

# SHACKLES & CRINGLES

## CANADIAN ALBACORE ASSOCIATION

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### MORE ON CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

As reported in the last issue, the 1966 championships series provided the action missing the previous year. In fact for some, too much action, like swimming as well.

Instead of lack of wind there was an excess at times. Friday's race (Sept. 23) was sailed in a brisk north-westerly breeze with spots of planing on the reaches. In 'A' fleet the first three were Bill Gooderham, Jack Langmaid and Don Wilson. In 'B' fleet were Larry Cond, Ted Reed and Ron MacFarlane.

Saturday started out gently enough but by race time the wind was up to about eighteen, and kept increasing to almost thirty by the time the last boats finished. Rescue boats were hard pressed to keep up with the swimmers with some twenty-seven boats capsizing. In 'A' fleet the first three were Bill Gooderham, Jack Langmaid and Val and George Stock. In 'B' fleet Larry Cond, Ted Reed and Gooding and Ferguson. The two afternoon races were cancelled because of the excess wind, with one rescheduled for Sunday morning.

The first race Sunday was a good one with winds from twelve to eighteen with planing on the reaches. In 'A' fleet the first three were Bill Gooderham, Jack Langmaid and Dick McLaughlin. In 'B' fleet, John Brooke, Joe Leckie and Jack Browne.

By the fourth race start time the wind had again increased to about twenty-five with vicious gusts to thirty-five. The planing was wild. Sometimes for a whole leg boats went flying in spray. A real battle in class 'A' saw Harvey Doherty, Bill Gooderham and Dick McLaughlin all overlapped going down the final leg. Dick won the Walker Tray with Harvey Doherty second and Don Giffin third. (Bill took a swim when he lost his rudder). In 'B' class the Walker Tray was won by Ted Reed with Larry Cond second and Dudley Barnes third. Many more went over in this race, but thanks to Bill Macintosh, Regatta Chairman, who performed expertly, a line of rescue boats was stationed at the gybing mark WAITING for the unfortunates. This series will be hard to exceed for excitement. Special commendation should go to the new skippers who got their baptism of fire in high winds and a large fleet.

### REGATTA FILMS

Through an arrangement made with Sandy McPherson, the General Manager of the Canadian Yachting Association by Huntley Christie, the C.Y.A. provided 16 MM film, which was shot by an experienced photographer, Curtiss Hooper, as a joint C.Y.A.-C.A.A. project to produce a 16MM sound film of dingy sailing for national distribution. The Regatta shots are the first stage of such a project which will be carried on next Summer showing family sailing, junior programmes and club racing. There has been a preliminary showing of the uncut film and some very good footage has been obtained despite the problems of shooting from a small boat in rough weather. The plan now is to cut the film to about 600 feet. The C.A.A. will obtain a print of this roughly-edited film which will probably be available to loan to Member Clubs after Christmas. The final editing will be done after next Summer's footage is shot.

### ANNUAL MEETING OF CANADIAN ALBACORE ASSOCIATION

The Annual Meeting of the Association was held on Friday evening and was quite well attended. Reports were given by the various officers of the Association, showing that the Class had grown by more than 250 boats in Ontario this year alone with a number of new Fleets developing. Emphasis was placed on the work of the Association in maintaining the One-Design nature of the Class, the achievement of uniform rules with United Kingdom and United States and the maintenance of high resale value. The growth in membership while encouraging, still left room for improvement.

The President, Don Grant, reported that the biggest achievement of the year had been the signing of a licencing agreement between Fairey Marine and Whitby Boat Works Limited authorizing Whitby to build and sell the boat under the name 'Albacore'.

Don Giffin gave a report on developments in the Specifications Committee. He dealt with the need for obtaining measurement early in the year, as the last minute rush before the Regatta was unfair to the Measurers. Some members asked why measurement couldn't be done at the factory. It was pointed out that the Association would have to remeasure the boat in any event as the measurement must be done by an independent person and it would not be practical to have Measurers in the area of the two builders do all the measurement. Don outlined ideas regarding the improvement in placement of the bouyancy which he had obtained during his trip to England, which we hope to deal with at length in a later issue. He also recommended the sealing of masts and the use of extra bouyancy bags in the bow, not so much for the additional bouyancy but to keep the water out in case of capsizes. There was some

discussion about the need for this, but the dissenters seem to have evaporated after the capsizes in the subsequent races.

The Secretary-Treasurer, John Grieve, gave a financial report to September 22, 1966. The fiscal period of the Association ends September 30th and financial statements for the year-end, including the accounts for the Regatta, will be published when completed.

The election of officers was then held and the following persons were elected or appointed for next year.

Past President	Donald G. Grant	M.L.S.C.
President	John B. Tinker	G.S. & C.C. and G.Y.C.
Vice-President	Len Davis	S.L.S.C.
Vice-President	Don Long	M.P.S.C.
Secretary-Treasurer	Monty Brown	A.B.Y.C.
Racing & Regatta Chairman (pro tem.)	Bill Macintosh	M.L.S.C.
Specifications Chairman	Don Giffin	S.L.S.C.
Publications Editor	Bob Armstrong	O.Y.C.
Fleet Secretary	John Grieve	B.L.S.C.

#### ENGLISH ALBACORE CHAMPIONSHIPS

After the meeting, Don Giffin showed some excellent movies and slides of their trip to England to compete in the English National Albacore Championships at the Stokes Bay Sailing Club in the Solent. Among many interesting features about sailing in Britain were some pictures of the boats being launched off the beach in chest-high waves and sailed away. This is rugged sailing. There was a 100-boat Fleet and Don sailed all the races, even the ones where 30 English boats refused to go out. Don had his troubles with one capsize and being forced into a mark in another race, but we will give him some space in a later issue to tell the story to those who were not at the meeting.

#### MRS. DUDLEY BARNES APPOINTED ASSISTANT-SECRETARY

Dorothy Barnes, wife of Dudley Barnes of the Balsam Lake Fleet, responded to the Association's request for a part-time secretary to cope with the increasing amount of administration. The Association is happy to announce Mrs. Barnes' appointment as Assistant Secretary. We have changed the mailing address to Mrs. Barnes' home address.

#### NEW ASSOCIATION MAILING ADDRESS

24 Hilldowntree Road, Islington, Ontario.

All mail for the Association should be sent to this address from

which it will be distributed to the executive member concerned. However, items respecting specifications or measurement of boats may be mailed direct to Don Giffin, Chairman of the Specifications Committee at 1242 ALBION ROAD, REXDALE, ONTARIO.

PICTURES, PICTURES, PICTURES

We are greatly in need of still pictures, black and white or colour, showing the Albacore as a family boat, junior activity and racing. We would also welcome any 8MM or 16MM footage of racing. Contact Len Davis, 69 McRAE DRIVE, Bob Armstrong, 65 THOMAS STREET, OAKVILLE, or any other member of the Executive.

REGATTA RESULTS - METRO TORONTO AREA

The following is a round-up of regatta results for Albacores in the Open Regattas held by the various Toronto clubs and conducted by the Metro Yacht Racing Council. All the Toronto clubs now have Albacore fleets, either junior, senior or both. The attendance at these Metro regattas is steadily growing as the figures show. For the first time this year Albacore owners from other than Toronto fleets have been competing, a trend which we hope will continue.

National Yacht Club, June 18th - 19 Entries:

1. 277 Bill Gooderham R.C.Y.C.
2. 652 Don Giffin Shadow Lake S.C.
3. 718 Frank Wimmer T.S. & C.C.
4. 712 N.Y.C. Jr. Club
5. III D. Dawkins Boulevard Club

Royal Canadian Yacht Club, June 25th - 23 Entries:

1. 277 Bill Gooderham R.C.Y.C.
2. 718 Frank Wimmer T.S. & C.C.
3. 313 Leon Sufrata R.C.Y.C.
4. 712 N.Y.C. Jr. Club
5. 60 Bob Goodings T.S. & C.C.

Lake Sailing Skiff Association Regatta, July 1, 2 & 3, held at Toronto Sailing & Canoe Club - Five race series - 12 Entries:

1. 1271 Geoff Spackman Conestoga S.C.
2. 718 Frank Wimmer T.S. & C.C.
3. 268 Geoff Lye Q.C.Y.C.
4. 2058 R.J. Gallant B.C.
5. 82 D. Fairgrieve B.C.

Island Yacht Club, July 9th - 24 Entries:

1. 314 J. Solman A.B.Y.C.
2. 2229 Dave Humphrey B.C.
3. 2051 A.B. Kelly T.S. & C.C.
4. 114 Monty Brown A.B.Y.C.
5. 263 Q.C.Y.C. Jr. Club

Boulevard Club, July 16th - 32 Entries:

1. 266 Q.C.Y.C. Jr. Club
2. 87
3. 268 Q.C.Y.C. Jr. Club
4. 2058 R.J. Gallant B.C.
5. 2242 N.Y.C. Jr. Club

Toronto Sailing and Canoe Club, August 6th - 34 Entries:

1. 277 Bud Purves Muskoka Lakes S.C.
2. 2216 R.C.Y.C. Jr. Club
3. 2240 N.Y.C. Jr. Club
4. 2213 R.C.Y.C. Jr. Club
5. 268 Q.C.Y.C. Jr. Club.

KAWARTHA LAKES DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP -STURGEON LAKE

On July 23, the Sturgeon Lake Sailing Club hosted the first annual Kawartha Lakes and District Albacore Championship. The formation of this event was engendered by the rapid growth of the Albacore class in recent years on and around the Kawarthas. It is hoped that this championship will be hosted in turn by as many Kawartha and District Lakes as possible, and will become the ultimate standard of achievement for all local sailors. This standard is to be embodied by the KAWARTHA LAKES DISTRICT ALBACORE TROPHY which has been presented for this purpose by Mr. R.A. Wisener of Sturgeon Point.

Despite a light, shifty breeze which hampered the start of the first of the two races, they featured keen competition and some good tactical sailing. Starts and finishes were both particularly close and the leading boat was rarely out of striking distance of the remainder of the fleet. A cocktail party and dinner followed at Commodore Bill' Brown's cottage after which the trophy and prizes were presented and everyone went home contented.

YOUNGSTOWN YACHT CLUB

1-Don Wilson, M.P.S.C: 2- Don Grant, M.L.S.C: 3- Nick Hancock, P.S.C.

June Series - 7 Races:

1. 2024 Tom Hooker
2. 2020 Tim Booth
3. 2027 Butch Cannon

July Series - 5 Races:

1. 2024 Tom and Andy Hooker
2. 2208 Sam Malcomson
3. 2028 Clinton Brown, Benny Sheets.

GATINEAU RIVER YACHT CLUB

Albacore Regatta Day for the Ottawa and Area, held at  
G.R.Y.C., Sunday, October 2, 1966

A lovely windy, sunshiny day - with the colours of the tree leaves probably at their best. Seven boats racing for the Thompson Trophy. Five from C.R.Y.C., one from Britannia Y.C. and one unattached. Best two races out of three.

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| 1. | Connla Wood   | G.R.Y.C.   |
| 2. | Mike Butler   | G.R.Y.C.   |
| 3. | Phil Thompson | G.R.Y.C.   |
| 4. | Pigott        | Unattached |
| 5. | John Wilkes   | B.Y.C.     |
| 6. | Pat Evans     | G.R.Y.C.   |
| 7. | Phil Beaudry  | G.R.Y.C.   |

CANADIAN YACHTING ASSOCIATION

The Canadian Yachting Association is conducting a drive for individual membership this year and we would recommend that any member interested in sailing join. The fees are \$5.00. The C.Y.A. is doing a great deal to encourage junior sailing, including the National Pre-Centennial Regattas, one of which was held at Muskoka Lake in Albascores. Sandy McPherson is the first full-time General Manager and he has initiated a number of projects to promote yachting, including the 16MM film mentioned above. All this takes money but is extremely worthwhile for the future of yachting in Canada.  
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