

# SIDEWINDER

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1973 SIDEWINDER NATIONALS

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O, WOW!!! Chalk up another successful Sidewinder National Championship weekend. It seems all that work and worry really paid off.

If memory serves, the race conditions at least weather-wise were almost identical to the year before at Erie Yacht Club.

Saturday morning, August 18, 1973.....

First Race: Very light air, Race Committee Chairman, Howard Pinkley reluctantly shortened the course to tri-angle windward. Took almost two hours to sail the four mile course.

Neal and Noel Thurber fought it out a leg and a half ahead of the remaining fleet for a sudden death finish with former National Champion Neal the victor with crew Doug Phillips.

Second Race: Also started out as a drifter with the air picking up finally and a decent competitive race was fought to the finish by Barry Williams, the National Champion with Les Lashaway as his crew.

Third Race: After a comedy of errors with the marker boat, almost everyone going to the wrong mark the Race committee recalled everyone and started all over again. The race didn't start officially until 5:15 p.m. and cocktails and dinner were postponed for another two hrs. Once on their way-the sailors got down to the business of serious sailing and Chris Bloomstine with sister Beth took over and never gave the rest of the Winders a chance.

Fourth Race: Sunday Morning!!! What a sweet day to lie around and do nuthin' But did you ever know SAILORS who, when the five minute gun goes off weren't ready to charge that line? Wellllll the air was dead, and there they were 36 boats. Two postponements, a lot of water fights and the starting line shifted at least three times. Suddenly the air picked up and held the rest of the day. Tom Marriott with crew Terry Trimmer, took this one in fine style.

Fifth Race: Wind settled down to a gentle 6-8 knot breeze. First leg dead beat to windward. Oh Heck! The Hill gal won. Natalie with her sister Leslie as crew. What else can be said-Dad and Mon can still shut their eyes and see that finish. Glasses overboard and all. But who cares! The kid did it.

After a lengthy two hour Protest Committee hearing, Committee Chairman Robert Cramer with Dr. Robert Lasher and William Kidney, the trophy presentation took place. Awards were given to the first eight place winners and their crew.

Monroe Boat Club Commodore Marcus Latray presented the trophies along with Association President Walter Schroth and RC Chairman Howard Pinkley.

# FLEET #5 REGATTA RESULTS

John Ables of Pontiac, Michigan, won the FIRECRACKER SPECIAL REGATTA at White Lake, Michigan, on July 4. John finished 2-1-5 in the three race series. Placing second was Mike Czuprenski of Detroit, Michigan, followed by Gary Kuntzman of Ferndale, Michigan, in third place.

The CREW'S DAY REGATTA on September 4 was won by Wayne Czuprenski of Detroit, Michigan, (2-3-1). Second place went to Glen Strong of Mt. Clemens, Michigan; Phyllis Dunlap of Walled Lake sailed across the finish line soon enough to take the third spot.

# SIDEWINDER FLEETS

For your information, listed below are the Sidewinder Fleets now in existence. If you do not belong to a fleet and wish to do so, please drop the Fleet Captain a note expressing your interest.

Fleet #1 . . . . .	.Erie, Pennsylvania . . .	.Fleet Captain Mark R. Santia, 2723 Green-Garden Blvd., Erie, Pa. 16508
Fleet #2 . . . . .	.Charleston, S.C. . . . .	.Fleet Captain Edward K. Webb, P.O. Box 267, Charleston, S.C. 29400
Fleet #3 . . . . .	.Bryan, Texas . . . . .	.Mar-Jon Yachts of Texas (James Arnold) 218 North Avenue West, Bryan, Texas 77801
Fleet #4 . . . . .	.London, Ohio . . . . .	.Fleet Captain Ray Fischer, 3959 Danford Square, Columbus, Ohio 43220
Fleet #5 . . . . .	.Walled Lake, Michigan.	.Fleet Captain Gerald Dunlap, 4247 Echo, West Bloomfield, Michigan 48088
Fleet #6 . . . . .	.Monroe, Michigan . . .	.Fleet Captain John Henry, Jr., 1848 Atwood, Toledo, Ohio
Fleet #7 . . . . .	.Prince Gallitzin . . . State Park	.Fleet Captain Steven G. Park, 537 Kemmerer Road, State College, Pa. 16801
Fleet #8 . . . . .	.Cowan Lake, Ohio . . .	.Fleet Captain Platt K. Wiggins, Flerlage Marine, Inc., 2233 Eastern Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
Fleet #9 . . . . .	.Belton, Texas. . . . .	.Fleet Captain Ralph Johnson, Route #3, Box 172-B, Belton, Texas 76513
Fleet #10. . . . .	.Richmond, Virginia . .	.Fleet Captain Gary R. Grundy, 3919 West Franklin St., Richmond, Va., 23221
Fleet #11. . . . .	.Silver Lake, Ohio. . .	.Fleet Captain Richard C. Young, 1388 Crystal Lake Drive, Silver Lake, Ohio 44224