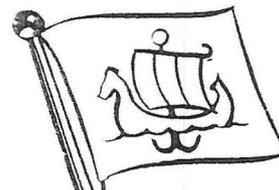


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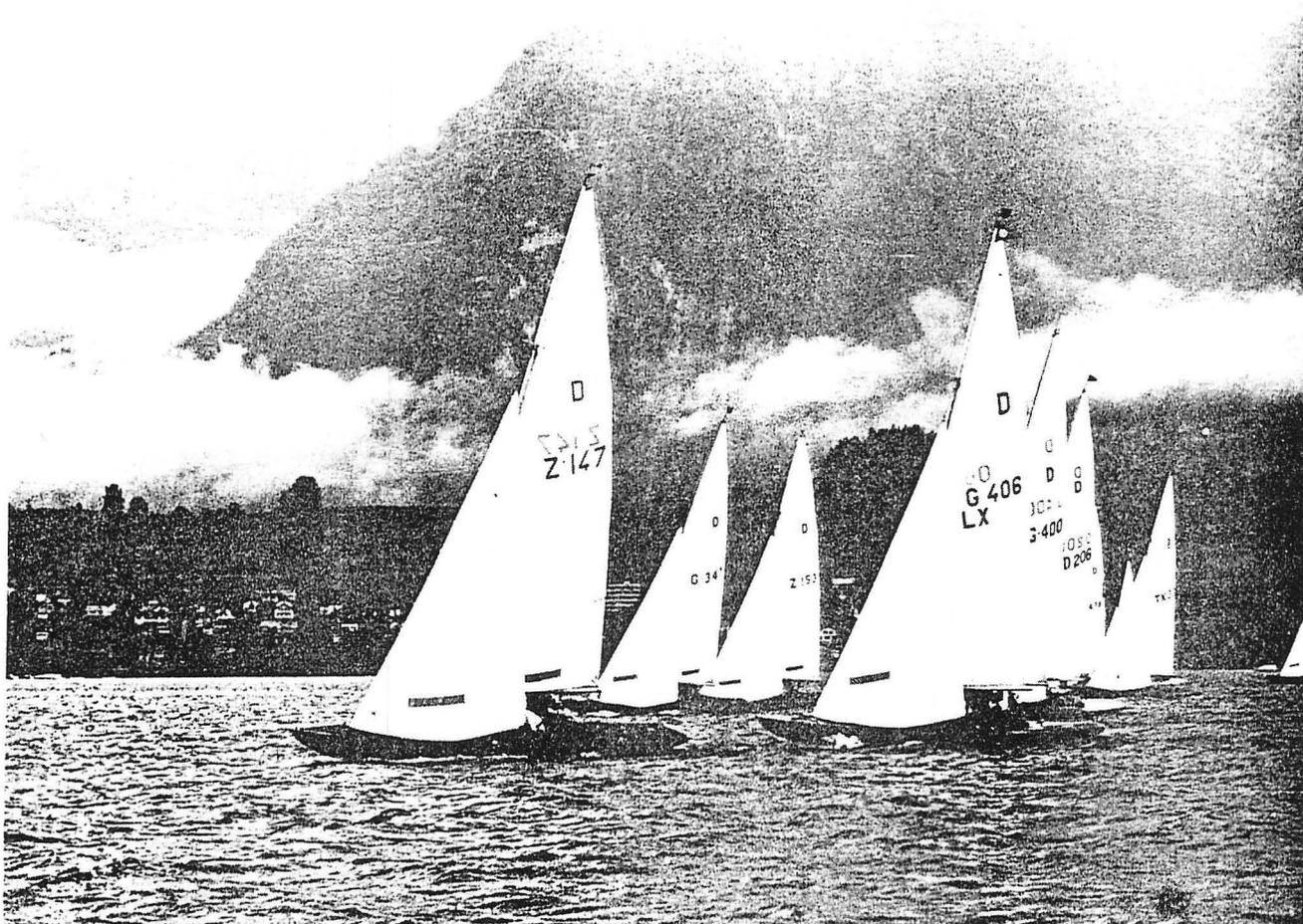


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1977 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP



The World Championship and the Jungfrau races were sailed in very light to medium winds, except for the second race with winds of 25 mph. There was difficulty and sometimes uncertainty that the required five races were going to be sailed due to lack of winds for several days. During the World Championships, about twelve races were started and only six completed. The six races were abandoned due to massive wind shifts over 60 to 180 degrees, or to the wind dying after starts, usually two or three legs into the races.

Forty-one Dragons from fifteen countries entered these series, including 3 from the U.S. and 2 from Canada. (cont. p. 2)

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (cont.)

The practice series (Jungfrau Trophy) was one practice race, with the following results for the first five boats which were awarded prizes:

- 1 - Herrman, G 508, Germany
- 2 - Koch, G 400, Germany
- 3 - Trub, Z 181, Switzerland
- 4 - Geissel, LX 406, Luxemborg
- 5 - Godsil, US 263, United States

Other Canadian and U.S. entries finished the Jungfrau race as follows:

- 10 - Thiel, KC 119, Vancouver
- 23 - Francisco, US 192, U.S.
- 31 - Lajos, KC 262, (actually from Buffalo area)
- 34 - Godsil, US 233, U.S.

Forty of the entries competed in the Jungfrau race.

The six races of the World Championship were dominated by Harold Ferreberger of Austria, OE 44, sailing "U-2", a wooden Borresen Dragon with an aluminum spar. He probably had an Elvstrom mast. He used North sails, from either W. Germany or the U.S. Connecticut loft. His speed to weather was no greater than the rest of the top boats, but off the wind on runs and reaches, "U-2" had greater speed than any other. Ferreberger had finishes of 1,17,7, 10,1,1. Only five races were counted. The Olympic Scoring system was used.

The second place boat was sailed by Achim "Jimmy" Ulrich, G 414, "Dracula" of the W. German Lake Starnberg fleet (Bavaria). He had a wooden Borresen, Elvstrom mast, and W. German North sails. He had finishes of 9,2,6,1,9,2.

Third place was won by Arthur Wittwer, Z 153, the local champion of Lake Thun. He had a wooden Wirz (Swiss) Dragon and aluminum spar and local sails. He had finishes of 11,1,3,6,DSQ,3.

Any one of the top three or four boats could have won the series in the last race.

Gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded to the skippers and crews of the first three boats. A prize was awarded to tenth place, which was a book about Switzerland. A special prize was donated by a club member to Sandra Godsil and her crew, who were the only complete team of women, which was a tall silver vase. All participants were given a large pottery urn.

The Thunersee Yacht Club had a new clubhouse finished just a few days before the regatta. The food and conveniences were perfect. There were many activities planned, including barbecues, cheese parties, dancing and musical entertainment, (yodelling of course). Due to the lack of wind at times, many enjoyable hours were spent at the club becoming acquainted with the other competitors, or making short tours of the area, including castles.

Martin Godsil finished the series in 11th place; Sandra Godsil in 29th place. Frank Francisco had mechanical problems with his chartered boat, the last being a broken main halyard, and he did not finish the series. Heinz Thiel of Vancouver started the series badly with a DSQ in each of the first two races, and he also eventually did not complete the series. Tom Lajos finished the series in 30th place.

The Forty-one Dragons entered in the series were:

<u>Country</u>	<u>No. of Entries</u>
Australia	2
Austria	1
Belgium	3
Canada	2
Denmark	3
France	1
Germany	9
Great Britain	2
Hungary	1
Luxemburg	1
Netherland	1
Sweden	3
Switzerland	7
Turkey	2
U.S.A.	3

NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP 1976

The 1976 North American Championship was held on English Bay, sponsored by the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club in the last week of August. The series was notable for three things: strong tidal currents, light winds, and excellent organization by the Vancouver Dragon fleet. The series consisted of 5 races with a total of 27 boats on the starting line for each race. There were 2 boats from the California fleet - US 232 and US 255; and 2 from the Great Lakes - Mike Mahar's US 256 from Cleveland and Sir Gordon McHaffie's KC 98 from Toronto. The series was won by Martin Godsil, sailing a fiberglass boat from his own mold, US 260, SPECTRE. Second was Bob Burgess, KC 118, MISTRAL, and in third place was Arvid Berg, US 212, PHENIX.

The first 7 boats were eligible to represent the United States in the 1977 World Championship to be held in Switzerland in July. (Results of the World's are printed on the first page.)

Following are the first 10 finishing boats for '76 and their scores:

- 1 - US 260 - SPECTRE - 40 pts.
Martin Godsil
- 2 - KC 118 - MISTRAL - 53.7 pts.
Bob Burgess
- 3 - US 212 - PHENIX - 62.7 pts.
Arvid Berg
- 4 - US 192 - PUFF - 63 pts.
Frank Francisco
- 5 - US 232 - GAY LADY - 63.4 pts.
Clark Smith
- 6 - US 259 - INTRIGUE - 67 pts.
Herman Lax
- 7 - US 119 - SPIRIT - 70 pts.
Heinz Thiel
- 8 - KC 98 - VIKING - 72.7 pts.
Sir Gordon McHaffie
- 9 - US 241 - BODACIOUS - 81 pts.
Tom and Cappy Neu
- 10 - US 255 - LORELEI - 83.7 pts.
Bill Craig

DUKE OF EDINBURGH CHAMPIONSHIP 1976

The Duke of Edinburgh Championship preceded the North American Championships. It was also sponsored by the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, and everything said about the N. A. Championship can be said about the Duke series. The series consisted of 4 races with 26 boats on the starting line. First place was won by Bob Burgess, sailing KC 118, MISTRAL; second was Martin Godsil, US 260, SPECTRE; and third place belonged to Arvid Berg, US 212, PHENIX.

Following are the first 10 finishers:

- 1 - KC 118 - MISTRAL - 23.7 pts.
Bob Burgess
- 2 - US 260 - SPECTRE - 34.7 pts.
Martin Godsil
- 3 - US 212 - PHENIX - 43 pts.
Arvid Berg
- 4 - US 259 - INTRIGUE - 44.7 pts.
Herman Lax
- 5 - KC 119 - SPIRIT - 45 pts.
Heinz Thiel
- 6 - KC 116 - LOTUS EATER - 46 pts.
Ken Rorison
- 7 - US 241 - BODACIOUS - 53.7 pts.
Tom and Cappy Neu
- 8 - US 232 - GAY LADY - 54 pts.
Clark Smith
- 9 - KC 120 - GEFION - 56.7 pts.
Paul Pedersen
- 10 - US 238 - QUICKSILVER - 62.7 pts.
Jean Fraley

1977 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP &
1977 DUKE OF EDINBURGH CHAMPIONSHIP

Both series will be sponsored by the Prince Edward Yacht Club, Picton, Ontario. They will be sailed on the Bay of Quinte, Lake Ontario, August 14-20. Particulars have already been mailed and should have been received by now. See the Canadian insert for more details.

PACIFIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIP 1977

Corinthian Yacht Club sponsored the 1977 Pacific Coast Championships during the Fourth of July weekend. The five race series was held off Shilshole Bay in Puget Sound. There were fifteen Dragons on the line for the start, five of them from the Vancouver fleet. The series was sailed in some of the most severe tide conditions of the year. Each day provided a fifteen foot tidal flow. The winds were generally good in the range of 5 to 15, except for some drifting conditions in the first race and in a scheduled sixth race. The sixth race was finally cancelled after a four hour floating "baseball game" (one of the regatta high-lights). Arvid Berg sailing US 212, PHENIX, was first, followed by Jean Fraley, US 238, QUICKSILVER, second, and Rob Wilcox, US 242, ELAN, in third place.

Following are the first ten finishers:

- 1 - US 212 - PHENIX - 9-3/4 pts.
Arvid Berg
- 2 - US 238 - QUICKSILVER - 12-3/4
Jean Fraley pts.
- 3 - US 242 - ELAN - 14 pts.
Rob Wilcox
- 4 - KC 120 - GEFION - 17 pts.
Paul Pedersen
- 5 - US 259 - INTRIGUE - 21-1/2 pts.
Herman Lax
- 6 - US 244 - CAPRICE - 22 pts.
Ed Morgan
- 7 - US 169 - NATIVE AMERICAN - 27
Ted Schultz pts.
- 8 - KC 121 - SPECTRE - 33 pts.
Bogey Merrit
- 9 - KC 72 - ARUNDEL - 40 pts.
John Howard-Gibbon
- 10 - US 13 - RELUCTANT - 40 pts.
Donald Brown

PACIFIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIP 1976

The '76 Championship was held at the Santa Barbara Yacht Club during the Memorial Day holiday.

There was a total of nine boats entered, including KC 118, MISTRAL, which Bob Burgess trailered from Vancouver and US 260, SPECTRE, which Marty Godsil brought from Seattle. A second Vancouver sailor Paul Pedersen, purchased US 254, JUANA, renamed it GEFION, and sailed it as KC 120.

The winds were very light (0 to 8 knots) and shifty (180°!!!). Added to the ocean swells, the sailing tested everyone's concentration ability. The series was won by Noel Cooke sailing US 231, WILLIWAW.

Following are the results:

- 1 - US 231 - WILLIWAW - 14.7 pts.
Noel Cooke
- 2 - US 260 - SPECTRE - 16.7 pts.
Martin Godsil
- 3 - US 232 - GAY LADY - 20.4 pts.
Clark Smith
- 4 - KC 118 - MISTRAL - 22 pts.
Bob Burgess
- 5 - US 98 - TIAMAT - 27.7 pts.
H. Singer
- 6 - US 255 - LORELEI - 41.4 pts.
Bill Craig
- 7 - US 170 - DE JA VU - 46 pts.
Pat Kueny
- 8 - KC 120 - GEFION - 48.7 pts.
Paul Pedersen
- 9 - US 138 - VALKYRIE - 52 pts.
Ken Hoesterey

AREA FLEET NEWS:

PUGET SOUND - SEATTLE

1976 was the "Year of the Dragon" and the Seattle fleet celebrated with a rigorous racing schedule and some fantastic parties. Five new boats were added to the fleet, several older boats were imported from other areas, and three new fiberglass Dragons are now being built.

Fleet racing is very intense, and the season is getting longer - some boats race from the second week in January to the first week in December. In 1976 the Dragon fleet raced as a class in over 75 races.

Women are active skippers in the Dragon fleet. They hold their own Thursday evening series and enter open competition as well. Sandra Godsil, last year's C-Mates president, races her Dragon with an all girl crew and will be competing in the Dragon Worlds in Switzerland this year with her female crew.

The party schedule is almost as rigorous as the racing schedule for the Dragon fleet. Regular pizza and beer postmortems are held at the "Attic" and are interspersed by such major events as Opening Day bashes, goat roasts, salmon bakes and moving celebrations. The new year began with the fleet out on January 1 at Shilshole to help Marty Godsil drink hot buttered rums and christen and launch "Target" - his newest fiberglass Dragon, US 263. Carol and Jean Fraley (a two-Dragon family) hosted the fleet Christmas party. Traditionally, at this year-end party, recognition is given for the year's best sailors. Based upon the results of participation in at least 75% of the season's scheduled races, the 1976 Dragon fleet Season Overall champions were Hermann Lax, first; Thomas Neu, second; Arvid Berg, third; and Jean Fraley, fourth. Carol Hyde, sailing US 244 CAPRICE, won top honors amongst the women skippers and received the coveted "Dragon Lady" trophy.

The Seattle Dragon fleet held a series of weekend regattas throughout the racing season. The May 14 and 15 Spring Olympic regatta, consisting of three races, was won by Marty Godsil in SPECTRE. The fleet used a rabbit start in this series which proved successful especially for fleets wanting to run their own race series. The five race series results were M. Godsil first, Neu second, Lax third. The May 28-29 Leschi Invitational regatta consisted of six races and was won by Lax in INTRIGUE with Arvid Berg in PHOENIX placing second. The July 1-4 PIYA Dragon Invitational also known as the beer can regatta was won by M. Godsil in SPECTRE. Bob Burgess in MISTRAL placed second. Heinz Thiel sailing SPIRIT placed third. Arvid

Berg in PHOENIX won the September Fleet Championship series consisting of six races on an Olympic course on Lake Washington. Herman Lax in INTRIGUE came in second. This year three Seattle teams will represent the U.S. at the 1977 European Championship and World Championship regattas held on Lake Thun, Switzerland. Skippers Martin Godsil, Frank Francisco and Sandra Godsil have earned spots on the U.S. team.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA - SANTA BARBARA

There have been a lot of changes of ownership in the Santa Barbara fleet this year but so far it has only lost one Dragon, that being Wigley's to Pedersen in Vancouver. Bill Painter sold his WILLIWAU, US 231, to Dirk Freeland and Pat Kueney sold WANNI, US 170, to a new local owner whose name we don't have. We have three other boats in process of restoration and hope to see them on the race course soon. Our fleet championship has not been decided as yet, but it is felt that Clark Smith's GAY LADY, US 232, will win it. Noel Cook, sailing WILLIWAU, won the Pacific Championship (Anker Cup) and Bill Craig, LORELEI, US 255, won the Fourth of July Semana Nautica Series.

GREAT LAKES - ROCHESTER

ONE OF A KIND REGATTA:

O.E. Schupp trailered and sailed his Dragon in Yachting Magazine's OOAK held in June at Lake Carlyle, Illinois. The Dragon did not do too well - seventh out of seven boats. However, O.E. was sailing against John Kolius in SOLING, who finished first; Bill Cox, Jr., TEMPEST, 2nd; Peter Wright, STAR, 3rd; Dick Stearns, ETCHELLS, 4th; Hans Fogh, DYAS, 5th; and Jay Moser, 110, 6th. As you can see, the competition was far above the class of the usual friendly weekend regatta.

Dragon Fleet Captains:

Re: DRAGON NEWSLETTER

Jean Fraley and I recently reviewed the problems associated with issuance of the Dragon Newsletter. At present, most of the problems are associated with the fact that the AIDA membership is relatively small, (40 paid members in 1976), and the number of members inclined to support a newsletter with articles, news items, etc. is even smaller.

It is important that newsletters be issued, first to keep the membership informed of matters concerning the Dragon Class, such as rule changes, important meetings, and for reporting of regatta schedules. The Dragon Newsletter acts as a vehicle to draw the membership together. Finally, the periodic issuance of the official class publication is a positive sign that a viable class organization exists, a factor that is critically important when attracting new members to the Dragon Class.

While the responsibility of issuing a newsletter belongs to the Class Secretary, the responsibility for submission of articles, regatta schedules and race and regatta results belongs to the Fleet Captains and Regatta Chairman. With the current small AIDA membership, it is important that all fleets report their racing results and that all regatta results be reported.

It is planned that The Dragon Newsletter will be issued in the Spring and Fall, about April 1 and December 1, with the Spring issue listing regattas and events for the following season, and fleet racing results of the previous season, rule changes, etc. The winter issue will contain regatta results, proposed rule changes and nominations for class officers. Contributions for these newsletters should be received by the Class Secretary, Jean Fraley, by March 1 and November 1.

I feel the AIDA Newsletter is important to the Class' growing and perhaps surviving. As a result, it

deserves the special efforts by all of us which can make it successful.

Very truly yours,

O. E. Schupp/AIDA Commodore

I.D.A. ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes from the meeting held November, 1976 are enclosed with this newsletter. Included with the minutes is a list of the 1977 regattas.

I.D.A. MEETING JULY '76

Minutes from the meeting held a year ago, July '76, are enclosed.

Since the newsletter was not published last December, I'm enclosing these so that everyone can be kept up-to-date on past developments.

OFFICIAL RULE UPDATE

Enclosed are copies of rule interpretation as approved by the I.Y.R.U. in November '76.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Each district should, by December 1st, 1977, elect its Vice Commodore for 1978. (A district shall be composed of either a fleet having 10 or more active boats, or 4 or more fleets, none of which are within the confines of another district. At the present time this would mean that the Great Lakes, Puget Sound, and Southern California would qualify as "Districts".) It is requested that the name of the Vice Commodore elected for 1978 be forwarded to AIDA.

The Constitution provides that nominations should be made by letter to the Secretary by or before November 30, each year for the offices of Commodore, Sec./Treas. and Measurer. The term for Commodore is one year or until his successor is elected. The Sec./Treas. and Measurer are elected for an indefinite term at the pleasure of the active (dues paying) membership.