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On the Cover: Nicklas Dees, helping Dad, Jerry Dees and grandmother, Granny Dees tie up the boat at the 1997 NAC. (photo by Betty S.)

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You Might be a Flying Scot Nut if...

- You consider marrying someone because her father owns a Flying
- You know your combined weight is perfect for the Flying Scot Nationals.
- You get married at the Midwinters.
- The bartender at the Best Western in Panama City knows what you drink and personally greets you when you arrive at the Midwinters.
- You sign all your correspondence with FS and your boat number.
- Your idea of family planning is having a baby in time for your wife to return as crew.
- At the end of the summer racing series, you return home and your child asks you if you are their "Daddy."
- You have a license plate in front or back that says FS and then your number.
- You put off a divorce because you can't think of your boat being cut into two pieces.
- Your idea of a "good" date is to have her help wet sand the bottom of your boat.
- Your stack of Scots'n Water become an end table and it is taller than your children.
- Your cat's name is "Harken" and the dog comes to "Hike".
- Your children just know how to count backwards.
- The third bay of your garage has a hoist.

- You give your wife hiking pants for her birthday.
- Your wife has told you to stop wet sanding the centerboard so she can take a bath.
- When you get called at work because of a family disaster, your first thought is that a tree fell on your boat.
- At a neighborhood toga party, you can outfit all the neighbors with old jibs and mains.
- You play the lottery by using your sail numbers.
- Your idea of eating out is going to an away regatta.
- A family vacation always centers around reaattas.
- You purchase a car or van solely on its towing power and matching color scheme of your
- Your wife and children call you FS Skipper.
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- You don't know your closest friends names but you do know their boat numbers.
- The year that the major events In your life can be recalled are by recalling where the Nationals were that year.
- You know exactly how many scoops of a two gallon pail it takes to empty a swamped Flyina Scot.

- You bought a boat for your son so he would go away on the weekends.
- You look at your daughter's dates as crew possibilities.
- You have the home phone numbers of all the people that work at Flying Scot, Inc.
- You have the Class secretary and the Chief Measurer's work and home numbers on your speed dial.
- Your centerboard is autographed by all the crew that have stood on it.
- You have asked your wife to take public transportation since you have decided not to repair her car and to buy a new boat.
- Your club or fleet dues have risen so much that you have to give up food.
- You refuse to go anywhere without the boat behind your vehicle.
- When you hear the words, "shift, line, bottom, start, flag, time or committee", you think only of
- You only see your parents if they come to your lake.
- Your neighbors think you are a Flyina Scot salesperson.
- You are listening to the weather forecast and hear the word "Sunshine" and you think of the Scots'n Water editor. (At that time I wish you would sit down and write something to mel)

(Idea and some lines were borrowed from Grea Geiger as seen in "Bagpipes.")

Letters to the Editor

Tread with interest the article in the Nov/Dec issue of Scots'n Water by Bill Langlois entitled. "A Boarding Ladder That Works." When my crew of Paula, Don Pell, and I were approaching the finish of the second race of the 1997 Midwinters, we tacked. As I moved to the opposite side I stepped on the spinnaker pole and fell loosing the tiller. In the strong wind the Scot went over. We righted it quickly but because of the weight of the jackets and clothing we could not reboard until a crash boat came to our assistance.

After suffering a DNF we came up with a simple idea that is effective. We put a snap shackle on each end of the required stern lines. If the boat ever goes over, both stern lines are put in the same ring to make a step in the loop thus formed. The step raises you up as high as the stern deck but without anything to grasp, it is somewhat difficult to haul yourself forward to the cockpit. A knotted rope fastened to the cockpit coaming and left on the stern deck would help.

John R. Stanley

Then my son and I bought Flying Scot #2214 (used) in 1993, we were not given any operating manual or guide. When we joined FSSA we hoped that we might be supplied with some compilation of useful information regarding the maintenance, rigging, and sailing of the Flying Scots. Apparently that is not included in the membership.

However, reading Scots'n Water I hear that Gordon Douglass refers to a publications called "Highlights of Scots'n Water." Is this publication currently available. and if so, where and for how much? Has it been periodically updated?

Any information you can supply will be appreciated.

Editor's Reply: After many years and much research, I am able to answer your question. Sandy Douglass wrote rigging articles and many other topics when he was editor of Scots'n Water. These articles provided information to new owners about their boats. When other editors fell short of material they asked Sandy to write an article on these topics.

From time to time, there were issues of Scots'n Water that were called "Highlights." These seem to be copies of Sandy's writings and other Flying Scot sailors. All of these were extremely helpful to new owners. In 1970, there was a soft covered booklet published by Gordon Douglass Boat Company and the Flying Scot Association. It covered everything from how to rig a boat, how to be a good crew, go fast techniques, changes in rigging, how to restore a boat or fix damage, etc. These were sold in 1970. The Association is lucky to have one copy. From time to time I have published articles that were in these publications.

The present board has persuaded Steve Brammer to read all back issues of Scots'n Water and the published "Highlights" to gather possible articles for a new addition of "Highlights," My understanding is that he has practically spent the entire winter on this project and is coming to the Midwinters in March to discuss the selected articles that have been updated and the publishing of the 1998 Highlights.

I do not have a time table or price at this time, but I can assure you as soon as it is available we will let you know. I would be interested to see how many people would like to have a copy of this publication.

T am including a check for renewal of my membership for the coming year, **■** however, I do so with considerable misgivings which I will attempt to expand upon. For me, the magazine, while somewhat interesting, could have a bit more interest if things were slanted to appeal Philip Olfelt to those of us who do not belong to an established fleet -- because there is not one in the area -- and who know nothing about racing. I realize that devotion of the entire magazine to this would not be practical, as it needs to be an organ for the experienced racer: however, if you hope to continue to grow and attract

those of us who know next to nothing about racing, some portion of the magazine must be devoted to our education and introduction to competition.

I have been sailing for most of my life, but never raced. I have owned large cruising sailboats, and done a considerable amount of ocean sailing, but know literally nothing about racing. Accordingly, I am renewing my membership for the coming year, in the hope that something like this will come to pass in the direction of the magazine. All I see that I have done for the past year is purchase a very expensive and limited use magazine.

In this area, I will note that two people with a significant amount of racing experience, Tom Lawton and Whit Kendall, are trying to establish a sailing and racing program in the Atlanta area.

> Harry G. Ballance, Jr. FS #2441, "Tinkerbell"

Editor's Reply: Thank you for your letter, I could not agree more with your ideas! I really wish more people, such as yourself would write to me about the experiences you have with your Flying Scot. When we did the questionnaire for the 40th Anniversary issue, I did hear from quite a few non-racers and non-fleet people. I was encouraged, however, it's lonely not hearing from people since then. Only about 25% of the owners of Flying Scots race...Where is everyone? What are you doing to enjoy your boat? Now that it is too cold most places in the US to sail..there is plenty of time to write to me: P.O. Box 617, Champaign, IL 61824 or email: Hartsung@msn.com or GW7Lynne

Please let me know about the sailing program in the Atlanta area...I have a brother and sister-in-law who own a boat ...

lan Pegler is one who dared to follow that faraway drummer. Mr. ✓ Pegler, a jolly man with thick Burnsides whiskers, was the owner of a

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thriving plastics manufacturing company. One morning over breakfast, he read in the London Times that the Flying Scot, the famous crack express train that ran between Edinburgh and London during the late twenties and early thirties, was going to be sold for scrap. He contacted the chief director of the railroad and purchased the majestic old locomotive and its cars before they were destroyed. He then had the entire train immaculately restored to its former glory. Not content to let the train merely sit in a museum, Pegler took the *Flying Scot* on whistlestop tours throughout England and the United States.

Unfortunately, the operation proved exorbitantly costly and drove Pegler into bankruptcy. He was, however, able to donate the Flying Scot to a nonprofit foundation, which currently maintains and operates it for the public. People, young and old, can still thrill to the sounds of a steam locomotive as they are carried through the countryside under a column of black smoke and white steam.

At the bankruptcy hearing, the rather stern judge admonished Pegler: "Your downfall arose from your unbounded enthusiasm for railways. The Flying Scot has been your folly."

Pegler, incredibly cheerful under the circumstances, answered, "Of course, I cannot say that I do not regret losing all my money, my house, my country manor, my villa in Italy, my Bentley and my Volvo, and being left with only what I stand up in. But I do not regret one moment buying the Flying Scot. It was saved and that is worth it all."

Obviously Alan Pegler is my kind of guy. The above is quoted from The Sea Hunters by Clive Cussler and Craig Dirgo published by Simon & Schuster. Others may know, but my guess is that the "famous crack express train" may have been the inspiration to Sandy Douglass for naming the successor to his "Thistle" and "Highlander", the "Flying Scot."

By the way, I highly recommend the above mentioned book to anyone interested in American history and maritime adventure, non fiction.

> Dick Besse FS 4139

Dear Association:

It is not without very mixed emotions that I have decided to sell my Scot and resign from Fleet 95 and the Association after 20 years of campaigning #2576. The sole reason is that there are two Scot fleets in the area and the "other one" ended up with most of the boats. Since I live on the "wrong" lake, it doesn't make much sense to truck my boat across town every weekend. But I do wish them well and a continuing successful venture.

So let me just add: The Scot is a great boat, even if Sandy DID try to convince me that the boom didn't need a mid-boom

block because all you had to do when coming about was face backwards, switch hands on the tiller, and there you were!

So, before I get all teary eyed (20 years with one boat is a long time!), let me just say a fond farewell. And keep up the great work with the Association, Scots'n Water (best newsletter going!) and the wonderful people who make up the world of the Flying Scots.

> Sincerely, Bob Slocum One Time District Governor 3x Midwest District Champion former owner, #2576

FROM YOUR EDITOR

Once again, an explanation of District Highlights:

Each District has a governor and several or many Fleets with Fleet Captains and hopefully members of each Fleet. ONCE every other year, the Flying Scot Class asks you to do a little bit for our magazine. When your District is highlighted, send me something, a picture, a go fast technique, a question about sailing you would like answered, regattas that you have had, places you have cruised, or how you spent a wonderful day sailing in your Scot.

Fleet Captains, get your group together and plan ahead...District Governors, get your Districts ready...make a phone call or send a note to prepare those people who do not read Scots'n Water (maybe they need to join). MAKE AN EFFORT and let me know how things are coming. It puts a big drain on me when nothing comes by the deadline and I have to become the WRITER of Scots'n Water or find someone to send me an article or two. This process makes the magazine late and your Editor gets in trouble. SAVE ME! SAVE ME!

Of course, anytime you can, write to me. You do not have to wait until your District Highlight. I love getting letters and Email (as a side note, I have had some difficulty with MSN from time to time at Hartsung@MSN.com, but it does seem to be working now...however, I have another address also, GW7Lynne@aol.com. Try sending to both) Why not write to me today?

Let me know what you would like to see in Scots'n Water, after all IT IS YOUR MAGAZINE. 🛦

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On Being a Good First Mate

by Ted Himsworth

So this sailing nut with the new Flying Scot comes up to you and asks you to become his first mate -- not just a crew on his boat -- but his second in command -the question that immediately pops into your mind is, "What does he expect of me?"

Here, in brief form, is one skipper's answer to this question. Of all the possible talents that a first mate should possess, perhaps the most important are: enthusiasm, optimism, and a desire to win. The skipper in the course of a race, will experience moments of joy as he passes another boat, followed by moments of deep depression as another boat goes by him. In between he will be full of anxiety and worry. He will be an emotional mess from before the race until he crosses the finish line -- and he needs help. The mental attitude of his first mate can keep him driving all the way, instead of giving up and halfheartedly finishing the course.

As an example of how this can work, let's consider that the skipper has made a tactical boo boo and is now well down in the tank, he is ready to give up. He is depressed. He is thinking about taking up model airplanes for a hobby. The alert first mate, being sensitive to his skipper's moods, says, "Come on, skipper, let's get that blue boat, at least." The skipper accepts this little challenge and goes after the blue boat (the next boat ahead) and is back in the race. As he passes that boat his first mate suggests beating the next boat in line. The race, which had been a total disaster, now becomes fun as the skipper and crew attempt to chew their way up through the fleet, one boat at a time. These little triumphs put the old zing back in the skipper.

The next most important talent that a first mate should possess is willingness to learn -- and this is something that never ends. The beginning F.M. gets the book and studies how to tie a bowline. He or she memorizes the correct names of all the parts of the boat. A good F.M. reads and reads about racing tactics, rules, and techniques. He discusses, with his skipper after each race, what they did wrong of a leopard. His motions are swift and

and how it should have been done. He looks at other boats to see how they are rigged, so that he can make suggestions. He talks to other skippers and crews



about how they do things to find out the best way, so that he can improve his own performance. The important thing is that his mind is always open to ideas that will make his boat more competitive.

Third on the list is, coordination and muscle. Most of the things that a good first mate is called upon to do during a race do not require vast amounts of muscle. Many a boat goes like a flash with a jib man who is a hundred pound girl. It is not the pure strength that does the job. it is rather the careful timing of when the muscle is applied that will result in maximum boat performance.

Consider tacking in heavy air. The jib man releases the sheet when the jib breaks (luffs) and while the jib is still luffing but has moved across to the new leeward side of the mast, he quickly slams the sheet into the cleat. This act takes almost no muscle -- but if his timing is off -- and he attempts to get the jib in after it has filled with air on the new leeward side -- it takes a tremendous effort.

Coordination comes as movement habits are developed through lots and lots of sailing. Eventually a good crew moves around in the boat with the sleek motion

sure, because they are a part of him that is part of the boat.

In addition to these qualifications, there are lots of little points that. together, add up to make a top flight first class first mate.

He has found out that boats do best that are kept in Bristol Fashion. Everything has its place. Housekeeping is important and he knows it and so he takes pride in his boat. After the race is over he cleans up the boat before heading ashore for the nearest beer.

He studies the race rules and particularly the racing instructions, before the race. He knows where the marks are and which way the turn is to be made. It is surprising how often a skipper will sail up to a mark and need to be reminded which way he is to make the turn.

He stays alert on the race course. When on the port tack he furnishes another set of eyes to watch for right-of-way boats and knows a collision course when he sees one. He warns the skipper when he sees the leeward boat begin a luff. He keeps his eyes on the competition and lets his skipper know when the hot boats in the fleet tack for the shore instead of heading out to sea. His conversation is strictly business and he doesn't distract with comments about the color of so-andso's new spinnaker.

He is sensitive to the condition of all equipment on the boat, and when a line begins to look worn or a halyard begins to fray, he lets the skipper know before the breakdown occurs.

When the last race is over in the series and the first mate and skipper are relaxing over a quiet beer before the award of trophies, knowing that one of those shiny. silver items is theirs, the first mate forgets his blistered hands, forgets his skinned shins, forgets that painful throb in his leg muscle, and says, with from-theheart sincerity, "Man! that was fun!" A

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The Flying Scot National Championships

by Betty Struckhoff

The first Flying Scot National Championships were held on Clear Fork Lake in Mansfield, Ohio in 1959. Sandy Douglass, our boat's designer, won that regatta. In fact, he won five of the first seven Nationals, and a few more after that. Don Hott of Fleet 6 was there in 1959 and had the distinction of winning the first race in the first Flying Scot NAC. "Sandy didn't think I was worth covering" he told me in a conversation last December.

Don had an awakening at that regatta. "Before then, I thought the Scot would never capsize" but a 3-person boat was sailing in light air with all three crew members hiking to leeward. A puff came along and... of course, they probably had the centerboard up," says Don.

6 was there in 1959 and had the distinction of winning the first race in the first Flying Scot NAC. "Sandy didn't think I was worth covering" he told me in a conversation last December.

This year will mark the 40th Flying Scot NAC and Don has been to each and every one of the 39 to date. He has sailed on three of the five Great Lakes; the nationals have been held on Lake Erie, Lake Michigan, and Lake Ontario. FSSA

competitors have sailed up and down the gulf coast, in Long Island Sound, off Cape Cod and everywhere in between. All of the NAC's have been sailed east of the Mississippi, except for the two in Texas. Don likes to recall the regatta off Long Island where everyone was advised to drop anchor if the wind died and the tide was heading out--"the next land will be Spain."

Another long time competitor in the Nationals is E. Paul Moore. He recalls his first was in 1976 at Lake Norman. The "boys", Paul and Barry, went with their Dad; they were 17 and 15 at the time. Paul's memories seem to revolve around storms. There was the regatta in Charlevoix on Lake Michigan when half the fleet capsized--"of course Sandy sailed right through." Once in Gulfport a storm came up and the fleet all made it safely back to the harbor, except for Barry Moore, who by that time had his own boat. Paul was almost ready to contact the Coast Guard when Barry came sailing into the harbor--he had chosen to wait out the storm at the home of his crew up along the shore.

In 1979, the first time the NAC's were held at Carlyle Sailing Association, Don Hott showed up with big gas cans stashed in his boat. He wasn't sure, in that time of gas shortages, whether he would make it all the way to Illinois without his own supply.

This year, there should be no problem in buying the gas it takes to tow your boat to Carlyle. Don and Paul will be there, along with lots of other sailors continuing a great tradition. We hope to see you at the 40th Flying Scot NAC!



1979 NACs: Joni Seifrick and Jim Watson help measure sails.



MARCH/APRIL, 1998

40th Flying Scot North American Championship

July 11-17, 1998

Carlyle Sailing Association

ome sail the 1998 NACs at the premier one-design sailing club in the midwest. Carlyle Sailing Association has paved boat parking for 380 boats, car parking for 200 vehicles, 3 electric jib cranes, 1300 feet of dock and two launching ramps. The grounds, which are located in Hazlett State Park, include a harbor well-protected by breakwaters, shady picnic tables, a pavilion, restrooms, showers, an airconditioned clubhouse and a home for the resident harbormaster.

CSA was founded over 25 years ago and has hosted national sailing competitions in nearly every year of its existence. It was the venue for the sailing competition in the 1994 U.S. Olympic Festival and will host the Lightning North American Championships in 1999. It has a reputation in the sailing community as one of the very best inland lake facilities in the country and is noted for its organization and race management expertise.

Carlyle Lake is a 24,000 acre man-made lake about 8 miles long and 3 miles wide. The lake provides excellent sailing with no obstructions, currents or tides. The winds in July are moderate - about 5-15 mph with the temperature highs in the 80's and 90's. A large air conditioned building on the grounds is reserved for the NACs.

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- ALL CENTERBOARDS
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MONDAY

- · Races 1 and 2 of Qualifying Series
- Sailing Seminar and Discussion
- Steve Hartman's Italian Feast

TUESDAY

- Race 3 of Qualifying Series
- Optional Golf Outing -Governor's Run
- Evening Open

WEDNESDAY

- Race 1 & 2 of Championship Series
- Annual Meeting

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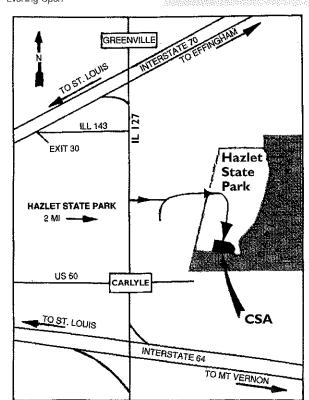
- Race 3 & 4 of Championship Series
- Steve Hartman's Lobster Extravaganza

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- Race 5 of Championship Series
- Awards Banquet

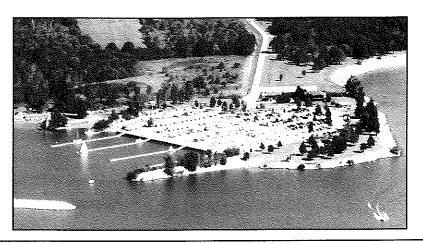
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> See Starting Line for details



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Flying Scot Wife-Husband Regatta A View from the Dock

by Karen Ryan-Young

District Governor Charlie Fowler had been urging me to take my boat "on the road" since I bought it two years ago. I had hesitated for many reasons: lack of time, lack of skill as a new skipper (my husband Ross started sailing two years ago), and a 26 year old boat and trailer, ol' 1881.

Ross and I had made a short trip to the Upper Keys Sailing Club in Key Largo in January for a one day race in 15-20 knots, and we didn't finish last. I was encouraged. So, when Charlie told us about the Wife-Husband Championship at the Rudder Club in Jacksonville this past October, I thought, what a great opportunity to meet other Flying Scot couples and see what this "on the road" stuff was all about.

We watched the weather closely days before we left. After capsizing during a squall the first summer we had the boat, we were cautious sailors. I had resisted Charlie's urging to learn to sail the boat in strong winds. So, when we left Miami at noon on Friday of race weekend, there were small craft warnings here, but we hoped the winds would be lighter further up the coast.

Ross had greased the bearings on the trailer and we had a new spare tire. I found that driving with the boat in tow on I-95 was effortless. As we approached the Rudder Club at sunset, a Flying Scot was gently moving on the St. John's River what a peaceful sight. The Club was nestled in a forest of Spanish mosscovered oak trees. It had a long L-shaped dock, a swimming pool and a cozy clubhouse. There were motorhomes and tents on the grounds. What a friendly group of folks. There were delicious appetizers to munch on and helpful hands for setting up the mast on the boat (oops..forgot the masthead fly). Jon Hamilton was on hand to register us. (I had seen his name in Scots'n Water many times) and there were more Flying Scots than I had ever seen at one time - at least 20 boats.

Back at our motel watching our favorite channel - you guessed it - the Weather Channel, we were optimistic that we could keep up with the Challenger Fleet in 12-15 knots of breeze, brisk but not overpowering. Were we surprised when we got to the club Saturday morning and saw dark clouds and gusting winds.

After a good breakfast, we were ready to give it a whirl. There were even more boats in the water. Boats with names like, "Cheap Seats", "33% Fat Free", "Mutual Fun", and "50-50". I felt bad because I still couldn't decide on a name for my ol' gal. The couples began leaving the dock and heading out for the middle of the

river. Fear began to build in my stomach - can we leave the dock without hitting anyone? Can we keep from being pulled towards the bridge in the strong tidal current?

We watched the others leave and tried to imitate their maneuvers. We found ourselves at the starting line with the wind picking up and a squall approaching. Boats were losing control, some took their mainsails down. One capsized. I decided we should drop the main. We did and headed back to the dock under jib. A few other boats followed us, but the majority continued to race.

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Back at the dock, we were shaken and felt very much out of our league. But after an hour had passed, the weather improved and we decided to try again. Some couples were content to stay on shore and watch the races with binoculars, but we had traveled 400 miles. We had to try again. So out we went. The second race had already started, so we sailed around and watched the racers, getting ourselves "pumped up" for the third race. As the countdown began, a black squall line appeared to the east and the winds began to freshen. We were tired and had had enough excitement with the earlier squall. We turned stern and went back to the dock along with 2 other boats. Ross commented "There is The Championship Division, The Challenger Division and The Chicken Division." We won that race - first to the dock!

That night at the dinner of BBQ Chicken, Nancy Fowler's chowder, salad and lots of desserts, we mixed and mingled with couples from Illinois, Ohio, Texas, Alabama and Tennessee. Middleaged people like us who have been racing together for 20-30 years. They had dealt with the squalls, wind and waves all

afternoon. We were stiff and sore, though we hadn't worked hard enough to justify our aches. Boy, were we wimps!

Sunday, we awoke early, determined to do a race before we headed back home. We left the dock an hour before the first race. The wind was light - maybe 8-10 knots. We cruised along the shoreline noting the small cottages, the crab traps, and the nuclear power plant. The race committee boat appeared and set a course. We sailed the course, tried the spinnaker. We were ready. Boats began arriving on the scene. The starting sequence began - and so did the wind. Ross looked at me and I said, "We can handle this." So we hiked out, began playing the main, vanged the boom and we were right on when the red flag went up. But as we sailed upwind we fell further regatta which was one of the Florida and further behind. We were last at the upwind mark, and by the time we got the spinnaker up we had reached the libe mark. We accomplished our jibe and sailed off to the downwind mark, noting that the wind was gusting again. As we reached the downwind mark, we looked behind us and a big black squall line was approaching again. Ross commented that it was 11:00 am and we needed to get on the road by noon. So, we clucked and

headed back to the dock, again first in the Chicken Division.

The squall disappeared, and the winds actually settled down. But we were hauling the boat and getting ready for the long trip home. As we crossed the St. Johns River bridge, we saw the fleets with spinnakers heading for the downwind mark. What a beautiful sight.

Though we didn't complete one race that weekend, I felt it was a success, I lost my fear of towing my boat on an Interstate. We met some wonderful, talented sailors, ate some good food and felt a part of a special group of people who share a life-long interest.

For those who have never gone "on the road," I say, "try it, you'll like it."

P.S. A month later, at a local two day series races. Ross and I finished fourth out of eight boats in the last of three races in 15-17 knot gusty winds and rough choppy waters. Unfortunately, my boom developed a crack so we couldn't compete in the Sunday races - but we sailed out to the start all ready to shed the "chicken division" title. Charlie commented at the Saturday night dinner that he was proud of us for completing the days races. 🛦

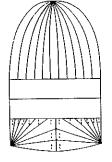
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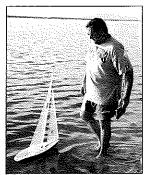
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Point Florida fleet. I understand that there are other boats organizing in Carlyle, home to the 1998 Flying Scot Nationals.



How is this new activity going to affect Flying Scots? Will we see RC racing between races at major events? Are there any other Flying Scot fleets that have gotten into RC racing? What kinds of boats? Is this another way to learn racing rules?

Is this another case of boys and girls with more toys or a lasting hobby within the fleets? Let me hear your thoughts and ideas. I understand that there will be several informally scheduled races at both the Midwinter regatta and the North American.





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The Boom Vang

by Gordon K. Douglass

The boom vang seems to be something of a mystery to many Scot **L** owners, and this is not surprising because it is of fairly recent invention. I find, too, that the vang on many Scots I. have seen is not rigged to give the best results. For a number of years we have used a nylonbridle in place of the deck strap on the stanchions as a mooring for the tackle. The bridle is attached at each end to the stanchions, and on it runs a bullet block. The tackle should be rigged with the double block shackled to the slide on the boom, and the single block shackled to the bullet block. The hauling end is then led through a hole in the port stanchion just above the one holding the end of the bridle, and is belayed on the cleat on the port stanchion. This gives the line a fair pull, with a minimum of tightening when the boom goes far out on The vang is powerful, but is not ideal for the reason that it is not possible to locate the lower end directly under the gooseneck, with the result that the vang gets tighter as the boom goes out from the centerline. This means that if the vang is hauled taut when the boom is over the centerline, it will be too tight when the boom goes out, perhaps to the point of permanently bending the boom or of tearing off the vang track. Something will have to give. The vang must be used with judgment. Don't overdo it.

What is the purpose of the vang? The vang prevents the boom from rising. The vang is not needed when the boat is close-hauled becuase the main sheet holds the boom down. On reaches and runs, however, the farther out the boom is eased, the greater is its tendency to rise, lifted by the wind pressure on the upper part of the sail. When the boom

lifts, the head of the sail falls forward, the sail becomes askew and loses part of its drive. Hauling down on boom brings the sail back into shape.

How much tension is needed? Just enough to bring the boom down to where the sail sets properly. In light airs no vang is needed; the vang tension will only flatten the sail at a time when more shape is desirable rather than less. As the wind increases in velocity, more tension is needed, and the only rule is to observe and judge the shape of the sail. Use discretion, and don't overdo it.

As a by-product, the vang permits safer jibing in heavy winds because it keeps the boom from lifting into a goosewing, a most embarrassing situation. For such conditions, I recommend what is known as flying, North River or Swedish jibe.

Reprinted from January, 1967 issue.



Aggravations

by the Moore men

A fter a hard race or maybe two back-to-back, getting the main sail down at the dock or before drifting in to a lee dock is a prime task prior to relaxing and taking a snort from the water bottle or something else.

The boom crutch, that short pole withthe oar lock on top, finally gets to do its part. When placed in its holes it's ready to help you relax but it wants more attention so rather than stay with the oar lock athwartships it ends up fore and aft so you can't drop the boom in it without another trip aft to turn it!

Solution: Saw off about one inch (about two centimeters, for you metrics) at the top of one side of the oar lock. Now you can turn the oar lock athwartships (side ways) with the boom while you are still at the winch. SHAZAM!

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Donna Pleicones

Hi! My name is Donna Pleicones and I have worked with J. Edgar Eubanks & Associates for eighteen years. My responsibilities include being the office manager and bookkeeper for the company, with all that entails. As for Flying Scot Sailing Association, I am the person who pays your bills, reconciles your bank statements and produces your financial reports monthly. I also work with the CPA firm on providing information and filing tax returns and on preparing the financial records for the audit. It have enjoyed meeting the FSSA members is also my responsibility to work with the Post Office each year on a postal audit for few of you have done so. Scots'n Water.

Personally, I am married and have two daughters. The older, Sally, is married and has a son, Max, who is the light of my life. Our younger daughter, Laura, is a freshman in law school at the University of South Carolina.

Most of my spare time goes to my family, but I try to work in my garden as often as possible.

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May 2, 1998 Nockamixon Lake Ouakertown, PA

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Full Moon Regatta

May 30, 1998 Red Bank, NJ

Calling all Flying Scots! The first stop on the 1998 New Jersey Championship Series circuit is in Red Bank, NJ on Saturday, May 30. The seventh annual Full Moon Regatta, hosted by Monmouth Boat Club, and 1997 Flying Scot Fleet of the Year, #157, will be sailed on the beautiful Navasink River. Come test your prowess as five races are planned. EZ in, EZ out on the three hoists next to a state and national historic landmark, the MBC clubhouse. Skipper's meeting is at 9:30 am, All Scots are invited to stay and sail in the club "Bridge Race", a long distance race for all sailboats, on Sunday afternoon, May 31st.

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1998 Wife-Husband Championship

June 13 and 14, 1998 Toms River Fleet Barnegat Bay, NJ

For more information, please contact Edward and Kay Summerfield at (732) 286-4890.

1998 Midwest District & **Single Handed Championships**

June 19, 20 & 21, 1998 Medicine Lake Plymouth, MN

Fleet 140 & Medicine Lake Sailing Association invite you to participate on Friday, June 20, in

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See notice on page 10 and 11.

For more information, please contact Jim Harris at (314) 966-8404.

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1998 Women's/Junior NAC

July 12, 1998 Carlyle Sailing Association Lake Carlyle, IL

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races, two on Saturday and two on Sunday. A

rechallenge of the Team Canada vs Team USA paddling-a-scot is planned for the Saturday evening cocktail hour.

For more information, please contact race chairman Susie Hauth at (416) 489-1737 or email: 72062,2704@compuserve.com.

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For more information, please contact Jack Stewart.

Ohio District Schedule

May 16 and 17, 1998 ~ 1998 Buckeye Regatta, Hoover Reservoir, Fleet 37

June 13 and 14, 1998 ~ Berlin Lake, Fleet 19

June 20 and 21, 1998 ~ Pig Roast Regatta, Cowan Lake, Fleet 1

July 25 and 26, 1998 ~ Sandy Douglass, Deep Greek, Fleet 6

September 12 and 13, 1998 ~ Ohio District Championships, Atwood Lake, Fleet 65

September 26 and 27, 1998 ~ Sail-for-the-Grail, Lake Arthur, Fleet 80

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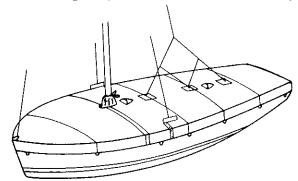
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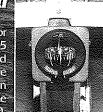


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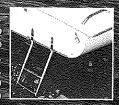




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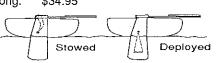
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