

1ST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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REGATTA SCHEDULE

Jan 6-7	Levin Memorial	Miami, FL
Jan 20-21	Biscayne Trophy	Miami, FL
Jan 22-26	Olympic Classes Regatta	Miami, FL
Feb 10-11	Masters Regatta	Miami, FL

85 YEARS OF THE I.S.C.Y.R.A.

As can be seen on the front page of Starlights which reads "Originated 1911, Organized 1922", 2007 marks the 85th year of the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association. However, in 1922 the original name was actually Star Class Yacht Racing Association, there being fleets only in the U.S.A. The meeting at which the association was organized took place at Hotel Astor in New York City on January 20, 1922. There was a prior existing organization named Star Class Association of America, founded in about 1916, but according to George Elder, this association really consisted of the boats of what was to become the Western Long Island Sound fleet, and the rules and by-laws for this association consisted of a single page.

In 1923, with the addition of the English Bay fleet from Vancouver, B.C., by order of the annual meeting the word "International" was added to the association's name, thus making it the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association.

Stan Ogilvy has the following comment about the founding of the I.S.C.Y.R.A. in his "A History of the Star Class":

The Star Class Association of America, which had been holding annual meetings since 1915, was really nothing more than the Western Long Island Sound fleet. At its 1921 fall meeting George Elder again put forward his proposal to form a truly national, and some day international, association. More to keep him quiet than anything else, as he himself admitted, he was authorized to try to set up a match race between a top Lake Erie Star and a top Sound Star. He overstepped this assignment by a long way and invited a Star from each of the existing groups that he had ever heard of to compete in a championship series during 1922. In the course of making these contacts he explained his concept of a central national association and an annual national championship series. Everyone seemed receptive. The groundwork was laid by an Executive Committee meeting in December that "approved" a constitution and by-laws prepared by Elder. An organization meeting was convened on January 22, 1922, at the Hotel Astor in New York. The 27 Star men attending represented five localities. In the space of two hours the whole package was approved and the Star Class Yacht Racing Association was born. Each boat owner had one vote. Annual dues were a dollar. Total capital assets were \$59, the net balance left in the treasury of the old association. The five charter fleets were Western Long Island Sound, Lake Erie, Detroit River, Eastern Long Island Sound, and Narragansett Bay, the last having just acquired three Stars from Nahant.

DISTRICT SECRETARY'S NOTES

As we begin the new year which is also the fiscal year for the I.S.C.Y.R.A. I would like to remind our District members, especially those of you who plan to sail in sanctioned events such as the District Championship, to please pay your Class dues now. Further, unless you are an Isolated member please pay your dues through your fleet secretary and not by using the on-line payment system available on the Star Class website. The principal reason is that your local fleet and the District need your financial support, and by paying your dues directly to the Star Class you will not be paying your fleet and District dues unless you specifically contact your fleet secretary to pay these dues as well.

I might mention that at this year's Districts various people paid their dues upon registration at the Districts. This did not work out very well and in one case a paid-up member found that his crew was not duly registered with the Class. Please let us try to avoid a repetition of this by paying the Star Class dues to your fleet secretary in advance.

As noted on the Provisional District Schedule given below this year the District Championship will be held by the C.L.I.S. fleet. While originally the NB fleet was scheduled to hold the event unfortunately participation in that fleet has evaporated and thus there is no organizational body left to put on the event on Narragansett Bay. As noted in the District Guidelines (see www.starclass.org/d1) the next fleet in line to hold the event after the NB fleet is the C.L.I.S. fleet.

PROVISIONAL 1ST DISTRICT SCHEDULE

Here is the provisional 1st District Schedule with important 2nd and 12th added in. Please contact District Secretary David Bolles (d.bolles@worldnet.att.net) or Assistant District Secretary John Lombard (jlombard@meworx.com) to make any changes or additions.

June 2-3	JFK Regatta (BH)	Focus
June 16-17	Arms-White (Mid)	
July 13-15	1 st District Championship (CLIS)	Focus
July 14-15	Sunapee Benefit	
July 27-29	12 th District Championship	
Aug. 4-5	Sunapee Open (Sun)	Tri-District Qualifier
Aug 11-12	Ned Hay (CA)	Focus
Aug 25-26	New England Masters – Larchmont (WLIS)	
Sept. 8-9	Bedford Pitcher (CLIS)	Tri-District Qualifier
Sept. 15-16	Nutmeg Regatta (Mid)	Focus
Sept. 29-30	Oxford Fall Wind-Up (MES)	
Oct. 6-7	Larchmont Columbus Day Regatta (WLIS)	

MARY ETCHELLS

World Champion Crew has passed away

From the Star Democrat

Mary O'Toole EtcHELLS, a world champion sailor who founded a successful women's sportswear manufacturing company, died Nov. 28, 2006 at her home in Easton. She was 85.

Born Jan. 30, 1921 in Baltimore, Mary graduated from the College of New Rochelle in New York. In 1941, she married E.W. "Skip" Etchells, a naval architect, boat builder and world-class sailor. They sailed together as skipper and crew, and Mary handled the business side of things at the company Skip founded, Old Greenwich Boat Co., in Old Greenwich, Conn. In 1951 at Gibson Island, Skip and Mary captured the world championship in the Star Class of racing sailboats. Mary became, and remains, the only woman to win a Star Class World Championship.

With her friend and neighbor Barbara Reynes, Mary later founded Meadowbank Inc., a manufacturer of women's sportswear. Mary's husband Skip, after retiring from the boat building business, became a regular at Meadowbank, continuing their partnership. They eventually sold Meadowbank and retired, moving to a home on Shipshead Creek in Easton. Skip died in December 1998 at 87. They were married for 57 years.

For more on Mary here is Ann Franklin Beach's article about her, originally published in the April, 2003, Stardust.

MARY ETCHELLS
1951 World Champion Crew
 by Ann Franklin Beach

Mary Etchells is the only woman who crewed in Stars who has won the World Championship, the Western Hemisphere Championship and the North American Championship. In 1944 she and Skip began winning races in the Star Class, culminating in the World Championship at Gibson Island in 1951.

Their partnership started when Skip asked Mary as a college girl to crew for him in his home-made dinghy at the Larchmont Yacht Club. After they were married, they moved to California where Skip, a naval architect, built their first Star, Shillalah.

Equally as competitive as her husband, Mary and Skip made a formidable team. He once boasted, "Mary can hike out as far to windward as any crew in the class. She can hook one foot on the cockpit coaming and virtually disappear over the side." Those were the days before hiking straps and crews were mobile ballast. Mary especially remembers racing in the strong easterlies on their home waters of Long Island Sound.

The Etchells never went anywhere sight-seeing unless there was a boat involved. They sailed up and down the East Coast and in Nassau, but Cuba was Mary's favorite venue. The Cup of Cuba was awarded to them as winner of the 1950 Havana Midwinter Championship. The conditions were so windy they couldn't hold the series at the yacht club but raced around a large boat anchored in the middle of the course opposite Morro Castle.

After one race a maid at the yacht club thought Mary had been brutally beaten by somebody, but Mary explained that those black and blue marks were the result of crewing for her husband in the Havana regatta.

The Etchells settled in Old Greenwich, Conn. where Skip formed his own company and became the star builder of Stars. The Etchells' amazing performance includes winning five Noroton Race Weeks, three 1st District Atlantic Coast titles, the 1950 Bacardi Cup in Cuba and the 1951 World's Championship.



Skip & Mary Etchells just after winning the 1950 Mid-Winter Silver Star / Cup of Cuba



Skip & Mary Etchells being congratulated by Commodore Rafael Posso for their win

Mary wants to encourage more women to crew in Stars. At one time she planned to donate a prize for women, but Commodore Paul Smart talked her into donating the prize which goes to the winning crew of the World's Championship, a trophy which to this day has never been won by another woman.

After she and Skip raised two children, Mary and Barbara Reynes started a company which designed clothes for women. As president of Meadowbank, Inc. Mary sold reversible wrap skirts to shops such as Lord and Taylor and once saw pictures of Gloria Vanderbilt modeling one of her creations in Vogue.

At that time Skip was perhaps best known for designing and building the Etchells 22, a three-man keelboat, which is an international class, active in America, Europe, and Australia. This year their North American championship will be held in Annapolis and the World's on Long Island Sound.

After Skip retired, the Etchells moved to the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Skip died in 1998, but Mary still lives there with her dog, Mizzen.



Skip & Mary Etchells in one of Skip's creations



Skip & May Etchells with Commodore Rafael Posso at the award's ceremony with the Cup of Cuba

NEW ENGLAND MASTERS

At

Larchmont Yacht Club

Saturday, August 25 and Sunday August 26, 2007

Skippers must be 50+ by Sat. Aug. 25, 2007

Entry Fee: \$125.00 includes dinner Saturday night for skipper and crew and wine tasting prior to dinner sponsored by *Chateau Brillette*. (extra meal tickets available for \$25.00 each)

Maximum of 3 races

Guest moorings available on a first come, first serve basis as well dry sail area with hoists

For further information please contact the Larchmont Yacht Club, 1 Woodbine Avenue, Larchmont, NY 10538.
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Website: www.larchmontyc.org

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FOR SALE / WANTED

367 (1926) NE Boatworks. Cedar over oak. Needs restored but restorable. Many original deck fittings. Spruce Spar. On trailer, but trailer not safe for over the road. Free. contact: d.conner@zoominternet.net

5988 (1976) Lippincott for sale. Hull very fair. Several sails. Good galvanized trailer. Stored inside for last three years. \$1500. contact: d.conner@zoominternet.net

6790 Lillia. Located at Miles River Yacht Club. \$3500 Joe Balderson 410-976-4670

7088 Lillia - decent shape but needs a new mast and sails. Can be purchased for less than \$2000 in storage in Sunapee...Dave Ivey Dave@freedsbakery.org

7620 1992 Mader - Lightly sailed and in excellent condition. Good mast, sails, and trailer included. Excellent racing record, boat located in Boston. Call Ken Allen @ 603-219-4379

7830 Mader - This boat is a cream puff. Campaigned by Paul Cayard, meticulously maintained, race ready. This boat is probably around \$16k give or take. In storage in Sunapee Dave Ivey Dave@freedsbakery.org

7958 Folli (located in Lake Bracciano very close from Rome) Balbi Trailer with 2 box, 2 Emmeti spars, boom, 2 poles, many sails suites, club cover. Ready for race, in very good condition. 18500,00 euro. Please, if you know anyone interested. contact Stefano Fusco 335.5637342 stefano.fusco@tin.it

Wanted: older masts, booms and sails: We have a growing fleet of older boats at Olympia, WA. We need D-section masts and booms as well as other stuff we can use on the old wood boats we are fixing up. If you have anything please contact Bill Brosius, billandcecilia@comcast.net

2007 BOB LEVIN MEMORIAL

January 6-7, 2007
Coral Reef Yacht Club

Thirty-five boats from 11 countries participated in the Bob Levin Memorial Regatta. Four boats represented the 1st District: Bear Hovey / Lee Dayton, Will Swigart / Carroll Beek, Karl Anderson / Edward Morey, and Thierry de la Villehuchet / Withold Gesing.

This year a new format was used, running 5 races over the two days of races instead 3 races as was done previously. Three races were run on Saturday in 4-6 knot Southeast breeze, going from light to lighter as the day wore on. On Sunday there were 2 races in 12-15 knot Southeast breeze.

Augie Diaz, with crew Federico Engelhardt, showed once again that he knows his way around Biscayne Bay and racked up a couple of firsts and a second in the first day of racing.

2007 BOB LEVIN MEMORIAL

Pl. No.	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Points	
1	USA 8045	Augie Diaz	Federico Engelhardt	BisB	1	2	1	4	20	8
2	BER 8044	Peter Bromby	Bill McNiven	Isol	8	1	4	2	5	12
3	USA 8153	Eric Doyle	Steve Calder	SDB	16	5	6	3	1	15
4	USA 8239	Rick Merriman	Eric Monroe	SDB	3	9	3	8	6	20
5	USA 8264	Peter McChesney	Shane Zwingelberg	AN	13	6	11	5	2	24
6	GER 8213	Marc Pickel	Ingo Borkowski	Bre	18	15	5	1	4	25
7	CAN 8143	Brian Cramer	Tyler Bjorn	Loc	2	3	13	15	ocs	33
8	USA 8037	Peter Wright	Dan Wright	JP	11	24	2	12	8	33
9	USA 8195	John MacCausland	Bob Schofield	CR	4	17	15	16	3	38
10	NOR 8183	Eivind Melleby	Petter Pedersen	NOR	9	16	17	7	7	39
11	BAH 8265	Steven Kelly	Bill Holowesko	N	7	19	dnf	10	12	48
12	USA 8156	Jim Babel	Brad Nichol	GL	12	11	9	24	19	51
13	USA 8059	Bear Hovey	Lee Dayton	Mid	28	18	10	9	15	52
14	USA 7715	Will Swigart	Carroll Beek	CLIS	5	20	7	21	25	53
15	ARG 8268	Juan Kouuyoundjian	Austin Sperry	Lar	19	8	12	ocs	14	53
16	ITA 8281	Luca Modena	Michele Marchesini	NG	27	4	dns	6	18	55
17	USA 8072	Doug Smith	Mike Moore	SBC	20	10	18	18	10	56
18	USA 7444	Aaron Serinis	Brian Wood	MES	29	7	14	14	23	58
19	CAN 8236	Hans Fogh	David Caesar	LOC	6	13	20	20	26	59
20	UKR 8205	Vasil Gureyev	Korotkov	UKR	10	12	bfd	13	24	59
21	ITA 8014	Alberto Barovier	Umberto Coppola	SG	15	22	dnf	11	11	59
22	USA 8217	Todd Gay	Chris Brown	LS	22	26	8	19	17	66
23	FIN 8094	Staffan Lindberg	Erkki Heinonen	FIN	23	21	26	17	9	70
24	USA 8043	Jock Kohlhas	Jay Rittenhouse	BisB	21	14	25	26	21	81
25	USA 8128	Bill Culberson	Julian Bingham	MoB	33	25	19	25	16	85
26	USA 8177	Karl Anderson	Edward Morey	BH	17	23	bfd	ocs	13	89
27	USA 8063	Bert Collins	Brent Ostloye	AN	25	31	21	22	22	90
28	USA 8279	Claude Bonanni	Rick Burgess	TaB	14	32	16	dns	dns	98
29	USA 7679	Chris Rogers	Aleas Palewicz	BisB	34	29	22	27	29	107
30	USA 7434	Bill Parks	Clark Anderson	WH	24	28	28	31	30	110
31	USA 8087	Kevin McNeil	John Lecourt	AN	ocs	34	27	23	27	111
32	USA 8132	T. de la Villehuchet	Withold Gesing	Mid	31	35	24	29	28	112
33	USA 7964	Charles Kohlermann IV	Charles Kohlerman III	NCB	32	30	23	28	32	113
34	USA 7934	Karl Von Schwarz	Rick Wharton	AN	30	27	30	30	31	117
35	USA 7936	Steve Rubinkam	Bruce Hatfield	BisB	26	33	29	32	dns	120

NORTH AMERICAN 2007 REGATTA SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Dist.	Fleet, Yacht Club	Location
Jan 6-7	Levin Memorial	20 th	Biscayne Bay, Coral Reef YC	Miami, FL
Jan 20-21	Biscayne Trophy	20 th	Biscayne Bay, Coral Reef YC	Miami, FL
Jan 22-26	Olympic Classes Regatta		ISCYRA	Miami, FL
Feb 10-11	Masters Regatta	20 th	Biscayne Bay, Coral Reef YC	Miami, FL
Mar 4-9	Bacardi Cup	20 th	Biscayne Bay, Coral Reef YC	Miami, FL
Apr	20 th Dist. Blue Star	20 th		
Apr	Severn Spring Tune-up	2 nd	AN, Severn Sailing Association	Annapolis MD
May	Miles River Spring Regatta	2 nd	MES, Miles River YC	St. Michaels, MD
May 12-13	Indian Harbor Regatta	1 st	Central Long Isl. Sound, Indian Harbor YC	Greenwich, CT
May	Lippincott Memorial	2 nd	AN, Annapolis YC	Annapolis MD
June 2-3	JFK Regatta	1 st	BH, Cottage Park Y.C.	Winthrop, MA
June 2-3	Tomahawk	12 th		Lake Hopatcong, NJ
June 16-17	Arms-White	1 st	Mid-Connecticut, Milford YC	Milford, CT
June	Severn Keelboat Regatta	2 nd	AN, Severn Sailing Association	Annapolis, MD
July 2-13	ISAF Worlds		ISAF	Cascais, Portugal
July 7-8	J. Rulon Miller Series	2 nd	Gibson Island YC	Gibson Island, MD
July 13-15	1 st Blue Star and Green Star Championship	1 st	C.L.I.S., Cedar Point Y.C.	Westport, CT
July 14-15	Sunapee Benefit	12 th	SUN, Lake Sunapee YC	Lake Sunapee, NH
July 27-29	12 th District Blue Star	12 th		Lake George
July 30-Aug 4	North American Silver Star		ISCYRA	Vancouver, BC
Aug 4-5	Sunapee Open (Tri-Dist)	12 th	SUN, Lake Sunapee YC	Lake Sunapee, NH
Aug 4-5	Miles River Regatta	2 nd	MES, Miles River YC	St. Michaels, MD
Aug 11-12	Ned Hay (Focus)	1 st	Cape Ann Fleet, Sandy Point YC	Rockport, MA
Aug 11-12	Lipton Cup	2 nd	Tred Avon YC	Oxford MD
Aug 25-26	New England Masters	1 st	W.L.I.S., Larchmont Y.C.	Larchmont, NY
Sept 8-9	Bedford Pitcher (Tri-D, Nash)	1 st	C.L.I.S., Cedar Point YC	Westport, CT
Sept 15-16	Nutmeg Regatta (Focus, Nash)	1 st	Mid-Conn, Milford YC	Milford, CT
Sept 15-16	Ithaca YC Centennial Regatta	12 th	Ithaca YC	Lake Ithaca, NY
Sept 29-30	Oxford Fall Wind-up	2 nd	MD Eastern Shore, Tred-Avon YC	Oxford, MD
Oct 6-7	Columbus Day Regatta (Nash)	1 st	W.L.I.S., Larchmont YC	Larchmont, NY

