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Mid-Winters attract early registration

Panama City plans for 3 fleets, 19 trophies, 3 sail-suit prizes

Early registration points to a well-attended Mid-Winters Championship in Panama City, Fla., March 6 through 10.

Regatta Chairman Allen M. Douglas expects 80 boats on the line—in three separate divisions—based upon registrations that he had received in early January.

The three divisions will split into the Championship division (45% of the participants), the Challenger division (35%) and a newly-created Commodore's division (20%).

Trophies for nineteen skippers will be awarded, with the Championship and Challenger division winning seven trophies each, and the Commodore's division awarding five trophies.

Participants will also be eligible to win three sets of Flying Scot sails. The sails will be donated by Schreck Sails, Fowler Sails, and Schurr Sails.

Entrance fee has been set at \$30, but those who pre-register by March 1st will pay only \$25.

Skippers who wish to enter the final three races only must preregister and have their sails measured prior to the 0830 skippers meeting on Friday. These skippers will be placed in the division appropriate to their past sailing record. This decision will be made at the discretion of the race committee and is not subject to appeal.

All sails will be measured. 1978 NAC and 1978 GYA Lipton Tuesday, March 6

Registration & sail measurement, Board of Governors dinner and meeting.

Wednesday, March 7
Registration and sail measurement, 1st elimination race.

Thursday, March 8 2nd and 3rd elimination races, Cocktail party 1830-1900.

Friday, March 9
1st and 2nd races of finals
Dance to the Krazy Kate
2000-24000, Drawing for
door prizes at dance.

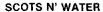
Saturday, March 10 3rd race of finals Trophy presentations

measurement stamps will be accepted. Flying Scot must be registered with FSSA and skipper must have 1979 dues paid. FSSA secretary will be present to accept dues.

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Carlyle NAC set from Aug. 3 to 10

By Madeline Stribling

The 1979 Flying Scot North American Championship Regatta-hosted by Fleet 83 and sailed on Lake Carlyle, Illinois-will begin August 3 at 1 PM and conclude August 10 with an evening awards dinner. The Junior NAC will be held August 4. There will be three Junior races.

Curtis (Curt) Elmer will chair the 1979 NAC. Working with Curt to form the steering committee are two others well known to FSSA sailing: Ted Glass and Jim Harris. Madeline Stribling will handle publicity.

Friday, August 3 1:00 PM-6:00 PM Registration and Measuring Saturday, August 4 Registration and Measuring

Junior NAC-3 races

Sunday, August 5

Registration and Measuring

Evening-"Beer and Brats" or equivalent

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Qualifying Races 1 and 2

(to determine Championship, Challengers

divisions)

Evening-Board of Governors, R.C., R.C.

Chairman,

and Commodore dinner

Tuesday, August 7 Qualifying Race 3

Evening-FSSA Annual Meeting and Din-

Wednesday, August 8

Races 1 and 2

Evening-Open

Thursday, August 9

Races 3 and 4

Evening-Supper

Friday, August 10

Evening—Awards Dinner

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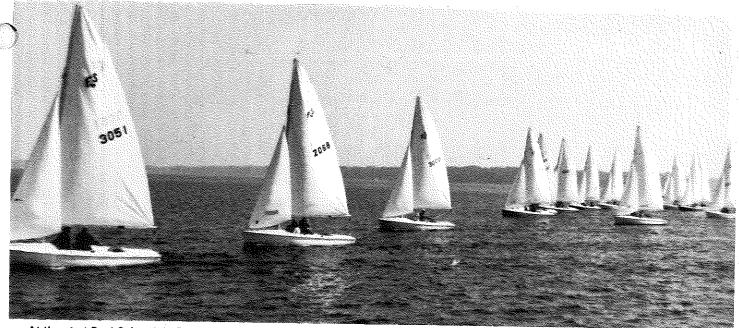
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At the start Paul Schreck in FS 3051 holds to leeward of Charlie Fowler, FS 2068, and Sandy Douglass in FS 3000. Fleet follows in disturbed air. Photo by David Butler of the Rudder Club.

Douglass wins the 'Douglass'

Sandy edges Dunkin McLaine at Jacksonville

By Robert O. Freeman

Designer and builder teamed up to win the third annual Sandy Douglass Monohull Regatta at the Rudder Club in Jacksonville, Florida, November 4-5.

Sandy and Eric Ammann took No. 3000 to first place among Scots in the two-day regatta held on the broad expanse of Jacksonville's St. John's River.

Visiting Scot sailors dominated the two-race series by sweeping the first seven places, and members of host Fleet 131 were heard muttering "Back to the drawing board" at the close of the first day's racing.

Race results follow:

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Skipper/Sail No./Fleet No.	Race 1	Race2	Total
Sandy Douglass/3000/6	3	3/4	3¾
Dunkin McLaine/2281/75	2	2	4
Richard Wesley/2277/75	3/4	4	43/4
Sally Russell/2309/90	7	3	10
Paul Schreck/3051/87	5	5	10
Charlie Fowler/2068/90	4	7	11
Floyd Davis/2293/75	6	6	12
John Henderson/2308/111	10	8	18
Dave Mayfield/3007/131	8	10	18
Dick Russell/81/90	9	9	18

All in all, eighteen Scots were registered for the

race, seven of which were from Fleet 131.

The weather on Saturday combined blue sky, moderate northeast breeze, and warm Florida sun. Sandy and Eric, who managed a third place in Race 1, were forced to re-start Race 2, but moved into first place at bouy 1 and remained there for the remainder of the race to edge Dunkin McLaine of Tallahassee, Florida, in the series.

Sunday's race held forth with the same beautiful weather, sans the breeze of the previous day, and the third race was finally scratched as some boats, caught in the ever-present current/tide combination of the St. John's, found themselves drifting away from the finish line.

Thistle and Snipes also fielded classes for the regatta, and there was an open monohull class as well.

The Rudder Club held its traditional "Burn-It" cookout after the races on Saturday.

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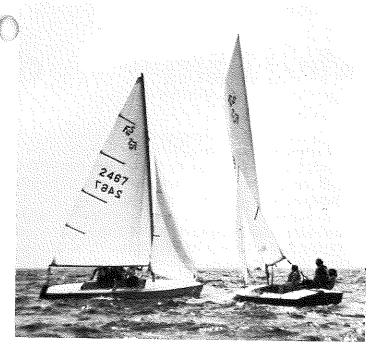
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Ed Caroe's telephoto lens makes Len Saari (FS 2467) on port appear (above) to be doomed by a starboard tacker. But, (right) Saari safely crosses the right-ofway yacht. 1978 NAC photo.

'Starboard . . . 'Hold your course' . . . while Ed Caroe photographs possible collision



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Scientist discovers windward work an

By Dr. Charles Ivey©

To my knowledge, there does not exist a technical study of the Flying Scot that correlates the hull, sail plan, and sheeting characteristics, etc., so that optimum possible sail performance can be gauged. The absence is probably just as well since careful studies of some boats have revealed the skippers cannot match the calculated optimums for even short periods of time.

I recall having read once that a test using world class yachtsmen revealed that the best could sail reasonably close to a boat's optimum capability only about ten percent of the time and for never longer than about 30 seconds. I can't find a reference for that report, so don't quote me beyond my own statement; namely, that sailing with a human at the controls is still an art.

Recently, sail making has experienced minor revolutions with promises of faster or closer winded designs, and I'm sure there are some truths in the various claims. Personally, I've tried to attack the problem of becoming a better racer by studying how to

make one particular brand of these "super sails" move my boat like the sails must obviously move the boats of all winners listed in the ads. Somehow the problem still lies mainly in the vague area of art which mystifies some of us scientific types.

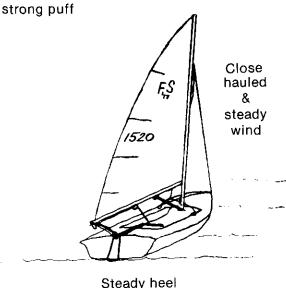
Nevertheless, with calculator and Reynolds numbers, I've pressed on looking for some quantifiable reason why a member of our fleet can sail to windward faster and higher with some old blown-out sails that I think might make a better storm cover for my motorcycle.

Then one day, bing, it hit me—I tried a technique that won two races and soon after, another; this latter by such a margin that the crew and I returned to the docks, lowered sails, opened a coke, tried to assume a relaxed, unconcerned expression while the fleet finally started coming in. What magical thing happened? Had I become an artist over night? Had I discovered a successful technique that I could keesecret till after the Moscow Olympics?

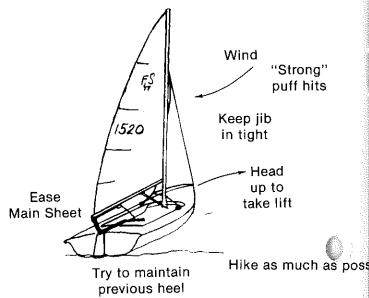
That evening I was rereading an old copy of **Highlights of Scots n' Water** and there it was in an article by guess who? Sandy Douglass.

Handling a puff to advantage

Step 1: Trim to existing conditions but be on the lookout for a strong puff



Step 2: As puff hits, take a lift by heading up and easing the main to keep steady heel.





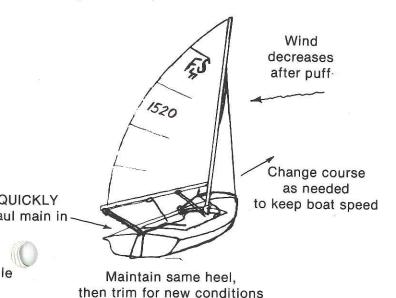
With calculator and Reynolds numbers skipper confirms that easing mainsail during puffs reduces leeward drift

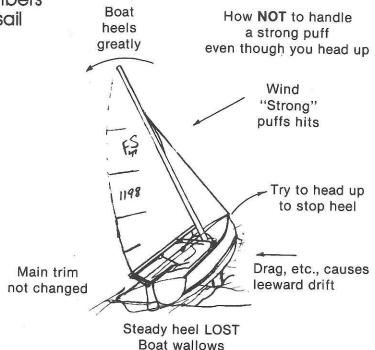
Sandy was explaining about how, when working to weather, he plays the main to get the most from the puffs that sneak up on you periodically. The secret is simple. You don't just head up and then fall off as the puff eases. Rather, you head up and ease the main keeping constant heel, then haul in as you fall off to maintain that same heel, all the while keeping the jib set or—in our sneaky way—pulling the weather sheet a little on the way up. the key is taking a lift at constant heel.

Once again, it was back to calculation of force coefficients, drag angle, and leeward drift components. How in the world would easing the main lift you when you were already hiked out to the limit and books argue against any luffing. Well, the physics is there after all, and one can show that the effect of it all is beneficial even though you lose some aerodynamic force from your sail

By easing the main a little, you reduce the mainsail angle so that the effect is to reduce a strong increase in the force component that causes leeward

Step 3: As wind slackens, quickly trim in the main before boat squats down or wallows—then adjust to new course and trim to maintain good boat speed.





drift. In other words, you make a little extra to windward every time you do the trick.

There are some dangers in this sail trimming that you need to avoid (remember, it's an art). Don't ease the main too far; you don't want much luff, just enough to keep the same heel as before the puff. Sometimes this correction can only be a matter of easing the sheet a few inches. Don't take the lift too long; fall off and pull the main in smartly so once again you maintain the heel and boat speed. A well handled puff can be taken from start to finish without the boat wallowing. If your rocking shoves your centerboard from side to side by changing heel, you are pumping a lot of energy into the water that doesn't do you any good, this centerboard action slows you down, increases your leeward driff.

Well, it wasn't a secret after all. The good sailors already know about it. At our club those that were impressed by our windward ability became friendly chaps. One even took me out in his boat as crew and offered me an ice-cold coke on a 100 plus degree day for a quick demonstration. Need I say more. He won our last club race. I guess some of us are artists, and some of us aren't. Anyway, it was very gratifying to do a calculation that actually showed less thrust in the sail but improved speed made good. This analysis should prove good for cases where additional hiking for heel control is impossible or not worth the risk sans toe straps or trapeze, and therefore worthwhile for Flying Scots.

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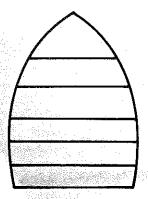
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June 16-17—(tentative) Berlin Lake, Ohio, Fleet 19

July 20-22—Northeast District Regatta, Harwichport,

July 21-22—Otsego Lake, Cooperstown, N.Y.

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By Sandy Douglass

For the annual Flying Scot family night at the Deep Creek Yacht Club, the members of the Century Fleet put on a skit which brought down the house. We had a dozen couples in the chorus line, all

dressed in bright yellow tee shirts with C-Class across the front, and doing what I might call a buck and wing, after each chorus; all sung to the tune of "Bell Bottom Trousers".

Art Nicholson dreamed up the idea and the fleet thought up the verses.

To the tune of "Bell Bottom Trousers"

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Chorus B

Along came Sandy Douglass Whose Thistles were so hot And Jet 14's for nimble folks Then finally the Scots

Verse 2

Now we have 2 Yacht Clubs Where all of us can play The Thistles and the Snipes Have gone their merry way Chorus A

The Scots split into 2 fleets We call them A & B Now we have the C fleet Which stands for Century.

Verse 3

We only sail on Sunday One race is all we need To show the other sailors Our gusto and our speed

Chorus Jets

We haven't lost our prowess Though ancient we may be We have to be 100 To participate in C

Verse 4

Of course we all get thirsty Upon the briny sea So we meet for cocktails Alphabetically

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Adding pleasure to windy sailing

by Don Botting

I don't race, nor do I cruise my Flying Scot, but I do greatly enjoy high performance sailing and rarely miss an opportunity to sail. Describe my type of sailing as pleasure sailing.

There are some conditions that take the pleasure out of pleasure sailing, one of which is considerably more wind than needed. Trying to keep a boat upright in high winds can turn pleasure sailing into survival sailing.

Attempting to turn survival sailing into pleasure sailing, I first followed the advice given by various writers in **Highlights of Scots n' Water**. First, I moved the jib fairlead aft, freeing the head of the jib, theoretically reducing heel. I can't argue with the theory, but I can say if there was any reduction in heeling, I couldn't detect it. When the boat is threatened with capsize in high, gusty winds, freeing the head of the jib is about as effective as a peashooter against an elephant. In short, it is still survival sailing.

The next step, quite naturally, was luffing the main sail. This does greatly reduce heeling—too much sail area potentially exposed to high winds—but there is still great danger of capsize. And while some people may find it pleasant to sail with half the mainsail trying to flog itself to ribbons, I don't. It's still survival sailing.

Still following advice found in **Highlights of Scots** n' Water, The next step was to remove the jib, sailing with the mainsail only. I tried this a few times only to find the reduction in heeling negligable, if not non-existant. I found that ! still had to luff the main considerably to keep the boat upright, and, to make matters worse, without the jib the boat didn't want to go. So the net effect of this exercise was a slow boat to windward, threatening to capsize in each gust, with the mainsail trying to flog itself into an early retirement. No pleasure in that.

Finally, one day, after being blown off Grand Traverse Bay, I tried the technique that seems to be discouraged, ignored in **Highlights of Scots n' Water**. With the jib up, I roller reefed the mainsail almost down to the bottom batten. After being blown off the water while sailing with the main only, the effect of reefing was unbelievable. The boat stayed on its feet. It pointed well. It moved fast. It was comfortable. It was pleasure sailing.

Since that time, I have spent many pleasant hours sailing my Flying Scot with a roller reefed mainsail. In

doing this, I have developed the steps below that I take to insure pleasant sailing in high elocity winds. I have also found an improved method of roller reefing the Flying Scot. (More about that later.)

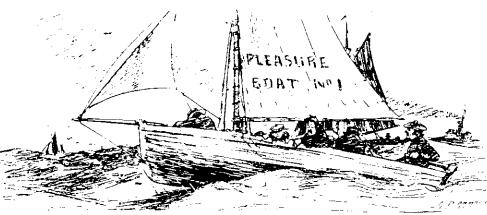
Moderate High Velocity—As everyone knows, flatten the jib and main by tightening the jib and main halyards. Most impor-

tant, sheet in the jib as hard as you dare. At this point, a flat jib seems to reduce heeling considerably.

High Velocity—Roller reef the main down to, but no farther than, the bottom batten. Reefing the main any farther with the jib up makes it impossible to luff into a gust while easing the main sheet, inviting capsize, as the jib will pull the bow to leeward.

Very High Velocity—Lower the jib. Sail with the reefed main alone, usually rolled to near the bottom batten. If you still can't keep the boat on its feet, remove the batten and roll the main down to suit... or get off the lake. I've sailed in winds where we planed on a board reach using roller reefed main only. The same day, the two of us easily out-pointed and passed a 17-foot daysailer with a crew of four using both full pain and jib.

Finally, I've found that there are some disagreeable things that happen when the mainsail is rolled around the boom, two of which can be improved considerably by releasing the tack from the boom before rolling. Releasing the tack from its pin on the boom allows



the foot and leech to roll down a little ways before the luff begins to roll. This technique removes much of the excess draft common to roller reefing by rolling some of the baggy foot around the boom before the luff begins to roll. While the sail still isn't flat, I believe that you will find it more shapely. And it's easier and neater than rolling sail bags, towels, etc. into the foot of the sail.

The second effect of this technique is to raise the after end of the boom. Before using this technique, I found that the more I rolled my main, the closer the end of my boom came to the deck until it reached a point where I couldn't sheet it down at all. I've never heard of anyone else with this problem, so perhaps its unique to my particular mainsail.

Two insurmountable problems that I have found in roller reefing are giving up mid-boom sheeting (which I prefer) and giving up the vang, reducing performance off the wind. And that's why I'm going to install jiffy reefing this year . . . for even more pleasant, comfortable, high performance sailing.

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