

# SIDEWINDER

# NEWSLETTER

PUBLICATION OF THE UNITED STATES SIDEWINDER ASSOCIATION

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HELLO - HI - GREETINGS - HOWDY - WELCOME

\* FLASH - THANKS to considerable show of interest on your part, the mailing system has been much improved.

\* REGATTAS - are in Massachusetts, New York State, two in Oklahoma, and two in Pennsylvania. The earliest is June 7-8.

\* "ROLL-CALL" - This is the LAST MAILING (into the indefinite far future) being sent to all owners of record. Reason: COST.

1975 dues-paid MEMBERS will: 1) receive more Newsletters and MAY: 1) sail in Sanctioned Regattas, 2) vote, and 3) hold office.

\* EVERYONE who receives this page only is asked to REPLY THIS ONCE to confirm who has which Sidewinder and where you are.  
IF you send 1975 dues of \$3.00 - you will receive the May Newsletter, newly reprinted Constitution and By-Laws, your 1975 Membership Card, and Newsletters through April 1976.

\* ALERT - Many sail numbers are unaccounted for in the owners list. If you can get names of owners for any boat beyond your own, please do so. ALSO, tell your Sidewinder acquaintances that both MFG and the Association want to be able to get in touch. Times change.

Cut here:

Mail to: Walter Schroth, Pres., 41 West High St., Union City, Pa. 16438 - - - - -

- 1) No dues, this is to confirm ownership of boat.
- 2) New Sidewinder since summer 1974, 1975 dues paid with purchase, send May issue.
- 3) Enclosed my \$3.00 for 1975 membership, please send May issue.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET & # \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

SAIL # \_\_\_\_\_ FLEET # \_\_\_\_\_

Sailing on (lake) \_\_\_\_\_

New boat? Give DEALER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

May 30, 1975

Dear Sidewinder Key People,

This is a REQUEST for information for the next Newsletter. Please get and send us some "what's going on" facts from your area.

EXAMPLES: Who are the Fleet officers?

Racing schedules on various lakes.

Is any of this "open" racing? or limited to Fleet Members?

Regattas: Class racing or handicap, or dependent on number of entries?

Open to whom?

Name, address with zip, phone of Chairman.

Entry fee.

Map or good directions.

Camping facility descriptions

Motel names and addr. & phones.

METHODS of assembling a fleet. How often do they meet?

Kinds of places of meetings.

Conversation subject of meetings.

How do they get power-boat support for racing?

Do they race immediately or begin with misc. sailing?

Do fleets have local dues? How much to cover what?

Describe Sidewinder trophies and cost.

Do fleets have fund-raising events? What?

What are your buoys like?

\*\*\*\*\* Just plain: How are things being done in your area?  
What do your people want to know from other areas?

Sure, Walter and Pat and Fred and some others here have travelled with sailboats enough that we can write quite a bit more than we have already; BUT what we print for all of you will be better explained if we have more basis for the similarities and differences. (The remarks on the halyard hook in the May letter show clearly that there were questions to work from.) Another????: What do you think is meant by "development class"?

REPLY BEFORE END OF JUNE - THANK YOURSELF

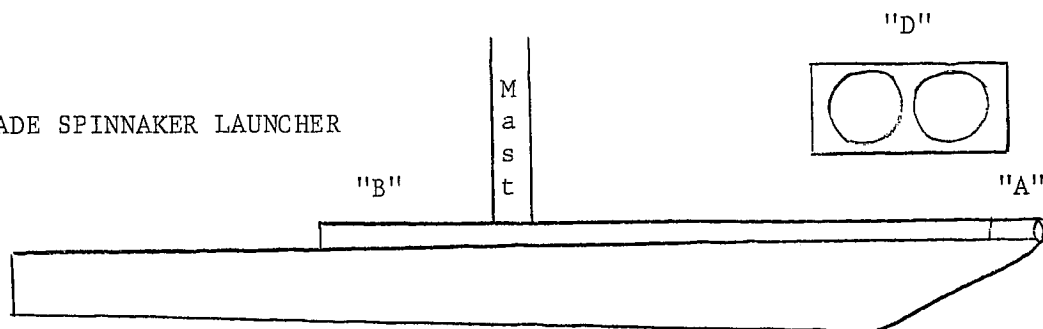
U.S.Sidewinder Ass'n., Walter & Pat Schroth, 41 West High St., Union City, PA 16438

Walter Pat

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NOTE: NEWSLETTERS are now going only to those who have paid dues. Recruiting is now in the hands of local people.

## A HOMEMADE SPINNAKER LAUNCHER



The up-ing and down-ing of the spinnaker sail is eased hopefully by having a "Slooper Bag". Its function is tangle prevention to increase rate of sail setting, retrieval and stowage. "A" should not tilt and be which fastens sturdily to the hull fittings. The "C" section is a smooth, slightly tapering cloth tube.

The "B" end needs a tie to a special fastener handy to the crew. The sail gets a dependable light line from its center through the Slooper Bag to the crew position. There should be a reinforcement cloth sewed on with zig-zag polyester thread: this is the shape I made for the sail: the "D" rectangle is about four by five inches. The holes in my patch admit fingers and line, and patch is large enough to spread the tugging and not rip or distort the sail overmuch.

Seams in the tube must be made smooth-side-IN and the tube should be so shaped as not to collapse. Our Slooper Bag is six feet long. Our wide-end-forward is 6 inches in diameter. Our small-end-amidships is four inches in diameter. Our reinforcement collar is about six inches deep.

- Pat Schroth, EYCA 2/28/74

ITEM: Betty Waller has a handsome binder for collecting examples of hopefully all Sidewinder's public mentions. Please send authenticated clippings to her at: 534 Shenley Drive, Erie, Pa., 16505.

ITEM: The Texans have the Photo Collection in prints and Fleet 13's sponsor is headquarters for slides and posters.

#### SAIL MFG NEWS

It looks as though the Sidewinder will bang over the 1,800 mark this year. This is a significant number of boats when considered as a comparison to Thistle with 3,000 plus after 20 years. Flying Dutchman's at less than 2,000 after 16 years of Olympic status. The Sidewinder has enough boats to be really newsworthy and significant in Class Association activity in the United States.

SAIL MFG is delighted that the Sidewinder Class has permitted us to be helpful to the class. The volunteer job of Class Secretary is demanding if the job is followed through. We hope that full time people here can take some of the "nuts and bolts" burden off the Class Secretary to permit Malvene Hill to be creative in your behalf.

SIDEWINDER DISTRICTS

- District #1 - Michigan/Ohio up to North-South line west of Cleveland
1. Ohio
  2. Monroe, Michigan
  3. Cincinnati, Ohio etc.
  4. All of the Michigan
- District #2 - All Cleveland and East and Pennsylvania
1. Erie, Pennsylvania
  2. Grove City, Ohio
  3. Silver Lake, Ohio
  4. State College, Pennsylvania etc.
- District #3 - All Texas
1. Houston
  2. Belton etc.
- District #4 - Oklahoma Kansas
- District #5 - Iowa
- District #6 - Florida
- District #7 - South Carolina
- District #8 - New York State/Less Long Island
- District #9 - New England and Long Island

SIDEWINDER FLEETS

Fleet #1	Erie, Pa.	Fleet Captain Walter Schroth, 41 West High Street, Union City, Penna., 16438
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 Dr. Rex Parks, Palouse Drive, Lake Choctaw, London, Ohio
Fleet #5	Walled Lake Mich.	Fleet Captain Gerald Dunlap, 4247 Echo, West Bloomfield, Mich., 48088
Fleet #6	Monroe Mich.	Fleet Captain Neal Thurber, 369 Humphrey, Monroe, Mich.
Fleet #7	Prince Gallitizin State Park	Fleet Captain Steven G. Park, 537 Kemmerer Rd., State College, Penna., 16801
Fleet #8	Cowan Lake, Ohio	Fleet Captain Platt K. Wiggins Flerlage Marine, Inc., 2233 Eastern Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
Fleet #9	Belton, Texas	c/o Stillhouse Sailing Club, Box 4300 Belton, Texas 76513
Fleet #10	Richmond, Va.	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 44244
Fleet #12	Norman, Oklahoma	Fleet Captain Mac Carson, SAIL-O-RAMA, 1312 Superior Ave., Norman, Okla.
Fleet #13	Meridian, N.Y.	Fleet Captain Gary Geebler, 362 Earl Ave., Oneida, N.Y., 13421
Fleet #14	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Fleet Captain Coy Green, 3233 NW 50th St., Apt. 134, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Fleet #15	Cadillac, Mich.	Fleet Captain R. O. Garber, 201 Petrie Rd. Cadillac, Mich., 49601

NB - Some of the Fleet Captains names may be incorrect. We wrote to everyone, however, at publication time we did not have all the replies. We will correct our errors.

ERIE YACHT CLUB  
14TH ANNUAL REGATTA  
FOR

LIGHTNING

FIREBALL

LASER

HOBIECATS 14 & 16

MIRROR DINGHY

RHODES BANTAM

SEDEWINDER

THISTLE

HIGHLANDER

JUNE 7 & 8 - 1975

EACH ENTRANT IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE CARLING TROPHY FOR THE BEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE JUDGED ON HIS OR HER DISPLAY OF EXPERTISE IN SAILING, RACING, AND SPORTSMANSHIP.

- (1) REGISTRATION: FRIDAY - 8:00 - 11:00 P.M. SATURDAY - 8:00 - 9:15 A.M.
- (2) TWO RACES SATURDAY - 10:00 & 2:00 ONE SUNDAY - 10:00
- (3) TROPHY PRESENTATION SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER SUNDAY RACE.
- (4) FISHING DERBY FOR CHILDREN AGE 3 - 12 - ON SATURDAY 2:00 P.M.  
EACH CHILD MUST HAVE OWN EQUIPMENT AND LIFE PRESERVER.
- (5) FREE REFRESHMENTS AFTER SATURDAY SECOND RACE. FLEET COMPETITION IN VOLLEYBALL, TUG-OF-WAR, ETC.
- (6) ON GROUNDS CAMPING IN DESIGNATED AREAS. CHECK AT REGISTRATION DESK FOR ASSIGNMENT.
- (7) CLUB GATE OPEN OR ATTENDED UNTIL 11:00 P.M.
- (8) MANY CLOSE-BY MOTELS SHOWN ON MAP.

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US FOR GOOD COMPETITION AND FUN!

REGATTA REGISTRATION FORM

(PLEASE PRINT)

REGISTRATION FEE (RECEIVED BEFORE JUNE 5, 1975) ..... \$5.00

REGISTRATION FEE (RECEIVED AFTER JUNE 5, 1975) ..... \$7.00

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS OF BOAT \_\_\_\_\_ SAIL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

WILL YOU REQUIRE TENT/CAMPER SPACE? IF SO, WHICH? \_\_\_\_\_

EARLY REGISTRATION HELPS US DETERMINE NUMBER OF TROPHYS PER FLEET.

PLEASE MAIL TO: MR. GUS NEUSS - 810 PASADENA DRIVE - ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA 16505

