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## DECEMBER REGATTA SCHEDULE

5<sup>th</sup> District  
 Dec 11-12 Kriss Kringle (SDB)

20<sup>th</sup> District  
 Dec. 4-5 Commodore's Cup

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## ANNAPOLIS FALL STAR REGATTA

OCTOBER 23-24, 2004  
by John MacCausland

All good things must come to an end. So the 2004 Star sailing season ended in Annapolis, Maryland with the fall Star/E-22 regatta. Annapolis Yacht Club traditionally runs very good events and they did not disappoint the sailors this weekend.

Saturday we had two races on a windward – leeward course, with five to ten knots of shifty north easterly winds. The racing was very challenging. Aaron Serinis with John Avis lead at each of the first two marks only to be passed by John MacCausland with Brian Sharp and Tom Price with Will Wagner on the last quarter of the second windward leg. On the run to the finish the top three places stayed the same.

What looked like the end of the wind just at the start of the second race turned into the best breeze of the day. MacCausland and Sharp lead wire to wire on the six legged windward – leeward course. Serinis, Price and Kling had a good race for second thru fourth. By the finish Serinis prevailed with Tom Price third and Steve Kling fourth.

Not only does Annapolis Yacht Club run good races they also put on a great dinner. The Star Fleet and the E-22

Fleet had dinner together. There were plenty of stories to go around.

Sunday was a none-event like many of the regattas this past season. With fifty degree temperatures, light rain and no wind, this made for a cold tow out and a cold tow back in. Realistically the highlight of the regatta was Gary Jobson, as many of you know he has been fighting cancer for the past two years. He has made a wonderful recovery and not only was he sailing an E-22 but he won the regatta against a small but talented fleet. He is sure an inspiration for all of us.

### 2004 Etchells & Stars Fall Regatta by Barbara Beigel-Vosbury

Such a beautiful fall weekend for sailing!

A great fleet of 17 Etchells and 13 Stars headed out for some wonderful fall racing on the Chesapeake. A shifty Northerly breeze and a funky current made for two challenging races for both the sailors and the race committee.

Annapolis Yacht Club again put on a delicious buffet to finish out the evening.

Sunday was predicted to be light easterly breezes and those of us from the Chesapeake were hopeful but not convinced that we would get a race off. In the end the RC called it a day early enough for the travelers to get back on the road.

Trophies and, of course, great food including a birthday cake for Jack Lynch capped off a great weekend.

Thanks to all who traveled to the event, thanks to the Etchells fleet for having us, thanks to AYC for doing a great job all around.

Pl.	No.	Boat	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	Pts.
1	8184	Erin	John MacCausland	Brian Sharp	CR	1	1	2
2	7072	WMD	Aaron Serinis	Avis	AN	3	2	5
3	7313	Bop	Tom Price	Will Wagner	CB	2	3	5
4	8080	Team Poseidon	Fotis Boliakis	Bruce Hatfield	CLIS	4	5	9
5	8063	Grinch	Bert Collins	Guy Avellon	AN	5	8	13
6	7460	Highway 61	Steven Kling	Mark Bryfogle	--	10	4	14
7	7454	Neva Jo	Leigh	Rick Burgess	--	7	7	14
8	7934	--	Karl Von Schwarz	Barbara Vosbury	AN	11	6	17
9	7497	--	Kris Wilson	Bud Elsaesser	AN	6	11	17
10	7162	Hurrying Angel	Dan North	Hough	AN	8	9	17
11	7785	Elusive	Chuck Wiley	Bill Cockayne	MES	9	12	21
12	7970	Mary Jane	Sam Hopkins	Bart Kaplan	MES	12	10	22
13	7465	--	Dixon Duffett	Cory Baker	AN	13	13	26

**CALVIN PAIGE REGATTA**

St. Francis Yacht Club

October 23-24, 2004

by Brad Nichol

I returned to San Francisco for the second time in as many weeks for the Calvin Paige Regatta. I flew out on Thursday only hours after the Sox's won game seven of the ALCS playoff. Part of the plan was to help Howie Shiebler get ready for the launch party of his new Protector 40, a 40 ft. RIB with room to sleep four complete with a head and shower. It is really an amazing yacht.

St. Francis Yacht Club hosted the annual Calvin Paige Regatta with the professional race management of John Craig. This regatta began 41 years ago under the name of West Coast Fall Championship, and with a few exceptions has been held annually, bringing together sailors from the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Districts.

There was perfect weather on the Bay on Friday and much of the fleet was out on the water practicing and trying to figure out the currents. We got out for a practice sail in some beautiful conditions on the bay, sunny, 70°, 12 knots of breeze; if only it could have lasted the weekend.

Saturday was less inviting as the competitors arrived to the club to find cold rainy conditions with low clouds and wind out of the south. After watching other fleets drift around the bay from the bar, the Star fleet held a meeting at 1 pm. In addition to the 25 knot maximum, the fleet sarcastically voted on a 70-degree minimum and racing was called for the day.

Sunday did not look to be much better as the fleet took to the water in a post-frontal northerly that promptly died out. The competitors were towed back to the dock to wait for the wind. Luckily, as the front cleared out the sea breeze filled from the west and the sun came out. Race one was started by Alcatraz Island in a 12-15 knot westerly with a very strong ebb pushing the competitors up the course.

Howie and I were the first to the starting area and after tuning up the boat we focused on the starting line. The wind was a traditional sea breeze out of the west (coming straight from the Golden Gate Bridge) and the tide was ebbing causing a strong current out of the bay. The ebb would push the boats closer to line at the start and it was strong enough to turn the committee boats 180 degrees to the wind.

Howie and I made nearly a dozen timed runs at the pin end of the line, trying to get the timing right for our run to the start. When we thought we had it figured out we took a break and watched the wind patterns before the start. Our plan was to start at the pin at the south end of Alcatraz and head for the stronger current towards the city-front hoping it would push us towards the first mark.

The plan was great and race winner Foss Miller with Greg Newhall as crew executed it perfectly. We, on the other hand, were over early at the pin and had to go back and re-

start. By the time we had cleared ourselves of the line, our only option was to go right and try to make up the distance later. We were close to the pack at the weather mark and decided to jibe towards the middle of the bay in hopes of finding less adverse current. Three other boats came with us and for a while we looked very good. The idea was to sail to the cone of still water behind Alcatraz and make our gains while the other boats were in the strong ebb by the city front. It might have worked if we did not overstand the mark. We rounded the left side of the leeward mark first but two other boats were ahead of us on the other side.

On the second beat, Miller had the race in control but we had battled back to become a threat for second. We engaged Rodney Hagebols sailing with Steve Harrison in a tacking duel to drag them back into the pack. The tactic worked making the second half of the beat a tight battle with five boats. We won the mêlée with starboard tack at the pin end of the upwind finish while Bill Fields sailing with Austin Sperry pulled out third by keeping clear of the fray and finishing at the boat.

By the start of the second race we were just past max ebb and we thought the center of the course would be favored upwind and the city-front would be favored downwind. We wanted to start as far down the line as possible with the ability to tack early. We ended up in the middle of the line, a bit worried about being over early and were a bit buried. We tacked out and were looking good in the middle of the bay when the wind went seven degrees left to foil our plans. Hagebols and Harrison rounded the weather mark first with Rick Peters and Mike Marzall in second and us in third.

On the first run we did a strait bear-away set and worked our way down the course on starboard with a tight pack of six boats. We noticed the boats working low on the inside were making gains so we shifted our plan and Howie sailed low while I worked my weight on the bow in the waves. We made some nice gains and broke the overlap with two other boats at the leeward mark, rounding second.

On the second beat we worked our way to the right of Hagebols to take the starboard tack advantage and passed him in a small shift to the right, then managed to hold him off down wind as he made a nice move to the inside. Howie and I won the race with Rodney Hagebols and Steve Harrison in second and Rick Peters and Mike Marzahl in third overlapped with Nedko Vassilev sailing with Martin Helliwell in fourth and Alejandro Bugagov sailing with Jeep overlapped in fifth.

With the day getting on and many sailors having to travel the PRO John Craig decided to conclude racing giving Howie and I the victory with Rodney Hagebols and Steve Harrison in second and Rick Peters and Mike Marzahl in third.

Thanks to the St. Francais Yacht Club for hosting a great event and to Regatta Chairman Rick Peters for getting all the boats out sailing.

**Calvin Paige Regatta**

Pl. No.	Yacht	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	Pts.
1	8077 Cindy	Howie Schiebler	Brad Nichol	WSFB	2	1	3
2	7310 Clewless	Rodney Hagebols	Steve Harrison	WSFB	6	2	8
3	7836 Black Star	Rick Peters	Mike Marzahl	SMB	5	3	8
4	8189 Star	Bill Fields	Austin Sperry	SMB	3	7	10
5	8072	Doug Smith	Jon Rogers	SBC	4	8	12
6	7325 Pequeño	Alejandro Bugagov	Jeep	SMB	8	5	13
7	7985 Amante	Barton Beek*	Chris Rogers	NH	7	6	13
8	7844 Millertime	Foss Miller	Greg Newhall	PS	1	ocs	14
9	7437	Nedko Vassilev	Martin Helliwell	WSFB	10	4	14

\*Winner of the Master's Division

**SCHOONMAKER CUP**

November 13-14, 2004

Sixteen boats gathered to start off the Winter Season on Biscayne Bay. Unfortunately, Saturday began with little or no wind and after waiting about the R.C. called it a day. Of course, at that point the wind then decided to fill in. Jimmy Freeman commandeered a small boat and ran four short practice races for 7 of the boats which decided to stay out.

Sunday saw the wind come in at 15-20 kts., gusting to 30 in the last race. In the first race Mark Mendelblatt, the U.S. Laser representative at Athens, with Brian Fatih as crew, got holed by another boat and had to retire. However, during the practice races on Saturday Mark and Brian showed that they are going to be a force to be reckoned with. Aside from this mishap things went along relatively smoothly until the last leg of Race 2. Then, just after rounding the windward mark John Bainton and Will Christenson broached to weather and in the process John fell out of the boat. The boat then auto-gybed and the boom knocked Will out too. Since the boat was set up now to reach along on its own it headed off to Cay Biscayne. Fortunately just behind John and Will was Jock Kohlhas with Rick Burgess. They picked up John and Will and chased after the runaway boat. John and Will managed to get back on board their boat and finish the race. Jock and Rick were awarded YMP based on their place while rounding the last windward mark. If this was not excitement enough the final thing to happen is that closing on the finish line Chris Rogers and Bruce Hatfield plowed their bow into the water and lost the rig. They were able to coast across the line to 13<sup>th</sup> for the race.

The series was won by Augie Diaz with Bob Schofield with a solid 1-2.

Pl. No.	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	Pts.
1	8045 Augie Diaz	Bob Schofield	BisB	1	2	3
2	8181 Larry Whipple	Mark Strube	PS	3	3	6
3	8087 Kevin McNeil	Andrew Higgs	AN	2	7	9
4	8177 Karl Anderson	Magnus Liljedahl	BH	4	5	9
5	8176 Steven Kelly	Bill Holowesko	N	6	4	10
6	8043 Jock Kohlhas	Rick Burgess	BisB	5	ymp	14
7	8143 Brian Cramer	David Caesar	LOC	9	6	15
8	8162 Andy Macdonald	Austin Sperry	NH	dnf	1	18
9	7471 John Baninton Jr	William Christenson	NB	7	12	19
10	7999 Tiani Hausen	Andre Alarcon	BisB	11	8	19
11	7677 Chris Rogers	Bruce Hatfield	BisB	8	13	21
12	7964 Charles Kohlermann IV	Charles Kohlermann III	NCB	12	9	21
13	8112 J Joseph Bainton	Tod Raynor	NB	10	ymp	22
14	7936 Steve Rubincam	Brad Nichol	BisB	13	10	23
15	7934 Karl Vonschwarz	Rich Wharton	AN	14	11	25
16	8157 Mark Mendelblatt	Brian Fatih	--	dnf	dns	34

**DEDICATION TO  
THE ISAAC E. SMITH BOATYARD**  
Builder of the first 22 Starboats in 1911  
Port Washington, Long Island, New York  
By: Elliott Oldak

On Saturday October 16 the Nautical Center of the Port Washington Public Library held a dedication to the first 22 Starboats on the exact spot where they were built in 1911. Isaac E. Smith's boatyard was on Manhasset Bay near the intersection of Mill Pond Road and Shore Road.

With the Star Class Centennial Celebration soon approaching the Town of Port Washington wanted the success of the Star to be remembered. They presented to the public a Starboat keel permanently mounted in the now public town park, where Smith's Boatyard once stood.

Stretch Ryder, local sailor and former America's Cup Crewman (Courageous '77) and past Star Crew for Frank Zagarino, was instrumental in seeing this project to completion. As Chairperson of the Nautical Center, he and Duke Dayton, a venerable sailing historian and a former Crew of Adrian Iselin's on "Ace" #202, persisted until the Star Keel Monument became a reality. Duke located the Keel, which came from "Spitfire", originally owned by Paul Shields, Corny Shield's Brother.

Thirty Towns-people attended the Ceremony, which included such dignitaries as Ed du Moulin, a most highly

respected Yachtsman and America's Cup "Hall of Fame" Member and the town Mayor, and Commodores from the Manhasset Bay and Port Washington Yacht Clubs.

Having grown up in Port Washington, one could sense there was a strong Star Class heritage. I can remember, while in high school, going down to Purdy's Shipyard which built 32 Stars in the 1930's to admire Adrian Iselin's "Ace", stored there by his estate until Mystic Seaport Museum acquired the boat years later. Also, the bow, transom and tiller from George "Pop" Corey's "Little Dipper" Star # 1 is on display in the Manhasset Bay Yacht Club reading room. But, unfortunately the Star has not been actively raced here since World War II.

Racing Stars in Annapolis since the early 1980's, I was very surprised and honored to be included in the Star Keel unveiling ceremony. Also included in the dedication was Steve Andrews, a veteran Huntington Bay Fleet Star Sailor.

To quote Alan Dinn, author of "Boats by Purdy", "I think this is a wonderful addition to Port Washington to have something that ties nautical history in a visual way and brings home what this town meant to the nautical history of the whole Country, and the world. When you look at the Star Class, that's a boat that is still raced internationally, one of the most successful classes in history, and this is exactly where it was born."



Photo: Ginger Marshall Martus

Alan Dinn, Steve Andrews and Elliott Oldak  
At the Dedication of the Isaac E. Smith Boatyard Memorial

TIPS ON WINTER STAR BOAT STORAGE

by John MacCausland Sr.

It is very important that a Starboat is stored properly for the winter. Ideal storage is a dry warm area. Unfortunately this type of storage is not available to many of us. So, we must take steps to protect our Star in a less than perfect environment. I have found the following steps are important:

- 1 - The boat must be thoroughly washed with soap. Remove all salt residue, especially from the under-deck wire and fittings.
2 - Boat must be thoroughly dry with all ports open so that the boat can breathe. (Check all tanks for water.)
3 - After the boat is thoroughly dry it should be covered with a tight cover. Place the boom or some substitute such as a 2 x 4 on the deck before covering to support the cover. Or alternatively cover the cockpit area with plywood before covering the boat.
4 - Do not apply the brake on the trailer, as the brake shoes might stick to the brake drum causing the brakes to be locked up next spring.
5 - Wash mast and boom. Remove salt from all wire rigging. Make sure that the copper micro-press on the bottom of the wire halyard is not touching the halyard lock as this cause corrosion of the lock fitting. This is a good time to apply beeswax or paraffin to the halyard wires both for extra protection and to have the halyards well lubricated for the beginning of the next season.
6 - Remove tiller extension to preserve the life of flex coupler.
7 - Renew the shock cords, especially those which are exposed to the sun. This includes the shock cord which prevents the backstays from wrapping around the spreader ends and the jib fairlead car shock cords.

NOTE - In preparing your boat for storage remember water turns to ice which can be very damaging to a Starboat, causing delamination of the fiberglass. Whatever you can do to keep the boat dry will extend its life. Proper covers and a good dry storage area will keep your boat race-ready for next year.

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6000 series boats in various conditions for sale. Boats are located at Milford Y.C., Milford CT. Contact Dick Hovey. Tel: 203 795 3008 / e-mail: rhovey@worldnet.att.net (9-01)

7471 Mader, 1989. Completely updated and perfectly faired. 2001 Spartech mast; hyfield levers on uppers for downwind speed; double mainsheet; new Spartech Boom; Spare mast and lots of sails; boat maintained annually by John MacCausland. Contact J. Joseph Bainton: Bainton@BaintonLaw.com (5-04)

7737 Mader, 1994. A great boat. Work commitments for the next two years have me traveling abroad too much to

sail regularly. Contact Info: Elisabeth Newell / E.R. Newell Architects, pc / 828 12th Street / Santa Monica, CA 90403 / Tel: 310 899 0191 / Fax: 310 899 0181 / Cell: 310 486 2144 / e-mail: ernenewell@earthlink.net (8-04)

7996 Mader, 1999: Fast and in near-perfect condition originally built for J. MacCausland, hull faired 2002. 2 masts (1 Spartech, 1 new Emmetti), 2 sets Quantum sails (Z-4/P-2), double mainsheet, 2 poles, 2 covers, tactick compass, all rigging and hardware in top race condition. Contact Tony Rey: 401 662 0347 / E-mail: tonyrey@earthlink.net (5-04)

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INDIAN HARBOR REGATTA

May 14-15, 2005

Fotis Boliakis has worked with the Flag Officers of the Indian Harbor Star Fleet to include the Stars in their Spring Regatta, held on May 14-15. The Stars will be assigned to a fleet (red or blue), most likely with Etchells and J-105s. There will be two races each day, racing on the Sound south of Greenwich, not inside Captain's Harbor. Buffet dinner on Saturday night will be separate from the other fleets. The cost is projected to be \$90 per boat with two dinners (jacket and tie), free beer, cash bar. Boats will be hauled out each day; there are two lifts with parking on site. Fotis anticipates 20 boats, will promote the event during winter in Miami and will send out mail to prospective Star sailors. Fotis will make arrangements so that participants can bring boats to club before the event. Maybe there can be a practice day with John MacCausland the weekend before.

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SECOND ANNUAL FORT MYERS REGATTA

The second annual Fort Myers regatta will be held Feb. 19th and 20th at the Royal Palm YC, which is right next to the Ford and Edison homes. The Masters at Coral Reef, according to Craig Prandini, will be held Feb. 12th and 13th. The sailing is great and the Club is excited about this 2nd regatta and the prospect of having a large fleet. There will be some private housing available, please let me know if you plan to attend.

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Veteran Star Sailors - Please read! Logs, pictures, documents and even testimonials are wanted for a book on how the class spread across the Atlantic and took hold in Europe during the late 1920's and early 1930's. The book will be published by Hamburg Fleet, which was chartered in 1931 (the fourth one in Europe after Solent 1927, Paris 1928 and Marseille 1930), on occasion of their upcoming 75th Anniversary in 2006. Even the smallest hint is welcome from anybody, anywhere! Please contact:

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**EMIL'S CORNER**

Cartoon by Emil Karlovsky

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"HE'S KIDDING, RIGHT?"  
(NO, NOT KIDDING)



**REGATTA SCHEDULES**

- 5<sup>th</sup> District  
Dec 11-12 Kriss Kringle (SDB)
- 20<sup>th</sup> District  
Dec. 4-5 Commodore's Cup
- Jan. 8-9 Levin Memorial
- Jan. 22-23 Biscayne Trophy
- Jan. 24-28 Olympic Classes Regatta
- Feb. 12-13 Masters Regatta
- Feb. 19-20 Fort Myers Regatta
- March 6-11 Bacardi Cup
- Apr. (dtba) 20th District Championship

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**Provisional 2005 1<sup>st</sup> District Schedule**

Here is the provisional 2005 1<sup>st</sup> District Schedule. Please let me know what changes or additions need to be made.

- May 14-15 Indian Harbor Y.C. Regatta
- June 4-5 JFK Regatta (BH)
- June 18-19 Arms-White (Mid)
- July 8-10 1<sup>st</sup> District Championship (Mid)
- July 30 Skipper's Choice Regatta (BH)
- July 30-31 Marblehead NOOD
- Aug. 6-7 Make A Wish (Secretary's Cup) (BH)
- Aug 13-14 Ned Hay (CA)
- Aug. 20-21 New England Masters' (CLIS)
- Sept. 10-11 Bedford Pitcher (CLIS) Tri-District Qualifier.
- Sept. 17-18 Nutmeg Regatta (Mid)
- Oct. 8-9 Larchmont Columbus Day Regatta

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**WANTED  
STAR CLASS MEMORABILIA**

If you have anything which you think should be in the Star Class Archives at Mystic Seaport Museum please contact either the editor ([d.bolles@worldnet.att.net](mailto:d.bolles@worldnet.att.net)) (203 882 9428) or Jonathan Shay ([jonathan@mysticseaport.org](mailto:jonathan@mysticseaport.org)). Anything from a single photograph to a collection of correspondence, program notes, or anything else related to the Star Class and its activities would be most welcomed

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**TACKTICK COMPASSES**

Recently Tacktick Compasses have been including the following note in the box with their compasses:

Please note that it is recommended to always keep your Tacktick compass exposed to natural light when not in use. We suggest a windowsill – even on cloudy days. The black case should be used for transporting only.

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