

MARK REYNOLDS AND MAGNUS LILJEDAHL
WIN WORLD'S
Report on pages 3-4

Good racing, good party (Beer & Chip/Dip) and good time was had by all.

REGATTAS COMING UP IN JUNE

JUNE REGATTA SCHEDULE

JFK REGATTA

June 3-4

1st District

June 3-4 J.F.K. (BH)

June 17-18 Arms White (Mid)

2nd District

June 10-11 Lippincott Memorial Regatta

June 24-25 Severn S.A. Keel Boat (AN)

12th District

June 3-4 Tomahawk (LH)

June 10-11 AYS Open (GrL)

June 17-18 Rock Bottom (KL)

June 24-25 Scythes (Royal Canadian Y.C.) (LOC)

The JFK regatta was started by Marina Bay in Boston Harbor in about 1985 to honor the late President Kennedy. It is an all fleets regatta (PHRF, One Design and etc.) and a great place to showcase the Star class to other sailors. Cottage Park YC began sponsoring the regatta in the early 90's. John F. Kennedy and his brother Joe competed in the Star Class on both Long Island and Nantucket Sounds. Contact: Sergey Leonidov: sleon@compuserve.com

AWOSTING YACHT SQUADRON OPEN

June 9-10, 2000

The AYS Open will be held the weekend of June 9 and 10 on Greenwood Lake, New York to be sailed out of the Castle Tavern. Contact Bob Krahulik at Attorney@Warwick.net or Christine Krahulik at kidscros@warwick.net for further information.

REGATTA NOTES

REGATTA RESULTS

THE ANNAPOLIS SPRING STAR REGATTA

by Elliott Oldak, Regatta Chair, Fleet Capt., and Chief cook and bottle washer

Twenty-one boats from 4 countries showed up for the Annapolis Spring Star Regatta, held on April 29-30. The 1st, 2nd and 12th districts were especially well represented. This was a five race, no throw-out series. For the three races on Saturday the winds were light. For the two races on Sunday the winds were heavy, resulting in several broken sticks as well as some DNF's and DNS's.

Johnny Mac and Phil Trinter (CR) won the series with 28 points. Gavin Brady and Jamie Gale (NZL) were second (with an OCS) with 29 points followed by Doug and Bob Schofield (AN) with 30 points. Elliott Oldak and Sean Delaney (AN) 4th tied with John Finch and Kevin Murphy (LOC) with 31 points.

The rest of the order was Mark Mansfield (IRL) 6th, Tony Snell (LOC) 7th, Tom Price (AN) 8th, Kevin McNeil (AN) 9th, John Lombard (Mid) 10th, John Jenkins (MES) 11th, Paul Sustronk (LOC) 12th, Larry Parrotta (NCB) 13th, John Vanderhoff (NCB) 14th, Brad Anderson (LOC) 15th, John Sherwood (CB) 16th, Steve Braverman (BH) 17th, Rick Burgess (GRL) 18th, Bert Collins (AN) 19th, Hans Crosby (AN) 20th, and Quinn Pollock (AN) 21st.

ARMS-WHITE REGATTA

Arms Trophy To Winning Skipper

White Trophy To Winning Crew

June 17-18

The Arms-White series is named after two sailors from the C.L.I.S., John Taylor Arms and Elwood S. White. In 1937 John Arms donated the Arms Trophy and in 1942 the family of Elwood White donated the White Trophy for the winning crew of the Arms series. The series, originally called the Noroton Race Week, was sailed out of the C.L.I.S. until 1969, and then was relocated to Mid-Conn in 1970. See pages 2-3 of this newsletter for a history of the event that appeared in a commemorative history about the C.L.I.S. Fleet in 1947.

The Arms-White Regatta has enjoyed a good turnout over the years and recently has been running between 20 to 35 boats. Always a nice feature is the Saturday evening dinner at the Club. As a reminder, the harbor start is at 11 AM on Saturday, June 17.

Aside from the Arms and White trophies for the series winners, there are keepers for the first four places.

For more information on how to get to the club, housing, or

the event itself see the 1st District Web Site under Regattas and Events, or contact:

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PREVIEW OF REGATTAS COMING IN JULY

MEN ARE FROM MARS WOMEN ARE FROM VENUS
REGATTA
July 8-9, 2000

by Christine Krahulik, fleet secretary/treasurer for the Greenwood Lake Star Fleet.

We are hosting for the second year a regatta called "Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus." Each boat must have a male and a female. Last year we hosted the regatta for the first time and had several husband and wife, father and daughter teams participate. It was a great regatta (won by Rick and Paula Dhein).

We will hosting it again this year on Greenwood Lake and would really like to increase the participation this year. The regatta coincides nicely with the husband/wife article on the 1st District website. We hope to get other fleets around the area to take turns hosting it so that more people could participate and not have to travel as far etc.

The regatta will be sailed out of the Castle Tavern on Greenwood Lake, New York. We plan to have two races on Saturday and one on Sunday. Entry fee \$30.00; Housing available. Saturday night Dinner and music at Krahulik's house on Greenwood Lake.

If you have any questions, please email me at kidsros@warwick.net or call me at 914-986-1155 / day 914-986-3315: Christine Krahulik.

SUNAPEE OPEN
July 29-30

Because of a change in date for the 12th District Blue Star date the date of the Sunapee Open is now back to July 29-30. Please disregard the date of August 5-6 given in the last newsletter and on the 1st District web site. The Sunapee Open is renowned for its Saturday evening dinner. Mark this date on your regatta calendar. For more information contact Dave or Robin Cook: 603 526 4637 (home); e-mail: davecook@kear.net

LOCAL FLEET NEWS

MID-CONN Reminder:

June 3-4	Sat 1, Sun 1: 12:45 PM
June 9	Fleet meeting, Club, 7:30 PM, to discuss progress on preparations for the North Americans
June 10-11	Sat 2, Sun 2: 12:45 PM
June 17-18	Arms-White: 11 AM Harbor Start
June 24-25	Sat 3, Sun 3: 12:45 PM

NOTES FROM STAR CLASS MEMBERS

RESOLUTION #1 PASSES

Resolution #1, which deals with how the members of the International Governing Committee are selected, passed at the annual meeting by 2 votes. This resolution, along with the other resolutions that passed, will be on the Class ballot in the fall. Please review the resolution. If you have any question please contact a member of the Mid-Conn fleet.

WANTED

Wanted for restoration project: If you know of any hull or pieces of a Star boat dating from the gaff-rigged era (1911-1921, hull numbers 1-106) please contact David Bolles; 203 882 9428 / d.bolles@worldnet.att.net.

TRAILER & TIRE TIPS

By John MacCausland

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As the trailing season gets underway remember to check your tires. There is a tire code on the tires which tells you how old the tires are. Don't drive around with tires that are old. Dry rot will weaken the threads and can result in a tire blowout. Also, make sure that you have the right lug wrench to take off the wheel in case something does happen. The best lug wrenches are the cross type with four different sizes.

If your trailer is making a banging sound every time you start and stop most probably you need to replace the surge break damper. Call for replacement parts.

NOROTON RACE WEEK

(Now known as the Arms-White Regatta)

By Harold Nash

In the Winter of 1936-37, Mr. John Taylor Arms approached Paul Smart, Commodore of the Noroton Yacht Club and Harold Nash, Fleet Secretary, with a suggestion to inaugurate an open series in the early Summer.

Mr. Arms offered to present a perpetual trophy for the event and to assist with the incidental prizes. His idea was that it should be a tuning-up series of the three red chevron or Class C category; that it should always be held under the auspices of the C.L.I.S. with the Noroton Yacht Club as host.

This idea received the sanction of the I.S.C.Y.R.A. and was held for the first time in 1937. The series was to consist of five races ending on the Sunday before July 4th.

The response to this event was immediate and heartening. Forty-two boats crossed the starting line, which was almost a

record. Mr. Arms, whose son was then Fleet Captain for the fourth successive year, had taken a great interest in the class and hoped that the entry list would some day pass the 50 mark.

To date, this goal has not been reached. In 1939 a peak entry list of 49 was attained but, due to the war, it fell off and reached a low of 23 in 1942. Due to the rationing of gasoline and other factors, it was considered to be a patriotic duty to discontinue the series in 1943 and 1944.

Definite interest was shown by W.L.I.S. in the resumption of Noroton Race Week and one of the clubs in that district was considering an open Spring series in the event that C.L.I.S. did not hold theirs.

So, for the benefit of those who lived near by and who would enjoy the contest as a diversion from war duties, the series was raced in 1945 with war bonds and savings stamps as prizes. The entry list was short but it was considered to be entirely worth while.

1946 dawned as the first year of peace when many of the boys were coming home and war restrictions were off. There were 27 starters, ten of which came from Western and Southern Long Island Sound and Great South Bay Fleets. The best C.L.I.S. could do against these invaders was a fifth place, E. W. Etchells and his wife from W.L.I.S. capturing the cup.

In 1947 the entry list jumped to 48. Noroton Race Week had returned to form and it again looks possible to reach Mr. Arms' hope of seeing 50 contestants start together. Etchells and his wife again took first honors with three firsts out of the five races.

This event has always been held in an atmosphere of informality, taking on the nature of a community house party. Entries from distant places are lodged in the dwellings of local residents; teas and supper parties are held both at the club and at private homes and a friendly spirit prevails throughout. While the best skippers fight hard for first honors, the others are glad of the opportunity to compete against such good sailors and to use the contest for the purpose Mr. Arms had in mind to tune their boats up for better performance in their local fleets during the Summer.

Some skippers have suggested that a method be devised whereby the fleet is divided into two sections. It has generally been considered, however, that the large number of boats create a thrill that can only be had in such an informal event as this. Besides being an unsatisfactory compromise in many respects, such a division would deprive some members of racing against the boats which they want most to observe. So far, this thought has not been given serious consideration.

Of the nine series held to date, Stan Ogilvy won three and Skip Etchells two. W.L.I.S. has been able to take the cup seven times while C.L.I.S. kept it only twice. Peconic-Gardiners Bay and Southern Long Island Sound Fleets each won a second place.

In 1942, John Hazen White offered a perpetual trophy in memory of his father, Elwood S. White, who had acted as his faithful crew for many years. This trophy was to be presented to the crew of the winning boat of the Noroton Race Week

each year. Blair Kinsman, jib-sheet tender for Paul Smart, was the first to have his name engraved on this trophy. Since then, two women, Wilma Bell and Mary Etchells, have added their names.

On the mornings of the regatta, special events such as Ladies, Junior and Crew Races were held. These added to the fun and interest of many who otherwise would have had to be content with watching or tending jib sheets.

MARK REYNOLDS AND MAGNUS LILJEDAHL WIN THE STAR WORLD'S

In a series which saw many ups and downs for the competitors, both the famous and the not so famous, Mark Reynolds and Magnus Liljedahl managed to keep from getting seriously tanked to win the 2000 World's.

After an nice opening race in which the wind was about 10+ kts., the next three days of racing were marked by light winds and generally shifty conditions. The third race was especially difficult and saw many substantial changes in positions from mark to mark. Mark and Magnus rounded the first mark in 54th, while on the other hand Mid-Conn representatives David Chittick/Mike Whitford and John Lombard/Kurt Larson rounded in the 20's. Reynolds and Liljedahl were able to claw their way back to finish 22nd. The fifth race started in a 20 kt. breeze and Reynolds/Liljedahl won by a large margin. On Friday the 6th race was attempted, but the wind died and had to be postponed until Saturday.

The 1st, 2nd, and 12th Districts were well represented at the World's. Top finishers from the 1st District were Josh Pypers/Ted Lavery (CA), Peter Costa/Jessica Costa (BH), and David Chittick/Mike Whitford (Mid), from the 2nd District were Doug Schofield/Bob Schofield Jr. (AN), J.A. MacCausland/Phil Trinter (CR) and Jon Bartlett/Shane Zwingleberg (AN), and from the 12th District were Tony Snell/Dave Caesar (LOC), John Finch/Kevin Murphy (LOC), and Paul Sustronk/Dag Nyhof (LOC).

This was the first time that the World's was reported extensively on the internet. There were even reports of each race's progress, giving the competitors' positions at the windward marks. The top 20 finishers were reported almost as soon as they crossed the line, and the final results of the day's racing plus an updated series standing were available a couple of hours later. For those of you who did not follow the series on the internet, to receive a complete set of daily reports from Annapolis Y.C., Magnus Liljedahl, and/or Steve Braverman contact David Bolles: 203 882 9428 / d.bolles@worldnet.att.net.

1	7995	Mark Reynolds	Magnus Liljedahl	SDB	1	3	22	3	1	28	30
2	7876	Ross MacDonald	Kai Bjorn	EB	16	2	6	2	dnf	19	45
3	7763	Mark Mansfield	David O'Brien	IRL	10	17	11	30	6	9	57
4	7425	Doug Schofield	Rob Schofield, Jr.	AN	7	6	15	21	64	8	53
5	7953	Ian Walker	Mark Covell	SO	6	60	8	18	15	10	57
6	7937	Jose VanDerPloeg	Rafael Trujillo	Lar	14	16	14	9	11	12	60
7	7939	Gavin Brady	Jamie Gale	NZL	5	1	10	52	13	37	66
8	7954	Vincent Hoesch	Florian Fendt	CBM	15	19	19	8	25	5	66
9	8006	Colin Beashel	David Giles	SY	36	31	23	7	3	6	70
10	7879	Pietro D'Ali	Ferd. Colandinno	Viar	11	5	31	13	22	21	72
11	7515	Ross Adams	Chuck Nevel	WH	39	36	7	4	23	4	74
12	7981	Mark Neeleman	Jos Schrier	Med	17	9	16	26	9	dnc	77
13	7971	Marc Pickel	Thomas Auracher	Brm	18	dnf	4	44	5	7	78
14	7405	Brain Ledbetter	Alan Ledbetter	PS	dnf	14	5	29	16	15	79
15	7965	Flavio Marazzi	Renato Marazzi	Int	78	13	3	15	34	26	91
16	7988	Peter Bromby	Lee White	BER	9	20	26	49	42	2	99
17	7737	Eric Doyle	Tom Olsen	SDB	4	26	34	25	14	31	100
18	7875	Torben Grael	Marcelo Ferreira	Gua	8	54	32	54	8	3	105
19	7991	Frank Butzmann	Jens Peters	BF	25	63	9	28	44	1	107
20	7866	Halvor Schoyen	Asmund Tharaldsen	OS	34	24	44	17	18	14	107
21	7996	J.A. MacCausland	Phil Trinter	CR	3	12	37	35	35	21	108
22	7980	L. Pelekanakis	Dimitris Boukis	GRE	dnf	30	12	31	19	20	112
23	7949	Luca Modena	Sergio Lambertenghi	PDV	35	18	43	11	21	30	115
24	8015	Joe Londrigan	Mark Strube	LS	20	79	1	66	7	29	123
25	7488	Roberto Benamati	Luca Maffezzoli	Gar	19	83	ocs	1	2	25	130
26	7970	Augie Diaz	Rick Peters	BisB	27	50	41	24	30	11	133
27	7885	Ric. Simoneschi	Marco Marengo	FdiG	23	88	40	19	4	57	143
28	7958	Rbt. Ferrarese	Stefano Pisciotto	JO	65	82	24	14	24	22	149
29	7979	Larry Whipple	Barry Van Leeuwen	PS	dnf	46	17	40	29	24	156
30	7213	Eduardo Farre	Lucca	OL	57	67	46	22	31	13	169
31	7840	Silvio Santoni	Giuseppe Devoti	NG	41	64	dnf	10	37	18	170
32	7753	Roeland Wentholt	Joost Houweling	Hol	24	56	25	27	41	dnc	173
33	7629	Marko Dahlberg	Ville Kurki	Fin	49	21	49	71	26	32	177
34	7924	Benny Andersen	Mogens Just	DF	46	91	2	23	dnc	17	179
35	7902	Steven Kelly	Bill Holowesko	N	31	44	36	47	28	40	179
36	7961	Paolo Semeraro	Paolo Pulvio	Mu	51	10	27	33	59	dnf	180
37	7955	M. Lovrovic Jr	Marin Lovrovic Sr	CRO	43	73	20	69	33	16	181
38	7317	Rob Douze	Vincent Geysen	Hol	30	72	29	12	39	dnc	182
39	7609	Tony Snell	Dave Caesar	LOC	13	22	54	43	66	55	187
40	7978	Ingvar Krook	Verus Thelander	AR	44	15	62	45	32	53	189
41	7736	Alberto Zanetti	Juan Pablo Engelhard	OL	21	42	65	65	20	46	194
42	7738	Bill Buchan Jr	Scott Leppert	PS	64	38	ocs	6	45	48	201
43	7353	Victor Soloviev	Anatoly Mikhailin	RUS	55	49	18	46	81	34	202
44	7928	Giampiero Poggi	Giovanni Stilo	Rom	dnf	32	55	37	43	35	202
45	7350	John Finch	Kevin Murphy	LOC	54	28	38	36	50	dnc	206
46	7862	John Virtue	Austin Sperry	NH	dnf	4	42	78	46	38	208
47	7856	Ben Staartjes	Ko Van den Berg	Med	42	11	58	51	49	58	211
48	7931	Jeremy Davidson	Jeff Davidson	NH	61	43	39	16	63	dnc	222
49	7990	Daniel Stegmeier	Beat Stegmeier	TB	58	85	13	67	27	59	224
50	7595	Carlo Loos	Nehammer	CBM	12	dsq	61	80	12	61	226
51	7709	Phil Rotermund	Tim Kramer	KF	47	35	21	90	74	51	228
52	7780	Feder. Strocchi	Gianni Torboli	NG	75	57	28	5	84	66	231
53	7960	Giulio Gatti	Paolo Busolo	Ldc	69	48	45	59	40	43	235
54	8023	Lee Kellerhouse	Brian Terhaar	SDB	28	37	81	72	58	47	242
55	7972	Peter Vessella	Brian Fatih	WSFB	29	dnf	51	34	17	dnc	244
56	7307	John Sherwood	John Avis	CB	73	55	53	53	47	36	244
57	7911	Jimmie Lowe	Andrew Higgs	N	85	94	30	55	55	27	252
58	7855	Mats Johansson	Leif Moller	Vin	2	25	dsq	dnf	10	dnc	263
59	7957	Arthur Anosov	Chris Rogers	TaB	97	58	59	70	36	45	268
60	7454	Jon Bartlett	Shane Zwingleberg	AN	37	99	47	63	77	44	268
61	7864	Kevin McNeil	Arnis Baltins	AN	90	65	56	61	52	39	273
62	6926	G. Calegari	Enrique Irueta	BA	99	8	ocs	58	62	54	281
63	7265	Josh Phypers	Ted Lavery	CA	72	41	73	41	70	60	284
64	7462	Dave Watt	Mike Wurm	PS	dsq	23	dnf	48	71	33	288
65	7985	Barton Beek	Chuck Beek	NH	32	100	77	57	60	64	290
66	7621	Peter Costa	Jessica Costa	BH	38	90	57	39	95	67	291
67	7938	Paul Sustronk	Dag Nyhof	LOC	50	76	33	20	dsq	dnc	292
68	7715	Stefan Lehner	Peter Menning		66	33	71	42	80	dnc	292
69	7369	James Freeman	Eric Van Olst	Ith	74	87	50	74	54	41	293
70	7547	Jack Rickard	Bob Carlson	WH	96	40	74	62	75	49	300
71	7741	John Vanderhoff	Rowan Perkins	NCB	40	52	89	dsq	69	50	300
72	7982	James Allsopp	Jim Kavle	AN	ocs	29	78	32	57	dnc	309
73	7777	Manuel Bunge	Marco Lagoa	SAN	48	92	dnf	77	53	42	312
74	7759	E. Cepurnieks	A. Muzicenko	LAT	77	81	52	73	48	63	313
75	8004	A. Tamburini	Renzo Ricci	Mu	62	45	72	97	76	62	317
76	7929	Dirk Sommer Jr	Lars Kiewning	KF	22	47	dnf	dnf	68	68	318
77	8013	Mitja Kosmina	Evgenji Komlianec	SLV	33	7	dnf	85	85	dnc	323
78	7863	Klaus Meyer	Jens Hannemann	Brm	79	62	48	79	61	dnc	329
79	7248	David Chittick	Mike Whitford	Mid	76	66	60	99	79	74	355
80	7670	Gene McCarthy	Glenn McCarthy	PPL	91	39	93	68	65	dnc	356
81	7628	Steve Braverman	Ron Rezac	BH	56	68	76	89	dsq	69	358
82	7640	Bill Culberson	Matt Mowad	MoB	59	84	80	64	73	dnc	360
83	7663	Rick Dhein	Keith Gardner	LG	84	98	95	93	38	52	362
84	7566	Elliott Oldak	Sean Delaney	AN	100	74	68	75	90	56	363
85	7728	John Lombard	Kurt Larson	Mid	dnf	27	ocs	76	83	65	364
86	7614	John Foster	Michael Lawlor	ISV	71	89	67	81	56	dnc	364
87	7824	Rick Burgess	John Wulff	GrL	63	105	35	84	78	dnc	365
88	7460	Steve Kling	Calthorp	WS	52	104	84	38	88	dnc	366
89	7942	Kim Fletcher	Kyle Henehan	SDB	86	51	82	60	94	dnc	373
90	7756	J. Svendsen	J.C. Jurlander	DF	26	70	69	96	dsq	dnc	374
91	7984	Carlo Falcone	Shannon Falcone	ANT	45	dnf	86	87	51	dnc	382
92	7496	Guy Briere	Buddy Clarke	NOG	53	59	dnf	94	72	dnc	391
93	7930	Guido Chiarella	Terry Fletcher	Sun	60	77	ocs	100	82	73	392
94	7951	John Jenkins	Will Bacon	N	70	69	64	98	93	dnc	394
95	7993	Joe Bainton	Bowne	NB	87	93	63	95	67	dnc	405
96	7542	Rick Brethorst	Mark Lewis	IR	80	61	66	91	dnf	dnc	411
97	7634	Jeff Schaefer	John Goode	GLW	67	75	70	dsq	96	dnc	421
98	7950	C. Scheinecker	Gerd Habermuller	Att	ocs	34	dnf	56	dnf	dnc	429
99	7565	Jack Button	Chris Batchelor	Mid	93	101	79	92	97	72	433
100	7718	Joe Pro	Avellon	BisB	82	103	91	88	dsq	71	435
101	7917	Dierk Thomsen	Jakob Just	KF	92	80	92	82	92	dnc	438
102	7712	Wulf Kahl	Theo Petersen	Lub	95	97	75	83	91	dnc	441
103	7471	John Bainton	Will Christenson	NB	dnf	107	97	50	87	dnc	454
104	7976	Juan Percossi	Gabriel Meyer	BA	68	78	83	dsq	dnf	dnc	455
105	7501	Roger Turner	Tony Collard	GL	98	71	94	103	89	dnc	455
106	7386	David Buckley	Gregory Gahlinger	AN	88	53	90	dnc	dnc	dnc	457
107	7054	Jukka Jaskari	Mikael Wahrn	Fin	89	95	85	86	dnf	dnc	468
108	6756	Steve Andrews	Allene Rogers	HB	dnf	106	96	104	98	70	474
109	7332	Throny Cook	Mike Young	CLIS	dnf	86	87	102	86	dnc	474
110	6890	Brad Anderson	Ryan Smith	LOC	83	96	88	105	dnf	dnc	485
111	7688	Larry Parrotta	Scott Karr	NCB	94	102	98	101	dnf	dnc	508

FLEET DEVELOPMENT

By John Finch – LOC Fleet Captain

Although the Star Class is absolutely thriving on the international race circuit, activity at the local fleet level has generally declined in the past several years. This became a major concern for us in the Lake Ontario Canadian Star Fleet in 1994, when in spite of our usual promotional efforts, participation had dwindled to just two boats. It was very clear that something had to be done.

We took a decidedly different approach to fleet development in 1995, which proved to be quite successful. Seven additional boats were brought into the fleet during the course of the 95 season. We stepped up the efforts further in 96, 97 and 98, and have now become one of the largest Star fleet in the world with over 40 boats, and we're still growing!

What we needed to do to spur this development occurred to me at a Star regatta a few years ago. A fellow showed up curious about Stars, and happened to talk to the owner of the boat parked next to me. I overheard the conversation as they discussed the features and virtues of the Star at considerable length. It was similar to conversations I have had on countless occasions.

As an observer though, I could see that there was a problem when the discussion came around to "competitive" boats. Although the owner very articulately explained the benefits of different brands of boats, masts, sail designs, crew weights, etc., the fellow soon became disinterested (or perhaps overwhelmed) and moved on. I realized that this fellow probably got the impression that you could barely even sail a Star, let alone race, without a late model boat, an endless supply of new sails, an athletic giant for a crew, and an extensive budget.

I think we get so wrapped up in the hype of top level competition that we forget that the vast majority of sailors are not world class competitors who require the ultimate in equipment. Items that we express as crucially important such as epoxy hulls, rod rigging, special keel shapes, new spars and sails, and even white hulls, are only significant if everything else in your racing campaign is perfect. These are not big concerns for the average sailor, so when we talk about them with such importance, Mr. Average receives a somewhat distorted impression.

Our promotional thinking has been oriented too much towards top level racers, who are relatively few and far between. If however, we shift our perspective to build the fleet from the bottom, we suddenly open the door to a whole world of people that can have tremendous fun sailing Stars. We found all kinds of people keenly interested in used Stars in the \$2,000 to \$3,000 price range, so that is the area we focused on.

The Star is a great boat for fleet building! Due to the intense competition, outrageous spending, and insatiable

quest for even the most minuscule performance advantage at the top level, there is a wealth of used equipment that gets set aside. Boats, sails, masts and other spare parts that no longer make the first string, are shelved or sold at a fraction of their original cost. Used Stars are generally undervalued if you consider the amount of boat you get for the dollar, and since it is a strong one design class with a long standing history, it is not difficult to find a good older boat to fit even the most limited budget. Cheap prices, plenty of selection, and a fantastic boat! What could be easier to promote?

You cannot expect prospective buyers to simply go out and purchase used Stars on their own though. They don't know where to find used boats, don't know what can be fixed, what is likely to break, what may be missing, and generally what to look for. Add the complexities of "what is it worth?", "how do I get it home?", and "How do I assemble it?", and the inexperienced will probably go no further. This is where you and your fleet members come in. If you do the legwork (which you are better qualified to do than most buyers) and assemble a ready to sail package, the new people can simply buy the boat and go sailing, without complication.

In our case, each boat that came into the LOC fleet followed pretty much the same path. The boat was purchased and brought home either by another fleet member or myself. We checked everything in the entire boat, making repairs and replacing parts as needed. After a wash and polish, we would take the boat to the yacht club and go sailing to tune it up and make sure everything was in working order. This may seem like a lot of work, but it really isn't as difficult as it sounds, and to some of us the process is actually quite enjoyable. We found, by going to this effort, the boat would sell immediately, and we would have some excited new sailors in the Star fleet.

I believe one of the keys to fleet development is to make sure that nobody feels outclassed by equipment or skills and becomes discouraged. It doesn't really help the cause if Mr. Olympics comes out in his new boat and wins every race by a mile, so we have our better sailors sail with the new members on the older boats to help them get up to speed. An unforeseen benefit was that this also proved that the boats are "competitive", as every boat in the fleet has been able to win at one time or another.

We plan to have A and B divisions, based on equipment and sailing experience, so everyone should feel comfortable as our racing program expands. Also, we have regular workshops, clinics and coaching sessions, to assist anyone that would like some help.

As we wait for spring to arrive, the ever growing ranks of the Lake Ontario Canadian Star Fleet seem to find themselves congregating at the yacht club, talking sailing, and planning the upcoming summer's activities. Everyone is having a lot of fun at this, which after all, is what the sport is all about.

REGATTA SCHEDULES

1st District

Please check the 1st District Web Site for more information about these regattas. Go to:
<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/fcsdesign/>

- June 3-4 J.F.K. (BH)
- June 17-18 Arms White (Mid)
- July 14-16 1st District Championship (Mid)
- July 22-23 Secretary's Cup / Make-a Wish Regatta (Benefit) (BH)
- July 29-30 Ned Hay (CA)
- Aug. 12-13 Picken Memorial (GSB)
- Aug. 26-27 Atlantic Coast Masters (BH)
- Sept. 9-10 Bedford Pitcher (CLIS)
- Sept. 16-17 Nathan Hale, Oyster Bay
- Sept. 23-24 Nutmeg's (Mid)

12th District

Please check the 12th District Web Site for more information about these regattas. Go to:
<http://www.angelfire.com/stars/LakesDistrict12/index.html>

- June 3-4 Tomahawk (LH)
- June 10-11 AYS Open (GrL)
- June 17-18 Rock Bottom (KL)
- June 24-25 Scythes (Royal Canadian Y.C.) (LOC)
- July 8-9 Men are from Mars, Women... (GrL)
- July 22-23 Canadian Nationals (National Y.C.) (LOC)
- July 29-30 Lake Sunapee Open (Sun)
- Aug. 4-6 12th District Championship (LG)
- Aug. 12-13 New York State Championship (SL)
- Sept. 9-10 Lake George Open (LG)
- Sept. 16-17 F.L.A.S.I.R. (SL)
- Sept. 23-24 Chili Regatta (SL)

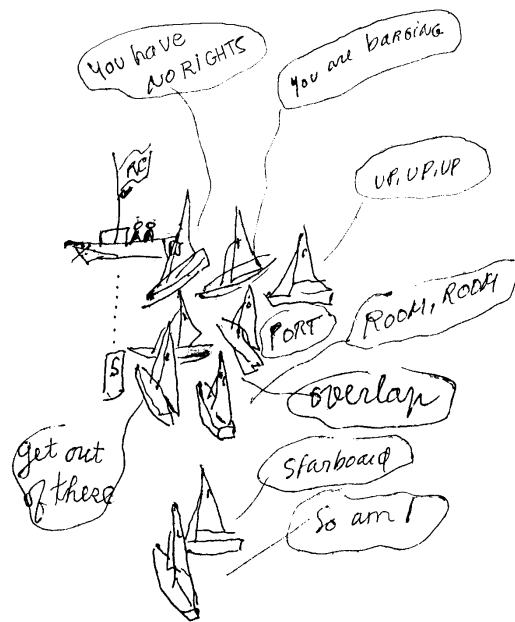
2nd District

- June 10-11 Lippincott Memorial Regatta (AN)
- June 24-25 Severn S.A. Keel Boat (AN)
- July 8-9 Miller Series (CB)
- July 15 Eel Junior Regatta (CB)
- Aug. 2 Bigelow Evening Race (MES)
- Aug. 5-6 Miles River Regatta / Green Star Championship (MES)
- Aug. 12-13 Oxford Summer Lipton Cup (ES)
- Sept. 9-10 West River Keel Boat (WS)
- Sept. 16-17 2nd District Blue Star Championship (CB)
- Sept. 30-Oct. 1 Oxford Fall Windup (ES)
- Oct. 7-8 Michelob Cup (WS)

5th District

- May-August Starlight Series (Thursday night) (SMB)
- May 27-28 Rollins Bowl (SDB)
- May 27-28 Cal Race Week (SMB)
- June 10-11 King of Spain / 5th District Blue Star (SMB)
- July 8-9 Baxter Bowl / Summer Gold Cup (NH)
- July 29-30 Lipton Cup (SBC)
- Sept. 2-3 Labor Day Pitcher (SDB)
- Sept. 9-10 Harris Cup / under 7000 (SMB)
- Sept. 16-17 Fall Gold Cup / 5th District Green Star (NH)
- Oct. 21-22 Calvin Paige / West Coast Fall Champ. (Master's Division) (WFSB)
- Oct. 28-29 Ash Brown Oktoberfest (SDB)
- Dec. 9-10 Kriss Kringle (SDB)

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The renown M.Y.C. starting line (the shortest in the world)
 Drawing by Emil Karlovsky

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