Jean and her minstrels rowed along side the Pleiades and serenaded.

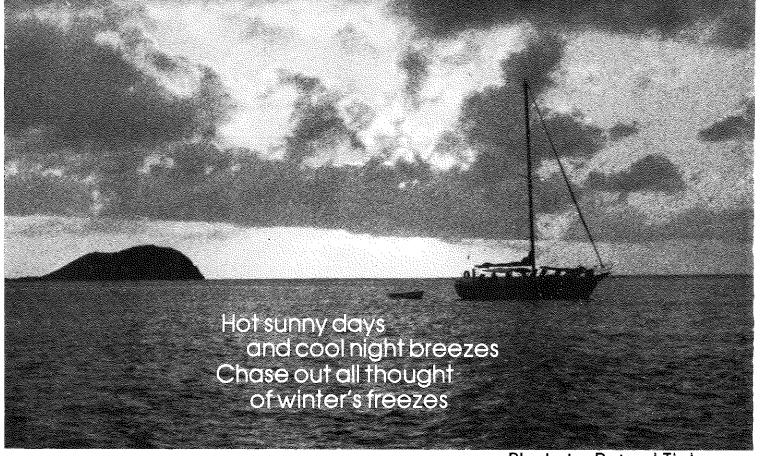


Photo by Robert Tintsman

Aboard the Banajah Whipple March 1978

(Some reflections on the Flying Scot Expedition to the Grenadines)

One whole week these Isles to roam. Can there still be snow back home?

Blue seas beckon flected with white. In Bequia harbor spend the night.

Calypso singers row out to strum And pitchmen for the bar Rum-Dum.

Whoops! we nearly come to grief
Anchored too close to the reef.

Star spangled skies like diamond dross And. . . "Yes that IS the Southern Cross."

Choppy seas. . . God will they dump us?

wheel and watch the compass.

Jibe the Genny,

trim the Main, Run Stay-sail up now down again.

Hold tight the

Is Elam racing
Hender-son?
Can these two
never sail for fun?

Sounds float out from shore to boat Of crowing cock and bleating goat.

---Jean Bremner

Papayas, plantains drinks with rum, Hands that blistered in the sun (Seems that when in sunny climes One must be careful squeezing limes!)

Wednesday night to steel band thump Scots Sailing fleet gets up to jump.

Radios crackling sounds like hail. Will Palaides never raise "Miss Vail"?

Each night at anchor come swarms, like flies, Of brown skinned lads with twinkling eyes. "Buy my goods, You'll find none cheaper." And . . . "Watch the reef you should be deeper."

They charm us all with native patter, And beg spare food to fill their platter

Scuba Divers get their wishes Swim side by side with bright-hued fishes.

Dive deep among abandoned wrecks. While up above we swab the decks.

Last days beat mid squalls and rain, With thoughts of coming back again.

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Tears wins districts on Galveston Bay in chop and drifting

The Texas District Championship hosted by the Houston Yacht Club sponsored by Fleet 32 of the Seabreeze Sailing Club was sailed May 20 and 21 in ideal Gaveston Bay weather. The five races, averaging approximately two hours each and set on Houston Yacht Club's Olympic Circle, were demanding on both skippers and crews. Winds, which were moderate Saturday morning for the first race, picked up to approximately 18 mph in the afternoon, creating a heavy chop for the second and third races. Sunday morning, the 12-boat fleet had to be towed to the starting line and wait out a one hour postponement before sufficient wind arrived to allow completion of the final two races.

Fred Tears again showed his versatility by taking two firsts in the heavy going Saturday afternoon and one in the lighter air Sunday to narrowly beat out Richard Wade and District Governor, Brad Davis for the championship.

Fred Tears (535)	5	1	1	1	6	131/4
Richard Wade (1191)	1	6	5	3	1	151/2
Brad Davis (3053)	2	3	2	2	7	16
Ken Outwater (2197)	3	5	6	5	3	22
Bill Berry (1327)	9	2	3	DI	NF 4	31

Susan Hanes logs The Carribean

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could not bear throwing garbage overboard in that beautiful, clear water. (Other Scot Skippers dropped anchor inside the reef at Tobago Cay.)

WEDNESDAY- We headed next for Palm Island - a lovely resort. Then we sailed to our southern-most destination - Petit St. Vincent. Wednesday night was jump-up night at Petit St. Vincent. We all went.

THURSDAY- The radio cracked early Thursday with the news that one of the boats (skippered by Bob Vance) had their dinghy stolen (or lost) during the night. We looked for the dinghy as we sailed back to Charleston Bay at Cannouan.

FRIDAY- Return trip to Bequia harbor where everyone shopped at the Crab Hole boutique and stopped at the Frangipani for a drink.

SATURDAY- We sailed close hauled through 8 to 10 foot swells back to St. Vincent, anchoring off Young Island at the end of the best vacations ever.

SUNDAY- We are all ashore on lovely St. Vincent Island, which seemed to be rocking gently.

Flying Scot Fleets and Districts

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Sandy suggests towing bridle drill if 'watermanship woefully weak'

By Gordon K. Douglass

By pure coincidence, several days before the May **Scots** n' **Water** reached me I had written an article about towing bridles, having in mind the NAC at Charlevoix last year as well as a couple of recent regattas where too much wind caused capsizes.

Now Bill McGonigal's well-written article, CAPSIZED, brings home the point that while many of us sail quite capably, few appear to know what to do after a boat has capsized. Our sailing ability is good, but our knowledge of watermanship is woefully weak.

I realized that it is all too easy to say from the vantage point of a desk chair what should have been done by the McGonigals. In our case—I crewed for Eric Ammann—we dropped the mainsail and sailed on the jib until the worst of the blow was past. In Bill's case they capsized and did not climb onto the topside. By standing on the centerboard they might possibly have prevented a capsize, but in any case might have prevented going bottom up.

Bill tells of wanting to right the boat and of diving down to get a line. He forgot that his jibsheet was within reach on each side; and one of these ends thrown across the bottom would have given him a line to haul on. (Just about all of this is covered in HIGHLIGHTS—but I guess people just don't read and don't think!)

At this point, unless the boat were in danger of going ashore, a prudent course might have been to leave the boat adrift until the squall ended, as it did in about half an hour.

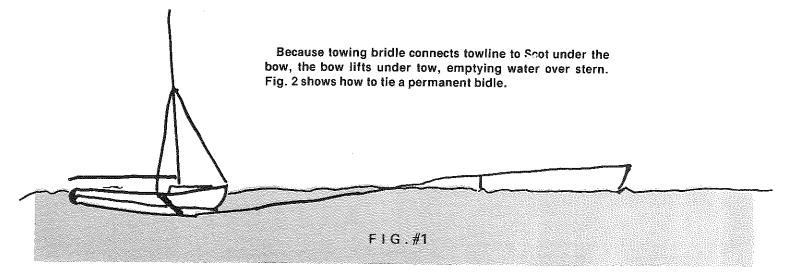
The boat was in no danger of sinking even without the foam flotation. Then, once the sails were down, the boat could be righted and towed. The following is the article I had written.

The towing bridle

On page 54 of 1977 issue of HIGHLIGHTS of **Scot** n' **Water** there is an article with illustrations which describes how to make up a towing bridle for the rescue of swamped Flying Scots, as well as how to improvise one—for towing any swamped boat—from the towline of a rescuing motor boat. The article states that a Scot can be emptied in a couple of minutes to where her crew can sail her home.

Why is it, then, that when the squalls strike and boats capsize, no one has a towing bridle, no one knows how to make one from the towline, and the long-suffering rescuers have to put up with wasting a lot of time dragging in a submerged boat, as well as, in many cases, doing serious damage to the boat trying to tow it on its side or even bottom up? I do not remember having seen a bridle in use at Charlevoix even though one was taken there and given to the Race Committee.

Would it be too much to expect that each Fleet should have one and, at the beginning of the season, should hold a towing bridle drill for the benefit of all? We, ourselves, should know how because we can be sure that our rescuers will not.





Bill McGongial's analysis

In the main I agree with Bill's "Analysis". We realized many years ago that two straps per section of foam are not enough, went to three and now use four at Gordon Douglass Boat Co. The rubber inflatable dinghy would be super, and a winch crank should be attached to something.

Bill then states that there should be a towing bridle, or bow flotation, or externally attached flotation (my emphasis). Here Bill misses the point. Neither type of flotation will lift the bow enough to make the boat tow properly and empty itself of water if the towline is attached to the bowplate. This pulls the bow down. It is the towing bridle, attached under the keel, which lifts the bow. The skipper balances and steers the boat standing aft and straddling the tiller, the bow rises, the water pours out over the stern deck. Needless to say, it's even better with transom ports. But it works.

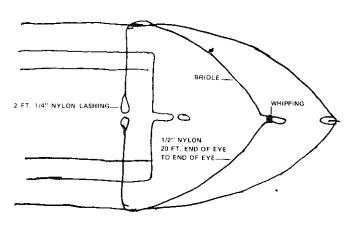


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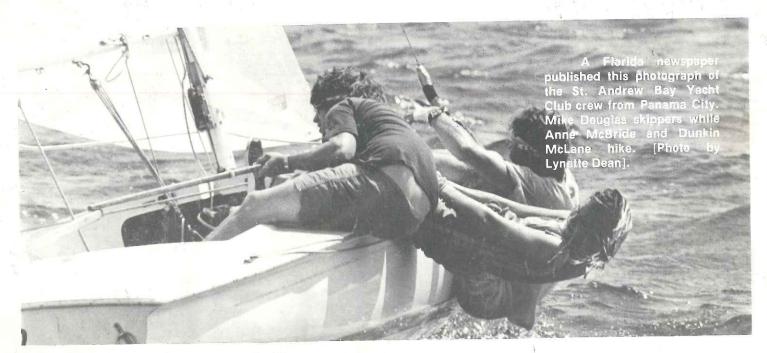
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