

Starlights



Fleets: 182, Boats: 8223

Originated 1911, Organized 1922

Volume 81, No.3

May, 2005

IN THIS ISSUE:

Class Reports	
Message from the Class President	1
Town Hall Meeting Report	1-2
South American Report	2
Nye Trophy to Koopman	5
Human Interest	
Member Spotlight	2
Tribute to Frank Zagarino	8
Class Survey	3-4
Regatta Reports	
Western Hemisphere Championship	5-6
Bacardi Cup	6-7
Regatta Schedule	8

MESSAGE FROM BILL ALLEN

As the weather warms here in the northern hemisphere, final planning is underway for the summer season. I hope all our members have a great season – enjoying the best one design boat in the world.

Enclosed herein is a detailed membership survey. Please take the time to fill this out thoughtfully. Our class is going through some interesting times, with the increased Olympic focus in many nations. Class management is committed to ensuring that the Star Class remains the best boat for both top level competition and the fleet and local racers. We all look forward to your responses to help guide us in the planning and execution of events over the next 3-4 years.

In particular, I am interested in any ideas regarding fleet building and increasing participation in local and regional events. What is attractive about Star regattas? What could we do differently? To me, the most important thing is to make our events more FUN. The competition is great, and is a big part of the fun, but there are other components as well. I hear so often about all the enjoyment and camaraderie at events that are not even particularly good sailing venues.

I know many fleets are doing some new things to make participating in the class events more fun. A few of these that have come to my attention:

- Wednesday night races – typically get great participation
- Regular social events after racing
- Social events with NO racing

Important announcement: If you have not paid your ISCYRA dues for 2005, this will be your last issue of Starlights. The 2005 LOG will only be mailed to the members who have paid their 2005 dues. Keep an eye on our website, www.starclass.org, for a notice on the actual mailing date of the 2005 LOGs. If you paid your 2005 dues late and were not included in the initial mailing list for the 2005 LOG, the Central Office staff will mail a 2005 LOG to you after the extra copies of the LOG are received from the printer.

- Participation in local multi class events – NOOD, PHRF

Special events where crews drive the boats, and we have to droop hike (some entertainment value here!), or a prospective member day to recruit new crews and boat owners are other concepts that have been successful.

For those who return the survey there will be a small token of appreciation. So please help by returning the survey. Our new marketing manager Tom VanderMolen will be working with Class Management to coordinate new ideas. Then it is up to the fleets and districts to implement new concepts and enhance the enjoyment of star sailing in their areas.

It's an exciting time for the Star Class. Our international prestige has never been better. Now we need to focus on the local and regional sailors that have always been the backbone of the class.

Good Sailing

TOWN HALL MEETING REPORT

March 10, 2005

President Bill Allen hosted the first Town Hall meeting at the Bacardi Cup on Thursday, 10 March 2005, with approximately 50 people in attendance. Other officers participating included International Vice President (Western Hemisphere) Claude Bonanni, First Continental Vice President (North America) Joe Zambella, and International Governing Committee Chairman Rick Burgess.

President Allen opened the meeting with a moment of silence for long time Biscayne Bay Star Fleet Member, Frank Zagarino, who passed away after a long illness immediately prior to the Bacardi Cup. Almost all Star sailors honored Frank by placing the letter "Z" just below the # 3 batten on their main sails. Frank won the Bacardi Cup in 1969.

President Allen stressed the informality of the meeting. The officers would listen and discuss any issues of interest. He acknowledged the past Class Presidents Dierk Thomsen, Jack Rickard and Bill Parks and also thanked Barbara Vosbury for her exceptional work as Regatta Manager.

President Allen pointed out that the Star has been selected as the Men's Keelboat for the 2008 Olympic games in China by an overwhelming vote of 33-3 at the recent ISAF meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark. The "men's" designation has brought up the question of gender. Our Class rules and the Class officers firmly and unequivocally support the Star Class as an "OPEN" class. All events under Star Class control will remain

open. The gender designation for regattas such as MOCR,

Spa and Kiel Week will unfortunately be at the organizer's discretion.

Comments were made on the recent World Championship. Distinguished recognition goes to the organizers at Club Náutico Olivos in Buenos Aires, Argentina for their outstanding efforts for a great championship. There was a welcome return to the international camaraderie found at many past Star Class Championships.

The Annual Meeting summary and results of 2005 for 2006 resolutions will be found in the next issue of Starlights. (Welcome back, Starlights!) A survey will be mailed out in the May Starlights asking Star Class members to answer questions regarding the Class and how its officers can make the Class better for its paying members.

It is with pride that President Allen announced that the 2005 Log will be mailed in about 4 weeks. This is a great improvement over this past year.

Bill also announced that Gull Lake Star Fleet member Tom VanderMolen has been appointed to be the Marketing Manager for the Class. Tom's ideas and enthusiasm will greatly help our fleet building initiative. Welcome aboard, Tom!

President Allen made a special presentation of the Harry Nye award. This award is presented to an individual to recognize his/her outstanding contributions and dedication to the Star Class. This year the IGC voted unanimously to award the Harry Nye Trophy to John F. Koopman. John has been the Star Class Chief Measurer since 1997, has additionally assisted with both regatta management and technical advice for our Class. He was measurer for the 2000 and 2004 Olympic games, and has also served as the Principal Race Officer at the last two Star Class World Championships. A standing ovation and heartfelt thanks to you, John!!

Some discussion was held regarding technical issues, specifically milled keels and weight distribution in the new boats. Cost issues and performance advantages were discussed by members and John Koopman. Both of these areas will be carefully looked at in the future. While the Star has always been a development class, the officers are concerned about any change that adds significant cost to the boat.

A question and answer section followed, highlighting many issues facing the Class today. Some members brought up the crew weight limit. The new proposals for a revised weight limit were soundly defeated in the annual meeting balloting. Several members suggested that crew weight control should be enforced at all of our events. Other members felt that anyone should be able to sail together at local events. There will no doubt be further discussion about this. The officers strongly feel that our current weight limit is fair, and should not be changed at least until after the 2008 Olympics.

In closing, past President Bill Parks thanked President Allen and suggested that everyone go to dinner. Thank you, Mr. Parks.

Respectfully submitted,
Claude Bonanni

International Secretary /
International Vice President Hemisphere 1

SOUTH AMERICAN NOTES

by Toben Graef

Alan Adler won the Brazilian Olympic Week last month on a tiebreaker with us. Robert Scheidt was 3rd. The 2006 South Americans will be in Brazil and 2007 for the first time most probably in Chile.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

By Richard Burgess

Over the years the Star Class has attracted some of the very best sailors in the world, and it looks like nothing is changing.

This winter I have had the pleasure of meeting and competing against three of the top young sailors in the world.

In November at the Schoonmaker Cup I met Mark Mendelblatt who represented the United States in the Laser Class in the Greece Olympics. His introduction into the class was interesting to say the least. At the first leeward mark rounding he had the misfortune of having another boat crash thru the side of his boat. Mark sailed off the course back to the sailing center where I caught up with him later that day. I can't say he was happy but he took it as things happen and it's not the end of the world. He got his boat repaired and returned for the Commodore's Cup, which he won.

In January I crewed in the South American Championships and met Lars Graef, brother of Torben, and Robert Scheidt. Both of these young men are from Brazil and they both have a sailing resume that anyone would be proud of.

Lars as most of us know was the victim of a very serious accident a few years ago when training in his Tornado was run over by a power boat and lost a leg. He has the most incredible attitude, which he displayed both on and off the water. I never saw him without a smile and always a hello or good morning. By the way he won the regatta.

Robert Scheidt, Olympic Gold medallist in the Laser class, is another one of those people that is you just know is going to be a great addition to the Class. I did not get to talk with him as much as I would have liked but that was only because of time restraints. His on water performance spoke for itself finishing second to Lars. I can tell you that his crew enjoys a very special cereal for breakfast.

So I guess what I'm trying to say in this article is these three additions to the class will only again show that the Star though heaped in tradition is still attracting some of the very best and nicest people in the sailing world.

SEND US YOUR MATERIAL

To submit material to Starlights please contact:

David Bolles
133 Castle Lane
Milford, CT 06460-7515
203 882 9428 / d.bolles@worldnet.att.net

To submit material for the Star Class web page please contact
Melinda Berge, Webmaster and LOG editor, at
webmaster@starclass.org

Star Class Survey

In order for the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association to be able to serve you better, please take time to fill out this survey. For most of the questions we have tried to provide an appropriate response which you can just circle. However, feel free to add notes or comments when the answers provided do not fit your personal situation. Send the form back to the Starlights editor at:

David Bolles
133 Castle Lane
Milford, CT 06460-7515
USA

This survey is also available on the Star Class Website (www.starclass.org). Since the on-line survey is directly linked to a database it would save us compilation time if you would use that form.

1. Name: _____
2. Boat number: _____
3. Age: _____
4. What is your fleet:
5. Contact information (e-mail or telephone):
6. How would you rate your level of sailing ability within your local sailing club?
- Fun sailor (never race)
Club Racer
District Racer
Gold and Silver Racer
Professional Sailor
7. What is your class association membership status?
- Life
Active
Associate
Isolated
8. What is your ISAF sailor classification?
- 1
2
3
I'm ISAF registered but don't know my classification
I'm not ISAF classified
9. Have you ever won a championship?
Still hoping and trying ...
District: What class?
Continental: What class?
World's: What class?
Olympic: What class?
10. What other active sports do you enjoy?
- Skiing / Snow boarding
Mountain Biking
Ball sports
Wind or kite surfing
Other
11. Which of the following best describes your occupation?
- Company Owner
Professional Management
Technical
Sales
Financial
Consultant
Student
Retired
Other
12. Do you own another boat:
Yes No
13. If Yes, what:
14. How would you describe the Star?
- Grand Prix International circuit racer
High-performance sports boat
General purpose sports boat
Sports boat suitable for club racing and cruising
15. Who built the Star you sail?
16. How do you rate your boat? (Rank these issues by number from MOST important (1) to LEAST important (5))
- Value for money
Quality of detailing and finish
Ability to stand up to the rigors of sailing and racing
Overall build quality
Hull performance
17. How many days did you sailed your Star in 2004:
18. How many Star Class events did you attended in 2004?
- 0
1 – 2
3 – 4
5 – 6
7 or more
19. Which events did you attended in 2004?
- Star Class Events
Multi Class Events
District Championships
Silver Star Championships
World's Championship
20. What factors affected your decision to attend events in 2004? (Rank these issues by number from MOST important (1) to LEAST important (11))
- The quality of the prizes
Weather forecast
Family friendly venue
Cost of entry fee
Social Events
On shore facilities and services (e.g. hotels, restaurants and night clubs?)
Short distance to travel
Wind / water quality of the venue
Anticipated attendance
A chance to learn from other sailors
The quality of racing
21. If you attended the 2004 World's, how do you rate the event? (Rank these issues by number from MOST important (1) to LEAST important (5))
- Club Facilities
Pre-event information & communications
On shore organization
Level of competition within the fleet
Race Management
22. If you attended a recent Silver Star Championship, how do you rate the event? (Rank these issues by number from MOST important (1) to LEAST important (5))
- Club Facilities
Pre-event information & communications
On shore organization
Level of competition within the fleet
Race Management

23. What events did you or do you plan to attend in 2005?
 Local Star Class events
 Local multi class events
 District Championships
 Silver Star Championships
 World's Championship
 Not sure
 None
24. What factors would affect your decision to attend events in 2005? (Rank these issues by number from MOST important (1) to LEAST important (12))
 The quality of the prizes
 Weather forecast
 Family friendly venue
 Cost of entry fee
 Social Events
 On shore facilities and services (e.g. hotels, restaurants and night clubs?)
 Subsidies (e.g. travel, entry fees) from an event sponsor
 Short distance to travel
 Wind / water quality of the venue
 Anticipated attendance
 A chance to learn from other sailors
 The quality of racing
25. What other elements would attract you to race in events?
 (Use an extra sheet of paper if necessary.)
26. Overall, how do you rate the performance of the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association?
 Excellent
 Good
 Average
 Below Average
 Poor
27. Which of these communications do you use or read? Please list them in the order in which you access them from the most used (1) down to least used (2, 3, etc.). Leave blank those which you don't use.
 www.starclass.org
 Your Fleet website
 Your District website
 Star Class Log
 Starlights
 e-Starlights
 Class message boards and on-line forums
 List Server emails
 Scuttlebutt
 Sailing World
28. Overall, how do you rate the following communications
 1) Star Class Log
 Excellent
 Good
 Average
 Poor
 2) Star Class Website
 Excellent
 Good
 Average
 Poor
 3) Starlights
 Excellent
 Good
 Average
 Poor
 4) The emails that are sent to you via e-Starlights
 Excellent
 Good
 Average
 Poor
29. Would you like to receive regular e-Starlights?
 Yes No
30. How often would you like to receive regular e-Starlights?
 Monthly
 Every two months
31. What content would you like to see in e-Starlights?
 Sponsor Articles
 Fun Elements
 Sailor Profiles
 Fixture List
 Regatta Reports
 Sailing Tips
32. Would you like to receive regular printed Starlights?
 Yes No
33. How often would you like to receive regular printed Starlights?
 Monthly
 Every two months
 Quarterly
34. Would you pay a subscription fee in addition to your regular dues to receive printed Starlights?
 Yes No
35. What content would you like to see in printed Starlights?
 Sponsor Articles
 Sailor Profiles
 Fixture List
 Regatta Reports
 Sailing Tips
36. How would you prefer to receive printed Starlights?
 Via mail Via e-mail as a pdf
37. When you consider changing something on your boat do you check the class rules?
 Always
 Sometimes
 Never
38. Do you know where to find the class rules?
 Yes No
39. Have you read the class rules?
 Yes No
40. Do you know the procedure for changing class rules?
 Yes No
41. Do you understand the class rules?
 Yes No
42. Do you plan to buy a new boat?
 Yes
 Not sure
 No, the one I have is good
 No, I'm planning to leave the class
43. Would you recommend a Star to others at your club?
 Yes No
44. Would you be prepared to offer your boat to someone interested in the class for a test sail?
 Yes No
45. Is there anything else you would like to add?
 (Use an extra sheet of paper if necessary.)
46. Finally, in your own words why do you think the Star Class is so great? (We are always looking for sailor quotes.)
 (Use an extra sheet of paper if necessary.)

HARRY NYE TROPHY TO JOHN KOOPMAN

By Bill Allen

I am very pleased to announce that the 2005 Harry Nye Memorial Trophy was given to John F. Koopman on March 10 in Miami. This award is given to individuals who provide exceptional service to the Star Class over an extended period. The Class Management Committee unanimously voted to award this trophy to John for 2005 at the recent meeting in Argentina.

John has served as our Chief Measurer since 1997, presiding over nine Star Class World Championships and the 2000 and 2004 Olympic Games. He has done excellent work developing new techniques to enforce our specifications, in an era when technical developments are testing our class rules. He has spent many days on behalf of the Class coordinating with ISAF and other international groups. In addition, John has done a great job as Principal Race Officer for the past 2 World Championships, one on very short notice. We all look forward to having John work with the class for many years to come.

WESTERN HEMISPHERE CHAMPIONSHIP

Introductory comments by Rick Burgess

The 2004/2005 winter sailing season came to an end with the Spring Championships in Nassau. Paul Cayard was kind enough to give us a day-by-day report of what was happening on the water, but this report will focus on the off-water activities.

When one comes to the Nassau Yacht Club you just know that things are going to be nothing short of fantastic and this year was just that fantastic both on and off the water. I arrived very late on Saturday night/Sunday morning. Traveling has become quite a chore but when I woke up Sunday morning to bright sun and 80-degree weather all of the travel problems of the day before disappeared. I went down to the club to find that all of the boats were there and for the most part in the same condition as when we shipped them. Oh don't get me wrong; there were a few problems with a couple of bent masts and I think one boat had a small hole in the transom. But everyone still had a smile and was ready to sail. The members of the Nassau Y.C. are nothing short of wonderful. They were very much ready for us and made all of us feel right at home.

Things in Nassau move at a very civilized pace, meaning that there is no reason to rush around but to go easy and enjoy life. We all weighed in, some closer than others but all made it. They also measured sails and again no problems.

Tuesday night we were treated to the opening ceremonies and a wonderful dinner at Nassau Y.C. Sir Durward Knowles surprised us with hosting a dinner on Thursday night and as would be expected anything done by Sir Durward was done right.

On Saturday night we went to the awards ceremony at the Nassau Y.C. The members of the Nassau Star Fleet and the Nassau Yacht Club decided that it was time to retire the old Nassau Spring Championship Trophy and rename the series first place trophy "The Sir Durward Knowles Trophy". To a standing ovation, Sir Durward accepted this tribute with great

honor and dignity. Paul Cayard was then presented as the first recipient of the newly dedicated trophy. As Paul addressed the group you could see how moved he was to have this honor.

To the members of the Nassau Yacht Club, a very special thank you all and I for one am looking forward to returning as soon as possible.

Harry Knowles Tune-Up

by John Rumsey, PRO

On April 5, the day before the Western Hemisphere Championship began, the Harry Knowles Tune-up Regatta was held. We had 25 boats on the line for the tune-up races. The winds were east 12-16 knots under sunny sky. Three races were run. The top three finishers were as follows:

First: Ross Macdonald / Mike Wolfs

Second: Paul Cayard / Brian Sharp

Third: John MacClausland / Brian Faith

In the evening Sir Durward Knowles spoke at the Opening Ceremony of the Western Hemisphere Championship at the Nassau YC with a few words about the class and the high caliber of competition.

Western Hemisphere Championship

by Paul Cayard

I decided at the last minute to come to Nassau to race the Western Hemisphere Championship because I consider Nassau the best place in the world to race and I have so many good memories of racing here over the past 25 years. 23 years ago I crewed for Vince Brun here, 21 years ago Kenny Keefe and I won the event here, 20 years ago we had the World's Championship here and Kenny and I finished third. Over the years I have won this event 4 times. I love the wind and waves down here.

Typical conditions are 15-20 knots from the South East with 5 foot waves that provide awesome surfing on the reaches and runs. This year, Nassau did not disappoint. In fact, it was breezier than usual; 15 knots the lightest and 30 knots tops.

April 6, Day 1, Races 1 & 2: On Wednesday we started the main event with 15-18 knots of wind from the East. Bright sunny conditions, big waves, awesome! We had a 2, 2 and John Dane with Austin Sperry crewing had a 3, 1. We lost the second race of that day by one foot to Dane.

April 7, Day 2, Races 3 & 4: Day 2 was more of the same but the wind moved 20 degrees to the right and increased to 20-25. We led both of those races most of the way, including the last windward marks, and got passed on the final run to the finish each time. Once by Mendleblatt and once by Rick Merriman. I tried not to get down on myself about losing the boats on the final run but it was hard not to be frustrated by the lost opportunities. Still we had increased our lead over Dane/Sperry to 5 points and 9 points over Mendleblatt / Strube. Our score line was 2,2,2,2 for the first four races.

Sailing 20 miles a day in 20 knots of wind in the Star is a workout. I was beat after Thursday. I needed the hot tub and a big stretch last night.

April 8, Day 3, Races 5 & 6: For Day 3 the wind was up another 5 knots to 25-30. What we call men's breeze. The direction had gotten around to 170 as a front is off Florida and will hit Nassau tomorrow. We had a conservative start at the leeward end and we about 6th as the fleet came together 2/3rd of the way up the first beat. The right had been good again and a big group was a head of us including Andy Horton leading, Szabo, Dane/Sperry and Howie Shiebler, Rick Merriman, Ross Macdonald. We manage to pass Merriman, Macdonald and Shiebler just before the first mark to round 4th, behind Dane. We passed him first then Szabo before the gybe mark. Then closed in on Horton at the leeward mark. Horton tacked on us a few times and made us split from Dane. We lost most of our lead on him and rounded the last windward mark just four lengths ahead of Dane and 10 lengths behind Horton. Down the last run, we left Dane and passed Horton to finally win a race!

Kept the boat on a plane and headed for the barn. I decided I could not afford to sail the last race. Might have broken my rig which costs \$5K when you added it all up. We got hauled out, all washed up, packed up and into the club for burgers as the fleet was coming in from the second race.

Another twist to the story is that Brian and I were guests on John Dane's powerboat, the Showdown. It has been fun and we need to thank John and his wife Leslie for the hospitality. John is real happy, as he should be. He is 54 years old and pushed us real hard and beat a lot of good competitors. Glad I decided to come down here.

Western Hemisphere Results

Pl.	No.	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Points
1	8159	Paul Cayard	Brian Sharp	WSFB	2	2	2	2	1	dns	9
2	8218	John Dane III	Austin Sperry	MoB	3	1	6	3	3	dns	16
3	8222	Rick Merriman	Steve Mitchell	SDB	5	11	5	1	6	1	18
4	8157	Mark Mendelblatt	Mark Strube	TaB	7	5	1	4	9	2	19
5	8168	Ross Macdonald	Mike Wolfs	EB	4	4	4	13	4	4	20
6	8156	Andy Horton	Brad Nichol	NB	1	6	7	8	2	7	23
7	8129	Mark Reynolds	Anders Ekström	SDB	10	9	3	5	8	3	28
8	8207	Howard Shiebler	Hal Haenel	WSFB	11	3	10	6	5	8	32
9	7995	George Szabo	Eric Monroe	SDB	6	8	8	9	13	9	40
10	8045	Augie Diaz	Bob Schofield	BisB	12	12	12	11	7	5	47
11	8184	John A MacCausland	Brian Fatih	CR	9	7	20	7	15	11	49
12	7953	Andy Beadsworth	David Carr	Solent	8	14	11	10	10	10	49
13	8215	Larry Whipple	Phil Trinter	PS	15	20	14	12	12	6	59
14	8176	Steven Kelly	Bill Holowesko	N	20	13	9	21	18	rdg	72
15	8028	Maurice O'Connell	Edmund Peel	IRL	17	18	19	14	11	14	74
16	8143	Brian Cramer	Iain Greensmith	LOC	14	15	17	17	20	rdg	75
17	8112	Joseph J Bainton	Tod Raynor	NB	21	22	13	15	16	12	77
18	7471	John J Bainton	Chris Rogers	NB	13	10	15	16	dns	dns	80
19	8084	Robert Teitge	Richard Burgess	DR	24	17	18	19	19	15	88
20	8087	Kevin McNeil	Seth Mininger	An	22	16	21	20	14	dnf	93
21	7225	Hyde Perce	Kevin Murphy	WH	19	21	dnf	dns	17	13	96
22	8177	Karl Anderson	Peter Hopple	BH	16	23	16	18	dnf	dns	99
23	8189	William A Fields	Arthur Anosov	SMB	23	dnf	22	22	21	dnf	114
24	7726	Jimmie Lowe	Andrew Higgs	N	18	19	dns	dns	dns	dns	115
25	8122	Claude Bonanni	Philip Sinner	TaB	25	24	23	23	dns	dns	121

BACARDI CUP

Based on reports by Janet Maizner
posted on the Bacardi website.

Additional reports supplied by Jan Walker.

Mark Mendelblatt and Mark Strube won the 68th running of the Bacardi Cup, a series which originated in 1927 in Havana, Cuba, and sailed annually on Biscayne Bay since 1962.

March 6, Race 1: Winners: Howie Shiebler & Anson Stookey

Howie Shiebler and Anson Stookey took first place followed by Mark Mendelblatt and Mark Strube in second place. Two-time Bacardi champion Peter Bromby of Bermuda placed third with crew Rick Peters and six-time Bacardi Cup winner Vince Brun and crew Doug Brophy took fourth place.

One thing noticeable in today's race were the number of boats displaying a large "Z" on their sails as a tribute to long-time Star Class sailor Frank Zagarino who died the day before. The principal organizers of this tribute were Rick Peters, Rick Burgess and Craig Prandini. Various volunteers spent Saturday morning cutting out the Zs for sticking onto the mainsails. According to several competitors, "Zag" as he was affectionately called, was known as the guy who helped out everyone who ever came to Miami to sail.

March 7, Race 2: Winners: Vince Brun & Doug Brophy

Light and shifty air delayed the second day start of the Bacardi Cup in Biscayne Bay. The fleet waited on the water for almost an hour before a light 4 to 5 knot breeze arrived. Six-time Bacardi Cup winner, Vince Brun and crew Doug Brophy were the first to catch a breeze and they never let it go.

March 8: No race was completed. The forecast was for a major front to move through around noon, with winds around 30 mph. The race committee called an hour's postponement of the start, thinking that the weather would pass through. After the hour elapsed, the radar was still showing the front coming but it had slowed. Just before noon, the race committee made the decision to cancel for the day. Because the race was postponed, so too was the mid-week dinner and award ceremony.

March 9, Race 3: Winners: Mark Mendelblatt & Mark Strube

Mark Mendelblatt and Mark Strube moved into first place overall after finishing first and fourth in Wednesday's back to back races.

March 9, Race 4: Winners: Andy MacDonald & Austin Sperry

Mid-Week Awards Ceremony

Due to strong cold winds and really heavy rains, the advertised "pool side" pasta dinner and award ceremony was held inside the Yacht Club. The Bacardi open bar was outside in the new gazebo bar, but it took waders and foul weather gear to get there! The presentations preceded the dinner, with Craig Prandini as master of ceremonies. Louan Zagarino spoke first to thank the sailors for their tremendous support, both individually to her and as a fleet with the Z mark, and to express Frank's love for the Star Class. There was not a dry eye in the house. Tito Bacardi presented the trophies for the first three races.

**...shot with an
artist's eye...**

Photographs by Jan Walker

www.RegattaActiveImages.com



(The fourth race had already been held that afternoon in the wild wind and rain but that trophy was held for the final night.) Then folks headed for the buffet tables -- an excellent selection with three different pasta dishes, piles of fresh sliced tomatoes (a treat for northerners), and great salad fixings. The meal finished with the traditional ice cream and chocolate sauce free-for-all. The sailors were indeed Hungry Men after the challenging day on the water.

March 10, Race 5: Winners: Peter Bromby & Rick Peters

Peter Bromby and Rick Peters had a neck and neck race from the start to finish line with Howie Shiebler and crew Anson Stookey in the 5th race of Bacardi Cup. Two-time Bacardi Cup champion Bromby won it and is now in first place overall.

March 11, Race 6: Winners: Howie Shiebler & Anson Stookey

Unlike the last three days of racing, there was little wind on the Bay. With a one-hour delay on the start, the fleet finally seized the five-knot gusts coming out of the south. The 10.5-mile course was changed slightly to take advantage of the wind shift to the SE and increase to 10-15 knots. Howie Shiebler and crew Anson Stookey won today's Race 6 and keep their second place overall standing from yesterday.

The Final Banquet

The awards banquet was held at Coral Reef Yacht Club. Tables were set on the lawn and indoors and a live band supplied good dancing music. People circulated and socialized while a huge paella in a pan several feet across was being cooked outside on the lawn. Again, awards were presented before dinner, with Craig Prandini and CRYC commodore Marty Sandler officiating and Tito Bacardi presenting trophies. The various series trophies awarded were:

- Bacardi Cup: Mark Mendelblatt
- Master's Division: Vince Brun
- Grand Master's: Tony Herrmann
- Exalted G.M.: Gene McCarthy
- Tammy Rubin Award: Andy Beadsworthy & David Carr

As a surprise to Tito Bacardi, a new trophy has been created - the Tito Trophy! - to be presented each year to the crew of the winning boat. This was a tremendous surprise for crew Mark Strube as well, who is now the first name on the trophy. The "Tito Cup" is named the "Trofeo José Argamasilla Bacardi" and that is applied on the top of the cup. On the base is a plaque engraved to Tito thanking him for all of his support through the years. The Coral Reef Yacht Club donated the trophy to Tito.

The dinner and dancing continued on into the night.

Bacardi Cup

Pl.	No.	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Points
1	8157	Mark Mendelblatt	Mark Strube	BisB	2	5	1	4	ocs	2	14
2	8207	Howie Shiebler	Anson Stookey	WSFB	1	ocs	6	8	2	1	18
3	7988	Peter Bromby	Rick Peters	BER	3	19	2	6	1	8	20
4	8222	Rick Merriman	Brad Nichol	SDB	9	3	5	14	6	3	26
5	8184	John MacCausland	Brian Fatih	CR	6	ocs	7	5	4	9	31
6	8132	Vince Brun	Doug Brophy	SDB	4	1	4	18	ocs	6	33
7	7829	George Szabo III	Christian Finnsgård	SDB	12	18	3	11	3	7	36
8	8162	Andy MacDonald	Austin Sperry	NH	10	27	12	1	5	10	38
9	8145	Alfonso Domingos	Bernardo Santos	CP	5	23	10	2	7	20	44
10	8045	Augie Diaz	Bob Schofield	BisB	7	2	21	10	16	11	46
11	7953	Andy Beadsworthy	David Carr	SO	11	14	8	21	11	5	49
12	7640	Arthur Anosov	David Caesar	TaB	8	4	16	17	9	16	53
13	7986	Bill Allen	Brad Lichter	WH	18	6	11	15	18	13	63
14	7225	Hyde Perce	Chris Nielson	WH	22	10	17	13	13	14	67
15	8176	Steven Kelly	Bill Holowesko	N	20	38	9	9	15	15	68
16	7631	Erik Lidecis	Michael Marzahl	NH	15	22	19	dns	12	4	72
17	8033	Philipp Rotermund	Nils Holweg	Glu	13	11	15	16	ocs	17	72
18	7567	Aaron Serinis	John Avis	AN	21	8	13	20	48	22	84
19	8143	Brian Cramer	Iain Greensmith	LOC	28	7	20	12	19	33	86
20	7763	Tom Londrigan Jr	Wallner Chris	LS	bfd	16	28	24	10	18	96
21	7601	Michael Hicks	Patrick Hicks	--	19	25	dns	27	20	25	116
22	8177	Karl Anderson	Peter Hopple	BH	17	46	29	23	8	dns	123
23	8110	Christian Nehammer	Gunther Mitterhauser	--	27	26	30	22	25	23	123
24	8112	Joe Bainton	Roger Sharp	NB	14	17	26	34	46	34	125
25	7956	Tony Herrmann	Scott Monroe	WLM	40	9	24	42	24	32	129
26	8217	Todd Gay	Jon Klerk	LS	38	36	18	26	21	31	132
27	8181	Argyle Campbell	Dmitry Yakovenko	NH	16	42	40	19	17	46	134
28	7042	Steve Brown	Eric Monroe	--	26	20	23	38	27	49	134
29	8038	John Vanderhoff	Andrew Parrish	NCB	23	13	41	37	37	26	136
30	8043	Jock Kohlhas	Richard Zirkle	BisB	33	31	52	32	14	28	138
31	7626	Doug Folsetter	Larry Scott	LOC	raf	37	25	7	34	37	140
32	8214	Jon Vander Molen	Steve Ticknor	GL	29	32	31	36	22	29	143
33	7450	Stefan Lehnert	Peter Menning	Brm	30	29	42	45	30	21	152
34	6756	Will Hendershot	Alain Vranderick	Q	31	35	34	25	28	48	153
35	8087	Kevin McNeil	Seth Mininger	AN	47	ocs	22	28	33	27	157
36	7545	Axel Hampe	Stefan Wagner	ZuW	44	24	33	31	42	30	160
37	8036	Jack Rickard	Marek Valasek	WH	48	41	36	35	32	19	163
38	8084	Bob Teitge	Rick Burgess	DR	50	12	37	39	35	43	166
39	8077	Tom Vander Molen	Dave Jackson	GL	37	39	49	44	23	24	167
40	8059	Peter Vessella	Phil Trinter	WSFB	dnc	ocs	14	3	ocs	12	171
41	7993	John Bainton	Chris Rogers	NB	25	34	27	dns	45	41	172
42	8113	Gunti Weissenberger	Chris Brown	NCB	55	15	38	33	47	40	173
43	7732	Gary MacDonald	Sergey Leonidov	BH	32	45	44	29	39	dns	189
44	8111	Rick Brethorst	Matt Pederson	LS	34	44	48	ocs	29	35	190
45	7863	Klaus Meyer	Lutz Boguhn	Brm	36	40	32	30	dns	52	190
46	8183	Antonio Tamburini	Renzo Ricci	FDM	43	33	39	41	ocs	36	192
47	8063	Bert Collins	Guy Avellon	AN	46	53	46	40	26	38	196
48	7715	William Swigart	Jeep Heckmann	CLIS	45	28	dns	46	40	47	206
49	7368	Steve Haarstick	Todd Schumacher	SL	35	49	35	dns	zfp	44	215
50	7670	Gene McCarthy	Glenn McCarthy	PPL	49	30	55	43	44	50	216
51	8083	John Chiarella	Bob Carlson	Sun	39	43	50	47	41	51	220
52	8175	Jim Babel	Bill Hawk	--	ave	21	45	dns	ocs	39	228
53	8168	Jim Vander Molen	Mac Waldorf	GL	42	52	dns	dns	36	42	243
54	7816	Marko Lehner	Helge Langmaak	LUX	60	54	43	49	49	56	251
55	8218	Nelson Stephenson	David Chard	CLIS	41	47	47	48	dnf	dns	254
56	7639	Sam Rowse	Rob Bowers	Sun	56	48	51	dns	57	45	257
57	8100	Hans Bucher	Todd Dutton	CD	59	63	53	50	43	60	265
58	7833	Claude Bonanni	Philip Sinner	TaB	58	62	dns	dns	31	58	280
59	7228	Joe Zambella	Peter Cotta	BH	24	50	dns	dns	dns	dns	287
60	7970	Sam Hopkins	Bart Kaplan	MES	63	58	54	dns	51	61	287
61	7193	William Joyce	Thomas Berger	WLM	54	57	dns	dns	zfp	54	302
62	8000	Harry Walker	Alan Warren	BisB	52	56	dns	dns	dns	55	305
63	7497	Kris Wilson	Bud Elsaesser	AN	62	64	dns	dns	50	62	309
64	7434	Bill Parks	Clark Anderson	WH	51	51	dns	dns	raf	zfp	311
65	7934	Karl Von Schwarz	Barbara Vosbery	AN	61	61	dns	dns	dnf	59	323
66	7964	Chas Kohlermann IV	Chas Kohlermann III	NCB	53	59	dns	dns	dns	dns	325
67	7866	Dierk Thomsen	Lars Thomsen	Glu	dnc	55	dns	dns	dnf	57	325
68	8189	Bill Fields	Chad Butler	SMB	57	60	dns	dns	dns	dns	330
69	7936	Steve Rubinkam	Michael Eggen	BisB	dnc	dnc	dns	dns	dns	dns	355
69	8130	Henning Voight	Dirk Strube	KF	dnc	dnc	dns	dns	dns	dns	355

THE P'S THAT TOLD THE ZAGARINO STORY

By Harry Walker

(Note: Frank Zagarino, the founder of the Master's Regatta and long-time supporter of the various Star Class events which take place on Biscayne Bay, died the day before the Bacardi series began at the age of 74. Harry Walker gave the eulogy at Frank Zagarino's service. Below is the outline of Harry's remarks.)

This memorial service has covered the life of our friend Frank Zagarino from A to Z... from Alpha to Zag and all the letters in between. But as I thought of Frank's life the letter P kept popping up and that I would like to encapsulate his life with headings that started with P.

Passion

- For Louan
- For Star Sailing
- For Family
- For golf

Pride

- In Louan
- In his photography
- In his kids and their accomplishments

Perfection

- In the way he kept his boats [better than a new one]
- How he kept up the brown Mercedes
- How he made his golf clubs for himself and others

Perseverance

- How he won the Bacardi in 1969
- How he kept trying for another
- How he sailed hard and fairly in all regattas
- How he worked to improve his golf game

Promotion

- How he dreamed up the Masters twenty years ago
- How he promoted it and made it work
- How we honored him by renaming it the ZAG

Persistence

- How he came back time after time from dreadful illnesses
- How he wanted Louan to know that he loved her right to the end
- And he wanted her to have plenty of money

Peace

- Now Frank has found peace and no more pain
- We wish him fair winds and good racing

(Note by Harry: The video shown at the end of the memorial service was especially touching as it ended up with a picture of the fleet of Stars at the Bacardi Cup with Zs on their mainsails. It also was notable in that I saw at least four Coral Reef Commodores in attendance.)

FRANK ZAGARINO MEMORIAL FUND

by John A. MacCausland

Long time Star sailor and Coral Reef Yacht Club member passed away March 5, 2005. In the last years of his life he and his wife Louan would sponsor an underprivileged child in the Coral Reef Yacht Club junior sailing program. In Frank's

memory Louan has set up a memorial fund to continue this into to the future. If you would like to contribute to this tax deductible fund please send your contributions to.

Frank Zagarino Memorial Fund
6991 SW 92 Street
Miami, FL 33156

2005 REGATTA SCHEDULE

Date	Org.	Event
May 05 - 08	Dist. 17	Maibock - Chiemsee
May 05 - 08	Dist. 13	Wannsee-Woche
May 05 - 08	Dist. 9	Grand Prix de Dinard
May 06 - 08	Dist. 9	9th Dist. Championship
May 07 - 08	Dist. 2	MRYC Spring Regatta
May 14 - 22	ISCYRA	Eastern Hemisphere Championship
May 14 - 15	Dist. 5	Dist. 5 Championship/Rollins Bowl
May 14 - 15	Dist. 1	Indian Harbor Y. C. Regatta
May 14 - 15	Dist. 10	Fin - Stikkan Wikström
May 14 - 16	Dist. 17	Pfingstregatta-M.Kastinger
May 14 - 15	Dist. 4	Paw Paw Potpourri
May 14 - 15	Dist. 10	GP 1 - Vårfyren
May 21 - 22	Dist. 10	Fin - Suunto Cup
May 21 - 22	Dist. 4	Gull Lake Tulip Tune-Up
May 21 - 22	Dist. 2	Lippincott Memorial Regatta
May 21 - 22	Dist. 13	Erich F. Laeisz-Preis, Alster
May 22	Dist. 9	Zobr El Bahr Rum Bowl
May 26 - 29	ISCYRA	Spa Regatta
May 26 - 29	Dist. 17	17th Dist. Championship-Meisterschaft
May 28 - 29	Dist. 10	GP 2 - KSS regattan
Jun 04 - 05	Dist. 1	JFK Regatta
Jun 04 - 05	Dist. 10	Fin - Dragon & Star Race
Jun 04 - 05	Dist. 17	Graf Lodron Preis/Ossiachersee
Jun 09 - 10	Dist. 2	71st J Rulon Miller Series
Jun 10 - 12	Dist. 10	Fin - Open Finnish Championship
Jun 11 - 12	Dist. 5	Baxter Bowl
Jun 11 - 12	Dist. 17	Falkenstein-Trophy
Jun 12	Dist. 9	Filance Dance
Jun 17 - 19	Dist. 4	Chicago NOOD
Jun 18 - 26	ISCYRA	2005 Kiel Week
Jun 18 - 19	Dist. 1	Arms-White
Jun 18 - 19	Dist. 10	GP 3 - Rutgersson Cup
Jun 24 - 26	Dist. 12	Dist. 12 Championships
Jun 25 - 26	Dist. 4	Michigan's
Jun 25 - 26	Dist. 17	Jo-Pankofer Preis 2005

Starlights

PUBLISHED BY THE

ISSN 0038-9927

**International Star Class Yacht Racing Association**

Bill Allen, President
Diane Dorr, Exec. Secretary

David Bolles, Editor
Melinda Berge, Webmaster

Address all advertising and editorial correspondence to:
International Star Class Yacht Racing Association
1545 Waukegan Road, Glenview, IL 60025-2185, U.S.A.
Tel: 847-729-0630 Telefax: 847-729-0718

Subscription rate: \$8.00 of the amount of ISCYRA Membership dues is paid for a year's subscription to Starlights (ISSN 0038-9927). Office of Publication: 1545 Waukegan Road, Glenview, IL 60025-2185. 1st Class postage paid at Glenview, IL 60025 and additional entry offices. Postmaster: Send change of address to Starlights, International Star Class Yacht Racing Association, 1545 Waukegan Road, Glenview, IL 60025-2185, U.S.A.