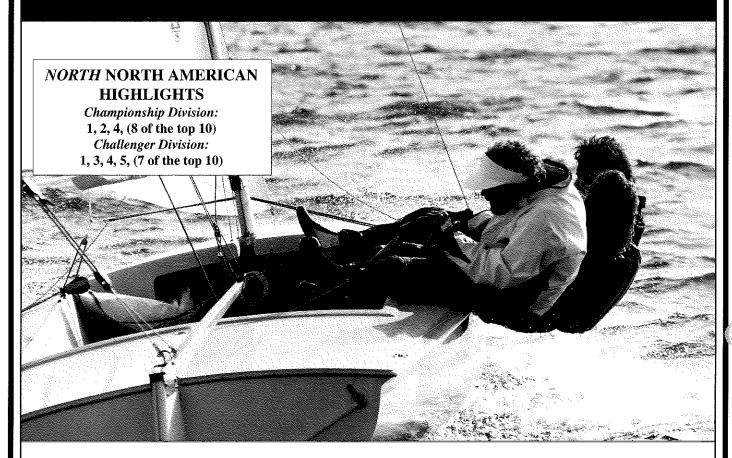
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The Sir Thomas Lipton Cup 77 Years of Sportsmanship

By Pat Mowry

abor Day weekend has become more meaningful to yacht clubs of the Gulf Yachting Association because of the contribution of the Lipton Challenge Trophy given by Sir Thomas Lipton in 1919.

As we celebrate this memorable anniversary, our thoughts turn to the seventy-seven year history of the Regatta and to the man who set such high standards for sportsmanship. Long a champion of the qualities and conduct befitting a sportsman, Sir Thomas made the word "sportsmanship" come alive for all those who knew him and competed against him. In this spirit, Sir Thomas donated to Southern Yacht Club a silver cup bearing his name to foster competitive racing in their newly created Fish Class sloops. The first regatta for the Lipton Trophy was held in 1920 with Pensacola Yacht Club challenging

Southern Yacht Club for the trophy. Pensacola Yacht Club won the trophy and thus the yearly tradition of racing for the Lipton Cup was started.

As we remember Sir Thomas as founder of the Lipton Tea Company and as a self-made millionaire by the age of twentyone, we must remember his real passion was

yachts. As a result of all his efforts, in 1920 Will Rogers presented him with a gold cup on behalf of the American people for his good sportsmanship and the Royal Yacht Club of England gave him membership in recognition of what he had done for yachting in the America's Cup Challenge.

By 1937 the regatta was growing with twelve different yacht clubs participating. Major difficulties began after the Second World War due to the lack of growth and the transportation problems of the Fish class boats. The 1960's were brighter as fiberglass boats were introduced and the 1969 Lipton Regatta adopted the Flying Scot as the inter-club boat. Also, in 1969 another obstacle had to be overcome, Hurricane Camille. Since hurricanes have never stopped the holding of a Lipton Regatta, Hurricane Camille's visit in 1969 was no exception. The

annual Lipton Cup races were held as scheduled on Labor Day weekend at the New Orleans Yacht Club. The 1970's saw the Lipton Regatta increase in both size and intensity of competition.

We gathered last Labor Day weekend to witness the 77th challenge for the Sir Thomas Lipton Cup and to celebrate Pass Christian's 1995 Lipton triumph. We salute the Captain and the team that brought Pass Christian Yacht Club it's Lipton victory: Danny Killeen, Jr., Captain, John Dane III, John F. Dane, and Kevin Northrop. The Pass Christian Yacht Club is proud to be a part of the Gulf Yachting Association and gives thanks to the men and women who have devoted their talents and efforts to maintain the Gulf Yachting Association's status.

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1996 Lipton Cup Winners – The New Orleans Yacht Club

77th Lipton Cup 1996 Results of the 1996 Lipton Cup Regatta Pass Christian Yacht Club

(Results listed by Yacht Club Standings)

FIRST RACE

Floyd Davis Memorial Trophy St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club

SECOND RACE

J. Fred Clere Memorial Trophy Mrs. J. Fred Clere

Yac	ht Club	Skipper	Crew	Pos/Pts	Skipper	Crew	Pos/Pts
1	New Orleans	Rory Hebbler	Lindsay David, Tom Baker	1/.75	Robert Brennan	Tom Baker, Arthur Brennan	2/2
2	Pass Christian	Kevin Northrop	Eric Doyle, Keith Puckett	5/5	Danny Killeen Jr.	Owen Peneguy, Wynne Taylor	5/5
3	Southern	J. Dwight LeBlan	Keith Andrews, Kurt Fromherz	4/4	Christian Gambel	John Killeen, Cardwell Potts	4/4
4	Buçaneer	Michael Mark	Amy Kleinscrodt, Karl Kleinscro	3/3	Julio Bingham	Karl Kleinscrodt, Amy Kleinscro	3/3
5	Pontchartrain	Rob Doolittle	Brock Schmidt, Bradley Jarvis	6/6	Bruce Lindhein	Brock Schmidt, Susan Danielson	7/7
6	Bay Waveland	Alan Uram	Bishop Stieffel, John Hadden	2/2	Marcus Eagan	Marc Eagan, Andrew Eagan	1/.75
7	Gulfport	William Weatherl	Anton Speaker, Lee Ann Kaigler	17/17	Tom Matthews	John W. Galloway, Lee Ann Kaigl	8/8
8	Biloxi	Gavin Schmidt	Charlie Dellenger, Corey Fortie	7/7	Troy Cruthirds	Marie Sapet	10/10
9	Mobile	Judd Chamberlain	Winston Foster, Boogle Dabney	8/8	David Dabney	Tom Dabney, Boogle Dabney	6/6
10	Pensacola	Chuck Barnes	Jonathan Fleege, Scott Raines	11/11	Brian Harrison	Rick Zern, Jeff Zern	9/9
11	Ft. Walton	Craig Wilusz	Chris Brown	12/12	Kevin Bowyer	Phil Pritchett, Alan Thomas	11/11
12	Fairhope	Erik Boothe	Jessica Yeager, Catie Yeager	19/19	Dan Kolenich	Granny Dees, Terry Dees Kolenic	
13	Lake Charles	Tucker Gilliam	Charlie White, Kip Tete	14/14	Nathaniel Allure	Andy Builer, John Tete	12/12
14	St. Andrews Bay	Bryan Boyd	Christine Hansen, Angie Pope	15/15	R. J. Cooper	Fred Myers, Angle Pope	16/16
15	Pensacola Beach	Mark Smith	John Williams, Dave Oerting	25/25	Jim Oyler	Linda Oyler, Kim Connerly	18/18
16	Point	Denny Blume	Matt Taylor, Jesse Parkison	16/16	Hunter Riddle	Neal Rowell, Brooke Taylor	14/14
17	Birmingham	Harry Reich	Wil Irwin, Kent Irwin	10/10	Tina Irwin	Kent Irwin, Lisa Hyde	17/17
18	Singing River	Wes Stanley	Ryan McRee, Austin Howell	9/9	Jeff Wilkinson	Sara Wilkinson, Allison Mather	19/19
19	Long Beach	John Burke	Lemert Kent, Trent Wright	18/18	Keeley Harrington	Evan Carpenter, Holly Murray	21/21
20	Tammany	Mark Shirley	Scott Collins, Lauren Shirley	26/26	Janice Cunningham	Dina White, Tom Bonser	22/22
21	Grande Maumelle	Carl Garner	Carole Garner, Beth Whitesell	13/13	Tim Slade	Carole Garner, Jon Claas	20/20
22	Lake Authur	Jim O'Neal	Sammy Trahan, Phil States	24/24	Mike Miller	Al Rees	15/15
23	Lake Forest	Mike DuBose	Brad Glazner, Brenna Siemseen	22/22	Zach Gatlin	John Seimesen, Carah Harvard	23/23
24	Jackson	Bo Palmer	Fred Green, Chuck Gautier	23/23	Bill Roberts	Andre Jarreau, Ralph Arnold	24/24
25	Ocean Springs	Ryan Broome	Bob Efferkging	20/20	Irmi Wolfe	Jim Brenner, Luke Brenner	25/25
26	Pelican	Dewey Carpenter	Marie Carpenter, Dick Davis	21/21	Terry Teekell	Stacey Luthy, Laquita Klapperic	26/26

THIRD RACE

Michael S. Johnson Trophy Pensacola Yacht Club

FOURTH RACE

Larry Beauvais, Jr. Memorial Trophy Mobile Yacht Club

Skipper	Crew	Pos/Pts	Skipper	Crew	Pos/Pts
Chris Wientjes	Doug Dovie, Collen Wientjes	3/3	Benz Faget	Doug Dovie, Collen Wientjes	4/4
John F. Dane	Owen Peneguy, Schaeffer Dane	1/.75	John Dane III	Eric Doyle	1/.75
Scotty Sonnier	Keith Andrews, Kurt Fromherz	2/2	Charles Meade	John Alden Meade, Eddie Conrad	2/2
Johnny Wacker	Don Brennan, Sara Hall	11/11	Ken Kleinscrodt	Don Brennan, Jackie Gorski	3/3
Hank Saurage	David Bolyard, David Bolyard Jr.	5/5	Billy Ross	David Bolyard Sr., David Bolyard	5/5
Charlie Merrigan	Corky Hadden	16/16	Dennis Stieffel	Rene Dupaquier, Timothy Stieffel	6/6
Sam Hopkins	Leslie Kelly, Sam Waller	7/7	Adam White	Rush Galloway, Leslie Kelly	7/7
Maurice Manuel	Robbie Schmidt, Charlie Delleng	8/8	Larry Manuel	Robbie Schmidt, Renee Dellenger	15/15
John T. Murray I	Greg Smith, Ruth Bingham	19/19	Zane Yoder	Susan Kurzweg, Ken Robinson	9/9
Paul-Jon Patin	Micki Gramm, Terri Swift	9/9	Steve Bellows	Micki Gramm, Terri Swift	13/13
Darren Cooke	Dave Magee, Russell Brown	14/14	Tom Garner	Andy Molovich, Alan Thomas	12/12
Stewart Adams	Brett Best, Carl Wainwright	10/10	Chris Christman	Emily Jo East, Fleet Ollinger	10/10
Rudy Fruge	Charlie White, David Dowsay	20/20	Charlie Buller	Andy Buller, David Dowsay,	8/8
Dunkin McLane	Fred Myers, Christine Hanson	15/15	Jerry Hartman	Sunshine Hartman	11/11
Leroy McMillan	Charlie Harp, Kim Connerly	6/6	Mike Beard	Carol Simpson, Dave Oerting	14/14
Doug Hazebrook	Neal Rowell, Roy Troendle	12/12	Eric Nelson	Phil Turner, Roy Troendle	23/23
Mark Kresovski	Wil Irwin, Ellen Madden	17/17	Bert Denton	Carla Hill, Lisa Hyde	22/22
Rayn McRee	Jeff Wilkinson	23/23	Austin Howell	David Grafton, Curt Mather	16/16
Paul Murphy	Rick Bernard	13/13	Adam Abble	Mathew Blackman, Holly Murray	19/19
Gary Barrigan	Tony Beale, Holly Tassin	4/4	Donna Toncrey	Kelly Richardt, Dina White	25/25
Jeff Rodgers	Nicole Class, Beth Whitesell	18/18	Jack Mulhollan	Nicole Claas, Jon Claas	DNS/27
Maurice Sullivan	Steven Swan, Sammy Trahan	22/22	Daniel Lafleur	Al Rees, Phil Stutes	20/20
Rob Garrison	Brad Glazner, Carah Harvard	21/21	Justin Gish	Marc Haughaboo, Siemssen	17/17
Ray Chapman	Steve Goldin, Ralph Arnold	24/24	Peter DeBeukelae	lan Lacour, Bill Chene	18/18
Mary Brenner	Jay Gorday, Sue Gorday	26/26	Leo Potvin	Jay Gorday	21/21
Kyle Luthy	Steve Luthy, Stacy Luthy	25/25	Scott Thurston	George Monk, Dean Domanine	24/24

Sandy Douglass Memorial

By Al Thagard

Memorial Regatta was held on Deep Creek Lake in western Maryland on July 27th and 28th, 1996. The Flying Scot Inc. boat factory is located at Deep Creek and a number of regatta participants took the opportunity to visit the plant before the races. Thirteen boats from off the lake raced in either the championship or challenger competition. The results are below.

Most of our visiting racers stayed with local hosts, while others stayed at nearby motels and everybody enjoyed the facilities at Turkey Neck Yacht Club. Breakfast was provided before the races on Saturday and Sunday and a delicious catered dinner was served on Saturday night. A

July 26 - 27 1997 Deep Creek Lake, Maryland

sandwich lunch spread was served on both race days.

Deep Creek Lake is located in the mountains at an elevation of about three thousand feet. This ensures cool, comfortable evenings regardless of daytime highs; but the winds are very unpredictable and always fluky. Saturday's winds were ten to fifteen

knots while on Sunday they diminished to five to ten knots.

Seven places were awarded in the championship division while five places were given in the challenger category. This year the monkey award went to Doug and Audrey MacMillan of the host club for finishing just out of the "money" in the championship division.

Flying Scot sailors are reminded to keep the Sandy Douglass Memorial Regatta in mind when setting their 1997 schedule of events to attend. This regatta will be held again on the last weekend of July. Contact Al Thagard at (412) 882-8490 for a registration form and additional information.

1996 Sandy Douglass Memorial Invitational Regatta Results

CHAMPIONSHIP FLEET

SKIPPER	Sail#	R-1	R-2	R-3	R-4	R-5	TOTAL	CREW	HOMETOWN
1 Meredith, John	5001	0.75	0.75	0.75	3	2	7.25	Kaminski, Tony	Pittsburgh, PA
2 Carpenter, Harry	5019	2	5	2	2	10	21	Carpenter, Carrie	Oakland, MD
3 Griffin, Don	2259	3	12	4	4	3	26	Griffin, Barbara	Pittsburgh, PA
4 Carpenter, Jack	4987	12	3	9	0.75	4	28.75	Carpenter, Rebecca	Pittsburgh, PA
5 Neff, Dave	3961	4	6	7	13	5	35	Groom, Bob	Charleston, WV
6 Goldberg, Dan	4991	11	4	3	12	6	36	Reis, Joni	Bethel Park, PA
7 Salmon-Cox, Peter	5047	7	9	6	5	9	36	Schneider, June	Millersville, MD

CHALLENGER FLEET

SKIPPER	Sail #	R-1	R-2	R-3	R-4	R-5	TOTAL	CREW	HOMETOWN
1 Peters, Ed	3240	2	0.75	3	2	2	9.75	Rissell, Ted	Hagerstown, MD
2 Leet, George	3830	4	3	5	0.75	0.75	13.5	Whittleley, Dan	Cincinnati, OH
3 Meehan, Dave	4166	3	2	2	4	3	14	Neehan, Karen	Manassas, VA
4 Armstrong, Alan	2901	5	4	4	3	6	22	Armstrong, Jeannette	Johnstown, PA
5 Frank, John	2888	0.75	7	8	7	4	26.75	Frank, John	Pittsburgh, PA

Heaving-To

From On The Wind (Wayfarer Fleet 2)

t is sometimes necessary to stop a sailboat L to effect repairs, take a break from hard sailing or eat your lunch. Heaving-To is a technique that will result in a sailboat lying across the wind (approximately 100 degrees to the wind) and making slow progress to leeward. Heaving-to is a maneuver so important that it is well worth a little study and a great deal of practice - the effect is quite remarkable. The major safety concern when heaving-to is that there are no obstructions to leeward in the path of the drifting.

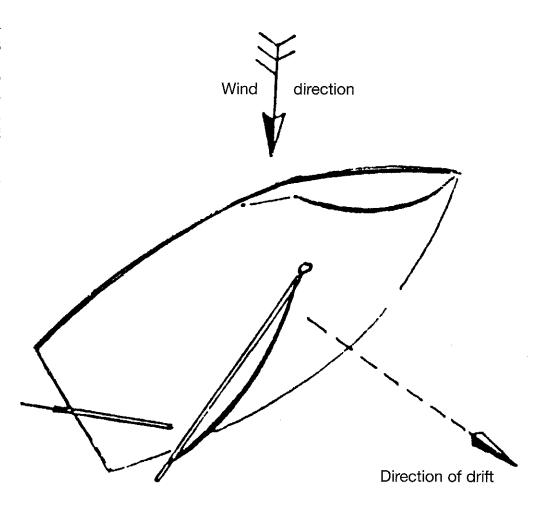
Let us look first at the result of heaving-to. It will then be easier to deal with the process. When heaving-to, the jib will be backed (pulled or held on the windward side of the boat), the mainsail will be freed off somewhat, the

tiller will be lashed to the leeward side of the vessel and the centerboard half raised. Most one-designs will heave-to particularly well under this scenario.

The tiller to lee causes the boat to steer into the wind. As the boat heads up, the wind will catch the backed jib and will push the bow away from the wind. These two actions cancel each other, and the result is a slow seesaw movement to leeward.

TO HEAVE-TO:

 The helmsman will give commands similar to coming about.
 In fact, the maneuver is virtually



the same for heaving-to and coming about.

- 2. With the command, "ready to heave-to", the helmsman will instruct the crew to prepare. When ready, the crew will respond, "ready".
- 3. The helmsman will bring the boat about with the command, "hard to lee" as the tiller is pushed to the leeward side of the boat.
- 4. As the bow of the boat passes through the wind, ease the mainsail, but leave the jib sheeted in.
- 5. As the boat slows, the helmsman will push the tiller to the "new leeward" side of the boat. This

will cause the bow to head towards the wind. With the jib backed, the motion will be stopped and the boat will successfully be in the heave-to position.

TO GET UNDERWAY AFTER HEAVING-TO:

- 1. Lower the centerboard.
- 2. The crew will release the windward jib sheet.
- 3. The helmsman will center the tiller.
- 4. The helmsman will sheet-in on the mainsheet. ▲

Crews' Union Speaks Out

as published in C World

Years ago, some folks from Cedar Lake Yacht Club in Indiana formed a crews' union. They tried to become part of the teamsters and, indeed, had a deal worked out with Jimmy Hoffa. Hoffa disappeared before this

matter was formalized. Several skippers were questioned with respect to that disappearance. The following "work rules" have been leaked to us in an attempt to revive the effort to establish new working conditions.

- 1. Jumping into the water is prohibited.
- 2. When bailing is required, the rule of equal time will be observed.
- 3. In rigging the boat, the equal time rule also applies.
- 4. Equal time also applies to carrying the sailbag(s).
- 5. Hiking straps must be soft and well-padded.
- 6. A crew must be allowed a five second rest when using hiking straps.
- 7. A crew will fold the luft of the sail, while the skipper will take care of the leach.
- 8. A crew shall not be expected to sail more than three hours in any given day.
- 9. The word "please" shall be part of every order given.
- 10. Only words of eleven letters or more may be used.
- 11. A crew is not responsible for the wind, speedboat chop, etc., and therefore shall not have to listen to comments about such.
- 12. A crew shall not be blamed for the placement of the boat by the skipper.

- 13. A crew shall not be responsible for any maneuver not instructed before the onset of such maneuver.
- 14. A crew shall not be reprimanded for anything because the skipper changes his mind.
- 15. A skipper shall exhibit sympathy for any wounds incurred while sailing.
- 16. A crew will only sail in weather that has a wind of 10 M.P.H., 80°, and is clear and sunny.
- 17. Refreshments (ambrosia and nectar) will be provided during the race.
- 18. The crew should be presented with a drink of his/her choice immediately upon disembarking.
- 19. Apologies must be made before docking.
- 20. A skipper MUST treat the crew like a sweetheart, not like a wife.
- 21. A sit-down strike on the part of the crew because of any violations on the part of the skipper should be expected and tolerated graciously.
- 22. A crew has the right to determine the number of tacks she/he will perform in a day. It is the skipper's responsibility to use only that many while racing. Any additional tacks are performed solely at the discretion of the crew.

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You Know You're a Sailor When...

By Doug, Sue, and Nolen Buffalo in Grande Maumelle SC's *Mainsheet*

are a real sailor? You know you're a true Arkansan if your brother-in-law is also your cousin; you know you're a true Californian if you use sun tan oil in bed; and, you know you're a true Mississippian if your front porch collapses and kills more than three dogs. Here are some ways to know if you are a true sailor:

- You put telltales on your car radio antenna.
- Your sails are in better condition than your car's tires.

- You won't buy a Porsche because you can't put a trailer hitch on it.
- Your most expensive shoes are Topsiders.
- Your favorite TV channel is the weather channel.
- You install drain plugs in your car trunk
- You own a Brooks Brothers lifejacket.
- You plan your wedding around the racing schedule.
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What Is All The Fuss About The New Racing Rules?

By Bernie Knight

Last November the IYRU approved the new racing rules for international use of the sport, which will appear in the 1997-2000 US Sailing Rules Handbook. These rules were born in the form of the "Experimental Rules" about four years ago, and they have been the subject of a lot of discussion and controversy. No doubt, you have wondered what these "new rules" mean for yourself as a Flying Scot racer. Or, better yet you have read several articles in Sailing World about the subject, and found some things to really like or dislike about these new racing rules. In this article, I will not attempt to explain all the differences and nuances of those differences between the new Racing Rules and those described in the 1993-96 Handbook. There are plenty of good articles and books on that subject. The best references for that topic are Dick Rose's columns in Sailing World and Yacht Racing Rules by Dave Perry, a book available from US Sailing. What I will do is attempt to provide a little background and understanding as to why things are the way they are because I feel somewhat qualified to do this, having sat in several of the Rules Committee and Inshore Committee meetings at recent US Sailing meetings while this stuff was being discussed and formulated.

The new Racing Rules are the product of several years of discussions, situation analyses, and on the water testing. They started life from the assertion that the present racing rules were too complex and needed to be simplified. US Sailing's Rules Committee, chaired by Dick Rose, took on the task to draft a set of "simplified racing rules" to address

three issues: 1. the sport will attract more newcomers if the rules were made easier to understand, 2, more straightforward rules should contribute to fewer protests, and 3. because the average speed of racing yachts is increasing, simplification of the rules should lead to fewer expensive collisions and nasty confrontations. Many clubs and YRAs sailed under these new rules between 1994 and 1996 and provided lots of good feedback to the Rules Committee in the form of copies of all protest forms, and general comments. Based on that feedback, several adjustments were made for the 1995 and 1996 seasons. and evaluation on the water continued. A copy of the current Experimental Racing Rules can be found in the March '96 issue of American Sailor, and, most recent versions in one page leaflets printed by Harken. These leaflets have been distributed free of charge through boat stores. and they are available from US Sailing, Further you can probably find the latest version on US Sailing's web page and in the Sail Racing library on Compuserve.

The sense at US Sailing was that the rules had become far too complex with too many arcane twists and exceptions. In such an environment the average racing sailor was far from being really knowledgeable and able to anticipate every situation on the water. Worse yet the complex reputation of the rules seemed to be particularly daunting to novice or would be racers — not something that could be good for the growth of the sport.

In spite of efforts of the Rules Committee over the previous couple of issues of the Rule Book to simplify things, it only got worse. The 1993-96 International Yacht Racing Rules that govern right of way and fair sailing while racing covered more than 15 pages of teeny tiny print in the Definitions and Part IV. The new rules can be reduced to one page, front and back, including room for a couple of diagrams to make things clearer, as evidenced by the "Experimental Rules" cards provided by Harken. To me that is a significant step in the right direction.

The new rules were based on six principles that say the rules should:

- 1. Embody the principles of fairness that most sailors accept.
- 2. Discourage contact between boats.
- 3. Allow maneuvering in close quarters with a minimum of anxiety.
- 4. Encourage sailing fast and discourage impeding others.
- 5. Minimize exceptions and rules for unusual situations.
- 6. Be stated in simple, direct, familiar language.

I have sailed under the new rules and the old rules for the past three years at Lake Carlyle and at other Flying Scot regattas. And, I have to admit that there are only three things that I keep in mind when going from one set to the other, and it seems to have worked for me.

1. The sharp, defensive luff is no longer available to me as a weapon under the new rules. That is good! Because, if on a running or a reaching leg I allow you to get close enough to threaten to roll over me without coming up a little bit far earlier to increase boat speed and prevent the pass. I have probably lost it already

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anyhow. If I have to "take you to the beach" to prevent you passing me, we have both most likely lost several other boats in the process, a questionable gain for sure.

2. You can no longer approach the windward mark on the port tack lay line, and tack on the lee bow of a starboard tacker inside the two boat length circle and expect rounding rights. One of the underlying principles of the new rules was to simplify the situations that can exist at mark roundings, which seem to spawn more protests than any other meeting occasion on the race course.

3. Some people felt that they had to "tag you" to assure their rights when there is a probable foul. Well, this is verboten under the new rules - no exceptions.

If you are all worried about having to learn a whole new set of rules, I would say to you "don't be". If you think you know the 1993-96 rules fairly well, and if you keep in mind the three differences described here you will be OK in 90% of the situations you are likely to encounter. Furthermore, you can read the entire racing rules in less than 15 minutes, even at my pedestrian reading rate.

There has been some good healthy

debate and criticism of the new rules. For example, the air is a lot cleaner on the port side tack lay line than on the starboard tack lay line approaching the weather mark in a big fleet, simply because there are fewer boats there. I would argue that if giving up this tactic is the price we pay for improving the attractiveness of the sport to newcomers, it is probably worth it. Ditto for the defensive luff. We will just have to learn to win races by making our boat go fast, rather than jinking around with one another. As a bonus you should get to spend more time at the party instead of in the protest room.

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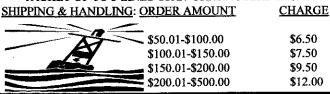
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Storm Warning II

By Dan Goldberg and Joni Reis, FS 4761

his article is in response to Mike Palm's very interesting article in the September/October 1996 issue (It Happens). Mike cited my previous article from 1995, (Storm Warning), and stated that he believes I was wrong.

From my perspective, I would like to clarify some of the points I made in the article, and add some thoughts on storm preparation. First, I have to admit I'm confused as to exactly what Mike thinks was wrong in my first article. The main point of that article was that if you see a storm coming. GET THE SAILS DOWN. I'm sure Mike would agree with that. The article did not mean to imply that if you follow the exact procedure outlined, you will be immune to a capsize. I have capsized twice in a Scot (both times with sails up). I have heard stories of Scots capsizing under jib only in very heavy wind (30-40 knot range), and capsizing under bare poles in hurricaneforce winds. No boat, especially a centerboard boat, is immune to a capsize. My article only was intended to point out the most effective preventative measures that one can take when it is obvious that big winds are about to hit. Mike's article inferred that his capsize was inevitable, given the force of the wind that hit him. He's probably right, given the fact that his sails were up. However, I believe there is a reasonable chance he could have avoided a capsize had he been anchored head-to-wind with the sails down when the big wind hit.

I am also a strong believer in preparation. On heavy air days, we do a number of things differently than we do under "normal" conditions. First, we assume there is a chance of a capsize so we all wear life jackets. Second, we collect all the excess

lines, tools, etc. out of the shelves and put them in a sail bag which we tie to the boat. Thus, if we capsize, all our gear does not float away or sink. Third, every crew member carries a winch handle, so that any one of us can lower the sails if needed. Fourth, we discuss our capsize recovery plan before we leave the dock. The strongest swimmer is assigned to swim to the top of the mast and hold it horizontal, to prevent a turtle (mast-down position). The remaining people attempt to climb out onto the centerboard. It is much easier to upright a capsized Scot if it has not turtled. I agree with Mike that personal safety is more important than boat salvage. All crew should be accounted for, in case someone is trapped under the boat or sails.

One other thing we learned from our experience last year, and subsequently confirmed by Harry Carpenter. In very heavy air, the jib is much more difficult to lower than the main. So when you see a storm coming, lower the jib first and tie it down, then lower the main.

Joni (my regular crew) adds her perspective to this issue through her experience:

I've fortunately never capsized with Dan, to date. However, I waited for hours in Panama City while they fished Dan, his crew, and his boat out of the water, an event which some of you may remember. Ever since then, I have not wanted to experience a similar situation myself.

The day we anchored out in the storm was the basis for Dan's article. At the time, I doubted the wisdom of not heading for shore. The wind was building. Fearing we would surely die (struck by lightning or capsizing violently), land seemed the place to

be. Dan was confident, however, and calmly ordered that we drop the sails. Getting the main down was easy, but getting the jib down was not. The jib tends to blow over the bow or back up the forestay. I crawled out on my stomach to pull it down and tuck it under the shock cord we have mounted on the deck as part of our spinnaker downhaul system. Back in the boat, our anchor line was tangled, and after exposure to the driving rain it was cold and wet (as was I). After untangling it, and not wanting to crawl out on the slippery deck again, I threw it out just forward of the shroud, and the boat came around head to wind. OK, I thought, we probably won't capsize now (unlike at least six other Scots on the lake), but the mast sure looked like a lightning rod. That appeared to be the only remaining danger.

The storm subsided and we sailed in soaked but safe. Dan's article was a result of the many discussions we had with other sailors, as well as Harry Carpenter, and seemed reasonable to me. We reviewed the problems and corrected them. For example, we got a holder for the anchor line so it won't tangle again. We have always reviewed capsize plans, if there is any chance of storms or if we are sailing in high-wind conditions with a new crew. So everybody knows their job. Dan wrote about what we learned, to provide the highest probability of avoiding capsize and injury.

Some final thoughts from both of us: We cannot control the whims of mother nature. So far, we've been lucky. Knowing that, we head for shore when there is any doubt about our safety. If it is impossible to get there – DROP THE SAILS!

Racing W/O a Spinnaker?!

By Bruce Cattanach FS 3817 - *Jollymon* • Fleet #157, Monmouth Boat Club

ost sailors entering into Flying Scot sailing when asked why they don't race will quickly say - "We don't have a Spinnaker". When my wife Jackie and I bought our Scot #3817, which we named "Jollymon" after the Jimmy Buffet song, it didn't have a spinnaker. However, we didn't hesitate to start racing our Scot, sans spinnaker.

Let me first say, you will NOT win the Championship fleet w/o spinnaker. However, you can race competitively and have a great time in Challenger Fleet. With Jackie skippering we reached the New Jersey State Championship, placed in the trophies in each regatta, and 1st overall for two years running. We also had great success in the Wife-Husband regatta at Lake Norman. After the first day we were in 3rd place in Challenger Fleet! And all the

It's a new element of complexity to an already complex and interesting sport.

courses were windward/leeward! I managed to botch that on the second day by leaving the board up 1/3 of the second weather leg and we finished 7th for the regatta. We also placed 5th at the N.E.R.D. (North East Regional District) regatta in Saratoga, New York.

To keep everything in perspective: Our boat was sailing with original

sails (12 years old) and with bottom paint. Its true, we are not novice sailers having sailed Lasers, Snipes, big boats and Charter boats for many years prior to the Scot. My point here is that there are no excuses not to race. And if you try hard, concentrate, and have some good luck, you can get a trophy without a spinnaker.

The main advantage of sailing without a spinnaker is there is less stuff to foul up and go wrong. You don't create the opportunity for a Chinese fire drill every



mark rounding. The second advantage is while everyone else is doing their Chinese fire drill you can sail in control and faster. You can concentrate on boat speed, tactics and the course rather than getting jammed by all this extra gear, sail and line.

One piece of equipment I do recommend is a spinnaker pole. Get one regulation size and use it as a whisker pole to hold out the jib during a run. It keeps the jib perpendicular to the wind and saves the crew from stretching to hold the jib outboard. You don't need a topping lift - just pole will do.

If you feel intimidated by the spinnaker: don't use it while racing. If you don't have a spinnaker: don't worry about it. Someone once said that the spinnaker adds about 5% to the speed of a boat down wind. That might be wrong but you can race and have fun without it.

As for the crew of Jollymon, we spent this winter putting on the spinnaker gear and have borrowed an old spinnaker which we have put up in a few races this year. Its a new element of complexity to an already complex and interesting sport. I don't know if we're really any faster, but its sure fun trying to get it all to work.

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FUN-N' GAMES AROUND OHIO

everal years ago FSSA Fleet 1 from Cowan Lake, Ohio sponsored a regatta series that encouraged traveling to Flying Scot Invitational Regattas throughout the Ohio District. For reasons that nobody can remember the Annual Regatta Series Program ceased to be. This year it was resurrected and included seven invitational regattas throughout the District. The Ohio District contains 12 active fleets and the seven fleets sponsoring regattas are all within relatively easy driving distances from each other with the maximum traveling time of about 5-1/2 hours so traveling to other lakes was relatively easy for those who wished to participate. The scoring for the regatta series was as follows:

Each participant in each regatta received five points plus points equal to the number of boats beaten based on the final standings of each regatta.

The boat with the highest point total at the end of the series will win... second highest - second place and so forth.

In the event that more than one division (ex. championship and challenger) is sailed in an individual regatta the points earned by boats in the higher division(s) will be determined by the number of boats beaten plus the total number of boats in the lower division(s).

Participation in this regatta series was limited to currently paid active members of FSSA that are members of an Ohio District Flying Scot Fleet or are un-assigned Ohio District members as determined by FSSA.

So, with all of this in place we started sailing and the rest, as they say, is history.

The first weekend regatta was at Columbus, Ohio...the Buckeye Regatta

at Hoover Reservoir on May 18-19. Fleet Captain, Chris Fogle and Fleet 37 sailors put on their typically great event. Brisk winds greeted the 19 sailors who were seeing if their boats were still usable from the previous year. George Leet from Cowan Lake discovered that clevis pins do, in fact, come loose and his mast assumed the horizontal position following the second race on Saturday. Local sailor, Mike Cullen showed everyone else the way around the lake and won the regatta followed closely by Indiana Sailor, John Domagala.

BUCKEYE REGATTA FINAL RESULTS

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6. Branner

- 2. Domagala
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- 3. Knight
- 8. Courts
- 4. VanDer Horst
- 9. Stewart
- 5. Griffin
- 10. Goldberg

Tn 1995 the Berlin Regatta, a 3 race event, was shortened to only **L** one race due to the lack of wind. Well, lightning can't strike twice in the same place, can it...Yes it can. The Wind Gods weren't with us in 1996 either and only one race was held on Saturday, June 15th. The lead changed several times during the race and being at the right place at the right time when the small puffs filled in was the way to get around the course. Dan Goldberg drifted to a first place finish ahead of local sailor, Bill Kobel finishing second in the 15 boat fleet. Dick Franklin and Fleet 19 did an outstanding job with the Saturday nite buffet meal.

BERLIN FINAL RESULTS

- 1. Goldberg
- 6. Cronenburg
- 2. Kobel
- 7. Knight
- 3. Neff
- 8. Branner
- 4. Liepper
- 9. Franklin
- 5. Shasteen
- 10. Marlin

Well, what else can be said about the Fleet 1, Pig Roast Regatta on June 22nd and 23rd at Cowan Lake that hasn't already been said? Fleet Captain, Pat Glazer and the Cowan Sailors put on another great event for everyone except the pig and ordered up light and shifty winds for the 20 participants at the Third Ohio District Regatta. Offset Windward-Leeward courses and Leeward Gate Courses provided excitement and frustration for all sailors. Pat Glazer, who obviously knows his way around Cowan won the regatta with Cave Run Sailor.

> Steve Branner finishing second. This event was a tune-up for the FSSA 40th Anniversary Regatta to be held at Cowan on June 21st-22nd, 1997.

- PIG ROAST RESULTS 1. Glazer
 - 6. Courts
- 2. Branner
- 7. Eustis
- 3. Shoemaker
- 8. Lewis
- 4. Ward
- 9. Kitchen
- 5. Leet
- 10. Hilk

eep Creek Lake, July 27th & 28th, BURR? Its always cold at Deep Creek! The fourth event of the Ohio District Series saw 32 hardy Scot Sailors make the trek to the Factory's Lake for the Sandy Douglass Memorial Regatta. If you like shifty and breezy conditions you'll love Deep Creek. Fleet 6's recently expanded club house was an excellent facility to host this event and the eats were great as usual. The local guys sure knew how to sail in the ever changing conditions and were led by

John Meredith who won the event followed closely by Harry

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Carpenter. George Leet won the Challenger Fleet Series.

SANDY DOUGLASS MEMORIAL RESULTS

- 1. Meredith
- 6. Goldberg
- 2. Carpenter H.
- 7. Salmon-Cox
- 3. Griffin
- 8. Dodd
- 4. Carpenter J.
- 9. MacMillan
- 5. Neff
- 10. Branner

urricane Fran and the Harvest Moon Regatta hosted by Fleet **1** 65 of Atwood Lake seemed to be on a collision course on Sept 7th and 8th. Rain, cold temperatures, and high winds greeted 15 not-sosane sailors on Saturday morning. This multi-class event also brought thistles, lightnings, highlanders, and lasers to Atwood but the Scots outnumbered them all. By noon on Saturday the rain stopped and two races were held in moderate breezes. The "Z" turn in the lake proved to be its usual challenge in the races as the winds did their usual 180 degree shifts. Sunday's race in ideal 8-12 mph sunny conditions was a welcome change to the Saturday's weather. Fleet Captain, Debbie Stipkovich and her Fleet 65 members put on the usual fabulous Saturday nite hors d'oevres buffet. Cave Run sailors, David Neff and Steve Branner figured out the lakes winds to finish first and second.

HARVEST MOON REGATTA RESULTS

1 Neff 6. Franklin
2. Branner 7. Solomon
3. Stewart 8. Rootring
4. Carpenter J. 9. Kobel
5. Goldberg 10. Rupp

wenty-two sailors arrived at Lake Arthur to "Sail for the Grail" on September 14th & 15th, the Sixth Ohio District Regatta.

Mike Higgins and Fleet 80 working out of Moraine State Park ran a great regatta in windy/sometimes rainy conditions. Close racing all over the lake led to multiple infractions at turning marks and exciting finishes. The "Down-the Lake" Race on Sunday was sailed quickly in 15-18 mph winds and the Race Committee, on a shore break, had to hurry to set the finish line. Mike Gullen won the regatta (thank goodness for the throw out score, right Mike) followed closely by Harry Carpenter.

SAIL FOR THE GRAIL RESULTS

- 1. Cullen
- 6. Starr
- 2. Carpenter H.
- 7. McAdoo
- 3. Griffin
- 8. Branner
- 4. Lawton
- 9. Marlin
- 5. Carpenter J. 10. Goldberg

The last race of the Ohio District Series, the Ohio District Cham-**L** pionship Regatta...and the Cave Run Lake Grand Annual Regatta October 5th & 6th. As Bernie Knight so appropriately said, we should have hired a skywriter to place a large "H" right over the lake to signify the high pressure weather pattern experienced by the 20 sailors vying for the Ohio District Championship trophy. Many sailors arrived at the campground Friday nite and enjoyed the campfire and told war stories about 1996 racing experiences. A beautifully clear night (the Milky Way glowed), an impromptu fireworks show, and great company highlighted the evening. Only 2 shortened course races of 3 scheduled races were sailed on Saturday due to light winds and waiting for the completion of other classes that were participating in the multi-class Cave Run Regatta. (That damn yellow cruiser still hasn't finished the race on Sunday yet!) Dan Goldberg got a great start and led the entire way in the first race and Steve Branner squeezed around the windward mark in a puff in the second race and went on to lead to the finish.

The Saturday nite cookout was fabulous...there's still some food left overand the campfire/social was highlighted by live music where both kinds of music were played...Country and Western. Highlights Saturday nite included terrible jokes (punch lines only..."He's All Right Now" and "We Called a Toe Truck"), peppermint Schnapps, more fireworks, and the great campfire lasting well past midnight. Racing on Sunday started an hour early to take advantage of the morning breeze before it died.

Saturday's canceled race was sailed on Sunday with Mike Cullen leading wire to wire in close company at all marks. After its completion the infamous Cave Run "Down-the-Lake" race was started. In the early stages of the race the winds were 4-6 mph & they stayed that way until most of

& they stayed that way until most of the boats arrived at the turning mark about 2 miles away...then "the race from/to/in (take you're pick) Hell" began. No wind...light Zephyrs occurring at random...bright sun. Some boats caught in the middle of the lake didn't move more than fifty feet in an hour. (By all rights the race should have been abandoned but a few boats, very successfully, played the light shore breezes on either side of "Tackers Alley" and kept moving) about 3-1/2 hours after the race began it, mercifully, ended with Don Griffin, who with Barbara, his wife, drifting across the finish line in first place. Don went left at the turning mark and somehow never stopped moving in the non-existent breeze. All boats were towed back to the launching area at the completion of the race. (Better not call it a race..."drift" sounds better). David Neff finished

OHIO DISTRICT REGATTA...CAVE RUN REGATTA RESULTS

- Neff
 Cullen
- 6. Summerfeldt7. Eilers
- 3. Griffin
- 8. Lawton
- 4. Carpenter J.
- 9. Glazer

10. Goldberg

well consistently in all races to win the championship followed by Mike Cullen

The Seven-Regatta Ohio District Series ended with the Cave Run ■ Regatta. 95 Scot Sailors participated in at least one race. As stated the series is intended to encourage traveling to fleet regattas throughout the District and the following list indicates the breakdown of traveling sailors:

- 24 Sailors participated in 2 or more Regattas
- 12 Members sailed in 3 or more Regattas
- 7 Members sailed in 4 or more Regattas
- 3 Members sailed in 5 or more Regattas
- 2 Members sailed in 6 or more Regattas
- 1 Member sailed in all seven events As can be assumed, those who sailed the most events generally did the best

in the overall standings and more points could be earned in the regattas with the higher participation then in the regattas with lower attendance.

Building on the enthusiasm generated in 1996 the 1997 Ohio District Regatta Series should be even more successful.

FINAL OHIO DISTRICT REGATTA SERIES STANDING

<u>P</u>	<u>LACE</u>	<u>SKIPPER</u>	FLEET/#	# REGATTAS	<u>POINTS</u>
1	Branner	Cave Run	165	7	130
2	Goldberg	Arthur	80	6	112
3	Neff	Cave Run	165	5	108
4	Griffin	Deep Creek	6	4	100
5	Carpenter J.	Deep Creek	6	4	93
6	Cullen	Hoover	37	3	72
7	Shoemaker	Cowan	1	4	62
8	Glazer	Cowan	1	3	64
9	Leet	Cowan	1	4	58
10	Cronenburg	Arthur	80	3	57

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Letter To The Editor

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How We Spent Our Summer Vacation

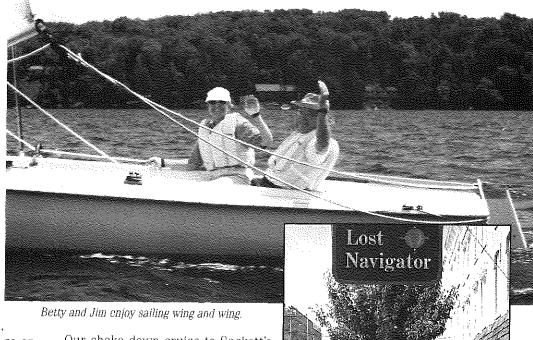
By Betty Struckhoff

That were our expectations for a six-day Flying Scot cruise of the Thousand Islands in the St. Lawrence river? It's hard to say. There were visions of a large fleet of boats, leisurely sails, maybe a picnic on a deserted isle, quaint bed and breakfasts. Not surprisingly, the reality was somewhat different, but absolutely perfect in its own way.

Our adventure started in early June with a Friday evening get together in St. Louis with sailing friends, John and Peg Woodworth. As we drank martinis on their porch.

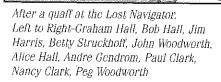
we decided that, yes, we would go on the trip being organized by Graham Hall. So there would be no turning back, John proceeded to immediately call to reserve accommodations for the five nights of the trip.

It was about a month later when we found ourselves with our Scots (Jim and Betty #4296; John and Peg #3943) at New York's Westcott Beach State Park, watching the pouring Saturday morning rain and thinking about omens. But the sky cleared around noon as Graham showed up with his wife, Mary Ellen, his parents. Bob and Alice Hall, and "Irish Rover", Flying Scot #3720. Bob was to be Graham's crew, while Alice would drive the "sag wagon", Mary Ellen would accompany her until flying back to New York on Sunday night. Later that afternoon, we were joined by Paul and Nancy Clark, who cruise their Flying Scot #4965 near their home in Pittsburgh, as well as in Sarasota, FL and elsewhere.



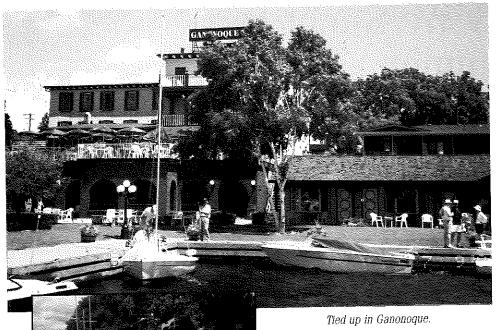
Our shake-down cruise to Sackett's Harbor was picture perfect. Lake Ontario was calm and the four boats sailed an easy reach before turning downwind into the wide bay created by the Black River. As advertised in the cruise brochure, we tied up at the Boathouse restaurant and proceeded to imbibe and get acquainted. This turned out to be the only town where our accommodations were not a short walk from our moorings. Sacketts Harbor was full of tourists for the long 4th of July weekend so Bob chauffeured us to the renovated 1812 army barracks where we stayed. We retired early to forecasts of 15-20 mph winds for our 20 mile sail across part of Lake Ontario and into the St. Lawrence river the next day.

Graham warned us the wind would probably not come up at all until ten, but we persuaded him to make an early start and left the dock around eight thirty. A light breeze carried us out of the bay and then it died!



Graham was obviously the seasoned veteran when it comes to cruising. He just set his beach chair on the foredeck and read a book. The real cruisers in the group, Paul and Nancy, had the good sense to bring a motor and began to tow us slowly across the lake. Later a very light breeze surfaced and we struggled to make way

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Alice and Bob Hall enjoy drinks at Boathouse Restaurant, Sacketts Harbor.

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with sails alone. As loons skimmed along the surface of the glassy lake, verses from the Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner kept flitting through my mind. A steadier breeze greeted us at the entrance to the St. Lawrence river and it built nicely as we sailed a broad reach under spinnaker to our dock at Cape Vincent, tying up about nine hours after we left Sackett Harbor.

Cape Vincent was arguably the most unspoiled and amiable of the towns we visited. Our motel host was a Bronx transplant who gave us the complete low down on every bar and restaurant in town. We took his advice and had a first rate dinner at the Sleepy Hollow restaurant. A pleasant walk brought us to the general store

where we found a copy of the gossipy local newsletter, complete with a listing of the recent high school graduating class and lots of press on the French festival scheduled the following weekend. Napoleon would lead the parade. French festival? On the New York side of the river?

Our questions were answered the next morning as we and the Woodworths rented bicycles and pedaled to Tibbetts Lighthouse, at the entrance to the river from Lake Ontario. Peg found a brochure explaining the historical significance of many old houses along the way and she became our tour guide. Turns out Cape Vincent was settled in the 1840's by Napoleon's supporters who fled France when he was deposed. They weren't welcome in Canada so they picked the American side of the river.

At noon we began our sail straight down the river to Clayton. The wind which had been predicted for the prior day had finally materialized. We were able to go "wing and wing" with the main and jib as we surfed straight downwind for 12 miles. Something else!

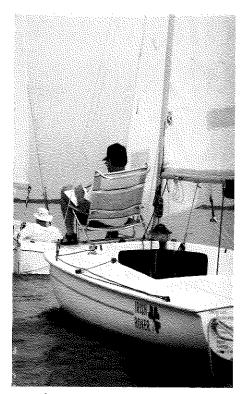
At Clayton we were met at the dock by Andre Gendron. Hailing from Montreal, Andre sails Flying Scot

#697 solo. Full of excitement, he accompanied us to the Lost Navigator tavern where we quaffed our thirst and reveled in the glow of a great sailing experience. Following our group photo and motel check-in, some of us followed a short walking tour which highlighted much of the Romanesque and Italianate architecture in the old town. Clayton was a shipbuilding town and then a railroad terminus in the heyday of Thousand Island tourism, early in the 20th century. Our group which now numbered an even ten people enjoyed a perfect sunset dinner at the Riverside Cafe overlooking the beautiful St. Lawrence.

By now, no one really knew or cared what day of the week it was. We left the dock the next morning, beating up the ship channel in a brisk west wind to make our way around Grindstone Island. Andre quickly fell behind, but he had assured us not to wait for him. He could always motor if needed. After our beat of about a mile and a half, we were able to reach down and pop our chutes as we sailed across a wide open expanse and then followed the channel markers to Gananoque.

My history book told me the name means "place of many deer" but no deer were seen in this delightful Canadian town. We docked and stayed at the Gananoque Inn, had a leisurely lunch on the deck overlooking the water (as Andre sailed in while the wind built) and explored the town. Some retired to the hotel bar after dinner to watch the baseball all-star game with French commentary. Those of us who persevered were able to buy unclaimed tickets to a sold out performance of Noel Coward's Private Lives at the circa 1909 playhouse. At intermission, as we stood on the deck overlooking the river, Bob and Alice reminisced about their years of sailing in Snipes, Flying Scots and other boats. Graham comes by his passion honestly.

We left Gananoque about noon the next day with the promise of a relax-



Graham demonstrates how to deal with no wind.

ing sail. With a fair wind out of the west, our course was downwind on the Canadian side, an easy reach across, and then downwind again in the American Channel to Alexandria Bay. Not! As we headed down, the wind clocked to the southwest. By the time we turned to cross, it was gusting to 20 mph or more and we found ourselves in a grueling beat, buffeted by continuous puffs. Of course Andre fell behind, but the other four boats stayed within sight of each other. There was a wide expanse of water. with Eel Bay, a very shallow area, to our left. When we finally reached a narrower passage, I relaxed a little at least if we capsized now we would drift to shore very quickly and not be in the chilly water too long!

No one was sure just which island was which. Jim suggested I check the chart, but between the gusts I politely informed him that charts are pretty useless when you don't know where in the _ _ _ you are. Even Graham professed ignorance, so we followed our best hunch and turned downwind toward what was thankfully the

American Channel. A storm was now hanging in the southeast. With continued strong winds and whitecaps on the water, we doused our mainsails and proceeded with just jibs. Eventually the winds lightened allowing us to loaf along and enjoy spotting interesting sights on shore, a little rain fell, Graham serenaded us with his harmonica and the four boats reached Alexandria Bay safe and sound.

But where was Andre? Of course he had fallen behind in the heavy air. We decided to give him some time to catch up while taking our boats out of the water to prepare for an early departure the next day. Alice took drivers back to Westcott Beach while the rest of us towed the boats to the take-off ramp. We packed up our gear, cleaned up and prepared for dinner. Still no Andre!

While our minds told us he was surely safe, we couldn't help being concerned. Jim was in the process of notifying the Coast Guard when John returned from a quick trip to Clayton with the report that Andre was there. In true sybaritic style, he had made his way to a private dock when the winds became too strong. As luck would have it, the island was the vacation spot of a French Canadian couple who feted him with wine and

lunch. When the weather improved, Andre motored back to Clayton where he had his car and trailer.

Our last dinner together was a bit raucous. Surviving our bit of adversity, Andre back with us, we ate and drank and shared sailing stories. The restaurant was not crowded, and near the end of the evening a gentleman

from another table stopped by. He had been fishing at the ramp when we took out our boats. "Just what is this group?" Well, we all got together to cruise the river. "But you're from all over the continent. How did you find each other?" Well, there's this national organization of Flying Scot owners, the Flying Scot Sailing Association.

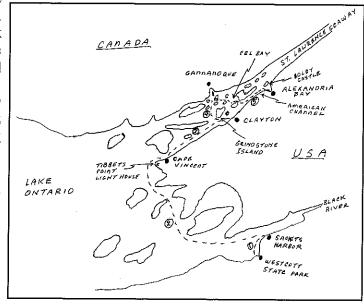
In the morning we shared pancakes and coffee before heading for all points of the compass. Some of us took the ferry to tour Boldt's castle while others got an early start on the road.

The trip packed a little more adventure than some of us had bargained for. However it included learning a lot about the history and culture of a beautiful part of the U.S. and Canada, testing our sailing skills in all kinds of weather, and the opportunity to get to know some delightful fellow sailors. Graham did a wonderful job of planning, organizing and leading the itinerary. Let's hope this is the first of many cruising adventures for all of us.

Betty Struckhoff & Jim Harris

Map by Jim Harris. Not for navigational purposes.

Special thanks to Peg and John Woodworth for photos.



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SUNDAY, MA	RCH 23
1200-1400	Brunch (Proper Attire) - Dining Room
1400-1700	Registration/check-in - Club Bar
1400-1700	Sail Measurement - Sailing Center

MONDAY, MA	<u> RCH 24</u>		
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0800-1600	Sail Measurement - Sailing Center
0900-1600	Registration/check-in - Club Bar

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1400 FSSA Executive Comm. - Ballroom 1600 FSSA Board of Governors - Ballroom 1800-2000 Welcome Patio Party - Best Western

Bayside

1830 FSSA Board of Governors Dinner

Dining Room

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

0730-1000	Breaktast - Dining Room
0800-0945	Registration/check-in - Club Bar
0830-1000	Sail Measurement - Sailing Center
1000	Skippers Meeting - Ballroom

1230 Races (2) Back to Back, Both Divisions 1700 Entertainment - Club Deck/Lawn

1800 Cookout - Club Deck/Lawn

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

0730-1000	Breakfast - Dining Room
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1230 Races (2) Back to Back, Both Divisions 1900 "Famous" Cocktail Party - Ballroom

1900 Entertainment - Club Bar

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

0730-1000 Breakfast - Dining Room

1230 Races (2) Back to Back, Both Divisions

1900 Banquet - Ballroom (Trophy

presentation as possible, based on com-

pleted races)

2000 Entertainment - Club Bar

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

0730-1000 Breakfast - Dining Room

1130 Race(s), if necessary - Trophy presenta-

tion immediately following OR Family

Fun Event if no races

Crew Name

Why Not Try a Sailing Vacation This Year?

Put the FS North American Championships on Your Calendar Now!

By John Slater, FS 4865

ust look outside your window. What do you see? Snow, probably. Ice. Gray clouds.

Now think ahead just six short months. You could be skimming the waves on Lake Norman and basking in the North Carolina sun. All it takes is a little advance planning.

The 1997 Flying Scot North American Championships will be held August 1-8 at Lake Norman Yacht Club near Charlotte, N.C. Registration and measuring will begin at 1 pm Friday, Aug. 1, and will continue until 5 pm Sunday.

A welcoming party will begin at 5:30 pm Sunday.

There will be three preliminary races on Monday and Tuesday, and a five-race series for championship and challenger divisions Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Trophies will be awarded Friday evening, Aug. 8.

If at least five boats pre-register, NACs for women and juniors will be sailed Sunday, Aug. 3. There also will be competitions for masters and seniors.

Lake Norman Yacht Club is the home of Flying Scot Fleet 48, which hosted the NACs in 1976, 1981 and 1988, and the Wife-Husband Championship in 1995.

The club occupies more than 20 acres overlooking the best sailing grounds on the lake, with plenty of room for camping, swimming and playing. It offers excellent facilities for launching and for parking boats and trailers.

LNYC's facilities include a two-story clubhouse, an outdoor pavilion and

Regardless of the weather, you'll find a warm welcome waiting for you at LNYC.

bath house, a sandy beach with a roped-off swimming area, two double-wide concrete ramps for launching boats, and a number of floating docks, all set in a secluded cove that opens onto one of the lake's widest stretches.

Having the course adjacent to the club means postponements can be signaled ashore, before competitors go on the water.

The club has a reputation as a family club, and it prides itself on its friendliness and Southern hospitality. (That hospitality doesn't extend to animals, though -- LNYC has a strict rule against pets on the grounds.)

What kind of weather can you expect? The average temperature for August is 77 degrees, so you should look for highs in the 80s and lows in the upper 60s, with relatively high humidity. Afternoon thunderstorms are common in the summer, but wind conditions are harder to predict.

Prevailing winds are from the southwest, and when a stationary high pressure center is in place over Bermuda, winds tend to be light. When something comes along to nudge the Bermuda high further offshore, anything can happen. Winds

at previous NACs have ranged from calm to more than 25 knots.

Regardless of the weather, you'll find a warm welcome waiting for you at LNYC.

You've got family members and additional crew who want to know what else they can do in the area? Lake Norman lies just north of Charlotte, NC, a city that has come of age in recent years.

Charlotte is the entertainment center of the state, and the sports center and the cultural center and the shopping center. It offers restaurants, night clubs, outlet malls, museums, art galleries and Southern barbecue. You'll find historic houses, an awardwinning science museum called Discovery Place, and a gold mine left over from before 1849, when North Carolina still led the nation in the production of gold.

Nearly 90 percent of FSSA members live within 650 miles of Lake Norman, and LNYC is easily accessible from I-77, I-85 and I-40.

Motels near the club include Best Western (896-0660), Comfort Inn (892-3500), Days Inn (664-6100), Hampton Inn (892-9900), Holiday Inn (892-9120), and Ramada Limited (664-6556). The area code is 704.

You'll find registration forms and a notice of race in the next issue of Scots 'n Water. In the meantime, pencil in those dates, start talking it up with your friends and family, and keep looking out that window.

Summer will be here before you know it. \blacktriangle



Starting Line

Warm-Up Regatta

March 22 and 23, 1997 Fort Walton Yacht Club Fort Walton Beach, FL

1997 Flying Scot Midwinters

March 24 - 28, 1997

See Registration Form and Schedule of Events on Page 22.

Fleet 160 Seventeenth Annual Regatta

April 26, 1997 Locust Grove, VA

The Lake of the Woods Sailing Club and Flying Scot Fleet #160 will host its 17th Annual Regatta, April 26, 1997.

We are located half way between Fredericksburg and Culpeper, VA and consider our lake to be one of the three finest sailing areas in the state. The club is nearly twenty years old and a number of charter memberships still compete in our races.

Consideration will be given to adding races on Sunday, April 27, at our annual meeting in January 1997.

For further information contact Racing Committee chairman: Don Schneider at (540) 972-7725 or visit our Lake of the Woods Sailing Club Home Page on the Internet at URL Http://wwwpccentral.com/lowsc.htm. Entry forms can be FAXED to requestees.

1997 Midwest District Championships

June 13 - 15 Delavan Lake Yacht Club and Fleet #114

On June 13 - 15, the Delavan Lake Yacht Club and Fleet #114 will be hosting the 1997 Midwest District Championships. The club has a reputation for great regattas and is looking forward to continuing this 102 year old tradition. Good racing, good food, and good times are what make this club special and its regattas memorable.

Delavan Lake is located south west of Lake Geneva in Southern Wisconsin. Flying Scot Fleet #114 is one of 6 competitive fleets at DLYC and the weekly Sunday club series averages 12 to 14 Scots on the line. This is inland lake sailing at its best.

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Fleet 42 Summer Solstice Regatta

June 21 and 22, 1997

How many races can we get in on the longest day of the year? Come sail with Fleet 42 and find out during our Annual Summer Solstice Regatta.

Fleet 42 is located in Edgewater, MD on the South River. Races may be held on the river or the Chesapeake Bay, depending on weather conditions. As well as being an excellent place to sail, the non-sailor may also enjoy day trips to Washington, DC, Baltimore, Annapolis, or St. Michaels. For further information, call Chris Swensen at 410-721-2505.

Flying Scot 40th Anniversary Regatta

June 20 and 21, 1997 Cowan Lake, OH

We sincerely hope you and your family join us for the 40th Flying Scot Anniversary Regatta and Pig Roast June 20 and 21, 1997. We race and party with equal vigor.

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1997 NERD

July 19 and 20, 1997

The 1997 Northeast Regional Districts (NERD) will be hosted by Fleet 42 and sailed on the scenic Chesapeake Bay on July 19 and 20, 1997. Fleet 42 is located on the South River just south of historic Annapolis, Maryland. There will be two

divisions, Championship and Challenger, as well as team racing to promote the exchange of tactics between sailors of varying skill levels.

There are numerous hotels, inns, and bed and breakfasts to stay at in the area, as well as limited camping.

For further information on the regatta or housing, please call Chris Swensen at 410-721-2505 or Frank Gibson at 703-271-2716.

1997 Flying Scot North American Championships

August 1-8, 1997

The 1997 Flying Scot North American Championships will be held at Lake Norman Yacht Club near Charlotte, N.C., August 1-8.

The schedule calls for measuring-in and social activities during the first weekend, three preliminary races on Monday and Tuesday, and a five-race series for championship and challenger divisions Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Trophies will be awarded Friday night, August 8.

The junior and women's NACs will be sailed on Sunday, August 3. There also will be competitions for masters and seniors.

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The club comprises some 22 acres and offers excellent facilities for launching and camping.

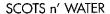
Contact John Slater at 704-586-0630.

1997 Wife-Husband National Championship Regatta

October 11 and 12, 1997

The 1997 Wife-Husband Championship Regatta will be held at the Rudder Club in Jacksonville, Florida on October 11 & 12.

For more information contact: Brenda Ruthven, Regatta Chairman at 110 Governor Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, (904) 284-2359 or Jonathan Hamilton, (352) 392-2999 (office/messages); (352) 335-1243 (home). The Rudder Club can be reached at (904) 264-4094.



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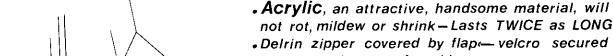
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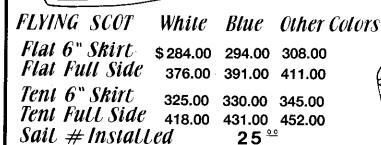
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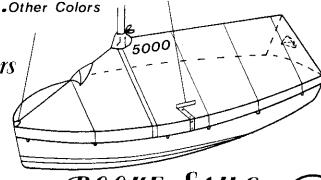
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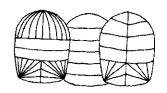
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