



Steve Braverman built up a good lead only to be passed by MacCausland and Hatfield, who held on for the win and Sandstrom and Braverman in second. Local fleet champion Dave Cook and Mike Wood rounded out the top three.

Saturday night's famous steak roast is not to be missed. Again Dick Atkinson and his helpers outdid themselves. A great time was had by all, but it was an early night. The day on the water was very long.

Sunday was a completely different day with more sun, less wind but enough to race. The boats that started well at the windward end of the line and played the right side well had good results from the first leg. At the first mark Ron Sandstrom and Steve Braverman were in the lead. MacCausland and Hatfield, Saturday's Leaders, were well back in the fleet in nineteenth place. As the race went on Josh Phyers and Rob Bowers were able to get by Sandstrom and win the race. Ron and Steve held on for

second, followed by Barbara Vosbury and Trapper Lippincott in third.

Ron Sandstrom has been the king of Lake Sunapee over the years. With this year's victory he is now the all time leader in wins at the open with five. He passed Joe Duplin who had four.

For those who did not come, make plans to attend next year. This is an event not to be missed.

### John MacCausland wins the Tri-District Trophy

The Sunapee Open was the third leg of the Tri-District Trophy, the other two legs being the Annapolis NOOD (2<sup>nd</sup> District) and the Arms-White Regatta (1<sup>st</sup> District). John MacCausland was this year's winner of the trophy, which was presented at the awards ceremony at the end of the Sunapee Open.

### 2004 Lake Sunapee Open

Pl.	No.	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	Pts.
1	7468	Ron Sandstrom	Steve Braverman	BH	3	2	2	7
2	8184	John MacCausland	Bruce Hatfield	CR	2	1	5	8
3	7425	Barbara Vosbury	Trapper Lippincott	AN	5	5	3	13
4	8086	J.B. Braun	George Iverson	BH	1	8	7	16
5	7498	Fotis Boliakis	A. Koutoulos	CLIS	6	4	10	20
6	6985	Peter Hall	Dominique Trepanier	Mtl	11	7	4	22
7	7731	Dave Cook	Mike Wood	Sun	4	3	17	24
8	7248	John Henry	Jay Lankford	AN	9	9	11	29
9	8083	John Chiarella	Terry Fletcher	Sun	10	6	15	31
10	7628	Josh Phyers	Rob Bowers	CA	8	dnf	1	37
11	6425	Chris Eldridge	Bruce Rice	Sun	14	18	12	42
12	8099	Bill Farrar	Bob Carlson	Sun	12	13	18	43
13	7315	Peter Pike	Bill Pike	Sun	21	11	13	45
14	7555	Ed Desmarais	Adam Drucker	CA	15	10	23	48
15	5609	John Blom	Brude Pariseau	Sun	16	12	20	48
16	7927	David Ivey	Greg Meyer	Sun	7	dnf	14	49
17	6997	Jamie Delaporte	Sarita Maizer	Mtl	20	14	19	53
18	7437	Kris Wilson	Bud Elsaesser	AN	18	15	22	55
19	6979	Joe Goodnough	Brad Leavitt	Sun	17	14	dns	59
20	7639	Sam Rowse	John Wulff	Sun	dnf	dns	6	62
21	6572	Dag Lidbeck	David Gulliver	Sun	19	dnf	16	63
22	7192	Nat Cook	Paul Skarin	Sun	dnf	dns	8	64
23	7	Alain Vanderick	M.-Claude Shea	Mtl	13	dnf	dns	69
24	7100	Blackie Tilson	Kip Murray	Sun	dnf	dns	21	77
25	8152	Don Gray	Emil Karlovsky	Mid	dnf	dns	dns	84
26	7101	Scott Rosen	Chris Stow	BH	dnf	dns	dns	84
27	7088	Jay Ogilvy	David Hutchinson	Sun	dnf	dns	dns	84

### TRI-DISTRICT TROPHY

No.	Skipper	Annapolis NOOD	Ave. Pts.	Arms White	Ave. Pts.	Sunapee Open	Ave. Pts.	Cumulative Ave. Pts.
8184	John MacCausland			10	2.50	8	2.67	5.17
8184	Bert Collins	28	4.00	27	6.75			10.75
7265	Josh Phyers	35	5.00	28	7.00	37	12.33	12.00
7425	Barbara Vosbury	83	11.86	0		13	4.33	16.19
7555	Ed Desmarais (M)			67	16.75	48	16.00	32.75
8152	Don Gray (M)			98	24.50	84	28.00	52.50



**2004 STAR NORTH AMERICAN'S**

Boston, MA.

August 22 – 25, 2004

by John A. MacCausland

The North Americans has been held annually since 1952. This year's event was hosted by the Cottage Park Yacht Club in Winthrop, Massachusetts. Over the years the winners read like a who's who of yacht racing. Past winners include North, Etechells, Buchan, Duplin, Blackaller, Bruder and Conner. Some of the more recent winners include Brun, Reynolds, Adams, Cayard, MacDonald, Doyle, Brady and Szabo.

This year's fleet was forty-four boats deep with teams from the USA, Argentina, Australia, Canada, The Netherlands, Italy and the Ukraine. The sailing was held in Broad Sound near the entrance to Boston Harbor. The racing was in predominately light air with current playing a big factor in each race.

The schedule was for a practice race on Saturday. Because of the threat of thunderstorms and bad weather, the practice race was canceled. With the passage of the cold front on Saturday the upcoming week looked very promising, clear skies and nice weather. But along with the large high pressure also came along mostly very light breezes.

Sunday was the start of the championship. On the schedule for the day were two races. The wind was very light and the committee had to postpone for an hour and a half. Once the racing started it was done in light spotty conditions. By the end of the first day Ben Cesare with Doug Brophy were in the lead followed by John MacCausland and Brian Fatih. To come away from today's racing with two good races was a difficult job, which the top three boats did.

Monday we had one race on the schedule which got away on time. The breeze came from the south today and had large oscillations along with big pressure differences. At the first mark the leaders were Jack Button with Todd Raynor followed by Jim Buckingham and Rick Peters. About three quarters of the way down the first run, the wind all but shut down in the middle of the course which caused a rather large mixing of the fleet. Rounding in front at the first leeward mark was George Szabo and Brian Sharp followed by John MacCausland and Brian Fatih. As the race progressed George and John had a good race around the course. At the finish it was MacCausland followed by Szabo and rounding out the top three was Brian Cramer and Len Delicaet.

Day three of the event dawned just like the past two days, nice weather but very light wind. Once on the race course a light easterly breeze filled in and we were able to start on time. The first race of the day saw the leaders coming from deep in the left side of the course. This

seemed to pay for the rest of this race. Past Class President Jack Rickard with Jeremy Davidson sailed a great last run to win the race easily. Hyde Perce and Chuck Nevel were quietly putting together a very good series and finished second. For the forth race in a row MacCausland and Fatih were able to stay in the top three with a third.

The second race of the day was much different, a little more wind with a flood tide. This turned the course around and the right paid big, really big. Karl Anderson with Magnus Liljedahl led at each mark never to have a serious challenge. Aaron Serinis with Will Wagner and Ron Sandstrom with Steve Braverman made it close at the finish. But Karl and Magnus kept them under control. Regatta leaders MacCausland and Fatih had their worst race to date with an eighth place. At the end of the day's racing MacCausland was still in the lead but two teams were within four points. Considering the conditions it was going to be very interesting on the last day of racing.

Wednesday was a beautiful morning but we didn't have any wind. We all hoped that this would allow a nice sea breeze to fill in. The committee towed all the boats to the course and once we arrived we had a short postponement and then the breeze started to fill. The committee did an excellent job of waiting for the wind. For MacCausland to win the championship he and Brian needed a top four finish or Anderson and Perce to finish worst than fourth.

At the first mark Karl Anderson and Magnus were in control of the championship. They were leading and MacCausland rounded seventh. Perce and Ben Cesare, who also had a chance to claim the title, were well back in the fleet. With a building breeze the fleet had the best conditions of the week. As the race progressed Anderson was passed by George Szabo and MacCausland was slowly passing boats. At the last leeward mark Anderson was in second with MacCausland in fourth. With the best breeze of the week on the final beat of the last race, Szabo held on for the win followed by Karl Anderson. Having his best race of the week was Alberto Zanetti from Argentina finishing in third. MacCausland and Fatih crossed the line in fourth securing the 2004 Star North American Championship.

As the week went on the Boston Harbor Star Fleet and Cottage Park Yacht Club put on a great show. Good challenging racing on the water and great hospitality off the water with a great social event each night. I have to give Gary MacDonald along with Joe Zambella and Pete Costa a big thanks for making the event run so well. I am sure they were not the only ones responsible. Everyone did a great job. But the biggest thanks go to Phil Marks. Phil's company was the title sponsor of the event and it would not have been possible without his help. Thank you Phil.

## 2004 North American Results

Pl. No.	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total
1	8184 John A MacCausland	Brian Fatih	CR	3	3	1	3	8	4	14
2	8177 Karl Anderson	Magnus Liljedahl	BH	2	5	6	6	1	2	16
3	7952 Ben Cesare	Doug Brophy	Mid	1	4	7	4	ocs	8	24
4	7225 Hyde Perce	Chuck Nevel	WH	13	1	4	2	7	14	27
5	7951 Peter Cusick	Serge Leonidov	Mid	4	32	8	9	4	7	32
6	7995 George Szabo	Brian Sharp	SDB	9	18	2	26	10	1	40
7	7567 Aaron Serinis	Will Wagner	MES	19	14	11	10	2	5	42
8	7260 Bill Buchan *	Greg Newhall	PS	8	6	14	8	11	24	47
9	8143 Brian Cramer	Len Delicaet	LOC	18	2	3	31	13	18	54
10	8041 Jim Buckingham	Rick Peters	NH	5	7	15	18	dnf	9	54
11	7909 Alberto Zanetti	Mariano Lucca	OL	6	20	22	dsq	18	3	69
12	7515 Ross Adams	Stewart Schmitt	WH	15	8	17	22	25	11	73
13	8112 J Joseph Bainton	Chris Rogers	NB	37	23	18	11	9	12	73
14	8052 Ron Sandstrom	Stephen Braverman	BH	10	17	21	24	3	26	75
15	8181 Larry Whipple	Mark Strube	PS	7	9	29	34	15	16	76
16	7986 Bill Allen	Brad Lichter	WH	24	11	10	16	20	19	76
17	7732 Gary Macdonald	Rob Bowers	BH	41	10	33	5	6	25	79
18	8036 Jack Rickard	Jeremy Davidson	WH	29	28	9	1	29	13	80
19	7640 Arthur Anosov	Dave Caesar	TaB	14	12	28	29	21	10	85
20	8043 Jock Kohlhas	Rick Burgess	BisB	20	13	24	14	26	15	86
21	7265 Josh Phypers	Fritz Koopman	CA	21	15	27	17	16	20	89
22	8136 Argyle Campbell	Eric Monroe	NH	16	16	5	35	32	23	92
23	8189 Bill Fields	Austin Sperry	SMB	12	38	25	7	34	21	99
24	7425 Barbara Beigel-Vosbury	Trapper Lippincott	AN	17	37	26	36	5	17	101
25	8101 Michael Jones	Simon Reffold	LMac	11	30	30	25	31	6	102
26	7565 Jack Button	Tod Raynor	Mid	23	24	23	12	33	27	109
27	7963 Bruce Engel	Ted Lavery	CA	26	19	19	37	17	33	114
28	8113 Gunti Weissenberger	Chris Brown	NCB	25	27	16	32	19	28	115
29	8063 Bert Collins	Guy Avellon	AN	30	34	13	28	24	22	117
30	7899 Mike Milner	Steve Cutting	LOC	22	22	12	23	dns	dns	124
31	7911 John Fox	Nancy Fox	SB	27	26	20	39	23	30	126
32	7959 Thorsten Cook	Mike Young	CLIS	38	36	32	27	12	34	141
33	7228 Peter Costa	John Rokosz	BH	32	21	31	38	30	29	143
34	7101 Scott Rosen	Chris Stow	BH	34	35	39	15	28	32	144
35	8083 John Chiarella	Robert Carlson	Sun	35	29	36	13	dnf	35	148
36	7680 Guiseppe Ritucci	Umberto Coppola	Cap	42	33	34	33	14	37	151
37	7650 Carlos Rivero	Hector Longarela	BH	39	40	ocs	19	27	36	161
38	8035 David Bolles	Alejandra Bolles	Mid	28	41	35	42	22	38	164
39	7629 Ken Woods	Arie Van Harweg	BH	36	25	40	20	ocs	dns	166
40	7498 Fotis Boliakis	Darrell Hiatt	CLIS	31	42	ocs	30	36	31	170
41	8122 Claude Bonnani	Gennady Korolko	TaB	33	31	38	40	dnf	dns	187
42	7554 Emil Karlovsky	Wayne Pierce	Mid	43	dnf	41	21	dnf	39	189
43	7497 Kris Wilson	Bud Elsasser	AN	40	39	37	41	35	40	191
44	5995 Dennis Unger	Deb Blodgett	BH	44	dnf	42	dns	dns	41	217

\* Bill Buchan and Greg Newhall were winners of the North American Master's Trophy



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John MacCausland and Brian Fatih in *Erin*, # 8184

## 2004 STAR NORTH AMERICANS, AN ESSAY

### ...More than just a sailboat race

by Sergey Leonidov

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While some may think that defying the sailboat racing status quo implies sailing hard and drinking lots at the tent, it is good to know there are still the old school folks who know how to race hard and know how to enjoy a good time, yet are able to combine them in a gracious fashion that defies the status and age.

Enter Boston Harbor Star Fleet at Cottage Park Yacht Club. Joe Zambella dropped a silent bomb on the fleet a year ago – the class needed a host for the 2004 North Americans that may have a “scheduling problem” due to Athens events. Never one to decline a party invitation, the fleet took only a couple of hours to ponder and accept the challenge.

Enter Gary MacDonald, a long time member of the fleet and the class who has little knowledge of racing anything else but the Star. He spent over 30 years in the Star, and he knows the standards for the class events. He took those old Star Class manuals, dusted them off and rewrote the book, chairing the event, and spearheading the volunteer effort.

Registration started with a glossy production, a booklet full of information, history, welcome letters, a course chart, tidal information, detailed competitor list, and introductions to the race committee and event organizers. The book was packed into a Harken kevlar document

pouch, which should come in handy in a knife or sword attack. The event’s hats and t-shirts rounded out the first impressions at the registration.

The club opened its doors to the sailors – all doors. You will not strain your neck peeking in shiny rooms to discover a wedding reception while you are looking for your jib in your spiffy wetsuit. The gym, the sauna room, the bar with \$3 Guinness drafts, the dining rooms, television, VCR, docks, the entire parking lot, the grill on the deck, was all surrendered to the sailors for the week. The members also opened their homes and hosted sixty percent of the racers who traveled from four continents.

Long time supporters of the Boston Harbor Star Fleet and the Star Class, Philip Marks and Keane, Incorporated sponsored the event. There were two photographers, a huge spectator boat daily, ice cold beer 200 yards from the finish line, daily photo updates, daily lunch packs, and many things behind the scenes that make things happen.

Each night after racing there was an event at the club, ranging from classy dinners, open bars, Texas BBQ, burgers and dogs on the back deck, and an old-fashioned New England lobster and clambake. Fleet and Club members prepared and served most of the dinners, and the Vice Commodore, also a local lobsterman, provided fresh crustaceans for the clambake.

### And now to the racing:

It was a little cold for an August event. With the westerly and southeasterly breezes, the action never stopped. It was not a drifter by any means and only one

morning's tow on the last day was in perfect timing with a filling 12-knot sea breeze laying the playground for the last race. The racing was tight; going into the final race, there was a 6 point difference for the first four positions in the regatta and another 12 points for the next 5 positions. Considering the 20 and 30-degree shifts that the competitors had for the previous three days, and the usual three different tidal conditions between the bottom and top marks, nothing was impossible.

The race conditions were tough but the race committee led by Franny Charles and Tom Duggan were tougher, quickly adjusting the courses as needed. As a result, throughout the event, there was neither a single beat nor a single run, which ended up as a single tack or single gybe leg. Franny and Tom rustled a crew of over 38 volunteers to help on the water, nearly half of which were avid and active Star racers. The few protests, and the redress requests were resolved quickly, fairly and in accordance with the class rules.

While the cream of the crop were agonizing in Athens, very strong teams came to race in Boston with many sailors fresh from the 2004 US Olympic trials setting the tone and the pace.

Ben Cesare and Doug Brophy started the regatta with a bang but the fleet adapted to the local conditions quickly and John McCausland and Brian Fatih together with Karl Anderson and Magnus Liljedahl came back in force and pressed to the top.

There were many brand new crew and skipper combinations but you couldn't tell from the job they were doing on the course. The tidal strategies had to change in the middle of a race because the low time was around 12-1 p.m. By that time the sea breeze effects would also start playing role and what worked on the first beat would stop working for the second beat.

Laying out a simple game plan and committing to a side seemed to be the safest option and it was reflected in McCausland / Fatih's winning score with only a single bullet. George Szabo and Brian Sharp joined forces on a whim when Szabo learned he could not substitute crew for the first two races. They showed great speed and smart sailing out of the docks but at times were punished as much as others by the tricky conditions.

During Monday night's mid-regatta banquet, the competitors honored Star Class legends Bill Buchan and Joe Duplin. Many years ago Bill Buchan beat Paul Cayard by less than a point to go the Olympic games and bring home the Gold. Joe Duplin, CPYC's most storied sailor, brought a Star World Championship back to the home club in the 60's. It was a moving night in the hall of the club with dark wood beams reflecting the light and the quiet memory of the moment.

Congratulations to the competitors, Cottage Park Yacht Club, Boston Harbor Star Fleet and to everyone involved in making this a memorable event. Those who couldn't attend missed a good one.

The regatta was a classy story for what competitive sailors' events should be. The sailors thank you for writing it.

## CARL EICHENLAUB

Olympic Boat Wizard  
(Scuttlebutt # 1638)

Carl Eichenlaub, a sailing technician from San Diego, Calif., has been a mainstay of the U.S. Olympic Sailing program for more than 20 years. In 1979, he accompanied the squad attending the Pan Am Games as the official boatwright, a position he has held for the USA at six subsequent Pan Am Games, two Goodwill Games and six Olympic Games. This August will mark Eichenlaub's seventh trip to the Olympic Games, again as the invaluable boatwright or "fixer of all things." The Games veteran is 74 years young.

"Carl embodies the Olympic Spirit more than anyone I know," says Olympic Director Jonathan Harley, who himself is a veteran of five Olympic Games and will serve as Team Manager this time around. "He is selfless and well known among foreign teams for his willingness to provide support and share knowledge during international competitions. At last year's Pan Am Games in the Dominican Republic Carl was selected by the U.S. team captains to be the U.S. Flagbearer for Opening Ceremonies. It was the first time a U.S. Pan American Team had selected a non-athlete for the honor."

Eichenlaub's dedication to the USA sailors is unfailing and never was more apparent than when he suffered a broken hip at the Athletes' Village during the 2000 Olympic Games, yet maintained his duties while on crutches. He is frequently approached at international competitions by foreign athletes with damaged equipment and seldom refuses a request for assistance once his work for the U.S. team is complete. With an ability to fix boats that has become legendary, Eichenlaub now travels to each event with a specially outfitted 40-foot container that holds, among other things, a swedging machine, drill press, compressors and a microwave oven for curing resin.

"We come better prepared and with better equipment than anyone in the world," he said. "I'll have welding equipment, cables and a complete array of hand power tools."

"Sailing for me goes back to when I was 10 years old, built my first boat and did my earlier sailing in the San Diego River," Eichenlaub said. "When I got to be 15, I built a bigger boat and joined the San Diego Yacht Club."

Eichenlaub, with the design help of Lowell North, built top-flight Star boats from the mid-1950s to the early 1970s, and his boats, in the hands of such skippers as North, Bill Ficker and Joe Duplin, won several world championship titles during the 1950s and 1960s. The owner and operator of Eichenlaub Marine, he can be found playing the oboe with a local symphony when not tinkering with boats.

**REGATTA SCHEDULES**

**EMIL'S CORNER**

1<sup>st</sup> District  
 Sept. 11-12 Bedford Pitcher (CLIS)  
 Sept. 18-19 Nutmeg Regatta (Mid)  
 Oct. 9-10 Larchmont Columbus Day Regatta

2<sup>nd</sup> District  
 Sept. 11-12 Blue Star  
 Sept. 25-26 Oxford Fall Wind-Up (TAYC)  
 Oct. 9-10 Star Fall Regatta (MRYC)

5<sup>th</sup> District  
 Sept 4-5 Labor Day Pitcher (SDB)  
 Sept 11-12 Harris Series (CYC)  
 Sept 18-19 Green Star (NH)  
 Oct 2-3 Fall One Design (CYC)  
 Oct 16-17 Pacific Coast Championships (WSFB)  
 Oct 23-24 Calvin Paige (WSFB)  
 Oct 30-31 Ash Bown / Oktoberfest (SDB)  
 Dec 11-12 Kriss Kringle (SDB)

12<sup>th</sup> District  
 Sept. 11 – 12 Lake George Open (LG)  
 Sept. 18 – 19 Flasir – (Ithaca Yacht Club)  
 Sept. 25 – 26 Chilli (SL)

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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 (tbd) 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 16-17 Ned Hay (CA)  
 July 30 Skipper's Choice Regatta (BH)  
 Aug. 6-7 Make A Wish (Secretary's Cup) (BH)  
 Aug. 21-22 Atlantic Coast 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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