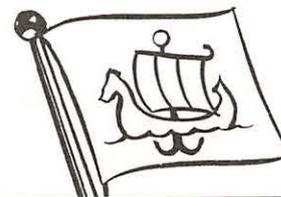


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Olympic Trials and Pacific Championship

Plans for the Olympic Trials and Pacific Championship are forming up in great shape. The following letter has just been received from Don Morrison, Regatta Chairman, Richmond Yacht Club:

Olympic Trials & Pacific Championship Schedule

Mon.5/15 Last day for accepting entries
Sat.6/17 Registration and measurement
Sun.6/18 Regist.,measure,practice race
No host cocktail party.
Mon.6/19 1st & 2nd races-Pac. Champion.
Tue.6/20 3rd & 4th races,Pac. Champ.
Barbeque
Wed.6/21 Lay day
Thu.6/22 1st race, U.S.Olympic Trials
Fri 6/23 2nd race, " " "
Sat.6/24 3rd race, " " "
Sun.6/25 4th race, " " "
Commodore's Reception
Mon.6/26 Lay day
Tue.6/27 5th race, U.S.Olympic Trials
Wed.6/28 6th race, " " "
Thu.6/29 7th race, " " "
Trophy dinner

All of the club's officers and directors are on the regatta committee. We intend to do all we can to help the U.S.Olympic Yachting Committee select the best Dragon and to present the U.S. with a winner at Kiel. Concurrently, we intend to put on a regatta the Dragon sailors will remember for a long time. Our Race Committee Chairman is Donovan Smith, who received high praise from national sailing authorities for his handling of the 1968 Mallory Series at Richmond. Information brochures are being mailed to known to be interested skippers and Fleet Captains. Additional copies are available from Richmond Yacht Club, address below.

Richmond Yacht Club is located on the northeast shore of San Francisco Bay, about 30 minutes drive from San Francisco. The area is known for tourist and scenic attractions. Monterey-Carmel and the Napa Valley wine country are within easy driving distance, and the Bay Area offers a great variety of music, theater, night club, historical, and scenic attractions.

The Women's Auxiliary will offer shopping and wine country tours on the lay days, and we plan to have spectator boats to follow each day's races.

Competitors and spectators should bring warm clothes and foul weather gear, and be prepared for chilly nights. A 20 knot wind from the on duty fog bank can make the air temperature below 50°F, with a corresponding chill factor. Small boat sailors wear wet suits in SF Bay to keep warm.

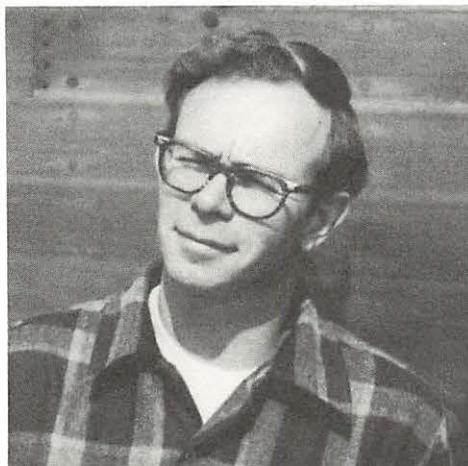
Richmond Yacht Club invites any interested Dragon sailors to come and practice during the spring. The club has a hoist and fenced storage yard. Boats will be stored for the "warm up season" at nominal charge on application to the club.

We will ask our members to volunteer housing for the competitors in their homes or on their boats in the harbor.

Our members are looking forward to meeting the Dragon sailors, and to putting on a top notch regatta.

Sincerely yours,
Don Morrison, Regatta Chairman, Richmond Yacht Club, P.O.Box 295, Point Richmond, Cal.94807 (415) 237-2821

WHO'S WHO?



A. E. "Tony" Singer
MEASURER, A.I.D.A.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>		<u>Event</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
May 6-7	Berkeley Olympic Circle		Practice for Olympic Classes/No.	Calif. Olympic
May 13-14	" " "	"	"	Classes Sailing
June 5-18	" " "	"	"	Association
June 10-11	San Diego, California		S.D.A.Y.C.Olympic/San Diego	Yacht Club
June 19-20	Berkeley Olympic Circle		Pacific Dragon Championship/Richmond	Yacht
June 22-29	" " "		Dragon Olympic Trials/	Club
July 1-4	Youngstown, New York		Windeyer Series/Youngstown	Yacht Club
July 3,4,5	Santa Barbara, Calif.		Semana Nautica/Santa Barbara	Yacht Club
Aug. 19-25	Toronto, Canada		No.American Dragon Champion./Royal	Canadian Yacht Club
Sept.2,3,4	Vancouver, B.C.		Duke of Edinburgh Champion./Royal	Vancouver Yacht Club

OLYMPIC TRIALS LINE - UP

A star-studded line-up is expected for the 1972 Olympic Trials at Richmond, Calif. Here's a tentative partial list:

- G. S. "Buddy" (The Dragon) Friedrichs
- Donald Cohan-Winner, 1971 Kiel Pre-Olympic
- Hank Easom- San Francisco
- Martin Godsil-Pacific Northwest
- Bill Henry-1971 Gold Cup winner
- Chuck Kober-North American Championship 1966
- Bob Mosbacher-1970 Dragon Worlds Champion, 1972 Soling Worlds
- Tony Singer-Santa Barbara
- Gary Weisman-Santa Barbara

Dark horses are Easom, Godsil, Singer and Weisman. Easom has the advantage of local knowledge. Gary Weisman with his crew of Gary Gordon and John MacCosham are the youngest team and loaded with Sears cup and ocean racing experience. Weisman sailed with Steve Curran taking 5th in the 1968 Trials. He will be sailing GAY LADY (US-232), a 1968 Savell.

1972 NORTH AMERICAN DRAGON CHAMPIONSHIP

The Royal Canadian Yacht Club, at Toronto, Canada will host the 1972 North American Dragon Championship. The tentative schedule is as follows:

- Aug. 19th-Sat. Tune up race
- " 20th-Sun, 1st race
- " 21st-Mon. 2nd race
- " 22nd-Tue. 3rd race
- " 23rd-Wed. 4th race
- " 24th-Thu. 5th race
- " 25th-Fri. Spare day

For additional information inquire to H. Gordon McHaffie, 90 Heath Steet West, Apt. 205, Toronto, 195, Canada.

BLAZER PATCHES

Doll up for spring. A.I.D.A. patches clip on your blue blazer. \$10

N-E-W-S-N-O-T-E-S

Marty Godsil writes he has acquired US-212, badly damaged recently by fire, for his wife, Sandra. Sandra hopes to debut with rebuilt and renamed PHENIX at the Duke of Edinburgh, Labor Day. "GO, GODSILS, GO!" What every family needs are "HIS" and "HER" Dragons!!

Former owners of US-212, Cappy Neu and Rob Wilcox, are reported to be bringing US-242 from the East Coast.

Excellent participation is expected in the up-coming Olympic regattas at Alamos Bay Yacht Club, April 15-16, and Newport Harbor Yacht Club, April 22-23 in Southern California. A large turnout is anticipated with competitors from as far afield as British Columbia and the Gulf area. Some mid-week racing is being talked about by those die-hards for whom back to back weekends aren't enough.

Ed Hobson writes that last summer he came across small fleets of Dragons at Camden and North Haven on Penobscot Bay, Maine. We would like to hear from them. Also, Fred Klapproth (US-2) won the 1st race in the Annapolis (Md.) Yacht Club fall regatta and 2nd overall in the racing division against Solings, two 5.5's, Shields and Westphal One Designs. Ed continues, he saw, at Annapolis, Dragons with Swedish and Danish numbers, as well as one with cotten sails!

Dr. Grant Simmons of Metairie, Louisiana has acquired Gene Walets SPIRIT (US-100). WELCOME ABOARD, doctor!

A.I.D.A. ROSTER

We have been promising an up to date roster of yachts and membership and apologize that its not yet ready. We have been having girl trouble, too few girls and too much work! Within a month, for sure!

DUKE OF EDINBURGH TROPHY

Canadian Championship
International Dragon Class
1972

The Duke of Edinburgh series will be held at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, Vancouver, B.C. on September 2, 3, & 4 (Labor Day Weekend). The series will consist of 2 races Saturday, 2 Sunday and 1 Monday morning.

This series will be of particular interest to West Coast competitors, since we are advised that the North American Championships will be held a week earlier in Toronto. Anyone wishing to be added to our mailing list, please advise Allan Goldsmith, Regatta Chairman, 602-626 West Pender Street, Vancouver 2, B.C.

DRAGONS TO CANADA

Two of the fastest and most modern U.S. Dragons have recently been sold to British Columbian sailors.

Sid Exley's US-240, TATSU, to Dr. George S. Wilkins, and Bill Henry's SUNDANCE to Dr. Tec Jones and Lloyd Walker. Both are actively campaigning for the Canadian Olympic berth. GOOD LUCK, neighbors!

1972 RULES

Copies of the 1972 Class Rules and Measurement Worksheets have just been received from I.Y.R.U. in London. Copies on request \$2.

The new rules do not contain specifications for the fiber glass hull but they are now available. See "The Fiber Glass Dragon" in this issue.

Boats & Equipment For Sale

U.S.111 - 1957 Børresen. Two bendy masts. Epoxy racing bottom, modern rig & equipment. 1st class racing sails. Minimum wt. A fast, competitive boat. Trailer available. Contact either Donald Cohan, 11th Floor, 555 E. City Line Ave, Bala Cynwyd, Pa. 19004, tel. (215) 667-7950, or John Halstead, 852 Main St., E. Aurora, N.Y. 14052 tel. (716) 652-1138.

U.S.215 - 1964 Børresen. Teak decks & cuddy top. Savell mast. Schreck sails. Spinnaker, winches, barber haulers. Absolutely mint. Jack Nieser, 3027 E. Derbyshire Rd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118 (216) 932-8495.

NOTE: Dragon Newsletter is happy to place these notices for members free. Please notify if a sale has been made or if notice should be run more than once.

Sails to swap? We have been notified of a service: Swap-A-Sail, Ltd., P.O. Box 2793, Culver City, Cal. 90230.

NOTES FROM CANADA

The Canadian Sailing Olympic Trials will take place in Halifax, Nova Scotia from June 4 to June 10, with boats from Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal competing for the right to represent Canada at Kiel in August.

Because this is an Olympic year, C.O.R.K. (Canadian Olympic Regatta, Kingston), will not be held but Rothmans of Pall Mall Canada have proposed a Canada Sail week in Toronto from August 19th. During that week, the Dragon Class will hold the North American Championships for the Craig Memorial Trophy while Solings and Stars will also be racing with the Royal Canadian Yacht Club as host.

In addition to the keel boat races, Tornados, Flying Dutchmen, Finns, Fireballs, and O.K. Dinghies will be racing on a centreboard course with Toronto Sailing and Canoe Club as host.

The Duke of Edinburgh Dragon Series will be held this year in Vancouver Sept. 2, 3, and 4.

The new secretary of the Canadian International Dragon Council is: Alan Leibel, 291 Forest Hill Rd., Toronto 7, Ontario.

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With this issue, thanks to Gordon McHaffie, we start a new feature on Dragon activities in Canada.

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DUES AMENDMENT

In December we circularized the membership asking approval for a Constitutional Amendment changing the dues for regular membership from \$10 to \$20 per year. Results of the poll were:

83% in favor
10% opposed
7% qualified answers

It is then declared the amendment was approved.

SPINNAKERS

In the last Dragon Newsletter the frequently recurring topic of improved spinnakers was discussed with the request that information be provided to A.I.D.A. for submission to I.D.A. next fall.

In discussion, general consensus centers on use of the larger Soling spinnaker (with Soling pole) for trial. Any local organization is authorized to permit the use of this sail and pole. It is hoped that any use of these sails will be documented as to performance especially in comparison with the authorized sail, and that the documentation be provided to A.I.D.A.

FIBER GLASS DRAGON

We have just received word from Pat Dyas, Hon. Secretary of International Dragon Association, that specifications are now available for the fiber glass Dragon from International Yacht Racing Union, 5 Buckingham Gate, London, for 15 p. plus postage. This means the fiber glass Dragon may be raced in all regattas except the 1972 Olympics.

Past Commodore Maurice Van Horn writes that his will arrive about March 23rd! He says Børresen has already sold 10! I am sure everyone is sharpening his skills to try against Morrie's boat.

Building Plans

Now again available, set \$10

REMINDER

1972 Dues (\$20) to A.I.D.A. are overdue!

INTERNATIONAL YACHT RACING UNION

1972 Olympic Regatta

"The Permanent Committee decided that the attention of National Authorities be drawn to a recent bulletin of the International Olympic Committee which stated that:

"The display of any clothing or equipment such as shoes, skis, handbags, hats, etc., marked conspicuously for advertising purposes in any Olympic venue (training grounds, Olympic village, or fields of competition), by participants either competitors, coaches, trainers, or anyone else associated with an Olympic team in official capacity, will normally result in immediate disqualification or withdrawal of credentials."

Meanwhile, the secretary-general will ask for further clarification from the International Olympic Committee as to what was meant by "conspicuous advertising"."

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