

# STARLIGHTS

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## CHAMPIONSHIP OF EUROPE AND NORTH AFRICA

Oskar A. Meier, of Zuerich, for some time our hard-driving European First Vice President and current chairman of the International Governing Committee, is now also one of the world's top ranking Star sailors. In a fleet of 50 of Europe's best, he won what is probably the Class's most coveted Silver Star, the European, at Medemblik, in Holland, late in July, 1973. The event was sailed on a newly developed and very popular yachting area of the Zuyder Zee, where a Star fleet was chartered only last year, partly with the idea of putting on a good Star show in a country where interest in these boats is on the rise.

The Swiss pair of Meier and Wunderli in *Fiamma* sailed to a well earned victory in heavy weather throughout the whole week,

building up enough lead so that they did not have to enter the last race to hold off Eckart Wagner, current Kiel Week champion, in second place. Veterans Duarte and Fernando Bello returned to the scene with a very strong 1-3-4-2, and but for a mishap in the fourth race, (we do not have the details), which required them to throw out that race and count their 10th, the results might have been different. Even as it was the Portuguese brothers finished a strong third. Next was the new Blue Star champion of the Tenth District, Lars Berg.

The large starting list, representing nine nations, created an excellent impression locally. Only time will tell whether the desired side effects will follow.

1	5754	<i>Fiamma</i>	Oskar Meier	Marcel Wunderli	Zuerich	4	2	1	4	2	-	237
2	5631	<i>Subbnboana</i>	Eckart Wagner	Peter Moeckli	Zugspitz	5	3	7	1	3	4	234
3	5642	<i>Ministar</i>	Duarte Bello	Fernando Bello	Cascais	10	1	3	dsa	4	2	230
4	5665	<i>Flying Star VIII</i>	Lars Berg	Richard Berg	Sandhamn	3	4	4	11	5	6	228
5	5703	<i>Romeo</i>	Josi Steinmayer	Bami Osterwald	Ueberlinger	1	17	6	3	7	14	219
6	5555	<i>Penelope</i>	Peter Wyss	Dieter Vorberg	Zuerich	7	5	dnf	9	9	1	219
7	5620	<i>Petnic</i>	Hannes Schwarz	Peter Stinglwagner	Andechser	9	7	12	2	8	dnf	212
8	5687	<i>Simba V</i>	Heinz Maurer	Peter Gmuender	Interlaken	6	6	8	8	12	13	210
9	5792	<i>Nate</i>	Heinz Nixdorf	Josef Pieper	Moehnesee	12	11	2	6	10	19	209
10	5664	<i>Montezuma</i>	Ortvin Semmerow	Rolf Scholz	Berliner	14	16	10	12	1	5	208
11	5643	<i>Noni</i>	Antonio Mardel Correia	Patrick Monteiro de Barros	Setubal	2	19	14	16	6	7	205
12	5783	<i>Tante</i>	Hans Kaemmerer	Heiner Fahnenstick	Essener	8	20	13	10	14	3	202
13	5611	<i>Lucky Liz</i>	Fritz Riess	Erich Niedzballa	Chiemsee	11	8	9	7	22	15	200
14	5733	<i>Murkel</i>	Walter Passegger	Norbert Kirchhoff	Carinthian	13	9	dnf	5	15	10	198
15	5591	<i>Colomba VI</i>	Arnold Osterwalder	F. Brack	Rapperswil	dnf	15	11	14	11	9	190
16	5636	<i>Bavaria II</i>	Stefan Scheuregger	Stefan Wagner	Ammersee	26	13	23	21	13	8	172
17	5791	<i>Tobi</i>	N. Juergensen	E. Joras	Essener	17	27	5	19	16	23	170
18	5676	<i>Lausbub</i>	Martin Schwieger	Thomas Schwieger	Hamburg	dnf	10	33	13	17	16	161
19	5674	<i>Is Was</i>	Hans Vogt	Sepp Laxganger	Chiemsee	15	22	15	dsa	21	20	157
20	5696	<i>Suleika</i>	Hannes Gubler	Will Spelbrink	Zuerich	23	21	21	18	dnf	11	156
21	5590	<i>Quo Vadis</i>	Bernd Kuntz	Ekkehard Nusser	Ueberlinger	-	25	20	15	20	18	152
22	5532	<i>Dixie</i>	Horst Miethe	Willi Beuel	Rursee	33	14	17	22	23	24	150
23	4898	<i>Zwicker</i>	Ludwig Buedel	Peter Fichtel	Chiemsee	19	26	22	17	24	dnf	142
24	5806	<i>Hering</i>	Heinz Geilen	Guenter Zerna	Rursee	36	29	19	25	19	17	141
25	5697	<i>Samurai</i>	Arnold Winkler	Peter Gantenbein	Zuerich	24	35	24	26	18	21	137
26	5570	<i>Geisha IV</i>	Wolfgang Creutz	Mathias Wahl	Aachener	16	31	16	20	39	dsa	128
27	5621	<i>Halla</i>	Peter Ermann	Werner Martinz	Carinthian	18	18	18	24	dnf	-	122
28	5410	<i>Elgon</i>	Luis Roboredo	Tito Roboredo	Oporto	29	28	27	-	35	12	119
29	5785	<i>Prinzesschen II</i>	Richard Hillmer	Rolf Roettger	Ijsselmeer	dnf	36	26	23	25	25	115
30	5145	<i>Easy Term</i>	Thorisman Wolff	Reto Heilig	Ijsselmeer	21	34	25	29	32	-	109
31	5756	<i>Solveig</i>	Emil Gwalter	Janet Gwalter	Rapperswil	-	24	31	34	29	27	105
32	4766	<i>Mizar</i>	Heinz Lambeck	Jochen Barry	Essener	28	32	34	36	31	22	103
33	5723	<i>Lorbass VI</i>	Arno Gudrat	Manfred Joppich	Tegernsee	25	23	28	28	-	-	96
34	4716	<i>Blasi</i>	Hans Prechter	K. Seitz	Ammersee	30	39	40	32	26	30	93
35	5711	<i>Shark</i>	Lucio Haas	Steve Weiss	Zug	22	dnf	29	27	30	dnf	92
36	5797	<i>Mythe</i>	Manfred Wimmer	Heiner Baer	Starnbergersee	dnf	37	37	31	27	28	90
37	5772	<i>Immer Dabei</i>	Dieter Kruegel	Udo Poevellin	Chiemsee	32	33	35	35	36	29	86
38	5605	<i>Roberta II</i>	Davide Sigurta	M. Colombo	Lecco	20	12	dnf	33	dnf	-	85
39	5359	<i>Made in Sweden</i>	A. Dahl	L. G. Dahl	Stockholm	27	41	dnf	dnf	28	26	78
40	4574	<i>Yappadappadoo</i>	Michael Eulenburg	Ulrich Heinrichs	Berliner	dnf	38	36	39	33	31	73
41	5794	<i>Sadika V</i>	Walter Rikenmann	Eugen Tanner	Rapperswil	35	42	dnf	37	38	33	65
42	5579	<i>Lei-Lei</i>	Harald Wirth	Peter Bonomo	Carinthian	34	40	39	40	34	dnf	63
43	5153	<i>Marly III</i>	Marc Besson	Marcel Besson	Nice	dnf	43	38	38	37	32	62
44	5684	<i>Charlie Brown</i>	Heinz Wolf	Horst Barkainski	Moehnesee	31	dnf	32	30	-	-	57
45	5753	<i>Nadeje</i>	Karel Rezanka	Rosa Rezanka	Interlaken	dnf	dnf	30	dnf	-	-	20
46	5300	<i>Jannike</i>	Inge Hermansson	Stehfen Matiasson	Kattegatt	dnf	30	-	dnf	-	-	20
47	5163	<i>Schlupf</i>	Frank Roggendorf	H. Bocklmuend	Aachener	dnf	44	41	-	-	-	15
48	4116	<i>Albatross</i>	Josef Paff	Theo Hack	Rursee	dnf	46	42	-	-	-	12
49	5449	<i>Flipper II</i>	Klaus Meissner	Bodo Auhagen	Essener	dnf	45	dnf	-	-	-	5
50	5743	<i>V.I.P.</i>	Ulrich Baumann	Toni Hartel	Thuner-Bielersee	dnf	dnf	dnf	-	-	-	0

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## STARDUST

The Fifth District has been studying and implementing promotional ideas and ways of stimulating and maintaining interest throughout the district, according to a long substantive report received by the Executive Vice President from District Secretary Bill Gerard. Among other things, four issues of an excellent district newsletter have been produced and distributed, covering race results, programs, schedules, regatta descriptions and the like. District dues of \$2 were assessed to help defray the expenses of preparing and mailing the newsletter. A new series was inaugurated, and ways are being investigated to help more members attend the already existing series. Communication seemed a stumbling block, so a complete roster of every name and address in the district was compiled and distributed. The annual district meeting was reorganized to give it a more meaningful role in district affairs.

Among other information gleaned from the reports was that

## LARS BERG IS 10th DISTRICT CHAMPION

The Blue Star series of the Tenth District was sailed at Kiel just before the 1973 Kieler Woche, in a spell of warm summery weather with good winds. In fact at times the breezes were too good: After the surprise win of the first race by Hartmut Voigt of the local fleet, the second day's racing had to be cancelled when an easterly reached force 7. A harbor party was quickly substituted. On the third day the series was successfully completed with a double-header in winds of force 3-4, both of which were won by Lars Berg, now in his fourth decade in the Star Class. Voigt took series second to show that his opening win was no fluke.

## SECOND DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

A strong contingent of Lippincotts dominated the 1973 Second District Blue Star championship as the first two boats in the final score contained only members of that distinguished family. Howard once again demonstrated his skills to take the series with a 1-1-3 at West River S.C. in good medium southwesterly. Nephew Jimmie went into the last race tied for second with Bob Thompson, and won that race for a decisive second in the event.

## 1973 GULF LIPTON TROPHY

This year Buzz Killeen won the Gulf Lipton Trophy for the eighth consecutive time (he has several other years to his credit also before that). A light turnout of twelve boats from New Orleans, Mobile and Houston sailed the series at Gulfport, where the host club put on a superlative event despite the lack of a home fleet to bolster the entry list. Winds, which varied from 0 to 30, were not of the best, and the most alert skippers found the shifts first. The second race, in an ever-strengthening breeze, ended up with some planing reaches and busted gear. Albert Townsend of Houston had the frustrating experience of crossing the finish line first only to learn that he had made too good a start without knowing it. Through high and low Killeen outstayed the competition with a 1-1-4. The event dates from 1927, when the trophy was presented to the New Orleans - Gulf Fleet by Sir Thomas Lipton.

1	5665	Lars Berg	Richard Berg	Sandhamn	2	1	1	41
2	5738	Hartmut Voigt	Hans-Joachim Duggen	Kiel	1	3	6	35
3	5653	Dr. Hans-J. Ruedel	Ties Neelsen	Kiel	3	6	2	34
4	5777	Gerd Schmidt-Claasen	Uwe Claasen	Hamburg	6	2	3	34
5	5791	Niko Juergensen	Erwin Joras	Essen	4	4	4	33
6	5532	Horst Miethe	Willi Beuel	Rurseee	5	7	5	28
7	5676	Dr. Martin Schwioger	Thomas Schwioger	Hamburg	9	5	7	24
8	5135	Eckard Keitel	Wulf Kahl	Kiel	12	9	8	16
9	5570	Wolfgang Creutz	Mathias Wahl	Aachen	11	11	9	14
10	5705	Wilhelm Roleff	Frank Kropp	Moehnesee	14	8	10	13
11	5733	Norbert Kirchhoff	Fritz Bunte	Moehnesee	13	10	11	11
12	5779	Claus-P. Luxa	Rudolf Joerling	Essen	7	dnf	-	8
13	5624	Dierk Thomsen	Rolf Wehrenpfennig	Kiel	8	-	-	7
14	5783	Edwart Hengstenberg	Heiner Fahnenstich	Essen	10	-	-	5

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Dennis Conner took the Pacific Thomas Lipton Trophy in No. 4092, now called *Old Family Recipe*, against 16 newer contenders; and that Secretary Gerard swept the Baxter Bowl with three straight firsts, *O.F.R.* taking second. Both events were sailed early in the 1973 season.

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The East River Fleet, after a belated start this season, successfully reinstated the Star at Manhasset Bay's Race Week by providing five entries, the winner being Gerard Cayne's *Lily IV*. The Class was welcomed back to the place of its birth by race committee chairman Van Hagen at the awards dinner. 1930 World's Champion Arthur Knapp, on hand to collect a prize in another class, was enthusiastically applauded when he announced that he had first sailed on a Star in 1918. He has been a dues-paying member of the Class for most of the 55 years since then.

1	5749	<i>Cirrus</i>	H. Lippincott	T. Lippincott	ES	1	1	3	52
2	5748	<i>Magie</i>	J. Lippincott	B. Lippincott	WJ	6	2	1	48
3	5562	<i>Windsong V</i>	R. Thompson	S. Dickson	ES	5	3	6	43
4	5609	<i>Wild Thing</i>	D. Oberg	J. Wolf	GR	3	6	7	41
5	4978	<i>Shadow</i>	J. Allsopp	J. Hahn	CB	4	13	...	38
6	5658	<i>Windsong VI</i>	R. J. Thompson	L. Jellade	ES	9	5	5	38
7	5600	<i>Wicked</i>	R. Lippincott	C. Schmidt	ES	15	4	4	34
8	5654	<i>Cowardly Lion</i>	T. Firth	D. Cox	ES	8	8	11	30
9	5540	<i>Spirit</i>	J. MacCausland	V. Oberg	CR	7	9	14	27
10	5380	<i>Sugar, Too</i>	J. Streeton		ES	16	7	8	26
11	5345	<i>Tellystar</i>	J. Jenkins	T. Jenkins	CB	12	11	10	24
12	5428	<i>Arlandria Ark</i>	C. McManus	J. Trolly	CB	11	14	9	23
13	5494	<i>Ice Blue Secret</i>	T. Rapp	T. Rapp	WJ	2	wdr	13	23
14	5496	<i>Witch</i>	L. Mills	C. Mills	WJ	17	10	12	18
15	5719	<i>Donnybrook</i>	J. Lynch	T. Lorch	WS	13	12	15	17
16	4995	<i>Gadfly</i>	B. Dougherty	J. Holschuh	ER	10	15	wdr	13
17	5348	<i>Blue Chip III</i>	D. Gaillard	J. Levedahl	CB	14	16	wdr	8
18	5789	<i>Six Pack</i>	M. Greenwood	C. Chandler	WS	18	17	16	6

## 1973 Gulf Lipton Trophy

1	5588	<i>Intense Excitement</i>	Buzz Killeen	Alfred Brown		1	1	4	30½
2	5469	<i>Super Star</i>	John Murray	Norman Jetmundson		8	3	2	23
3	5388	<i>Grinch</i>	John K. Robinson	Robert Anderson		2	6	5	23
4	5668	<i>Down &amp; Out</i>	Chris Buchanan	Don Sutter		5	2	7	22
5	3710	<i>Starfish</i>	Ray Sellers	Art Rigas		6	5	3	21
6	4770	<i>Helzapoppin</i>	Joe Arms	Mills		4	dnf	1	15½
7	5215	<i>JJ II</i>	Charles Kemp	Bailey DuMont		7	4	dnf	15
8	5413	<i>Snowflake</i>	George Criminale	Geo. Criminale, Jr.		10	7	8	8
9	4549	<i>Man O'War</i>	Bingham	O'Neal		12	8	6	10
10	5751	<i>Sunflower</i>	Albert Townsend	Tom Thornhill		3	dsq	-	10
11	5350	<i>Flambeau</i>	Bertel	Schneider		9	dnf	-	4
12	5408	<i>Last Chance</i>	Bill Provensal	Dick Provensal		11	dnf	-	2

MAJOR FOURTH DISTRICT EVENTS

Sheridan Shore Race Weekend								
1	5740	Shrew	William Parks	E. Bruning	1	4	5	38
2	5730	Ragamuffin	Robert O'Neil		4	7	2	35
3	5667	Glider	Richard I. Stearns	S. Stokes	dnf	1	1	30
4	4987	Dolphin VI	Frank Raymond	W. Lane	3	9	7	29
5	5539	Raindrop	Randall Wilken	Tom Wysockey	2	5	13	28
6	5576	Big If	F. Thompson Adams	William Richards	dnf	2	3	27
7	5595	Christine	Carl Ohgren	Carl Ohgren	(4)	10	9	25
8	5767	Sashay	Thomas Oller	B. Maine	dnf	8	4	20
9	5204	Spankuk	Chres Jensen	L. Hansen	dnf	6	10	16
10	5820	Misty	John Allen	J. Ahlquist	dnf	3	dnf	13
11	5421	What If?	K. Morton	B. Morton	-	dnf	6	10
12	5681	Virgo	William Wright		dnf	-	8	8
13	4667	Loki	W. Cozzens	C. Schlageter	dnf	11	14	7
14	5802	Debbie	Phil Pines	P. Colliani	dnf	-	12	5
15	5679	3½	P. Altner		-	-	12	4

Fourth District Blue Star									
1	5294	Surprise	J. Rickard	F. Murphy	JP	5	1	3	48
2	5767	Sashay	T. Oller	R. Maine	SLM	7	4	1	45
3	5392	Mugwump	M. McKeague	J. McKeague	StJ	8	6	2	41
4	5589	Big Bird	G. Thomas	W. Wright	CLE	4	3	11	39
5	5421	What If?	K. Morton	B. Morton	WH	6	5	10	36
6	5820	Misty	J. Allen	J. Ahlquist	WH	11	7	4	35
7	5730	Ragamuffin	R. O'Neil	R. O'Neil	SLM	3	12	7	35
8	5781	Mint Chip	R. Doane	W. Smith	SLE	10	8	5	34
9	4676	Barnstorm	C. Barnes	T. Belso	GL	13	2	8	34
10	4887	Zelda Godunch	K. Himelright	C. Hart	SLM	9	10	6	32
11	5681	Virgo III	P. Wright	T. Wilber	CLE	1	11	wdr	26
12	3130	October	G. McCarthy	B. McCarthy	JP	2	dsq	12	24
13	5445	Magic	B. Rodgers	R. Kolb	GLW	12	15	9	21
14	5768	Demon VII	K. Cole	T. Holden	LS	14	13	16	14
15	5039	Scarab	G. Cole	B. Potter	LS	15	14	14	14
16	5293	Lil Biz	D. Kelley	B. Riley	LS	17	16	13	11
17	5700	Spankuk	C. Jensen	L. Hansen	JP	18	9	dnf	11
18	5801	Ace	G. Preckwinkle	G. Preckwinkle	LS	16	17	15	9

Fourth District Green Star									
1	5802	Debbie II	P. Pines	P. Colliani	WH	2	3	3	40
2	4650	Black Bart	J. Van Dalsen	G. Chance	GL	3	7	1	37
3	5679	3½	P. Altner	F. Burkett	JP	5	1	8	34
4	5810	Shenanigans	D. Wilber	T. Cozzens	CLE	1	4	13	30
5	5435	Finale	R. Van Wagenen	J. Van Wagenen	SLE	6	8	4	30
6	5625	Demon VI	T. Schnepf	T. Londrigan	LS	7	5	6	30
7	5595	Christine VI	C. Ohgren	K. Neuman	SLM	10	2	7	29
8	5347	Spray II	H. Stokes	W. Mosher	JP	11	9	2	26
9	5012	Swiss Miss	J. Mueller	J. Wilkins	IR	4	6	dsq	22
10	5519	Fantastic	W. Mitchener	L. Mitchener	IR	13	10	5	20
11	5427	The Arena	B. Cardozo	J. Cardozo	IR	8	dnf	9	15
12	4667	Loki	W. Cozzens	C. Schlageter	SLM	12	12	11	13
13	4854	BooBoo	B. Konynski	D. Konynski	JP	9	11	dnf	12
14	3737	Bon Vivant	C. Fischer	K. Foley	LS	14	13	10	11
15	5214	Sirius	J. Sanders	C. Sanders	LS	15	14	12	7

Jackson Park Open									
1	5576	Big If	T. Adams	W. Richards	WH	1	1	1	30
2	5539	Raindrop	R. Wilkin	F. Raymond	WH	4	2	2	25
3	5740	Shrew VIII	W. Parks	D. Halperin	SLM	2	3	3	25
4	5471	September	O. Kopence	N. Van Etten	JP	3	4	6	20
5	4229	Night Train	P. Finley	M. Thomas	LS	5	5	8	15
6	5204	Spankuk	H. Jensen	S. Jensen	JP	7	8	4	14
7	1501	Altara	A. Hess	D. Topkins	JP	6	9	5	13
8	5648	Raja	F. Hendler	J. Young	JP	dnf	6	7	9
9	5133	Aslan	F. J. Gould	S. Becker	JP	dnf	7	dns	4
10	5161	Bluebird	P. Huml	T. O'Malley	SLM	8	dnf	dnf	3

Michigan State Championship									
1	5576	Big If	Tom Adams	Bill Richards	WH	1	4	2	62
2	5700	Spankuk	Chres Jensen	Lars Hansen	JP	6	1	4	58
3	5820	Misty	John Allen	John Ahlquist	WH	2	7	3	57
4	5392	Mugwump	Marcia McKeague	John McKeague	StJ	8	6	1	54
5	5681	Virgo III	Bill Wright	Bob Hutchinson	SLM	3	10	6	50
6	4676	Barnstorm	Chuck Barnes	Tom Belco	GL	7	5	7	50
7	5595	Christine	Carl Ohgren, Jr.	Carl Ohgren	SLM	10	8	5	46
8	4887	Zelda Godunch	Ken Himelright	Chip Hart	SLM	11	2	11	45
9	5421	What If?	Ken Morton	Barb Morton	WH	5	14	8	42
10	5480	Robin	Bob Ferguson	Bo Van Peenan	GL	4	3	dsq	39
11	5495	Jan	Florus Black	Skip Black	PPL	9	13	9	38
12	4650	Black Bart	John Van Dalsen	John Milligan	GL	14	9	12	34
13	5625	Demon VI	Tom Londrigan	Terry Schnepf	IB	12	12	13	32
14	5768	Demon VII	Ken Cole, Jr.	Bob Scharhag	IB	13	15	10	31
15	4667	Loki	Todd Cozzens	Warren Cozzens	SLM	15	11	16	27
16	4663	Bottoms Up	Gordon Bell	Harold Koch	StJ	16	16	14	23
17	5161	Snoozer	Phil Hummel	Tom O'Malley	SLM	dns	17	15	14
18	4778	Escape II	Red Sage	Sue Sage	PPL	20	18	18	13
19	4501	Kotanga	Gary Irwin	Larry Smith	StJ	17	19	dnf	10
20	2775	Thistle II	Joe Blatchford	Jack Blatchford	PPL	18	22	19	10
21	3843	Big Slice	Bob O'Brien	Bob Peterson	PPL	19	21	20	9
22	2810	Sirius	Dick Mathias	Shirley Mathias	PPL	dsq	20	17	9

The officers of the Fourth District put extra thought and effort this season into ways of making the racing schedule more interesting and attractive to the members. Some had commented that the District had so many events at widespread times and places that it became difficult to plan which to attend, and as a consequence many potential entries, through inertia, simply stayed home. To counter that trend and provide something out of the ordinary, the Jackson Park Fleet offered to hold the Blue and Green Stars together, on the same weekend with their traditional "invitation" (open) series. This meant that there would be a concentration of experts for the Great Lakes Championship (Blue Star) with whom the less experienced skippers could exchange ideas while examining and admiring boats. Meanwhile anyone who failed to qualify for either championship could still come and race -- not just for a consolation prize, but in a name open event for a famous trophy.

It worked out well. Many newer owners found this "rendezvous plan" allowed them to come to a series and sail where all measuring, weighing, and other major regatta happenings were going on, without feeling like outsiders because they hadn't qualified. They had the opportunity to see the newest boats and equipment, and to watch the talent perform on the starting line fifteen or thirty minutes prior to their own start, if they sailed in the Green or the Open.

This rendezvous, early in August, was flanked by Sheridan Shore the weekend before and the Michigans the weekend after, both relatively near at hand, to provide a spectacular concentration of important events in a short time period.

Race Weekend at the Sheridan Shore Yacht Club was far from uneventful. Friday's race began in a reasonable westerly, puffing 20 to 25 knots, but after the start the wind kept building to a steady 30-35, higher in the gusts, regular San Francisco weather. One skipper fell overboard, and was picked up by another boat that was therefore awarded its position in the race at the time of rescue procedures. (Our report does not say who was left alone on the Star; but even though he was unable to get back in time to pick up the swimmer before the next boat came along, our congratulations go to him for successfully returning the boat to the harbor in one piece. - Ed.) Only four boats finished, with Bill Parks taking first. He later remarked, "You guys were trying to go fast; all we wanted to do was to finish" ... and he did. A testimonial to the aluminum spars was that none were lost, except one before the start due to a human failure (in backstay setting) and not a rigging failure. The last two races were taken by Dick Stearns, whose periodic absences from the Class do not seem to slow him down much.

Jack Rickard's *Surprise*, of the host fleet, with F. Murphy crewing, lived up to its name to win the Great Lakes Championship. Although he has been knocking at the door, this is Rickard's first major championship, won by outsteading the fleet of 19 with a 5-1-3.

Back-to-back races for each of the three fleets were sailed the first day, with time in between for a bag lunch. The final race came off the next day. Measuring day concluded with a hamburger and hot dog barbeque. On the evening of the double header a special dinner was held at the South Shore Country club, three blocks from the Yacht Club. After the finale, the awards were presented at an outdoor luncheon at the Yacht Club's picnic area. Reactions to the rendezvous were all good, and the tired but happy sponsors recommend the plan for use elsewhere.

A west wind on Saturday of 5 to 12 knots and 12 to 15 out of the north on Sunday, plus near

perfect lines and long beats, gave 22 Stars a weekend of keen competition under near ideal conditions for the Michigan State Championship at St. Joseph. The event was won by Tom Adams and Bill Richards in *Big If*, fresh from their victory the previous weekend in the Jackson Park Open.

In all three races the early leaders faltered. John Allen's *Misty* led the first round of the opener, to be passed by *Big If* the second time upwind. The second race saw 17 year old Carl Ohgren, Jr., first at the first mark, but then passed by John Allen. On the next windward leg Adams again took the lead; but then all three of these leaders overstood the weather mark and had to work hard downwind to collect what they could at the finish as Jensen, Himelright and Ferguson finished 1-2-3. The third race featured a photo start of twenty-two boats making a perfect crossing in unison (unfortunately no one snapped the picture). This time it looked like Adams all the way, until near the end of the second beat Marcia McKeague (another 17 year old) with Dad crewing took over the lead and held it to the finish. *Big If's* 1-4-2 was four points better, for the series win, than Jensen and Hansen could do in *Spankuk*.

#### MAJOR RACING DATES

- Oct. 7-8 - Super Fall Regatta, CLE, Cleveland  
 Oct. 7 - Annual Meeting, San Diego, Calif.  
 Oct. 7-14 - World's Championship (Gold Star), San Diego, California.  
 Oct. 13-14 - Nathan Hale, Centerport, L.I., N.Y.  
 Oct. 13-14 - J. Holt Thomas Regatta, Peoria, Illinois  
 Oct. 20-21 - Gulf Coast Championship, Mobile.  
 Nov. 24-25 - Ryder Cup, Coral Reef Y.C., BisB, Fla.  
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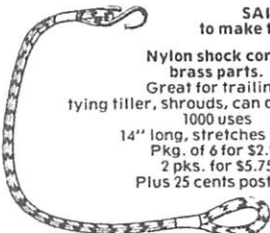
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