

1ST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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1ST DISTRICT REGATTA DATES

Oct. 11-12 Larchmont Columbus Day Regatta Nash

Note that the Bedford Pitcher, the Nutmegs and the Larchmont Columbus Day all count towards the Nash Trophy.

CEDAR POINT OPEN

September 13 – 14, 2008

by Guy Gurney:

Fotis Boliakis, with his son Evan as crew, won the 2008 Cedar Point Open, better known as the Bedford Pitcher after the magnificent old trophy awarded to the victors. A clash of dates with the North Americans made for a smaller turnout than expected, but for the organizing fleet the good news was that a Cedar Point Yacht Club boat won the event for the first time since Dick Gordon back in 1969.

Saturday saw only one race completed in very light air, and this was dominated by the flyweights. Each of the first three

boats had a combined crew weight of around 300lb, with Boliakis father and son heading the way. Second were Will Swigart and Carroll Beek McCallum, and third Pete Cusick with his small Optimist-sailor son Jack stepping in as crew for the day. Those of us with 450lb in the boat said never mind, the forecast for Sunday was 15-20 knots...

Ha. Another light air day, with the wind maxing out at around 8 knots in the afternoon. Race officer Rich Gold did well to get in two decent races in a shifty easterly. Thierry de la Villehuchet and Witold Gesing won the first race, and Gary MacDonald and Jim Pickering nipped in second in the last race, and certainly none of those could be described as lightweights. It must be something to do with skill after all. Messrs. Boliakis, Swigart and Cusick dominated the weekend and formed a small leading group usually out ahead of the rest, going faster, especially downwind, and obviously sailing smarter.

Next year's Bedford Pitcher regatta will form the practice series for the North Americans which will be held at Cedar Point during the following days, so expect a good-sized entry.

Cedar Point Open

Pl	Sail	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	Subg.	R1	R2	R3	Points
1	8080	Team Poseidon	Fotis Boliakis	Evan Boliakis	CLIS		1	2	3	6
2	7728	Mona Lisa	Peter Cusik	Jack Cusik / Roman Gotsulyak	MID		3	3	1	7
3	7715	Ciao Bella	Will Swigart	Carroll McCallum	CLIS	M	2	4	4	10
4	7732	Night Light	Gary MacDonald	Jim Pickering	BH	GM	6	5	2	13
5	8132	Claudina	Thierry de La Villehuchet	Witold Gesing	Mid	GM	9	1	6	16
6	8007	Serendipity	Bill Watson	Roger Sharp	CLIS	GM	4	6	7	17
7	8059	Reaux Sham Beaux	Guy Gurney	Lee Dayton	CLIS	GM	7	8	5	20
8	8234	Bel Ami	Thorsten Cook	Mike Young	CLIS	GM	5	9	8	22
9	8083	Sonya	John Chiarella	Bill Gottling	Sun	GM	8	7	9	24

NUTMEG REGATTA

September 27-28, 2008

Nine boats from the Tri-District area showed up for the Nutmeg Regatta. The weather reports for the weekend were very gloomy, resulting in a low turnout, not only for visitors but for local boats as well.

However, forecasts notwithstanding, we actually had a very good day of racing on Saturday, with the only period of rain and wind (tops about 18 knots) being during the first windward leg of the second race. The wind was generally out

of the northeast but not terribly shifty, and the fleet stayed together making for tight finishes. Johnny Mac, with Kevin Murphy as crew, took all three races.

In the evening there was a very nice and congenial party at Jack and Lois Botton's house featuring Italian cuisine and hot tamales and Mole Poblano supplied by Alejandra Bolles.

Sunday unfortunately did not pan out, with winds rarely getting to more than 3 knots. On the way in several boats sailed over (oh ever so slowly!) to where some 12 metres were trying to get races in. That was an interesting show!

Nutmeg Regatta

Pl	Sail	Boat	Skipper	Crew	Fm	Sub	R1	R2	R3	Points
1	8195	Erin	John MacCausland	Kevin Murphy	CR		1	1	1	3
2	8159	--	Ched Proctor	Kip Gardner	CLIS	M	3	2	2	7
3	7951	Mona Lisa	Pete Cusick	Serge Leonidov	Mid		2	4	3	9
4	7732	Night Light	Gary MacDonald	Jim Pickering	BH	GM	5	6	4	15
5	8132	Klaudina	Thierry de La Villehuchet	Witold Gesing	Mid	GM	4	5	6	15
6	7756	--	Brian Murphy	Mark Sockolich	LH		8	3	5	16
7	8035	Impromptu	David Bolles	Jim Revkin	Mid	GM	6	7	8	21
8	7715	Ciao Bella	Carroll McCallum	Jim Mullane	CLIS		7	8	7	22
9	7565	Telluride	Jack Button	John Courtney	Mid	VGM	9	dnf	dnf	31

**CARTOONS
IN STAR CLASS PUBLICATIONS**

From the first year of the printed Starlights, 1925, cartoons have been an off and on feature of Star Class publications. The earliest cartoon appeared in the March, 1925 issue of Starlights. While the cartoonist is not identified, since the style of the cartoon work is consistent throughout 1925 one could surmise that it is the work of the Star Class editor for 1925, J. F. Miller.

Some of the characters shown here are:

1) Top row, figure 1 to the left shows George Walters who was written up in the August, 1924 issue with the following comment:

A MINOR DETAIL - Geo. Waters is tuning up the "California". He started during (Larchmont) Race Week. On the first day while towing over to Larchmont he kept saying he had forgotten something. He checked up on his equipment but anchor, compass, life belts etc. all were there. Suddenly when half way over he remembered, "My God" he said, "I forgot the boom."

2) Top row, middle shows "Buck" Hyde who used to own the Hydra, # 57, with his crew Mack.

3) Top row, upper right spoofs H. M. Waite who in the second race of 1924 World's finished some 25 minutes after the first place finisher and 16 minutes after the boat in front of him.

4) Top row, figure 3 to the right below the Waite spoof shows Commodore Corry going for a swim, apparently something which happened rather frequently. Note the suite, collar and bow tie.

5) Middle row: subject unknown.

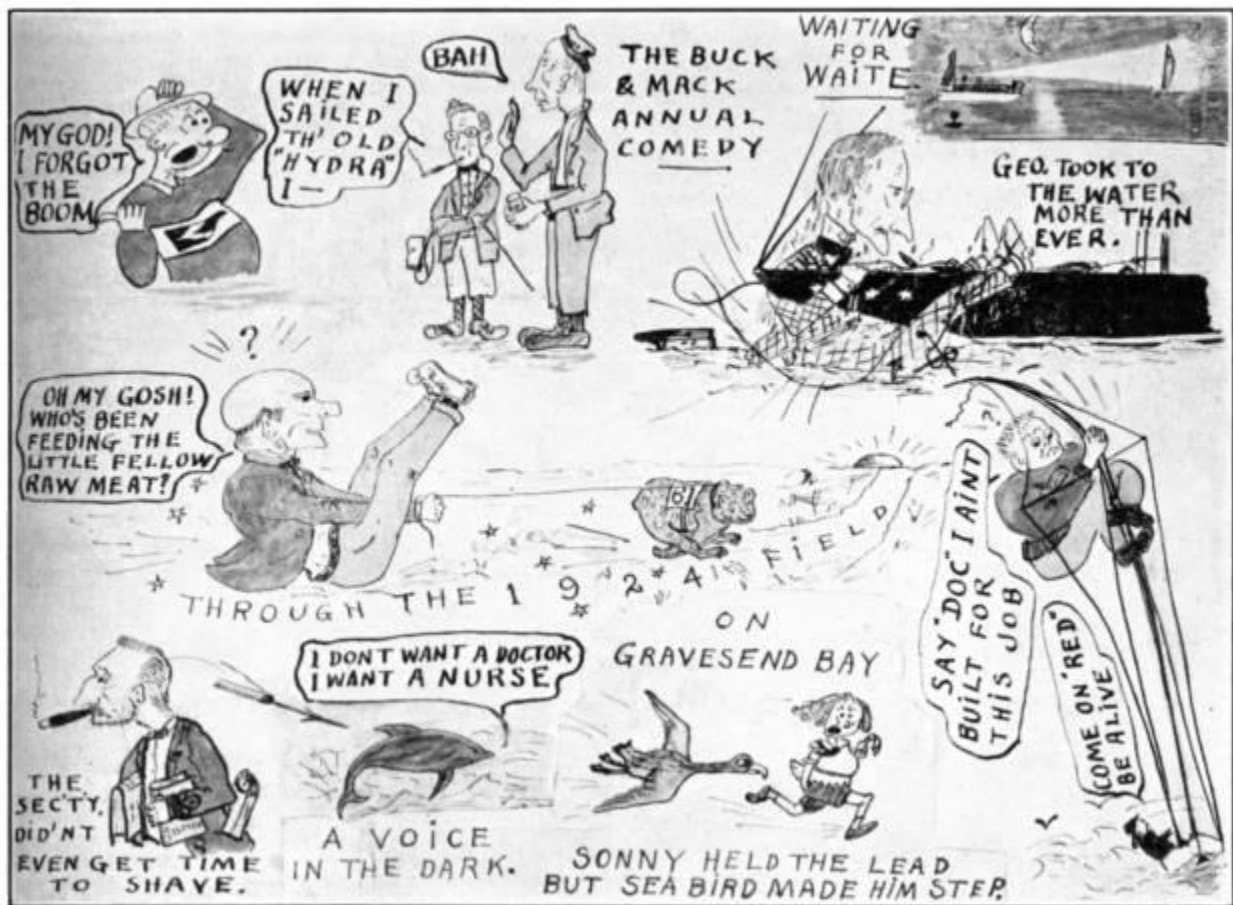
6) Bottom row, figure 1 to the left shows the then Class Secretary George Elder.

7) Bottom row, figure 2: subject unknown.

8) Bottom row, figure 3 is reference to Bill Inslee's new boat "Sonny", # 190 which was almost beaten in the Elimination Series by Tim Parkman sailing "Sea Bird", #148.

9) Bottom row, figure 4 shows "Doc" Atkinson sending up his crew "Red" on "Rain", #283.

**T W I N K L I N G S
A LAST GLANCE BACK AT 1924**

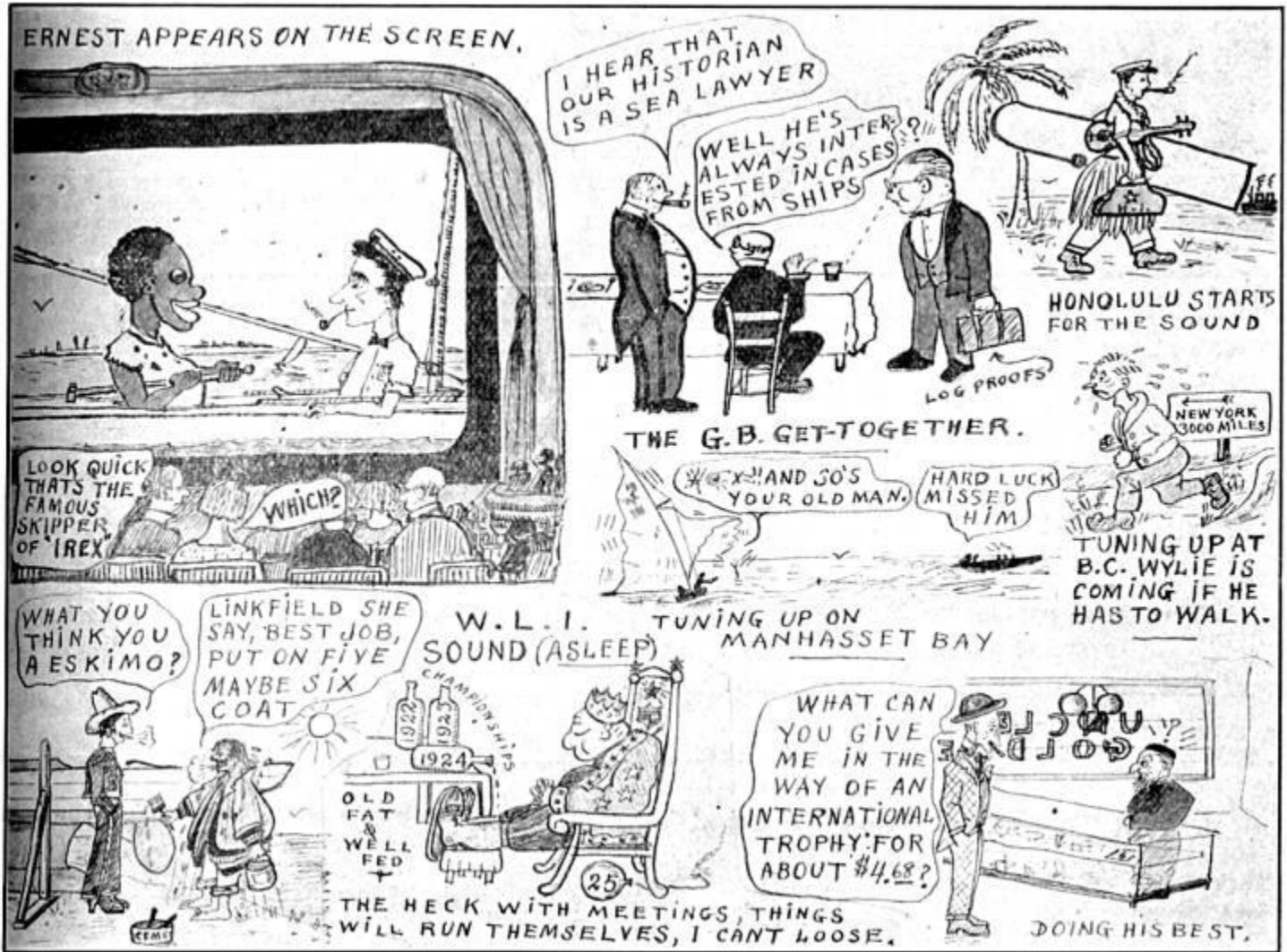


The following cartoon is from the June 1925 issue of Starlights. Concerning the first item: apparently earlier in the year a movie named "The Great Parade" came out and there was a scene in it with Ernest Ratsey in his "Irex". The May issue of Starlights has the following note:

Ernest Ratsey as Movie Hero – "Irex" stars in "The Great Parade," a film that will be shown at the Capital about the third week in May."

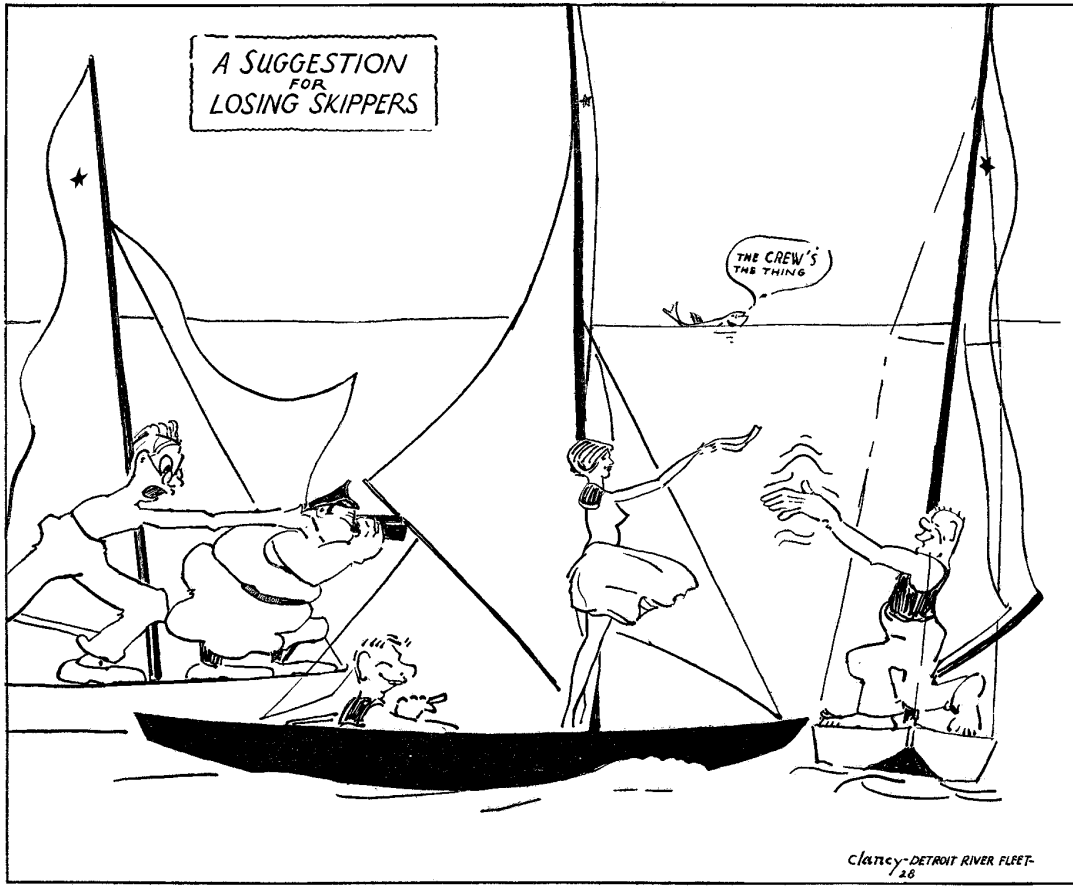
A search for this movie has been so far unsuccessful. Should any reader know how to get a DVD of it please let me know.

The other item of note on this page is in the lower right-hand corner. It shows George Corry shopping for the World's Trophy to replace the "dust-catcher" which was retired the previous year when a member of the W.L.I.S. fleet won the trophy for the third time, as shown in the lower middle figure just before it. The event at the time was known as the Internationals. Apparently Commodore Corry was rather famous for being frugal. Fortunately, a group of Class members, led by Woodie Pirie's father, came to the rescue and through subscription was able to raise enough money to buy the present World's Trophy.

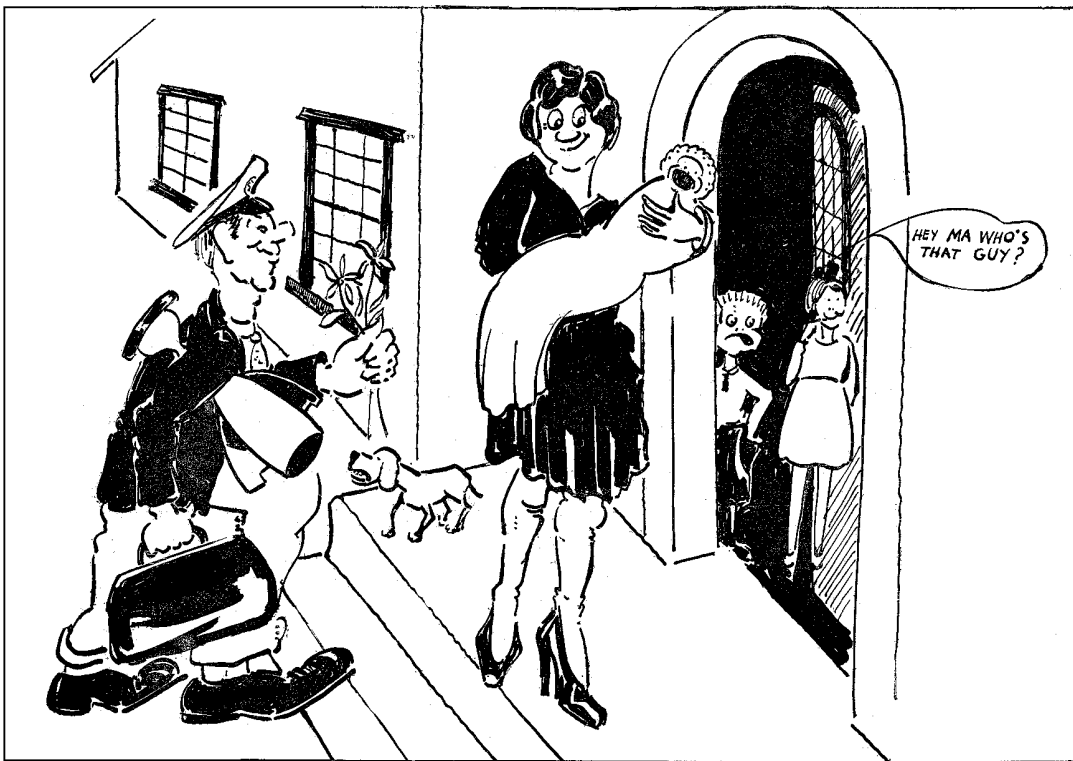


During 1928 Pat Clancy of the Detroit River Fleet supplied four cartoons to Starlights. They appeared in the May, August

September and November issues. The ones shown here are from the August and November Starlights.

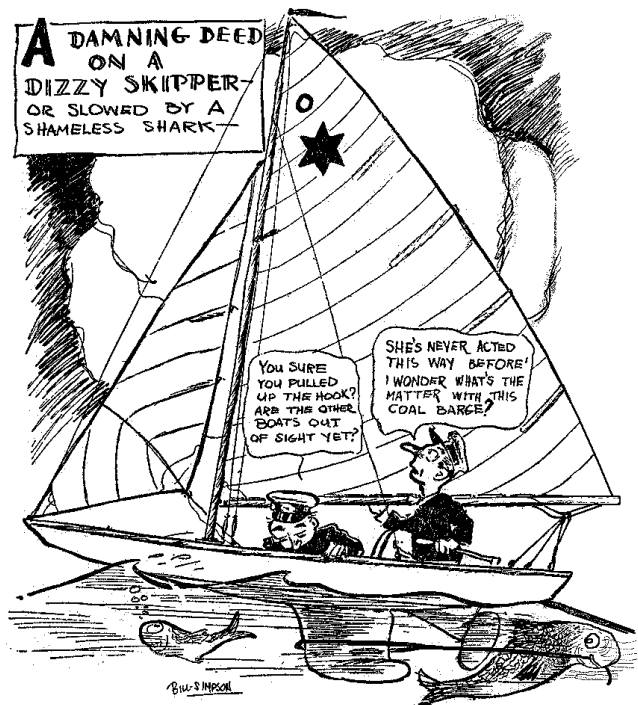


NOW THAT THE YACHTING SEASON IS OVER



The following cartoon appeared in the January, 1929 Starlights with the caption which read:

“Bill Simpson, the web-footed Californian, is responsible for this one. As advice to the “Dizzy Skipper” – find out who, in the San Francisco Fleet, owns a trained shark. Then poison the shark.”

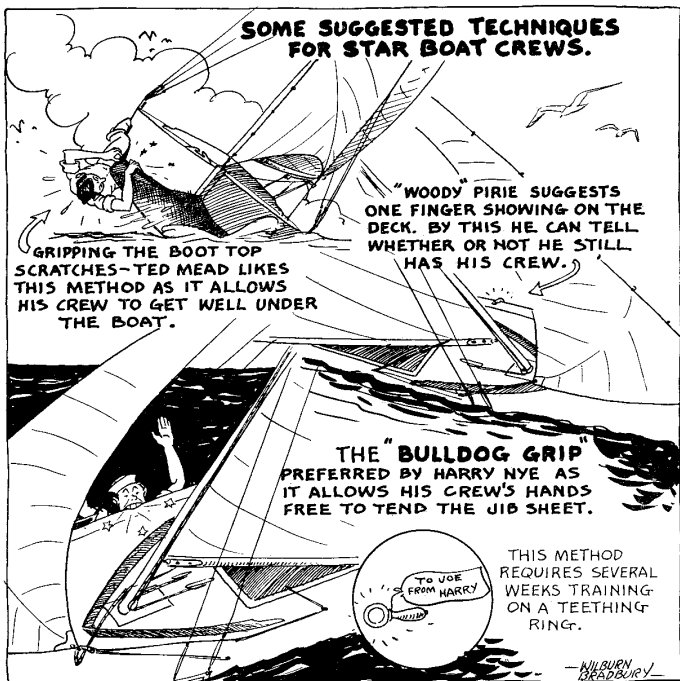


Another example of hiking, this one from Toronto, appeared in the May, 1973 issue of Starlights.



More recently in the 1st District Newsletter there appeared a series of cartoons by Emil Karlovsky, an active skipper of the Mid-Connecticut Star Fleet, now some 93 years young.

Hiking techniques got more extreme during the 1930's in the search for speed. The cartoon by Wilburn Bradbury shown below appeared in the 1940 Log spoofing the extremes to which some skippers had their crews go while hiking..



FOR SALE / WANTED

STAR CLASS MEMORABILIA: If you have anything which you think should be in the Star Class Archives at Mystic Seaport Museum please contact the editor (d.bolles@worldnet.att.net) (203 882 9428). Anything from a single photograph to a collection of correspondence, Starlights, Logs, program notes, or anything else related to the Star Class and its activities would be most welcomed.

7306 Mader (1987) Specially built by Mader for Durward Knowles and one of the first of the 7300 through 8100 series of Maders built between 1987 and 2003. Second in the 1988 Bacardi (Paul Cayard, skipper) and the 1988 Masters. Lightly sailed recently and in fair condition. Good mast, newer SparTech boom, and trailer included. Boat located in Milford, CT. Price: \$5,000 Call Don Cronan @ 860-810-8934 / doncronan@gmail.com / DCronan@acc.comnet.edu (6 / 08)

7620 Mader (1992) 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 (11 / 06)

7741 Folli (1994) Two masts and one boom. Two sets of sails. Mast and boat covers. Double mainsheet and Lillia-style backstays. A good regatta boat in very good condition. Located in Milford, CT. \$12,000. Contact Rodrigo Meireles at 203 283 1884 / 619 549 1126 / rodrigo@od.northsails.com

7830 Mader (1995) This boat is a creampuff. Campaigned by Paul Cayard, meticulously maintained, race ready. This boat is probably around \$16k give or take. In storage in Sunapee. Andy Ivey: andy@apiadv.com (1 / 07)

7982 Folli (1999) Ready to go sailing. The keel was completely refinished in November, 2005. The boat is in inside storage in Williams Bay, WI, on Lake Geneva, 85 miles northwest of Chicago, IL. All measurement documents are up-to-date and the boat was measured at three World's Championships. Valid titles for boat and trailer. Spartech and Emmeti masts, Quantum sails. Photos available via email upon request. \$23,000. Call Jane Pegel at 262-245-6242 for details, email: sailing19@charter.net (4 / 07)

8052 Mader (2001). Race-ready, updated and well maintained. Spartech mast & boom, two poles, tactick compass, sails. Mast up cover, mast down cover, mast and boom covers. Harbeck trailer with single long box. Boat, trailer and covers are in excellent shape -- everything works! Located in Massachusetts. Steve Braverman: sbraverman@starclass.org (8 / 08)

8112 Folli (2002) 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 (1 / 07)

Wanted: Boats, masts, etc. in various conditions. For the Milford Y.C. Sailing Foundation located at Milford Y.C., Milford CT. Contact Dick Hovey. Tel: 203 795 3008 / e-mail: rhovey@optonline.net (7-07)

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

Wanted: F Section masts, even those broken at or below the mast band. David Bolles: 203 882 9428 / d.bolles@worldnet.att.net .

Wanted: D or F Section mast. Rob Reuter, 64 Haskell Ridge Road, Rochester, MA 02770 (508) 763-9533 or robreuterjr@aim.com

Wanted: 1937 Star Log. The Central Office would like to find a copy of the 1937 Star Class Log to complete its collection. Should you know of an available copy please let Barbara know. 443 456 5733 / office@starclass.org

Models: white polyurethane 11 5 / 8" Star Class half models mounted on 6" x 15" back board for \$100 plus S&H Also Star Class half model plaques with the sails and spars for \$150 plus S&H.

Also, a 60" ¼ scale Star Class half-model for over the mantle as shown in photo for \$600. A true-to-scale rudder will be included although this photo does not show it.

Also available is a ¼ scale hull or even a ready-to-sail r / c equipped model. Ready--sail as an r / c boat for up to \$2900 depending on equipment. The \$2,900 is with authentic looking scaled miniature Harken hardware. A less expensive package can be provided without Harken miniatures.

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**EARLY STARLIGHTS**

From December 1923 through January 1924

The earliest known Starlights, published on mimeographed sheets, are now available at:

http://www.mycstar.org/Stardust/starlights_back_issues.htm