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As the 1968 sailing season becomes memories and snow and ice lock us in we can take heart already - December 22nd marks the time when the days start to lengthen again to those wonderful June evenings! In this issue looking forward we have two excellent articles contributed on buoyancy and go-fasts and looking backwards an account of the U.S. National Championships which seem to have been quite hairy! However first we have an apology to make.

CORRECTION in Canadian National Championship Results

Our apology goes out to Bill Tindale and his crew Tom Langford who should have been given as the Junior Winners in Class B. Bill who sails with the Lake of Bays Sailing Club came in 17th in B Class.

No or Go For Go-Fasts

By Bill Goodings

Go-Fasts or no Go-Fasts, that is the question. Whether it is in the interest of the Class to allow them and to suffer the consequences of irate calls from standard type boat owners or to restrict new innovations and to be called backward and regressive in the general trend of improvements to make the sail boat go-fast. (Apologies to William, the Skipper, Shakespeare.)

The question is now being debated and considered by the Specifications Committee and the Executive and we hope to have a statement on the matter before long.

From research, for what it's worth, we have answers back from 11 of the top 15 skippers of the three fleets at the Canadian Albacore Association Regatta in September of this year.

The answers to the questions are tabulated below:

<u>HULL</u> -	manufactured from fibreglass	8	<u>CENTREBOARD</u> -	wooden	8
	wood	3		steel	1
-	hull weight under 260 lbs.	2		aluminum	2
	over 260 lbs.*	5		(one aluminum was N.W. Gooderham	
	do not know	4		who won A Class - 1, 1, 5, 4)	
	*one was 325 lbs.				
-	special finish on hull	0			

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U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND
October 25 - 27, 1968

Perfect racing weather (well almost) of 20 knots plus greeted the sailors who came from all over the U.S. and from Canada to compete in the U.S. Championships held at Annapolis, Maryland, on the weekend of October 25th. Jack Langmaid of Shadow Lake Sailing Club won the championship with Don Grant of Muskoka Lake Sailing Club coming second to give the Canadians a decisive edge in a blue ribbon turn out of the best Albacore sailors on both sides of the border. A certain amount of bad luck plagued other top skippers such as Charles Loutrel, winner of the North American this year, who went around the wrong mark in the third race and dropped to fifth place overall. Don Giffen and Geoff Revett both had trouble with sails that fell down during races.

Third place overall went to Jim Gray of the Tampa Yacht and Country Club who had a consistent 7-5-3-6 finishes. Fourth overall went to Charles Loutrel of the Potomac River Sailing Club with the best record of 3-1-19-1 except for the disastrous third race mistake. John Whitton of Spring Lake, Michigan, took fifth place overall, finishing 9-10-1-10.

The winds were about 20 knots from the north east on Friday with a fairly short chop typical of the shallow Chesapeake Bay area at the mouth of the Severn River. Saturday started out about the same way with more easterly winds and the fleet going down wind comfortably. Shortly the wind rose, possibly another 10 knots, and conditions got rapidly out of hand. Fleets scattered in all directions, some planing for the lee of Greenberg Point, some capsizing, some planing back across the Bay under jibs alone and beaching their boats on the other shore. Racing was scrubbed for the day and the sailors found themselves at leisure in delightful historic Annapolis to eat oysters, watch the cadets with their weekend dates or buy up yachting gear at the various local chandleries. Sunday was a repetition of Friday's winds but from the south. Two races were held back to back and wonderful planing legs were had off the wind. After the race there was a satisfying 2½ to 3 mile plane back to the club house to finish up a glorious weekend.

John Duncan and his U.S. Albacore Association Committee were perfect hosts with a cocktail party and dinner in the Annapolis Yacht Club on Friday night followed by a very fine dinner and evening at the Maryland Inn on Saturday night which sent everybody home having had great racing, great competition and a great time. One of the best features of the whole Regatta was the representation from all across the United States which showed the developing enthusiasm for the Albacore south of the border.

The results of the races were as follows:

			<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	
1.	Jack Langmaid	Shadow Lakes SC, Ont.	618	4	2	4	2	12
2.	Don Grant	Muskoka Lakes SC, Ont.	471	1	7	2	3	12-3/4
3.	Jim Gray	Tampa Y & CC, Fla.	1812	7	5	3	6	21
4.	Charlie Loutrel	Potomac R SA, D.C.	270	3	1	19	1	23-1/2
5.	John Whitton	Spring Lake YC, Mich.	333	9	10	1	10	29-3/4
6.	Humphrey-Gallant	Boulevard C, Ont.	3103	2	6	23	4	35
7.	Gord Baker	Royal Hamilton YC, Ont.	2737	8	11	9	19	47
8.	John Duncan	Potomac R SA, D.C.	775	21	4	16	8	49
9.	Dan Owen	Royal Canadian YC, Ont.	2002	18	14	5	12	49
10.	Bob Toler	Potomac R SA, D.C.	3224	16	18	7	13	54
11.	Barry Poyntz	Lake-of Bays SC, Ont.	731	5	17	24	14	60
12.	Andy Jones	Wilson YC, N.Y.	2355	6	16	32	15	69
13.	John Tinker	Royal Canadian YC, Ont.	835	13	20	27	11	71
14.	Ewing McGruer	Royal Canadian YC, Ont.	2761	17	12	28	16	73
15.	Bruce Bone	Toronto S & CC, Ont.	3100	10	21	25	18	74

Bronte One of A Kind Regatta - Oct. 5th & 6th

The Albacore once again proved to be a relatively high performance boat compared to the Y Flyer, Fireball, Wayfarer, Thistle, Enterprise and Windmill.

The two Albacores entered, both from Shadow Lakes Sailing Club and sailed by Jack Langmaid and Don Giffen put together a 1, 2, 2, series to take first place overall on correct time compared to the nearest rival the Enterprise with a 5, 4, 1, series.

In heavy, medium and light conditions, smooth and choppy water, the Albacore proved on the average equal to or better than even larger boats such as the Thistle, Y Flyer and Fireball with trapeze.

Photographs

Would any members with good black and white action shots of Albacore loan the negative to the Association for reproduction at our Boat Show stands? Send them to Mrs. Barnes at the Association address.

1969 Membership

The Treasurer is grateful when membership fees come in early. Make it your New Year resolution to send in the following form with your cheque by mid-January and help the poor fellow become positively buoyant.

1969 - MEMBERSHIP FORM

(complete and return)

TO - Canadian Albacore Association,
24 Hilldowntree Road,
Islington, Ontario.

FROM -

_____ To be completed by all owners.
(name)

_____ Sail No. _____
(address) Boat Manufacturer _____
_____ & Model Year _____

_____ (Summer Residence and Lake)

_____ (Club Affiliations, if any)

MEMBERSHIP FEE \$5.00 - Please enclose cheque payable to the - Canadian Albacore Association.
Out of town cheques please add 15¢ Exchange. Thank you.

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