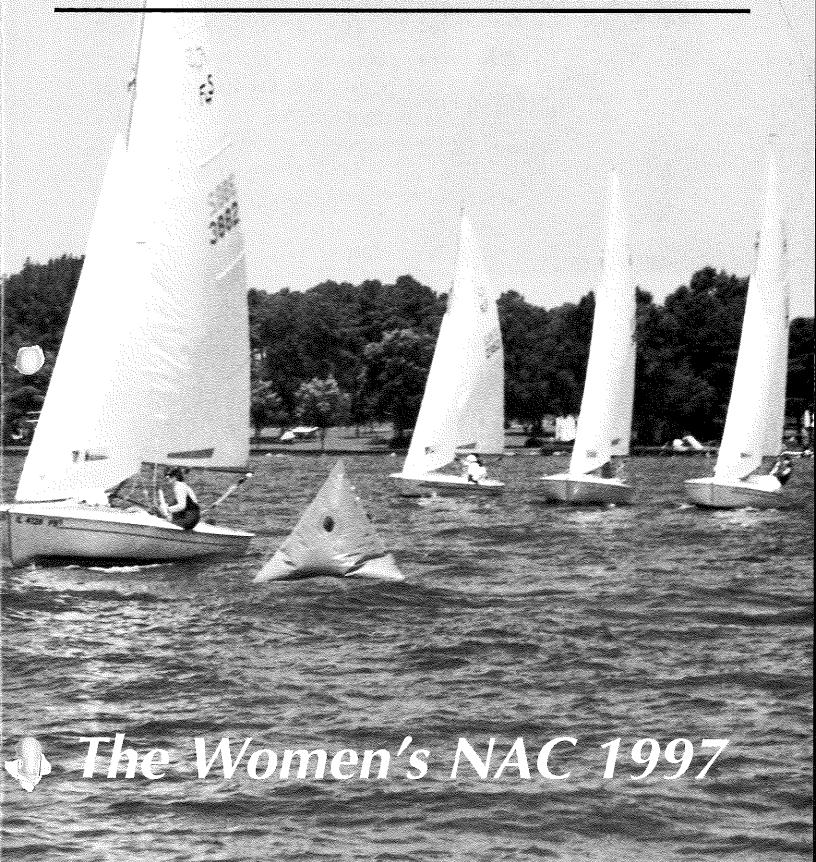
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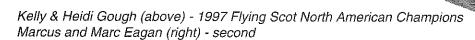
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A Boarding Ladder That Works

by Bill Langlois, FS 768

Years ago, my crew hiked too hard in a race and fell overboard. He held onto the jib sheet, went to the back of the boat, put his hands on the deck, pushed, landed on the deck with his feet, jumped over my head, and sat down like nothing had happened. He was obviously in very good physical condition and fortunately a couple on another boat saw him do this or I would not be telling about it.

Several years ago this same couple, who shall remain nameless but sail FS 3013 named "Nauti Lass", fell out of their Scot in a race and could not get back in. Their boat sailed away, jibbed, and continued sailing. They were picked up by another Scot, delivered to a power boat, chased down their Scot and climbed into a dry boat. I still did not understand how they could not climb into their Scot but they did put on a good show. A week later, a gust from hell hit us after we had just pinched around the upwind mark. The boat went over on its side. I swam to the stern, pointed it into the wind, pulled on the board with one hand, and the Scot righted. I looked around and we were still in first place. It was a piece of cake. Right! A half hour later after two boats stopped to offer assistance, I climbed into the chase boat and then into by boat. I decided this would never happen again.

For a boarding ladder, I considered a line with knots in it or a rope ladder with rungs. Both would pull tight across the aft deck and be hard to hold assuming I intended to board from the stern. A metal

ladder does interesting things to your head and shoulders when bobbing up and down in rough water. I had an idea of a line with loops, every foot and tried one made from rope. It worked, but was very bulky with knots catching on things. I went to the local mountain climbing store, Erehwon which is "no where" spelled backwards, to buy some tubular nylon strapping. I told the clerk what I planned to make and he got a Etrier from the back room which is used for mountain climbing and is exactly what I was thinking about. So much for original thought!

I still made one myself the exact size I wanted. It is a total of seven feet long with a loose one foot loop each foot and a small loop on each end. It is attached to a strap in the center on the backside of the aft cockpit combing behind the strap on the outside in the center rear of the cockpit. A small line is attached to the end that goes in the water. The other end of this small line is tied to the back of a spinnaker fairlead. The ladder and excess small line are stowed in a container under the aft deck made from nylon mesh and self sticking Velcro. The only part of the ladder that normally shows is the small line going to the spinnaker fairlead.

To use the ladder, pull the small line from in the water, put your foot in the end loop with your knee positioned to go against the transom so your leg doesn't go under the boat, and pull yourself into the boat with your hands loop by loop.

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A Case for Gimmicks

by Dan Goldberg, FS 4761

Simplicity" (May/June 97), didn't like my gimmick (described in "A Mainsheet Rigging Tip," Nov/Dec 96). One part of me says that Mike is entitled to his opinion, and let it go at that. But what fun would that be? OK, Mike, you said your piece so now it's my turn.

Mike, you say that adding gimmicks to a Flying Scot causes more harm than good because it falsely gives some sailors the illusion that gimmicks will improve performance, rather than time spent practicing on the water. I have a bunch of gimmicks on my boat, but none of them makes my boat go faster than your boat. In fact, I am pretty well convinced that boat speed is usually irrelevant to my racing performance.

Like you, I mostly sail on a small inland lake where the wind is always puffy and shifty. Most races are determined by being in the right place at the right time and taking advantage of the puffs and shifts. Boat speed per se is usually not important. Another good example was the 1984 (I think) North Americans in Hamilton, Ontario. Greg Fisher won the regatta in a brand-new Scot. However, the second place boat, sailed by Craig Leweck, was over 20 years old and 50 pounds overweight! His boat was surely slower than most other boats in the regatta, but his sailing skill revealed the unimportance of pure boat speed.

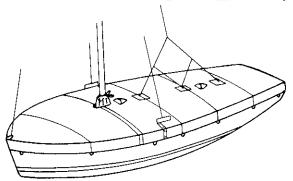
So why do I like gimmicks? They simply make the boat easier for me and my crew to sail! For example, in heavy

air we use a 2:1 jib sheet arrangement to make the jib easier to trim. After three back-to-back races in heavy air, my crew Joni (who regularly works out and is very strong) used to feel exhausted when we used regular jib sheets. Now she's the life of the party after the races! The 2:1 jib sheets do not make the boat go faster. They just make her life easier and help save her muscles.

Another example: we use a 10:1 boom vang, led aft where I can tighten it. Why? I am a little over five feet tall, weigh about 112 pounds, and have the strength of your average eight year old due to a nerve problem in my neck. In heavy air, I simply could not properly tighten the

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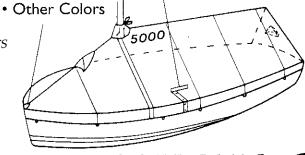


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standard vang. The 10:1 vang lets me trim the main correctly in heavy air.

As a final example, I have a spinnaker pole downhaul which as been adopted by many other boats. This arrangement prevents the pole from skying on a tight reach, and prevents the jib from blowing overboard when doused. These are simply practical ways of dealing with potential problems. They do not make the boat go faster.

Therefore, my conclusion is that what you call gimmicks I call useful sailing aids. If there is an easy way and a hard way to do the same thing (like trim the jib in heavy air), why not go with the easy way? I'm all for anything that makes my crew's life easier and my life easier. Please note that I am violently opposed to any changes that fundamentally after the nature of the Scot (such as harnesses for hiking, fooling around with the centerboard or rudder, etc.). My "gimmicks" do not alter my boat speed. They just make things easier and compensate for my physical shortcomings.

Mike, I hate to admit it, but I agree with your main point. The only way to really improve as a sailor is to spend time practicing on the boat. When I first started racing, I was terrible. But I spent a lot of time practicing with my crew until our boat handling became second nature. I also did a lot of reading about strategy and tactics. These are the kinds of things that really help. But I don't think my "sailing aids" (gimmicks) hurt my progress, with one exception. A few years ago I installed a centerboard console to better organize the control lines. I took it off a month later because, although it was a great looking gimmick, it actually made

things harder to adjust because of the added friction. So the lesson learned is go with whatever works for you. My bottom line is gimmicks are not inherently bad. But they will not make your boat go any faster -- they will only make your life

Now, I have to confess I finally met Mike Palm earlier this year at the Buckeye Regatta in Columbus, OH, and really enjoyed talking to him! He has a great love of the Scot which I greatly admire and respect. And we actually do agree on most things. However, like most sailors, we can still have different perspectives on some issues. Hopefully we are not cluttering up the pages of Scots 'n Water with our debates. You may be hearing more from us!



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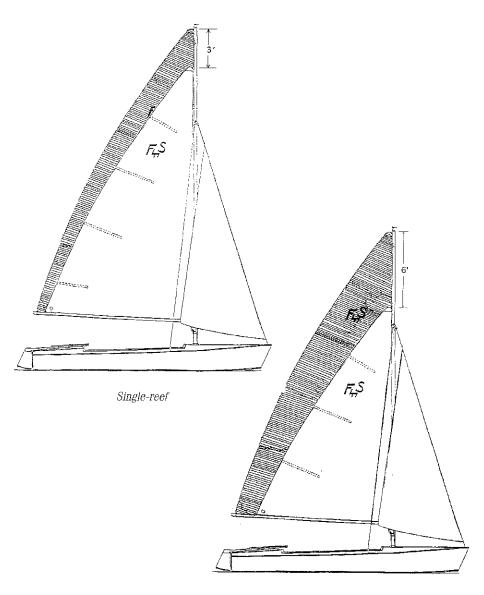
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Reef the Main and Enjoy the Ride!

by Steve Raper, FS 4051 Fleet 126

ast season I had two sets of reef points put into my mainsail and have found that this makes the boat much more versatile when it comes to cruising. The Scot has a relatively large mainsail and even with the jib down, it can be a real white knuckle ride when the wind gets up into the twenties and is gusty. Sailing in these conditions can be a lot of fun, but there are times, when you may have an incxperienced crew or are singlehanding. that you would rather have a more controlled ride. The main thing you will notice about reefing is that it takes the heeling moment off the boat but keeps most of the power in a breeze. The single-reef makes for a much more comfortable sail when singlehanding in about 13 to 18 knots. I've experimented with sailing under double-reefed main only in light wind just to see how the boat handles when underpowered. It sails well, but you really have to reach off a bit to get your boat speed up before going closehauled. Earlier this year, I got a chance to try it out in the windiest of conditions at Smith Mountain Lake in Virginia. The wind was about 15 knots so I already had it double-reefed when a front came down the lake at over 30 knots. I was singlehanding and could see the black water coming about two miles up the lake. At that speed, I was still up on deck trying to get the jib tied down when it hit. My friend David Layton, was close by on his Mirage 5.5 doing the same deck dance. I thought I was toast but once the jib was secured, the sailing was great! If you're singlehanding, I would suggest tying a line to the head of the jib, running it through the boweye and back to a cleat to keep the wind from blowing it back up the forestay.

Flying Scot, Inc. sells a jiffy reef kit made for a single reef but Bill Byrd, a good friend and longtime sailor, suggested putting two reefs in - one at three feet above the boom and another three feet above that. After drawing Bill's suggestion



Double-reef

out on paper to see how it would look, I decided to go with this and I'm really glad I did. I use the cunningham hook to pull the luff down and a single line at the end of the boom that pulls down the reefed clew and tensions the outhaul at the same time. Then, just roll up the excess sail, and tie the reef ties. I haven't timed it, but I can reef in a "jiffy".

With the main reefed, you have the option of putting the jib up for extra horsepower if you want or dropping it if the wind pipes up.

Steve Bellows at Schurr Sails put in two sets of reefpoints for \$70 plus about \$8 shipping. If you'd like more information on this, please contact me at steve_raper@juno.com.

Introduction

by Joni Seifrick

he Corinthian Sailing Club's Fleet 23 had the pleasure of hosting the Adam's Cup quarterfinals and semifinals for the Texas District and Area F over the summer on White Rock Lake in Dallas.

The so-called "ponytail fleet" was made up of Flying Scots from the Corinthian Sailing Club, Fort Worth Boat Club, Rush Creek Yacht Club, Port of Denver Sailing Club, the Denver Sailing Association and the Oklahoma City Boat Club.

The Fort Worth Boat Club, skippered by Lynette Edenfield, won the semifinals regatta and heads to the Adam's Cup finals in New Orleans in mid-September.

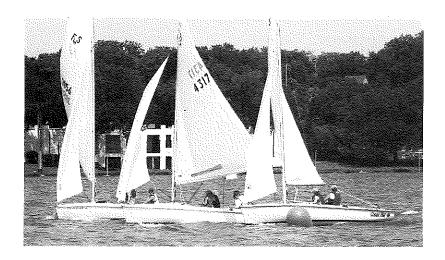
Carol Gough, who chaired the regattas, arranged for perfect sailing conditions with winds blowing an average of 15 mph to 25 mph for both regattas. (However, winds got so gusty before one quarterfinal race that it was delayed three times when boats broke down under the starting line.)

Each regatta had a big turnout of spectators and fans, mostly Corinthian Sailing members and families of competitors. At times, the rescue boats seemed so full of spectators we wondered who would be

cast off if any of the competitors needed to be plucked from the water! Luckily, everyone stayed on board.

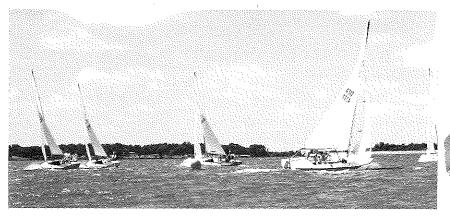
I didn't have to ask twice to get the "ponytail fleet" to try to put their experiences into print. The following articles were written by Adam's Cup competitors from the Corinthian Sailing Club in hopes of inspiring other women and Flying Scot wives to take the plunge — and the helm — in future Adam's Cup races.

Adams's Cup Semifinals, Area F









The Races

by Greta Mittman

TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION'S ADAM'S CUP EVENT

The T.S.A.'s Adam's Cup quarterfinals were held the weekend of June 22. Five teams participated - Fort Worth Boat Club, Rush Creek Sailing Club and three teams from our own Corinthian Sailing Club. On the morning of June 22, the sky was blue, the temperature was warm and the "breeze" was a healthy southerly 25 mph and gusting above 35 mph. (Sailors who floated in the '95 Flying Scot Nationals might feel that his part of the story is a tall Texas tale.)

With the skipper's meeting over, we rigged our first boat and headed out to the starting line with Joni Seifrick as skipper, Teresa Morris on foredeck and me on the spinnaker. After we cleared the clubhouse's wind shadow, it took approximately two boat lengths for us to be drenched by the spray. This uncon-

ventional baptism was an omen which our team did not heed. By the end of the day, we had broached four times, hit the leeward mark, hit a Race Committee boat (a no-no), hit a competitor's boat (a bigger no-no (DSQ)), blew out a jib baton, lost a forestay, de-masted a boat (crew's fault, of course) and went trolling with Teresa.

The Race Committee ran three races on Saturday. The first race was an Olympic and the remaining two races were windward/leewards. Julia Prodis-Sulek of GSC won the first two races. The third race was won by FWBC. At the end of the day, the lead was not clear, since one of the teams had been granted redress for a breakdown in the third race; however, with our DSQ, we had enough points to move into last place.

Sunday morning found everyone bruised and moving slower than normal. The Race Committee wanted to get an early start before the winds grew stronger, so once again we headed out to the starting line in a 20 mph breeze. Two

races were scheduled. The first course set by the Race Committee was an Olympic, but as the wind started to build before the start sequence, the course was changed to a windward/leeward.

Somehow we gained the favor of the Gods of Sailing and won the first race. FWBC finished second. The course



Greta Mittman, Teresa Moms, Joni Seifrick

remained a windward/leeward for the final race of the regatta. Only the top two teams in the regatta would move on to the next event. FWBC won the last race and we placed second. Once the final taily was computed, Julia Prodis-Sulek's team of CSC eked out first place, FWBC placed second, our team finished third, Alane Dorr and company of CSC placed fourth and Rush Creek Sailing Club placed fifth.

AREA F'S ADAM'S CUP EVENT

Area F's Adam's Cup semifinals week were held the weekend of July 12. Six teams participated - Port of Denver Sailing Club, hence referred to as "The Colorado boat", Denver Sailing Association, a.k.a. "The other Colorado boat", Oklahoma City Boat Club referred to from now on as "Oklahoma", Fort Worth Boat Club - "Fort Worth", Julia Prodis-Sulek's CSC team also referred to as "Julia" in this story and our team. which from now on will be referred to as "our team". We were able to sail in the Area F's Adam's Cup competition because the Central States Sailing Association

only submitted one team - Oklahoma. Since CSC was the host of the event, the third place team of the T.S.A. Adam's Cup regatta would be allowed to participate in Area F.

The wind was a little more hospitable for this weekend's racing. At the start of the first race which was an Olympic

course, the wind was around 14 mph and out of the South-Southeast. Fort Worth was over early and had to restart. We had a decent start and paced with Julia to the windward mark. It was a close race, the two CSC teams finished first (Julia) and second (our team). Fort Worth managed to work their way from last to third with Colorado finishing a close fourth. Oklahoma and the other Colorado boat spent the first race figuring out how to sail a Flying Scot. After a quick change of boats, the second race was started. The course was a three and a half windward/

leeward. As the leaders rounded the leeward mark for the final upwind leg, it was very close between Julia and Fort Worth. Our team and Colorado rounded about five boat lengths behind the first two boats. Our team and Colorado stayed to the middle of the course while Julia and Fort Worth worked their way to the left. Fort Worth ended up being pinned outside of Julia. We took advantage of this and finished second right behind Julia. Fort Worth was able to hold on for a third place finish.

The Race Committee scheduled two races for the afternoon. The third race was three windward/leeward legs. Julia cstablished a lead early on and kept it. Fort Worth finished second and our team placed third. After a break from the heat, the Race Committee set another three windward/leeward for the fourth race. The wind was a steady 13 mph but it was starting to get finicky about where on the lake it would send nice puffs. During the first two legs of the race, four different boats had the lead at different times. On

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the final windward leg, Julia and Fort Worth went right while Colorado and our team went left. Julia and Fort Worth put quarters in the wind machine on that side of the lake and sailed away from Colorado and us. It was a very close leeward finish between Julian and Fort Worth, with Julia barely crossing the line first, however, Fort Worth was flying a protest flag against Julia for making contact between her boom and Fort Worth's spinnaker. In the Adam's Cup, there is no 720 degree rule to absolve a boat - just instant DSQ. We were able to hold off Colorado to keep third place.

After the protest hearing, Fort Worth was in the lead with nine points, Julia and our team were tied for second with ten points each. Only a lone single point separated our three boats - no margaritas tonight, because tomorrow there was a regatta for the taking.

Sunday morning arrived with very little breeze. The Race Committee postponed the first race waiting for the wind to fill-in. It seemed that the top three teams were preoccupied as we waited for wind. Only one team would continue on to the

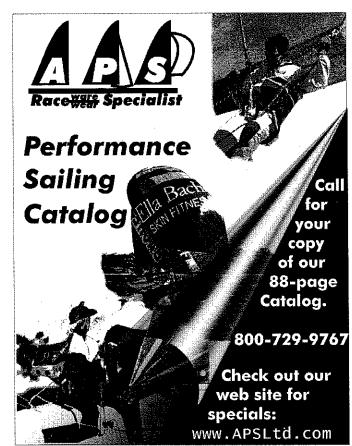
Adam's Cup finals and each of the top three teams wanted to be it. I felt certain that Joni, Teresa, Julia, Heidi and Natalie shared the same thought as I - 'This is our lake, the Flying Scot is our boat...a team from CSC should be the one to go to New Orleans.' My mind went over the possible combination of finishes. A third place finish in the first race would be the kiss of death to any of the lead boats. I silently wished that our team would not follow more than one boat across the finish line in the first race. Finally, the morning breeze grew into a semi-consistent wind from the South and the Race Committee sent us out to the race course.

The course was a two and a half wind-ward/leeward and the left side looked favored. Every boat had a decent start and the first mark rounding saw four boats all within ten boat lengths of each other. As the race continued the boats started to spread out a little. At the leeward mark for the final windward leg, we rounded behind Julia and Fort Worth. Julia was out in front of Fort Worth by about five boat lengths. We were within five boat lengths of Fort Worth and had one remaining leg to dodge the fat lady's lips. Sailing to windward we gained on

our target. As we drew closer to Fort Worth and the finish line, Fort Worth covered us tighter and tighter. In desperation for clean air, we tacked into a header and went approximately four boat lengths before tacking back. Fort Worth did not cover us but sailed the lift. When we tacked back, I made a mental note to make sure the next time I made a wish to use a star. At the finish, Julia had a comfortable first followed by Fort Worth, our team, Colorado, Oklahoma and the other Colorado boat.

With one race to sail, Julia and Fort Worth were tied for the lead. We did the boat rotation and headed back out to the starting line for a two windward/leeward. The wind was starting to act flukey and go light. Since we had sailed the whole regatta without a first place finish, our new goal was to get a bullet. On the first windward leg, we pulled out in front. At the windward mark we had a nice lead, a perfect spinnaker set in the light air as we started downwind sailing a bit above the rhumb line. The other boats were rounding in a bunch and having difficulties setting their chutes. Fort Worth was at the front of the pack, followed by Colorado, Julia, Oklahoma and the other Colorado boat. We started to open up our lead. Most boats were staying close to the rhumb line as they headed for the leeward mark but one boat, Fort Worth, was going real low. We decided to head down and cover Fort Worth. We feared they might get some wind down there all by themselves and leave everyone else behind. This was not the best decision we could have made.

At the leeward mark, we watched and listened as Oklahoma ecstatically rounded the mark first. We followed Oklahoma, Julia and Fort Worth around the mark and two Colorado boats were right behind us. We started back to the windward mark, hoping to regain some of the ground we had lost. Julia and Fort Worth moved in front of Oklahoma on the windward leg. Fort Worth managed to move ahead of Julia by the windward mark. Oklahoma rounded the windward mark in third and we rounded a few minutes later in fourth with Colorado on our stern. On the final leg we managed to hold on to fourth place. Ahead of us we saw Fort Worth cross the finish line first, followed by Julia and Oklahoma.



Falling Off

by Heidi Gough

「t all started with a challenge from Joni Seifrick: She had a team organized for 🎩 the Adam's Cup and wanted a good showing from our club. Considering the size of our fleet, there was absolutely no excuse not to have several teams. Our team consisted of Julia "I'm Falling Off" Sulek, Natalie "Iron Woman" Mauney and myself. I figured we would go out and compete and just pray we didn't embarrass ourselves (not to mention our husbands!). The three of us pestered our husbands to the point of irritation, expecting a complete brain-dump of their umpteen years of Scot sailing within a one month period. The scary part is - it worked. If we had to practice one more mark rounding or jibe, I think we would have quit.

The whole experience was an eyeopener for all of us. I guess we didn't know how we'd fare without our spouses calling the shots. I typically crew for my husband, Kelly, and have gotten used to his constant "chatter" – he is so focused on the next shift, where the rest of the fleet is, etc. I, on the other hand, try not to hurt myself or wonder what I'm going to wear to work on Monday.

So imagine our shock in the first race of the quarterfinals when our team was first to the weather mark!! I recall the comment, "Don't look now girls, but we're in first!" It seemed that with each race, our confidence grew and that hey, maybe, just maybe, we had a clue how to get around the race course!

Julia, our pregnant skipper, was absolutely awesome. This mild mannered reporter never missed a beat and showed incredible strength with the high winds and tough conditions. Natalie, who never uttered a word (like she'd have a chance with me on board!) put most of the guys to shame with her spinnaker handling, main trimming around the leeward mark and total calm. There were some tight reaches that would make your toes curl but Natalie just sat back as if out for a Sunday ride. What a treat to race with these two!

My favorite memory of the semifinals was one particular weather mark rounding. When our team first started practicing, it was discovered that Julia, our FEARLESS skipper would not "bare off" when heading downwind. I was accustomed to hearing Kelly say "No No" - but Julia would announce, "I'm falling off."

Natalie and I nearly had whiplash the first few times that Julia said this, thinking that, naturally, she was on her way overboard. We begged her to change the announcement so we wouldn't panic. So at this rounding, we get

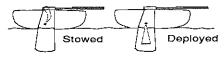
hit with a hairy puff and Natalie and I start furiously setting the pole and chute and try to go fast. From the back we hear, "I'm falling off. I'm falling off." Natalie and I keep going, raising the board, getting the chute just so when we hear "No, I'm REALLY FALLING OFF." When I saw deck shoes about eye-level, I realized she means it this time. Knowing that a shrimping skipper is somewhat slow, I grabbed poor Julia by the shirt and threw her back in the boat - and we didn't miss a beat. In fact, I believe it was our best set of the regatta.

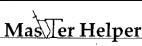
By far the most heartwarming story of the Adam's Cup experience was how the Corinthian Sailing Club supported all of us. Countless people told us how proud they were - of our effort, tenacity and skill. From the race committee, to the judges, to the boat owners...each made a point of congratulating us, which meant even more than winning.



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New Kids on the Block

by Alane Dorr

ey Alane, why don't you skipper and put a team together for the Adam's Cup?" "Sure!" What sounded like a fine idea over margaritas and hot dogs at a cookout, later became far more ominous on sober weekend mornings with high winds. Spring in Dallas was full of gusty days and the Adam's Cup quarterfinals weekend was no different. The challenge was more trying perhaps for us three sailors with the least experience.

Kai Kunnapas and Teresa Morris are in their first and second year of sailing respectively, and I, in my third summer of sailing, have skippered for only a few months. Although Teresa was on one team and Kai and I on another, there are some commonalities of experience that we shared by being the "new kids on the block."

Certain words took on new meaning for us throughout the course of practice and the regatta. The first is the GENEROSITY that was shown to us by all of the club members who gave their time, their concern, their encouragement and their boats (the fools) to us novices. The second is the NEW RESPECT that we could feel we were gaining each time we ventured out into that wind. We joined the rank of the serious sailors. The third is CONFIDENCE in ourselves and our ability to do more than we had done before, and to solve problems on our own. The fourth is MOTIVATION for new learning that happens when we part from our usual sailing companion or position and take on a new role in a new team. Learning escalated at an amazing rate, particularly in those five races of the regatta.

What did we learn in this grueling, sometimes scary set of races? We learned to set realistic, obtainable goals such as, stay upright and stay on the boat. This is difficult when you are busy slipping under the leeward scat or dragging in the water with only one foot on board or hanging out over the bow, dangling by a tangled spinnaker halyard. We learned that when

anything goes wrong, first think duct tape! Duct tape can cure many Flying Scot ailments! We learned how to catch fish that are swimming ON your boat while you are maneuvering at the starting line, (and we thought Cosmic Fish was the boat's name not its destiny). We learned how to perform (or not) under the unique pressure that high winds and a high profile regatta create. We learned to tie and untie a myriad of knots in tangled lines and to rig and unrig lines as they slipped under the boat and how to shoot from the hip to handle many mishaps. Despite the near drownings, and beating ourselves black and bluc from "boat bites" this awesome experience was worth every bruise for all that we gained. We have made positive changes as individuals and as sailors, and have come away with new skills and insights. We belong to a very special club and a most supportive fleet for giving us this opportunity.

Club Support

by Natalie Mauney

ailing in the Adam's Cup competition was a first for me in many respects. Although I've been in many regattas, this was the most trained-for sailing event in which I'd ever participated.

Of all the elements that made this competition memorable, our great teamwork, good sailing conditions (July in Texas wasn't as bad as it usually is), and well-rigged boats, the one element that made the most difference was the support of our fleet.

Each one on our team came from highly competitive sailing backgrounds, and each of our husbands spent a great deal of time, effort, and emotion on our campaign.

Kelly Gough gave us unparalleled training on tactics and crew-work (and helped me improve my spinnaker work). My husband Scott also worked with us on tactics and boat rigging adjustments, and was there to give us an instant replay of every move we had made on each race.

And this support wasn't limited to spouses; our fleet and club made certain that this Adam's Cup challenge was first-rate. Richard Wade gave us advice and insight on down-wind tactics; Ralph "Red Dog" Jones brought enthusiasm and

media attention to this event; our club provided an expert team for race committee (John Diggins, Carol Gough, Roz Bowen, and Randy Robinson); John and Linda Soukup and Chris Sulek fed us well (in some races, we needed the extra 'ballast'); not to mention all the gracious people who loaned their boats (and helped us work on our docking skills!).

With the support of this talented bunch, I felt honored to be a part of this event. I also know that because of this experience and words of wisdom and encouragement, our team improved as sailors, teammates, and sportswomen.



1997 North American Championships Judged a Light-Air Success

by John Slater

ighty-four Scots were on line last August at Lake Norman Yacht Club for one of the largest and bestorganized Flying Scot North American Championships ever held.

At the end of the week, Kelly and Heidi Gough of Coppell, TX emerged as the 1997 Champions, taking a third, a fourth, a first and a second in the four races that made up the championship series. Eileen Ewing of Red Bank, NJ and Diane Smith of Lambertville, NJ won the women's championship with a second and a first in a two-race series.

Members of Fleet 48 had been planning the event for 18 months before the first competitor arrived on Friday, Aug. 1, and the planning was apparent to the visiting sailors the moment they entered the club gates. Drivers were met by Fleet 48's Tom DeLux, who assigned parking spaces for cars and trailers.

At registration, they were offered Moravian sugar cookies and plenty of hospitality. Skippers who said they wanted to leave their boats in the water were assigned to specific cleats on the docks.

They also were given a well-organized bag of goodies that included a ditty bag from Schurr Sails, a fluorescent orange cover made by North Sails to place over the masthead while trailering, a water-proof plastic container from Sobstad, four glass tumblers engraved with the name of the regatta, a copy of "Soundings, the Nation's Boating Newspaper," a Sailing World reprint describing the new racing rules from The Sail Loft, and a souvenir book of photographs, "North Carolina: An Intimate View," with an introduction by Charles Kuralt.

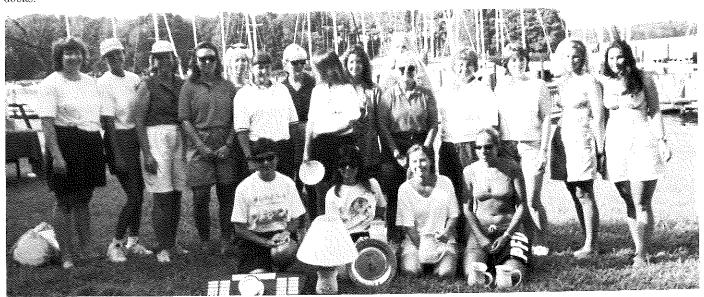
More organization was apparent when skippers took their boats and sails to be measured. NAC Measurer Bill Ross had recruited and trained volunteers from Fleet 48 and Fleet 27 who made the process painless and hassle-free. (Tell that to the skipper who trailered a club boat to the regatta, only to learn that its rudder had been modified beyond the class tolerances.) Local boats had been measured in July, reducing the regatta workload while providing practice for the measurers.

While the measurers worked away on shore, another group of helpers was organizing the women's championship on the water. Race committee boats, marks, and other accoutrements were ready to go, but the wind wasn't. Racing was postponed until a light southeasterly wind came along.

Twelve all-female crews took part in the event, including two three-person crews. Whitney Hall, the daughter of Graham Hall, and crew Sally Smith won the first race, followed by Eileen Ewing and crew Diane Smith in second place and Felicia Bamer and crew Dana Patton in third

Trying to take best advantage of the existing wind, the race committee started a second race back-to-back at 12:30 pm. Gina and Patricia DiResta, Greta Mittman and Rene Coleman, Tricia Batchelor and Carrie Berger, Melanie Dunham and Tiger Faircloth, and Susan Domagala, Ellen Fitzgibbon and Cylie Rowell all chased zephyrs on the right

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Women who participated in the NAC's and the winner of the Regatta

side of the windward/leeward course, but the wind filled in from the left, relegating them to the back of the fleet.

Eileen Ewing and Diane Smith finished first in that race. Leah Nellis, Sandy Menifield and Cayne Machetti took second place, and Whitney Hall and Sally Smith placed third.

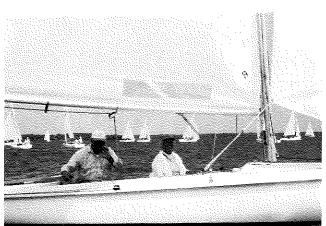
The wind died completely at the end of the race, stranding three boats short of the finishing line, with more than an hour to go in the time limit. After a futile 20-minute wait for more wind, Felicia Bamer and Dana Patton, Vicky Stump and Martha Sullivan, and Carol Sandke and Chris Kicinski accepted their positions.

The wind stayed away the rest of the day, and the women's championship was decided on the basis of a two-race series.

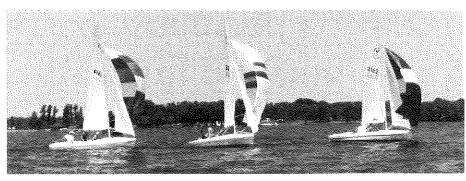
Sunday evening marked the occasion of the regatta's first party, a welcome reception sponsored by Fleet 48 with help from Duke Energy, NationsBank, and Flying Scot, Inc. The limited seating capacity of LNYC clubhouse was expanded with a festive 40 x 60 foot red and white striped tent on the front lawn.

Monday and Tuesday were devoted to determining the assignment to the Championship Division and the Challenger Division. Two light-air windward/leeward qualifying races were sailed on Monday, and then the weather broke.

At Monday night's dinner on the clubhouse lawn, a thunderstorm spawned by a passing front brought intense rain and gusts up to 40 mph. One end of the festive tent collapsed, to the surprise of hungry



Bob (our Class Measurer) and Mary Ellen Neff sailed to a second place finish in the Challenger Division



Competition at the Ladies NACs

sailors who had chosen to go on eating in the tent rather than seek shelter indoors. The worker who came to re-erect the tent the next morning found that the center poles had been driven three feet into the ground by the force of the wind.

Gerry and Sunshine Hartman's boat was torn from its dock by the storm, still tied to its cleat. The boat was rescued without incident, and everyone hoped the front would keep the wind blowing the rest of the week.

Tuesday brought enough wind for the race committee to try its first Olympic course, a 5.4 mile with an elongated last leg. It was a good test for the competitors, and at the end of the day Marcus Eagan and crew Marc Eagan, Graham Hall and Kris Smith, Bill and Eileen Ewing, Steve "Doc" Bellows and Leah Nellis, and Kelly and Heidi Gough were seeded at the top of a 43-boat Championship Division.

Dan, Terry Dees and Daniel Kolenich, Debby and Paul Stipkovich, Tom Kirtley and Pete Schnerger, Don Smith and Chris Kicinski, and Ed and Carol Sandke headed a 33-boat Challenger Division.

Eight skippers had registered for the

Seniors Division, a venerable venue that required a combined age (skipper and one crew member) of at least 120 years. Seniors did not have to qualify. They would sail with the Challenger Division and be scored on their best three races.

Tuesday afternoon marked the first of a series of informal go-fast seminars led by Greg Fisher, who had organized a panel including Doc Bellows, Ira Cohen, Marc and Marcus Eagan, Kelly Gough, and Graham Hall. Many participants - I counted 87 at this first event - crowded the tent to pick the leaders' brains on how to squeeze the last bit of speed out of their boats.

Wednesday dawned with an 8 - 10 mph wind blowing out of the east-northeast, and the race committee set a 6 1/4 mile Olympic course for the scheduled 0940 start. At the jibe mark, five skippers - Bill Ewing, Peter Salmon-Cox, Marcus Eagan, Kelly Gough, and Graham Hall - had



The 1997 NACs was a great time for all on and off the water

opened up a 32-second gap between them and the sixth place boat, but by race's end Kevin Northrup had overcome that deficit and shoehorned himself into fourth place. The original five leaders all finished in the top six places.

Blair Boggs, Art Mastoras and Marilyn Mastoras led the Seniors Division at the turning mark, and went on to win the race in their fleet.

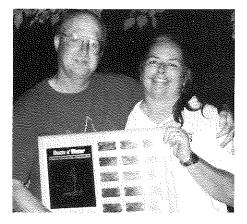
By race's end, the wind had gone light and flukey, and although the race committee monitored it carefully until late afternoon, nor further races could be started.

The annual FSSA meeting and dinner were held Wednesday evening at the Mooresville Citizens Center, a 20 minute drive from the club. The food was good, the facility was excellent and the race

committee announced an early start for Thursday morning, with plans to sail two races before lunch and try for a third in the afternoon.

And that's exactly what happened. The first race was a two-mile windward/leeward affair which Bill Ewing won in 41 minutes sailing time. Although the winds were variable and shifty, the race committee was able to use essentially the same course for a second windward/leeward, this one lasting about an hour.

About an hour, that is, after it got started. By Thursday, the competitors were getting edgy, and there were two general recalls before the race finally got underway. The Championship Division split tacks on the windward leg, and at



Steve Branner, Ohio District Governor, receiving Scots 'n Water Trophy

first it looked as though the right-siders had cleaned up. But after one of those inexplicable wind shifts that afflict inland-lake sailing, everyone arrived at the windward mark pretty much all at once. Kelly Gough, who had gone to the

right, was fifth around the windward mark. He was in second at the leeward mark, and wound up winning the race.

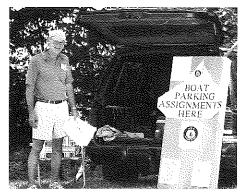
After a lunch break, the boats took to the water again for a longer windward/leeward race, twice around a 3.5 mile course. Nervousness was still in evidence, and the Championship Division went through another general recall. Although only half a dozen boats

were over early, the size of the fleet made it impossible to identify all of them. At the start, the wind topped out at 11 mph, the highest wind speed clocked during the week's racing. By the time the Challengers started 10 minutes later, the wind had already waned. It continued to come and go.

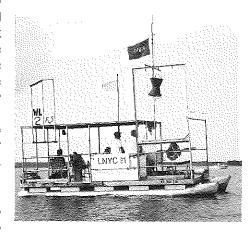
Shifting winds required course changes on each of the last two legs of the race, but by the end of the day Thursday the regatta was on schedule.

On schedule, but not to everyone's liking. Bill and Eileen Ewing, who had never lost at Lake Norman, gave up 19 places on the last leg of the third race and were scored PMS in the fourth. And talk about heartbreak - Ed and Carol Sandke were over early in the third race of the Challenger Division. They returned to the starting line, and eventually battled their way back to lead the fleet at the finish. They didn't get the gun, though; the committee ruled they had not completely re-crossed the starting line, an error that cost them second place in the regatta.

Everyone was looking forward to the final race Friday morning, but it was not to be. Friday was one of those August doldrum days, where even the early morning breeze didn't materialize. The race committee postponed without sending the competitors out on the water, and sat back to wait it out. The sailing instructions prescribed that no warning signal could be made after 1250 on Friday, and as that time approached the committee fired three cannons and the 1997 Flying Scot North American Championship Regatta was history, except for the awarding of trophies.



Tom Delux greeting and assigning spots at NACs



NAC Race Committee

There was yet another dinner, followed by dancing, but by that time competitors were more interested in saying their goodbyes and promising to do it again next year, July 12 - 18, at Lake Carlyle, IL.

Chief judge for the event was J.C. Moore, and the other judges were Ann Newton and Bob Bowden. The principal race officer was Don Sweet. The regatta chairman was Dave Alkire.



Championship and Challenger Winners NAC - Lake Norman 1997

			CHAMPIONSHIP DI	VISION				
Place	Sail No.	Skipper	Crew	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total
1	4545	Kelly Gough	Heidi Gough	3	4	1	2	10
2	4916	Marcus Eagan	Marc Eagan	6	7	2	1	16
3	5107	Steve Bellows	Leah Nellis	12	3	3	3	21
4	38	Kevin Northrup	Brock Schmidt	4	2	6	19	31
5	4343	Ira Cohen	Cathy Cohen	7	6	12	8	33
6	4945	Graham Hall	Kris Smith	1	5	20	14	40
7	5047	*Peter Salmon-Cox	June Schneider	5	22	8	7	42
8	8	Paul Lee	Denise Lee	10	9	13	11	43
9	5019	Harry Carpenter	Jimmy Carpenter	8	23	16	10	57
10	2259	*Don Griffin	Barbara Griffin	15	21	22	4	62
11	4140	Gerald Hartman	Sunshine Hartman	14	13	5	31	63
12	2070	*Chuck Gise	Mark Gise, Scot Gise	17	20	14	16	67
13	2601	Melanie Dunham	Bill Dunham	11	18	17	25	71
14	5001	John Meredith	Brain Hayes	24	17	7	26	74
15	4246	*Bill Ewing	Eileen Ewing	2	1	28	44	75
16	4510	Larry Taggart	Carrie Berger	9	16	11	39	75
17	1342	*Jack Stewart	Martha Lee Stewart	26	8	34	9	77
18	5085	Larry Vitez	Ralph Mello	33	41	4	6	84
19	4109	Jerry Dees	"Granny" Dees, Nicholas Dees	s 37	19	9	22	87
20	4720	Bob Murdoch	Beverly Murdoch	18	28	29	13	88
21	4991	Dan Goldberg	Joni Reis	21	15	23	30	89
22	4017	*Donald Wright	Jon Claas	16	30	25	20	91
23	4761	Tom Lawton	Patti Lowton	13	27	18	34	92
24	264	Bob Summerfeldt	Allyson Summerfeldt	41	10	15	27	93
25	5050	*Richard Newell	Susan Hauser	19	38	26	12	95
26	4938	Anthony DiResta	Regina DiResta	38	11	27	23	99
27	2363	Gary Werden	Dave Jacobsen	35	12	31	24	102
28	3856	Robert New	Michael Mittman	22	26	39	18	105
29	4115	*Bernie Knight	Trish Gardena	36	37	30	5	108
30	3845	Bane Shaw	Ann Shaw	39	29	10	35	113
31	51	Peter Christian	Scott Christian	30	24	21	38	113
32	4048	Daniel Vought	Jennifer Vought	32	14	32	36	114
33	1104	*Starling Gunn	Steve Jones	34	40	19	21	114
34	5126	*Charles Fowler	Nancy Fowler	40	39	24	15	118
35	1263	Steve Comen	Renee Comen	20	33	· 38	29	120
36	1857	*Ted Kaperonis	Jay Sandke	27	25	36	42	130
37	4449	Mark Shoemaker	Alice Shoemaker	42	31	43	17	133
38	4096	Forest Rogers	Tiger Faircloth	31	32	37	33	133
39	2253	Patrick Glazier	Sean Glazier	29	42	35	28	134
40	3916	Bill McVey		28	35	33	40	136
41	3076	*Thomas Pinkel	Dana Patton	23	36	42	37	138
42	5000	*Paul Moore	Paul Moore III	25	43	41	32	141
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43	4862	*George Kunkle	Sandy Kunkle	43	34	40	41	

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2	5056	Blair Boggs	Art Mastoras, Marilyn Mastoras	1	6	X	1	8
3	1885	Richard Schultz	Nancy Schultz	2	3	3	X	8
4	1280	Jake Barnhardt	John Gibbons	5		Χ	3	9
5	171	Hal Walker	Joe Zammit	X	4	2	4	10
6	1003	Curtis Torrance	Ray Vance	3	5	6	X	14
7	1292	William Robertson	Kathy Robertson	χ	- 8	4	6	18
8	3029	Donald Hott	Charlotte Hott	7	7	X	5	19

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	CHALLENGER DIVISION								
Place	Sail No.	Skipper	Crew	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total	
1	4257	John Beery	Ryan McRee	2	11	8	6	27	
2	4884	*Bob Neff	Mary Ellen Neff	7	1	2	20	30	
3	3882	Felicia Barner	Dana Patton	26	3	1	3	33	
4	5005	*Don Smith	Chris Kicinski	3	6	9	16	34	
5	4296	*Jim Harris	Suzie Stombaugh	11	10	11	2	34	
6	4722	*Frank Gibson	Debbie Gibson	5	5	20	5	35	
7	1290	*Bill Ross	Brad Russell	6	22	3	7	38	
8	3929	Bill Vogler	Greta Mittman	1	14	15	9	39	
9	1518	Jim Leggette	Mike Funk	4	8	17	12	41	
10	4301	*Debby Stipkovich	Paul Stipkovich	14	9	5	17	45	
11	2324	*Dave Batchelor	Tricia Batchelor	9	29	7	1	46	
12	3638	Mike Duncan	Dorothy Duncan	19	19	4	8	50	
13	3805	Gina DiResta	Patricia DiResta	13	16	24	4	57	
14	4852	Charles Alday	Steve Wiseman	12	20	12	14	58	
15	4348	Steve Branner	Martin Klapproth	16	7	6	31	60	
16	3438	Ed Sandke	Carol Sandke	8	2	34	18	62	
17	4162	*Dennis Leffler	Dave Alkire	18	15	10	23	66	
18	4719	Tom Kirtley	Pete Schnerger	20	13	16	19	68	
19	4565	Ralph Rieu	Stacey Rieu, Melissa Rieu	22	17	19	13	71	
20	4952	Ken Gorni	Shirley Gorni	24	12	21	15	72	
21	5075	Bill Robertson	David McClung	21	25	18	11	75	
22	4865	Gracia Slater	Amy Pitser	27	4	22	22	75	
23	4211	Dan Kolenich	Terry Dees Kolenich, Daniel Kol	enich 10	27	13	26	76	
24	3401	Morris Willey	Victoria Willey	15	24	27	10	76	
25	2762	*Roger Quinn	Jerry Jasper	17	28	14	30	89	
26	3763	*Frank Vandall	Sheila Vandall	23	18	30	21	92	
27	4367	Lance Gucwa	Michael Gucwa	28	21	23	24	96	
28	133	Jery Lane	Gene Lane	25	30	25	27	107	
29	4202	Donna Mohr	Jon Hamilton	30	26	26	25	107	
30	5064	Ed Cherry	Kim Cherry, Robert Healey	31	23	29	29	112	
31	2300	John Russell	Richard Rykens	33	31	31	28	123	
32	4462	Brian Sigmon	Suzanne Sigmon	32	32	28	32	124	
33	2707	*Roger Schermerhorn	Pat Schermerhorn	29	34	34	34	131	

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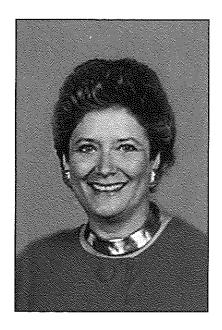
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FLYING SCOT 5056 SPOTTED IN CHINA

In May, 1997. Mason and Pat Colby (FS 1973) from Cincinnati, Ohio traveled for three and a half weeks in China. The Great Wall and the Terra Cotta Soldiers were of course astounding to see, but the most startling sight was FS 5056 enshrined in the atrium of Shanghai's new and glitzy New World Department Store. It's right in the entrance at the foot of the interior glass elevators and can't be missed by the millions who pass by. It's not going to be sailing away soon as it was in the process of being set in a blue ceramic tile seascape. A nearby staff person explained it was there for decoration, they weren't selling them. They couldn't have picked a prettier boat!

Meet the Staff



Nancy H. Cooper

In an effort to better acquaint you with the FSSA staff, we will run an article and picture in each issue of Scots 'n Water until all staff members have been identified.

Nancy Cooper, Vice President of Communications for J.Edgar Eubanks has been with the company for fifteen years. Nancy's main responsibility with Flying Scot Sailing Association is publishing Scots in Water. Nancy also holds the title of Webmaster and helped design the FSSA web page.

A native Columbian, Nancy is the mother of one son, Brian, who is a student at the University of Tennessee. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, playing bridge, and surfing the Internet.

ATTENTION ALL FSSA MEMBERS!

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Fleets In

REGATTA ORGANIZERS: For whatever reasons, we have received very few regatta reports to date this year. We know that regattas are being run! Why haven't we heard from you?

FLEET CAPTAINS: Why not send in the results of your season and series championships? We will gladly publish the winners for you. Send'em in!

1997 FLEET OF THE YEAR: FLEET 157

Fleet 157, from the Monmouth Boat Club of New Jersey, narrowly edged out Fleet 1, from Cowan Lake, Ohio, to claim Fleet of the Year honors for 1997. Bill Ewing, Fleet 157's representative at the North American Championships, accepted the perpetual trophy on behalf of Fleet Co-Captain Jackie Cattanach who submitted the winning entry. Rounding out the top five were Fleet 48 (Lake Norman, NC), Carlyle Lake (Carlyle, IL), and Fleet 80 (Pittsburgh, PA). A total of 12 entries was submitted.

Fleet 157, chartered in 1987, currently has 27 members and sponsors a 20-race local schedule. Their members have also participated in district, regional, and national events (wife-husband, Canadian Championships, and NACs). They have also contributed articles to *Scots 'n Water*, and most of their members belong to FSSA.

What gave Fleet 157 the winning edge was the creative ideas used to develop fleet membership. In 1997, they sponsored two potluck dinners (spring and fall), hosted a tuning and rigging seminar (to which other fleets were invited) with guest speaker Greg Fisher, coordinated a fleet purchase of bow bags and organized a work party to perform the installation, hosted a highly attended awards banquet at their "Haulout Dinner" at Monmouth Boat Club, and published a regular Fleet Newsletter.

Fleet 157 also initiated a new trophy for fleet members. This trophy is based heavily on participation, with only a minor emphasis on performance. The purpose of this trophy is to provide a reward for attendance at fleet and club events, running an event, serving on race committee, and participating in the water events.

The other Top Five fleets also earned extra credit for fleet development ideas or other creative initiatives. Fleet 1, winner of the award in 1996, hosted the 40th Anniversary Regatta which was a great success and well attended, and which will be (if not yet) the subject of a



feature article in Sailing World magazine. Fleet 1 also presented a Red Cross Learn to Sail Course, staffed booths at the Cincinnati Annual Boat and Outdoor Show, provided trainers and boats for the Cowan Lake Sailing Association Teen Training Camp, sponsored a special day of sailing for deaf teens, participated heavily in Cowan Lake's annual Women's Training event, and (as previously illustrated in Scots 'n Water) put on a spectacular Flying Scot Christmas Lighting Display consisting of a lit-up fully rigged Scot on a member's front lawn!

Fleet 48 hosted the 1997 NACs, hosted an annual fleet meeting/dinner, sponsored an evening dinner and cruise, and provided boats and trainers for a local sailing camp.

Fleet 83, host of the 1998 NACs, sponsored an early-season Open House attende by over 130 people, followed by two Learn-to-Sail Saturdays. Each of

their fleet meetings had a "theme" such as Mardi Gras, with the emphasis on socializing. As a result, attendance increased over 50 percent. They also teamed experienced sailors with novices to offer advice on basic boat handling and spinnakers, and held a challenger series for novices. As a result of these efforts, participation in the local racing program doubled from 1996!

Fleet 80 is heavily involved in the Lake Arthur Community Sailing Program, which is to encourage non-boat owners to sail and try their hands at racing. They also sponsored several social events throughout the year including a summer Corn Roast and fall Awards Banquet. They sponsored a Marina Regatta and cookout in a part of the lake not normally used for racing, to attract boats moored at the lake's marina to participate. Fleet 80 members provided instructors for the Lake Arthur Red Cross Learn to Sail course. They also sponsored a spring series of sailing seminars to introduce new sailors to the sport. In 1997, guest speaker Robin Davies gave a fascinating slide show documenting his participation in the Whitbread Around-the-World Race.

As you can see, each of these fleets used creative ideas to foster fleet development and membership, and to promote the sport of sailing. Perhaps your fleet may wish to consider adapting some of these ideas! Also, if your fleet captain failed to submit an entry for your fleet in 1997, remind him/her to do so in 1998. Nomination forms are sent each year to each fleet captain to fill out, and copies fo the form (revised in 1997) are available from the FSSA office and are published in the Handbook.

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29TH BUCKEYE REGATTA A HUGE SUCCESS

Fleet 37 out of Hoover Yacht Club, Columbus, Ohio, hosted the 29th Annual Buckeye Regatta on May 17 & 18 at scenic Hoover Reservoir just north of Columbus. Seventeen boats participated in the Regatta with boats coming not only from the Central Ohio area, but also West Virginia and Pennsylvania. Two separate fleets raced, a Spinnaker Fleet and a Jib and Main Only Fleet. Ideal conditions with strong and steady winds greeted the first day's racers and sailing was intense and competitive. The second day of sailing began under light and shifting winds but by the second race, conditions improved and there was plenty of air to test everyone's skill and nerve.

The six race format allowed a one race throw-out. The results are as follows:

Spinnaker Fleet:

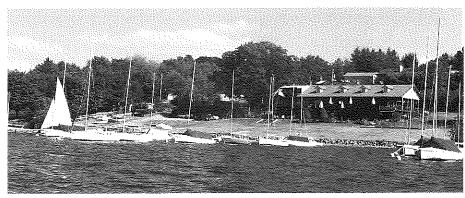
- #1 Jack Stewart Atwood Lake Yacht Club
- #2 Mike Cullen Hoover Yacht Club
- #3 Steve Branner Cave Run Sailing Association
- #4 Jack Rudy Cowan Lake
- #5 Bernie Knight

Jib & Main Fleet

- #1 Dick Staat Hoover Yacht Club
- #2 John Niestlie Hoover Yacht Club
- #3 Jerry Bean & Ross Long (Tied), Hoover, Yacht Club
- #5 Chris Fogle Hoover Yacht Club

Both the racing and the hospitality were outstanding as everyone enjoyed a great weekend regatta. The 30th Buckeye Regatta will be run next May (3rd weekend in May) and Hoover Yacht Club extends a welcome to all Flying Scot sailors to participate.

THE SANDY DOUGLASS INVITATIONAL FLYING SCOT REGATTA AT DEEP CREEK LAKE



The Sandy Douglass Memorial Invitational Regatta (which is also the Maryland State Championship Regatta) was sailed at the Deep Creek Lake August 26 and 27, 1997. This regatta, hosted by Flying Scot Fleet #6, was planned for five races, three on Saturday and two on Sunday. We had visiting boats from all over the Northeastern U.S. and one boat, skippered alternately by John and Marie Coolidge came from Chattanooga, TN. The regatta was held at the Deep Creek Lake Yacht Club at Turkey Neck. Our visiting sailors staved, for the most part, with members of the two yacht clubs on the lake and took their meals at the Turkey Neck club.

Sailing on Deep Creek Lake was a new experience for some of our visitors. Deep Creek Lake is a mountain lake at an elevation of almost 2500' with the surrounding hills and ridges rising another 500' to 1000'. So there may be a prevailing wind direction but as the wind swirls around thehills and down the lake coves that are generated by the topography it is not unusual to have 45 degree shifts and 15 degree shifts are constant. The shifts are so pronounced that most racing sailboats on Deep Creek Lake do not have tacking compasses...they are just not needed. And choosing the favored side of the weather leg can make several minutes difference in sailing time to the weather mark.

The first race went off on Saturday at 11:00 am in light air, about 3-5 knots from the northwest, followed by lunch at the Turkey Neck Yacht Club. The second and third races were sailed back-to-back after lunch. Just before the start of the third race the fleet was milling around waiting for their start, I thought I heard a

dog bark very close by. I looked around and sure enough there was a dog in the bow of a visiting Flying Scot. I hailed them and asked jokingly if he was asking for right-of-way. The couple in the boat with the dog laughed and said it wasn't their dog that had barked, the bark had come from on shore. The three races on Saturday went off without major incident and the tired racers enjoyed a dinner featuring barbecued pork ribs and chicken.

On Sunday, the winds were stronger, 5-10 knots from the west, and two races were sailed back to back in cloudy weather just right for sailing.

At the brief awards ceremony Jack Stewart, upon receiving a fifth-place trophy in the Champion Fleet, said that ever since his wife Martha had become eligible for Medicare last year, they had "trophied" every regatta they've sailed in. This remark brough a warm round of applause from the gathering.

Meredith Dodd, 11 years old, and a regular at the Deep Creek Sailing School came in second in the Challenger Fleet against stiff competition with her aunt Jennifer Meredith as her crew.

Regatta Results

Championship Fleet: John Meredith and Tony Kaminski, first; Dan Neff and Christine Hinkley, second; Harry and Connie Carpenter, third; Rob and Patricia Fowler, fourth; Jack and Martha Stewart, fifth; Allison Felix and Dick Gregory, sixth; Don and Barbara Griffin, seventh.

Challenger Fleet: Gary, Alice and Ryan Schubert, first; Meredith Dodd and Jennifer Meredith, second; Al and Jean Thagard, third; Ken Gibbs and Susan Meehan, fourth; Karl Rath and Al Riebel, fifth.



Starting Line

Note: Please send all regatta notices to the Association Office



December 27 and 28, 1997 Southern Yacht Club. New Orleans, LA

All FSSA members are invited to participate in this year's Sugar Bowl Regatta in New Orleans. Three to five races will be attempted. SYC has three electric hoists and a ramp, and a full service clubhouse. To our winter bound friends, we invite you to dust the snow off your Scot and join us. If the weather should happen to turn too nasty to sail, there's always the Riverfront and Bourban Street! And if your favorite college team happens to be playing in the Sugar Bowl football game, you might want to stay around for that as well!

For information, contact the SYC at (504) 288-4221 or fax (504) 283-0621 or Larry Taggart's email at: lwt01@gnofn.org.

Mid-Winters

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For more information contact Ruth Elder, club manager, at (850) 769-2453.

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NACs

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1998 Flying Scot Canadian Championship

August 22 & 23, 1998 Stony Lake, Ontario, Canada

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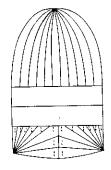
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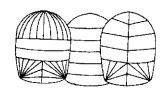
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