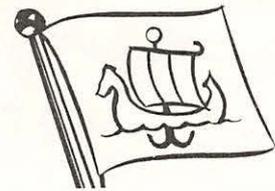


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## THE DRAGON IN 1971

The year 1971 will be one of the most important in the history of the class for competition, for interest, and for the future of the yacht as an international Olympic racing class.

As is usual in every pre-Olympic year, interest in racing in the class accelerates rapidly as Olympic ambitious teams begin tuning up. Many fast, modern Dragons have changed ownership and more changes are rumored, the number of inquiries far exceeding the number of competitive boats available. Many hot skippers from other classes have plans to also campaign for the Olympic berth in the Dragon class.

This increase in interest is resulting in larger turnouts at regattas and the scheduling of more Olympic class events.

This year will see the first major trials of many innovations permitted by recent changes in the class rules. Among these are aluminum spars, tiller extensions, spinnaker handling tubes, etc. It will be of great interest to see who goes fast with what!

Finally, the year will be a critical one in the decision of the future of the Dragon as an Olympic class after 1972. More on this below.

It will be a great year!

## THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL DRAGON ASSOCIATION

This Association is the United States authority for the International Dragon class as required by the International Dragon Association and the International Yacht Racing Union. It serves the class in many ways, especially in communication between Dragon owners and the international organizations.

It serves owners by exchange of information about the class, by maintaining registration and certification records, by providing rule books, building, sail and rigging plans, by handling an unbelievable amount of correspondence and telephone calls, and by publishing this newspaper.

## GO FASTS ??

A couple of our readers have asked us to publish a pictorial issue showing rigging and equipment innovations. If you have any please send us a black and white snapshot (and the negative) and we will assemble an interesting issue. Send to Dragon Newsletter, P.O. Box 189, Santa Paula, Calif. 93060. Photos and negatives will be returned.

## 1971 DRAGON WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP

The World's Championship, sailed on alternate and non Olympic years, was held in January in Hobart, Tasmania. Hobart, in 43° south Latitude and isolated from major transportation systems, nevertheless attracted 16 entries in the World's from 8 nations. In the unrestricted preceding Prince Phillip Cup Regatta there were 42 entries from 8 countries.

Defending the championship won by Robert Mosbacher (APHRODITE) in 1969 at Majorca, Spain were Don Cohan of Philadelphia in CAPRICE and Bill Henry of Seattle in a chartered Australian yacht. Other long distance travelers were Brownlow Eve of Bermuda, Axel Holm of Denmark, Pat Dyas, Hon. Secretary of I.D.A., David Young of United Kingdom and the Sundelins from Sweden. Competitors nearer to the scene were from Japan, New Zealand and Australia.

Our information on the actual racing is fragmentary. The local people were most hospitable and zealous in doing their best to produce successful regattas and an enjoyable experience.

The weather was from ideal to wild. The "roaring 40's" at times lived up to their name and reputation. Several boats nearly foundered and gear failures were usual rather than extraordinary. Each series had seven races with the best six scored.

In the warm-up Prince Philip, Norman Booth of Australia made good the name of his yacht, ADIOS, and won handily. Scores were as follows:

| <u>Pl.</u> | <u>Skipper - Yacht</u>     | <u>Places</u>     | <u>Pts.</u> |
|------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 1          | Booth (Aust.) ADIOS        | 6-2-2-2-2-1       | 23.7        |
| 2          | Cohan (U.S.) CAPRICE       | 3-4-1-3-5-4       | 37.4        |
| 3          | ____ (Aust.) WYUNA         | 7-4-1-7-5-9       | 59          |
| 4          | Holm (Den.) MAJ-BRITT      | 13-1-22-3-1-5     | 62.7        |
| 9          | Sundelin (Swed.) DEBUTANTE | 7-5-8-29-6-2      | 86.7        |
| 30         | Henry (U.S.) charter       | 41-18-33-19-27-11 | 185         |

With each country limited to 3 entries for the World's Championship by the rules of the regatta, the number of competitors was reduced to 16. The Sundelin brothers had one bad race, finishing 16th, otherwise turning in a true winning performance. With fine consistency Norman Booth was second, Axel Holm third, and Don Cohan fifth. Scores follow: (Page 2)

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|------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1          | Sundelin (Swed.) DEBUTANTE | 3-4-3-1-1-2     | 22.4        |
| 2          | Booth (Aust.) ADIOS II     | 4-1-1-6-10-1    | 35.7        |
| 3          | Holm (Den.) MAJ-BRITT      | 1-5-2-3-5-5     | 39.7        |
| 5          | Cohan (US) CAPRICE         | 5-2-4-9-3-8     | 55.7        |
| 12         | Henry (US) charter         | 11-6-9-11-12-10 | 94.7        |

Congratulations Don Cohan on a fine showing and thanks for the effort made in preparing and shipping your yacht. Bill Henry couldn't arrange shipment of his JINX and hence the charter, which of course presents new problems. Both are due thanks for representing the United States.



#### INTERNATIONAL DRAGON ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the International Dragon Association will be held in Marstrand during the European Championships, either July 16 or 17. On the agenda will be:

- Election of officers
- 1972 European Championships, Greece
- 1973 World Championships and European Championships
- Consider proposals regarding rule changes
- Report on (a) Metal spars (b) G.R.P. hulls

If any Dragon owner has an item for consideration, send to A.I.D.A. at once for forwarding to the I.D.A. by June 25th.

#### KIEL WEST 1971 July 23 to 25, 1971

This series will be held on the site of the 1972 trials and will simulate them in every possible way. Entry forms will be mailed to Fleet Captains as soon as available, or inquire from Frank A. Siroky, P.O. Box 1006, Rohnert Park, Calif. 94928.

#### 1971 North American Dragon Championship

October 16-23, 1971, Southern Yacht Club, New Orleans, is host for the 1971 North American Dragon Championship. The Windjammer Series will be sailed as a warm-up.

These events, sailed on Lake Pontchartrain, are not to be missed by either Olympic hopefuls or just plain fun seekers. Sailing and fun conditions are ideal in New Orleans at this time of year.

Plan to compete, NOW!

#### COMPETING IN EUROPE

Summer of 1971 is likely to see a record number of U.S. Dragons competing in Europe. Plans to compete in the Netherlands Open Championship, the Dragon Gold Cup (both on the IJsselmeer at Medemblik, Holland) or the Pre-Olympic Regatta at Kiel are being made by 1968 Gold Medal winner G. S. Friedrichs, Jr. (WILLIWAW), Donald Cohan (CAPRICE), W. D. Wigley (ARROW), V. H. Craig (VALKYRIE), and A. W. Henry in a new Børresen Dragon to be delivered to Medemblik. Johan Van Dinter, owner of U.S. 216 (KARI) plans to buy a boat in Europe for competition there and later return to the U.S.

#### 1972 Olympic Trials and

#### North American Championship

San Francisco Bay has been selected as the site of the 1972 Olympic Trials for the Dragon and Star classes.

The North American Championship will precede the Olympic Trials. Dates have not been finally decided by the Olympic Committee as yet but they will be in the period June 19th to July 15th, 1972.

The Dragon and Star trials will be held consecutively to allow competitors to sail in both classes.

San Francisco was chosen as offering a wide variety of sailing conditions closely simulating those at Kiel. There will be seven races, one each day. Present plans are to send two boats to Kiel, if possible.

# DISTRICT NEWS

## CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Southern California Yachting Association Mid-winter Regatta was held at Alamitos Bay, February 20-21, 1971. On the 20th, post frontal north-west winds of 18-25 knots caused some gear failures and wet sailing. Boeey Kober (NØkken) was first, 1-3-4, W. D. Wigley (ARROW) was second with DNF-1-1, and Tony Singer (TIAMAT) third.

The 9th Annual Alamitos Bay Olympic Classes Regatta brought hard winds (25 to 40 knots) and Marty Godsil, MISTRAL (US-250) down from the Northwest. There were 9 entries.

The Saturday program of two races was cancelled by the Race Committee because of high wind and rough sea conditions. On Sunday the first race was started in 20-25 knots northerly wind and choppy sea. When most of the boats were near the weather mark the wind went nearly calm, backed 60 degrees to the southwest and came back in at 25-35 knots! There were some wild minutes getting spinnakers down under these conditions. The second scheduled race was cancelled by the Committee.

Godsil, sailing his new Børresen MISTRAL (US-250) got out ahead and stayed there. His team, including Earl Lasuer, helm, and Phil Hutchison, foredeck, turned in a fine performance. MISTRAL, a beautiful yacht, has many innovations in arrangement and go-fasts. Marty has done a superb job of planning for simplicity, convenience, and effectiveness. We were sorry that the weather didn't cooperate better.

Chuck Kober (NØKKEN) was 2nd, S.B. Thomas (TOM TOM) 3rd and V.H. Craig (VALKYRIE) 4th.

Newport Harbor and Balboa Yacht Clubs, co-operating, staged the Newport Harbor Olympic Regatta, May 15-16, off the Newport - Huntington Beach area. Winds were shifting from south to east to west-northwest and varied from 5 to 20 knots. The Committee did an excellent job under very difficult conditions. Four races were sailed with three best to score. It was necessary to shorten some of the races.

Playing the shifts without an error brought Bill Painter in ZEUS (US-60) home first of seven entrants with 1-1-3 - 5.7 pts. Bill Craig in VALKYRIE (US-138) playing all the shifts wrong was second with 1-2-2 - 6 pts. Dave Wigley in ARROW (US-139) with 1-2-3 8.7 pts. was third.

Bill Painter is Fleet Captain at Santa Barbara, Henry Van Steenwyk at Alamitos Bay. The San Diego Dragon has died!

## San Francisco Bay Area

Fleet Captain Frank Siroky writes that their

season opener was cancelled for lack of wind! (In San Francisco, Frank?) Tom Blackaller, of Star renown, is reported to be eyeing Dragon competition. Eight active boats racing. The Fleet welcomes new owners Harry Roberts (US-39) and G. B. Muller (US-172).

Frank says Kiel West '71 is an event not to be missed!

? GULF FLEETS: Have not reported! ? ? ? ? ?

## Cleveland Dragon Fleet

In December, 1970, Cleveland elected Richard Hathaway as their new Fleet Captain. There are 14 boats in the fleet and a good program of races held during the season.

Six race-series were held; Spring, Summer, Wednesday Night, Dragon Weekend, Northeast Regatta and the Long Distance. Over-all fleet Champion was Mike Mahar (US-85). He finished first in two events, second in three and 3rd in the Long Distance Series. A good show was made by Ed Ullman and Karl Burkett.

Jack Nieser is Vice-Commodore for 1971. New owners are Frank Metler (US-238), Ed Notebaert (US-80) and Art Rosenbaum (US-153).

## PUGET SOUND - Seattle

The Puget Sound-Seattle Dragon fleet is growing by leaps and bounds in numbers, enthusiasm and ambition. Fourteen Dragons competed regularly in 1970 and sixteen will be on the line in 1971. Plans for the year include 4 to 5 Seattle Dragons at Kiel West '71, 3 to 4 at the North American Championship in New Orleans, and Bill Henry in Europe in August, all in addition to a full schedule of local racing.

The standings over-all for the 1970 season were as follows:

- 1st Bill Henry, US-239
- 2nd Marty Godsil, US-250
- 3rd Ron Farrell, US-243
- 4th Ed Morgan, US-209

Bill Henry's JINX was awarded Corinthian Yacht Club's "Boat of the Year" award.

The Dragon Ladies series generated much excitement during the spring and summer with an average of seven boats per race. The girls must be on the helm, however men are allowed to crew until a gal wins the Dragon Lady Trophy for the season over-all. At this point an all-girl crew must be developed. Two boats, MISTRAL (US-250) Skipper Sandra Godsil and BLUENOSE (US-243) Skipper Tanya Goodman, have had all-girl crews for the 1970 season. Surprisingly enough, the all-girl crews finished in first place in both the spring series and the summer series. (Women Liberated! ed.)

- Spring: 1st Sandra Godsil, US-250  
2nd Beveral Frost, US-192  
Summer: 1st Tanya Goodman, US-243  
2nd Sherrie Wendt, US-13

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The season's high-pointer and Dragon Lady trophy winner was Sandra Godsil with Kae Hutchison and Karen Martin crewing MISTRAL.

Martin Godsil has been elected Puget Sound Vice-Commodore for 1971 and Bill Henry Seattle Fleet Captain and Associate Measurer for the District.

#### AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL DRAGON ASSOCIATION

To keep the Association functioning your help is needed:

1. Pay your dues if you haven't!  
Ten (\$10) bucks.
2. Send us news for publication.
3. Race your boat.
4. Return the enclosed post card.

We intend to publish a new roster of yachts as soon as the information can be compiled. Please complete and mail the enclosed card today.

Don't just sail there, do something!

#### OF INTEREST

Charles Kober, member of the U.S. Olympic Sailing Committee and former North American Dragon Champion, stopping recently in Copenhagen had an opportunity to see Ole Berntsen's new Børresen Dragon. The yacht is equipped with Elvstrum aluminum spars, jib furler, foredeck spinnaker handling hatch, mid-boom traveler and running backstays aft.

#### News from Suppliers

##### Aluminum Spars:

Alspar- Eriksson Spars, 20 Shoreline Hiway, Mill Valley, Calif. Mr. Scott Harris, (415) 332-2518, Masts, booms and spinnaker poles.

Elvstrum- Paul Elvstrum, Denmark is supplying matched aluminum spars and sails to European Dragon sailors.

##### Sails:

Connelly Sails- Kevin Connelly for many years active and successful competitor in the Dragon and formerly working with Baxter and Cicero, has opened his own loft. 811 Santa Barbara St., Santa Barbara, Cal. 93101, ph. (805) 965-8301.

##### Blazer Patches:

New model A.I.D.A. blazer patch now available. Depicts the traditional Nordic Dragon, gold hull, red, white and blue sail. \$10 post paid, A.I.D.A., P.O. Box 189, Santa Paula, Calif. 93060.

#### A.I.D.A. 1971 Election Results

Since the returned ballots did not include any write-in candidates, your 1971 slate of officers remains the same. Surprise!

Commodore: Maurice Van Horn-277 Buck Hill Rd. Rochester, New York 14626

Secretary: V.H. Craig, Jr.-P.O. Box 189 Santa Paula, Calif. 93060

Measurer: Anthony Singer-3406 Glorietta Pl. Sherman Oaks, Calif. 91403

## Schedule of Events - 1971

U.S. and Canadian

June 12-13, San Diego Association of Yacht Clubs, San Diego Olympic Classes Regatta

July 3-5, Northeast Yacht Club, Dragon Great Lakes Championship Regatta, Cleveland, O.

July 3-5, Santa Barbara Yacht Club, Semana Nautica, Santa Barbara, California

July 3-5, P.I.Y.A. Regatta, Vancouver, British Columbia

July 3-5, Bellingham Yacht Club, Northwest Dragon Championship, Bellingham, Wash.

July 23-25, San Francisco Bay, Kiel West '71, Site of 1972 Olympic Trials.

August 21-24, English Speaking Union Cup, Toronto, Canada, Lake Ontario. Royal Canadian Yacht Club.

August 28- September 3, CORK, Canadian Olympic Regatta, Kingston, Ontario.

September 25-26, Southern California Yachting Association, Olympic Regatta, Alamos Bay Yacht Club.

October 8-10, Texas Yachting Association, "Texas Olympics" Houston Yacht Club, Houston, Tex.

October 16-23, Windjammer and North American Championship, Southern Yacht Club, New Orleans, Louisiana.

## European Events

July 13-18, European Championship, Marstrand, Annual Meeting of I.D.A.

August 5-8, Nordic Championship, Copenhagen,

August 12-15, Open Dutch Championship, Medemblik, Netherlands.

August 17-24, Dragon Gold Cup, Medemblik.

August 29-September 4, Pre-Olympic Trials, Kiel, Germany.

## Yachts for Sale

APPLY TO OWNER

US-216, 1964 Børresen, gold plate condition, many sails, trailer, cover, \$4,500- Johan Van Dinter, Van Dyne, Wisconsin 54979.

US-187, 1956 Spiez (Swiss)-Good sails \$2,500, Trailer available- Rolfe Beaudry, 102 Capital National Bank Bldg., Houston, Texas 77002

US-196, Abeking & Rasmussen 1963, light hull, Schreck & Hood sails. Trailer- John Heffron, 210 Brunswick St., Rochester, New York 14607

US-157, Bjarne Aas, 1958, excellent condition. New main, jenoa (Watts), boat cover and bath, \$3,500. Robert Somers, 8920 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, Cal. 90211