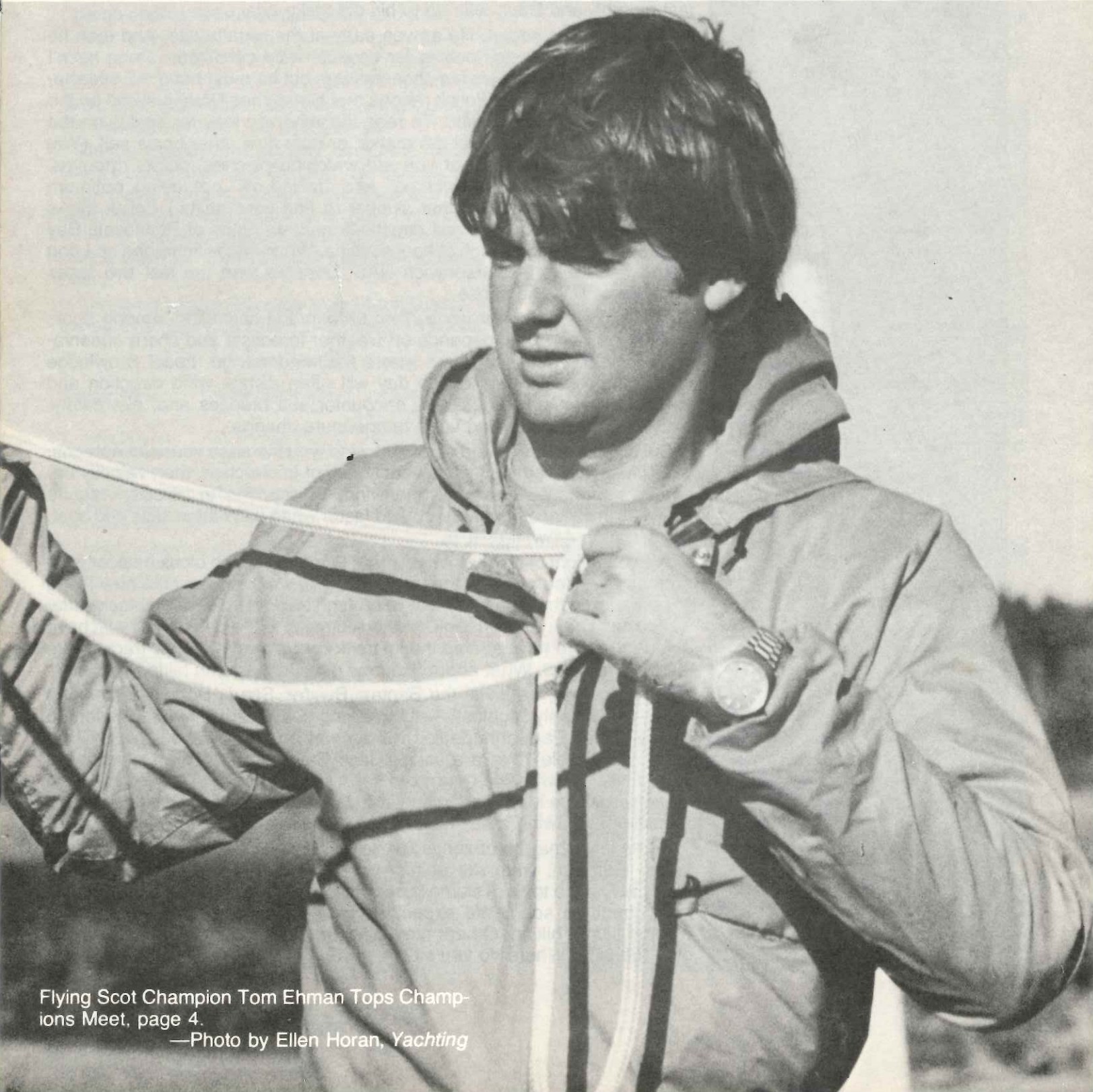


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Editor Sez:

Wind Still Key Factor

A national championship always seems to reinforce what we already know: the most important element in a sailboat race continues to be the wind. Where's the wind coming from? . . . going? And at what velocity?

When wind comes in small supply, the wind-sniffers really perform best. Doug Sansom, one of the old men in the Flying Scot youth movement because he is closer to 25 than 18, ranks already as one of the better wind-smellers. Doug finished fourth in the North American Championships in North Carolina (we had it right in the standings, but incorrect in the copy last month), and Doug was up to his old tricks again.

Here's Doug's secret. He arrives early at the regatta site. And then he sails all over the pond, looking for unusual wind conditions. Doug hasn't confided where he stores his observations, but he must have the information in his head. Buddy Pollak reports that sometimes Doug just sits on the shore and watches the wind. To read the wind you look for ripples on the water, or watch the flags at the marks, or note how other boats sail. (You have to know if the skipper you are watching pinches, points, grooves, foats, or falls off—the "pinching" and "falling-off" not being optimum sailing—to depend on another skipper to find wind shifts.) Pollak thinks Sansom scoped out the wind directions and strengths of Pensacola Bay before he received his high school diploma. When winds lightened on Long Island Sound, at the Greenwich NAC, Sansom won the last two races because of his wind sense.

As reported in the last issue, Tom Ehman, the champion, among Scots and other champions, depends on weather forecasts and shore observations to make guesses about where the wind will go. Local knowledge always helps. And time of the day will often dictate wind direction and velocity, particularly where you encounter sea breezes and, alternately, land breezes—depending upon temperature change.

So, if you can smell wind or predict wind, you increase your percentages. But, when wind remains somewhat constant in direction, then velocity becomes important. "Flaws" in the wind, or changes in velocity, require changes in sail and boat trim. You go faster when you flatten sails and boat. Hiking helps. Now, let's fuss.

We won't fight over whether you should move your jib block back or forth on the track. You can saw the track off, if you want to follow the new ruling announced by the measurer. Leave enough track to hold the jib block—that is, you can't nail, staple or bolt the block directly to the deck. You must have some track. We have settled the jib track controversy. Shorter tracks won. On to other wars. What about this new question: "slump hiking?"

In one corner, we invite the Bantam Builder, Sandy Douglass, to say a word—predictably "against"—slump hiking. Orthopedics may also want to offer a word. Para-orthopedics will be welcomed (because they will be more reasonable). We are asking Jack Bateman from the University of Hawaii, a crew who didn't slump, to say a round, or two. In the slump hiking corner, we invite Marc Eagan and company to tell us how. Don't just take a ringside seat, swing a haymaker or two yourself. Write.

Some lakes may be frozen, so while you sit around the hot stove, or bask in the Gulf sun, write the editor your opinion. Enjoin now. Your editor predicts that the topic of slump hiking will be before the governors' rulemaking committee soon. We expect a few Scot skippers will be standing against slump hiking. Others may lean, or sag, in favor of putting an end over the side. Where do you sit?

—DICK ELAM

Douglas Takes Junior Nationals

By DEBBIE PETERSON

Fort Walton Beach, Fla.—Mike Douglas of Panama City, Fla. and his crew, Mark Caraher and Billy Mason sailed a steady 3—2—1 series to win the 1976 Flying Scot Sailing Association Junior North American Championship held on October 23 and 24.

The series was hosted by the Fort Walton Yacht Club in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. and sailed on Choctahatchee Bay. Ten boats competed in this three race event that was sailed under Sears Cup rules. All of the Scots were from the Gulf District.

Randy Santa Cruz of Bay St. Louis, Miss. and Dwight LaBlanc of New Orleans, La. took second and third place honors, respectively. Santa Cruz, with John Gordon and Dennis Stiefel crewing, had 1—4—2 finishes. LaBlanc had a 2—1—6 series, and sailing with him were Conrad Kuebel and Beau LaBlanc.

The wind for the first race was 14 to 20 plus, while the second race was sailed in a steady 13 knots. The

last race was held in winds of 8 to 10.

Douglas received the John C. Jones, Jr., Memorial Trophy donated by John C. Jones, III, of Brookline, Mass., in memory of his father. Silver was awarded through fifth place.

The 1977 Junior NAC is scheduled at the same time and location as the North American Championship series. Juniors will sail Aug. 13-14 on Lake Charlevoix, Mich., prior to the NAC, Aug. 15-19.



Mike Douglas (r) juggles first place silver awarded him as top skipper in the 1976 Flying Scot Junior North American Championship. Mark Caraher (l) and Billy Mason (c) hold crew trophies.

Final Standings						
Skipper/Crew	Yacht Club/Home	Races			Total	
		#1	#2	#3		
1. Mike Douglas Mark Caraher Billy Mason	St. Andrews Bay YC Panama City, FL	3	2	1	5 3/4	
2. Randy Santa Cruz John Gordon Dennis Stiefel	Bay Waveland YC Bay St. Louis, MS	1	4	2	6 3/4	
3. Dwight LaBlanc Conrad Kuebel Beau LaBlanc	Southern YC New Orleans, LA	2	1	6	9 3/4	
4. Jerry Dees Dale Crow Fritz Ingraham	Fairhope YC Fairhope, AL	5	7	3	15	
5. Gordon Boh Edgar Santa Cruz Kelly O'Brien	Southern YC New Orleans, LA	7	5	4	16	
6. Mike Johnson Jr. Jan Johnson Mark McQuillen	Ft. Walton YC Ft. Walton Bch., FL	4	9	5	18	
7. Mimi Johnson Andy Register David Marcus	Ft. Walton YC Ft. Walton Bch., FL	9	6	7	22	
8. Roland Mestayer Ed Abbey Elliot Mestayer	Singing River YC Pascagoula, MS	8	3	DSQ	22	
9. John O'Brien Mike Zern David Brown	Ft. Walton YC Ft. Walton Bch., FL	6	8	8	22	
10. Darrell Robinson Allen O'Neal Jay Morrow	Grand Lagoon YC Pensacola, FL	DNS	10	9	30	



Starter John Clark busily checks his shells while FSSA Commodore Buddy Pollak visits with regatta reporter Terry Dees, of Fairhope, Ala. Pollak and Treasurer Mike Johnson worked diligently to assure the competition's being held this year.

Ehman Wins Champions Meet

The second Champion of Champions regatta was sailed in Y Flyers on Carlyle Lake 60 miles east of St. Louis, sponsored by USYRU, Y Flyer Asso. and Carlyle Lake Sailing Asso.

The weather was clear, very cool and windy, most races having 12-14 mph winds sometimes gusting to 20. Race courses and Race Committee were excellent.

Tom Ehman, FSSA National Champion, won convincingly with a final score of 12.4; second was Paul Wells, Contender champion, with 27.7; third was Gordy Bowers, E Scow champion, with 30.4. A low point Olympic scoring system was used.

Ehman retired from the first race after being first at the windward mark in spite of a broken jib halyard which occurred 200 feet from the mark. In the following races he finished 1—5—2—1—3. The judges awarded him a finish place in the first race equal to his average position in the last five, the same consideration given to other contestants who suffered equipment failure.

The Y Flyer boats sustained broken masts and a few other breakdowns even as the Scots last March, but Dave Miller, Y Flyer President, and his boat committee did an excellent job of keeping the champions sailing.



Tom Ehman and crew Major Hall of Yacht Racing topped the field of 20 one-design champions, Oct. 14-17, Lake Carlyle, Ill.

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Secretary Sez: Scot Fleets at 126; Midwinters Scheduled

By HAL MARCUS

I want to express thanks from the Flying Scot Sailing Asso. to Debbie Peterson (FS 1849) for the work she has performed this year. Debbie serves as National Publicity Chairman and has been securing Flying Scot publicity in the national sailing magazines.

Debbie has a knack for covering items which interest national magazines. She covered major FSSA regattas in 1976, and releases were sent to all magazines. If your favorite magazine has not covered a major FSSA sailing event, please notify your FSSA office, so we can track down the reason.

FLEETS NOW NUMBER 126

We are very happy to announce the formation of two new Flying Scot Fleets. Fleet 125, located in Livingston, New Jersey, sails on Lake Hopatcong. Charter Captain is Norton Friedman (FS 2625), and the Charter Secretary is Phil Friedman.

Fleet 126, chartered to the Oak Hollow Yacht Club in High Point, NC, will be sailing Oak Hollow Lake. Roy Bolyard, Jr., (FS 2408) has been elected Charter Captain, and Ed Wrenn (FS 2520) serves as Secretary. We congratulate both new fleets.

MYSTERY SCOT DISCOVERED

Our outstanding Mystery Scot spotter, Gerrie Becker (FS 1200) did it again. Gerrie reports that Mystery Scot 1735 is owned by Jack Lynch of 1545 Beechwood Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15217. Lynch, Pittsburgh councilman, is running for mayor in the 1977 primaries.

Gerrie's reward for finding the Mystery Scot is an official FSSA pocket emblem. When we receive Lynch's membership, Gerrie will receive another FSSA lapel pin. We do not know what she is doing with all the pins she has received for discovering "Mystery Scots."

We still have 39 Mystery Scots listed, which should give you plenty to work on this month.

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1977 DUES ARE DUE

You have been mailed dues notice for the 1977 sailing season along with a 1977 membership application blank. Complete and return to your FSSA office with your check as soon as possible. Remember that

our 1977 Roster will go to print no later than March 1, 1977. We must receive your dues if you want to be listed in the membership roster.

If you have sold your Scot, complete the information on the dues notice with the new owners name and address. We will contact the new owner about FSSA membership.

1977 MIDWINTERS

Included in this issue are Midwinters Regatta registration forms for St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club in Panama City, Fla. and bedroom reservations at the Holiday Inn. Send your regatta form to Allen Douglas, Regatta Chairman in Panama City. Send your bedroom reservation form to the FSSA office, Pensacola. We have 60 rooms blocked this year.

Douglas advises that "silver" will be awarded for the first seven places in each division. Also, the winner of each race will receive a trophy in each division. St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club is able to keep our registration fee at \$15, same as last year, and promises a cocktail party on Friday night and a dance on Saturday night.

There will be a change this year. No late registrations will be allowed on Saturday to sail in the Challenger Division. You have to start sailing Thursday in the elimination series to be able to sail on Saturday and Sunday.

Happy Holiday

We wish everyone a very happy holiday season, and a healthy and prosperous new year.

Regatta Schedule

Feb. 26-27—Flying Scot Midwinter Warm-Up series, Pensacola Yacht Club, Pensacola, Fla.

Mar. 3-6—1977 Flying Scot Midwinter Championship, St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club, Panama City, Fla.

Aug. 13-14—FSSA Junior NAC, Lake Charlevoix, Michigan

Aug. 15-19—FSSA North American Championship, Lake Charlevoix, Michigan

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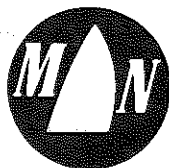
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Blonski Tops in Ohio

Paul Blonski won the Ohio District Championship sailing against twenty-five other Flying Scots on Maumee Bay in Toledo, Ohio.

Two races were sailed on Saturday afternoon with winds in the 10 to 15 knot range. In the first race Blonski finished first, followed by Jack Seifrick and Ken Schmidt. Seifrick won the second race, followed by Blonski and Jack Seifrick, Jr. This set the stage for Sunday's race, which was won by Bob Edwards. Blonski and Seifrick traded places several times before Paul pulled ahead on the run to finish second and win the Championship.

Finishers were: 1. Blonski, 2. Seifrick, 3. Edwards, 4. Seifrick, Jr., 5. Schmidt, 6. Huling, 7. MacKenzie, 8. Baugher, 9. Robinson, and 10. Horein.

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MARCH 3-6

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Junior Midwinters Set For FYC on Jan. 15-16

The 1977 Junior Midwinters will be held on January 15-16 in conjunction with Gulf Yachting Asso. business meeting. The regatta will be sailed on Mobile Bay, out of the Fairhope Yacht Club in Fairhope, Ala.

There will be two races Saturday, the 15th, and one on Sunday. Two divisions will sail—the junior-junior, ages 13-16, and senior-junior, ages 17-21.

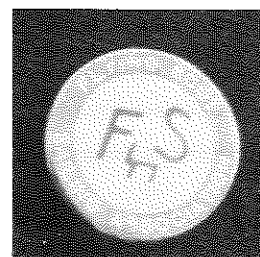
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On Outstanding Fleet Competition

Governors Seek Advice

During the recent North American Championship at Lake Norman, NC, the Board of Governors approved, in principle, a proposed fleet competition program to name an "outstanding fleet" for each district each year.

A list of factors to consider will help the District Governor to come up with his recommendation. The final decision would be made by an appointed national committee, who would then designate the "fleet of the year" if one was worthy of that designation.

All the District Governors have been asked to comment on this program. The potential factors currently being considered for determining the "outstanding fleet" are as follows:

1. Longevity of fleet—continuing to exist gives stability to FSSA. One point for each year—up to 8 points.

2. Size of fleet—large fleets provide backbone of FSSA plus this consideration must be made since percentage factors used below strongly favor small fleets. One point for each 5 members up to 8 points.

3. Percentage growth during year. One point for each 10% increase up to 8 points.

4. Percentage & Actual participation in District Regattas. Host fleet excluded. Will get recognition in item #10. One point for each 10% plus one point for each participant up to 5 points.

5. Percentage & Actual participation in National Regattas. Host fleet excluded. One point for each 5% plus one point for each participant up to 8 points.

6. Percentage & Actual participation in Local Races. One point for each 10% over 50% plus one point for each 5 boats which sailed in over half the Races held locally. Up to 8 points.

7. Is Flying Scot used in Junior Program? Five points if used in Junior Program.

8. Number of fleet reports and articles submitted for Scots N' Water. One point for each fleet report plus 3 points for each article up to 7 points.

9. Local Publicity—number of articles in local paper. One point for each article up to 8 points.

10. Hosting a National or District Regatta. 20 points for North American Championship; 10 points for District Regional or Midwinter's.

11. Support of National efforts of FSSA such as sponsoring and offering boats for competitions of Malory Cup, Adams Cup, Sears Cup, etc. Does not include NAC, Regionals or Districts. 2 points for each event plus one point for each 5 boats loaned. Up to 5 points.

12. Creative ideas that develop fleet membership, i.e.; parties, cruises, etc. Up to 5 points—weighed by Committee.

13. Participation in National Regattas for last three years. 5 points if fleet was represented at last 3 National Regattas.

14. Percentage of local Scots who are fully paid up members of FSSA and legal Fleet members. 10 points for 100%; 5 points for over 95%.

15. Other factors not included in the previous list, but felt to be of importance. Up to 10 points—Weighed by National Committee.

Comments from our members are encouraged. If you have any suggestions, please write me at the address shown on Page 2 of Scots n' Water.

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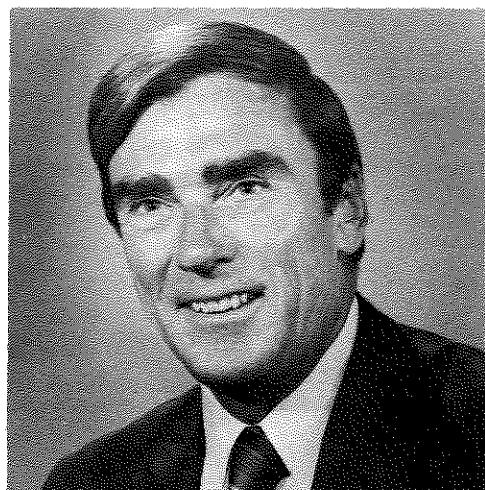
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