

The

TELLTALE

COLUMBIA SAILING CLUB

AUGUST 1971

Jessie Helms, Pub. Chmn.



AT THE HELM: C.S.C.'s conduct of the O'Day Semi-finals in Penguins on July 24-25, demonstrated again that our competitive type regattas are second to none. Bob Armstrong, competently assisted by his bride, Barbara, made our out-of-town guests welcome, dispensed generous hospitality, and were most impressive in all of the concurrent activities. Race Committee Chairman Willard Davis, capably assisted to Junior "Y" Champion, Robby Wilkins, put on top-flight races. Bill Morgan made sure that the safety precautions were observed, and that Murphy's Law would not apply.

A rousing "WELL DONE" to the entire team.

As the Regatta Circuit tapers off, Club sailing activities will increase. It is incumbent on all CSC sailors to continue to be safety conscious. Let's keep our excellent record intact. Fleet racing resumes in earnest this month (August 22, E-L-Y-S). FLEET CAPTAINS, how about getting behind your individual Fleet members and strive for maximum participation. A successful Fleet Series will be achieved only if the Fleet Captains and Fleet Secretaries exert the efforts required.

BILL HOOD
Commodore CSC

SAYRA CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR 1971 were sailed at Western Carolina Yacht Club at Anderson and CSC'ers collected some honors: JOE GIBBES won the E-Scow Class; TOM WATERS won the Lightning Class; BOB WILKINS took second in the Y-Flyer Class; JOEY WATERS was second in the Sunfish Class and STATON PEELE was third or fourth (we're not clear) in the Lightnings. Congratulations!

Frank Clement of James Island Yacht Club is the new Commodore of SAYRA: WILLARD DAVIS of C.S.C. is Vice-Commodore and Wesley Leitch of Charleston Yacht Club succeeds Bob Armstrong as Secy.-Treas. of SAYRA.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER WILL HALTIWANGER. It is a pleasure to welcome Will to the active membership. When mentioning Will and other CSC sons last issue, we most certainly did not intend to leave out NED SCHLAEFER! (We had Ned's return from Germany on the mind last time).

ANNUAL LABOR DAY COVERED DISH PICNIC IS PLANNED FOR SEPT. 6th.
Come and bring the children. FUN FOR ALL. CRAZY RACES - Great food.

REMAINING REGATTAS:

Aug. 14-15... SAYRA JUNIOR CHAMP. at James Is.
Yacht Club

Aug. 21..... CHARLESTON JUNIOR Y. C. Inv. (open)

Sept. 4..... James Island Inv. (open)

Sept. 25-26.. Y-Flyer Inv. - Camden

Oct. 2-3..... Y-Flyer Invitational, C.S.C.

Oct. 9-10.... AUGUSTA SAILING CLUB INV.

FLEET RACES:

Aug. 22... E-L-Y-S

Aug. 29... E-L-Y-S

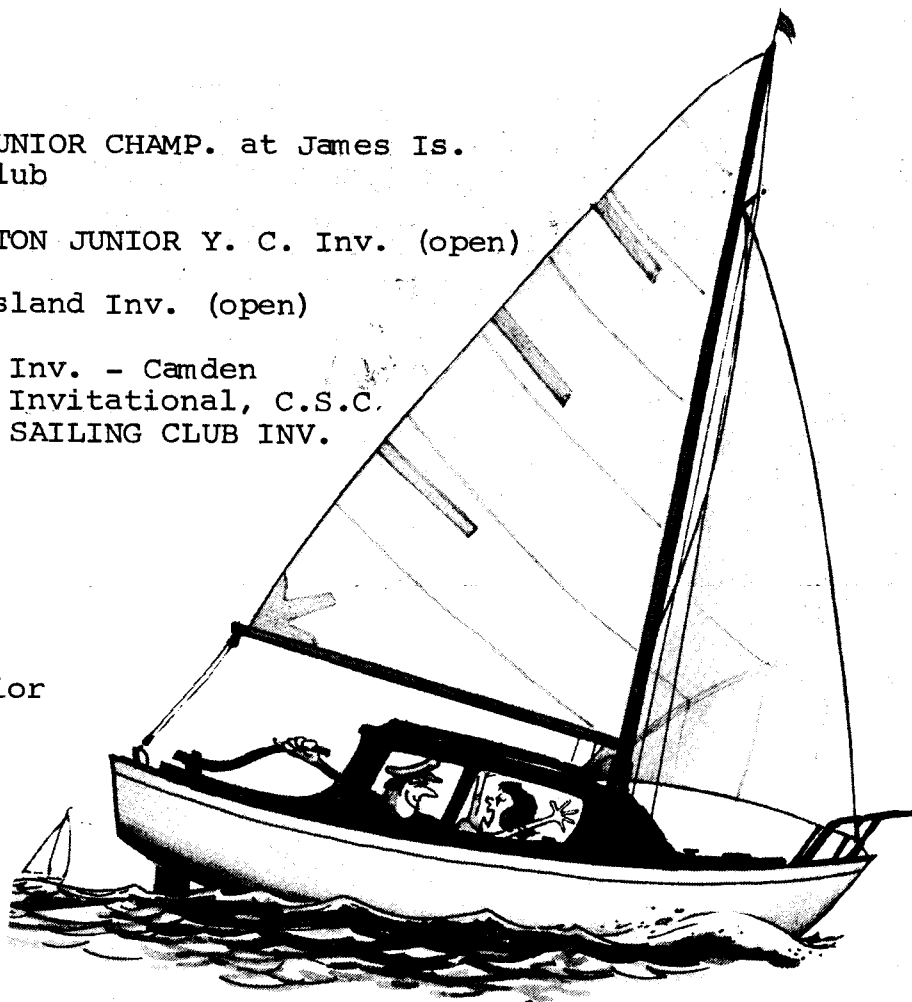
Sept. 4-5-6..CLUB
CHAMPIONSHIPS and Junior
Sailing

Sept. 12.. E-L-Y-S

Sept. 19.. E-L-Y-S

Sept. 26.. E-L-S

LET'S ALL TURN OUT!
WEATHER WILL BE MORE
PLEASANT AND FLEET
ACTIVITY IS THE
HEART OF OUR CLUB.



"You single-handed chaps are all the same."

SUNFISH FLEET MEETINGS (RACES AND DINNER) CONTINUE ON WEDNESDAY
EVENINGS . Get in on it if you have a Sunfish; meals are great
and racing would be better if more came. \$5 annual Fleet dues
(customary in any Fleet) defray costs of trophies, postage, etc.
Call Roberta Harris if further information needed. 6:00 P.M. on
Wednesdays!

COVERED DISH PICNIC ON LABOR DAY: DAVID MILLING is Chairman of
the annual Labor Day feast. Make plans to attend the annual
covered-dish picnic on MONDAY, SEPT. 6th. There will be a NON-
SKIPPER'S RACE and other fun races for older and younger sailors.
PRIZES - PRIZES. Make sure your covered dish will serve your party
and then some.. the "rule of thumb" is to bring five times as many
servings as you have people in your party. (for example, if there
are three of you.. make sure your dish will serve 15 helpings).
COME AND BRING ALL THE CHILDREN! Lunch is at 12:30 P.M.

BART HARRIS, JR. and ED HOOD have qualified to sail in the Sunfish
Championships in Sayville, L. I. on Aug.14-15-16 and are planning
to attend; JIMMY DAVIS has qualified to sail in the Y-Flyer Inter-
nationals at Medina, Ohio on August 19-20-21 and will compete. The
Y's will use spinnakers for the first time ever in an Internationals.

REMEMBER THE COVERED DISH PICNIC ON LABOR DAY . PLAN AHEAD!

FURTHER TO THE COVERED DISH LUNCHEON ON LABOR DAY, SEPT. 6th... Please bring your dish by 12:00 so the tables can be arranged. The hosts (Lib and Dave Milling) for C.S.C. will furnish tea, bread and butter, as usual. Be sure to diet a day or so before this gastro-nomic "Olympics". All the good cooks in C.S.C. will lay waste to your good intentions for that day! Don't fight it.

NEW GRANDPARENTS LIGHTING UP THE AREA WITH THEIR BEAMING COUNTENANCES are Barbara and John Wrisley (surely the youngest grandparents we know) and Charlotte and Bob Tindal. Karen Wrisley Folk and her husband, Harold, welcomed a daughter in early August; Robert Tindal, Jr. and his wife, Dawn, have a big boy. (Congratulations! You may have unlimited bragging privileges... but try to keep it believable.)

Hospitalized CSC'ers have included Betty Small (again!), Nita Craig, and Shirley Warner. Best wishes for a quick recovery!

LADIES CLASSES REGRETFULLY CONCLUDED: They were so much fun we hated to see them end.. but as with all good things..... MARILYN KNIGHT did a great job of organizing the classes. Teachers were faithful, particularly head teacher Staton Peele. The final gathering was concluded with a steak dinner and thanks and gifts to the men who helped. Marie Haines had engraved CSC burgees, etc. on glasses and these were presented to: Staton Peele, Willard Davis, Johnny Helms, Jack Helms, Frith Haines, John Wrisley, David Wrisley.. and we hope we didn't miss anyone... Phil McLain and Jim Knight were also on the list and helped to celebrate the successful series.. (to say nothing of observing Bastille Day). (Absolutely nothing).

SEE COUPON AT END OF "TELLTALE" FOR ORDERING CSC BURGEES. Only \$2. Fly your Club emblem on your boat. Be the first on your block to have one

CSC'ers on the GO: Rose and Bob Wilkins and Jane and Tom McCutchen enjoyed the recent meeting of the Bar Association in London.. where the ladies were entertained at tea by the likes of Princess Margaret, among other festivities. Robby and Wally Wilkins went, too!

TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS
OF SAILBOAT RACING

by Staton Peele

There's an old adage that states something to the effect that a personal misfortune is very likely going to be followed by a second and a third misfortune. More commonly stated, is the saying that "what happens once will happen again - and what happens twice will happen three times". A recent experience has just about made me a believer of this axion.

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It all started down at Hobcaw Yacht Club a couple weeks ago during their Annual regatta. I, of course, was sailing a new Lightning built by Jack Helms with Commodore Bill Hood and my daughter, Mary King, as crew. The regatta is held on the Wando River which is to the north of the Cooper River bridge at Charleston and is the easterly tributary of the Cooper River, the other being to the west and running up by the Navy Yard. If you ask a Charlestonian to orient your position for you, he will be quick to tell you that Charleston is bounded on the west by the Ashley River, on the east by the Cooper River and where they join at the battery, they form the Atlantic Ocean! So we were to sail in the Atlantic?

First off, we were on the dock preparing to launch when the electric winch broke down, necessitating a new replacement. The delay in launching made us late for our start and we were a poor last over the starting line for the class. But being racing sailors, we were not deterred in our objective to get back up in the pack and try to beat a boat or two. We sailed hard and pretty well, and with a few favorable wind shifts, worked ourselves up into second place. And then it happened. On the last leg, I was to leeward on port tack with a Snipe sailed by Mike Seabrook on my beam to weather. We were fast running out of water, so I hailed for sea room. Mike acknowledged with "you tack and I'll duck under." I executed and came about on to starboard. But unfortunately, the duck under didn't duck enough and the top of the Snipe mast caught my jumper struts and bent them completely aft. After the confrontation, we had to work like the devil to salvage a fifth. Dismayed? Never. Our crew agreed to sail as long as we could keep the stick up.

Incidentally, there were 257 boats racing so clear water was scarce! So, before the start of the second race we felt the prudent thing to do was to stay clear of the heavy traffic until our class was called to start. Apparently others had the same idea because as we sailed merrily along on starboard tack in "clear water" in heavy air, I was startled by Mary King's hail of "starboard" to a fast approaching port tack boat. Almost instantaneously, a Sidewinder plowed into my port side about five feet from the stem and tore a 6" hole in the boat. We assessed the damage, found the two youngsters in the Sidewinder and our crew were o. k., and that the boat would still float. Dismayed? Yes. But quit ? Never!

So we started and held a good second three-fourths of the way around the course and then came a long windward leg against the current to finish. Most of the weather work was on starboard tack, which we found caused us to take on considerable water. After the water would get some 4" - 6" deep in the boat, we would go on port tack, open both bailers, reach-off a bit and get the water down. Then back to starboard. We concluded fairly quickly we could not hold our position and keep afloat, so Mary King said "I'll try to tape up the hole with 1" wide friction tape we have on board." So, back to port tack to bail and patch. King laid on the foredeck on her stomach biting off lengths of tape with her teeth, got the hole covered, and stopped 95% of the leak. Bill and I hiked like "youngsters" to hold the boat down. We felt real good now, not having to haul the Wando river around in our boat and consequently we picked up boat speed and concentrated on sailing rather than staying afloat. We took a second.

Depending on how you count the mishaps of the day, be it two or three, I've got one more! On the downwind leg, we jibbed once on a windshift and the mainsheet caught my old beat-up straw hat and took it over the side for eternal rest in the Wando. This really hurt. The boat could be fixed, but the hat was irreplaceable, having adjusted itself to the elements and my head size lo these many years. Now I've got to start breaking in another one and unfortunately, this takes years!

Then came Sunday, a more expert patching job, good wind and good sailing. We took another second and wound up second over all. Tom Waters, sailing expertly, won all three races for a sweep of the series.

Sailors are surely a most unusual breed. Mishaps come and go, but sailors keep coming back for more. Happily, Jack fixed the boat good as new, the other boat's insurance was in order and the only real loss was my hat, but I'm starting to beat up another one this week-end.

Sailing anyone?

(We tried to TELL you, Staton!)



"For heaven's sake, man, remember the trouble we had over that albatross!"

To: Bob Armstrong, 6512 Merrill Rd., Columbia 29209

Enclosed find \$2 for postage-paid CSC nylon burgee. My

name _____

and address _____



Columbia Sailing Club

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Dear Fellow Club Members:

On June 1, the Club employed Mr. Arthur (Art) Williams to live in his privately owned mobile home on club property.

The primary reason for his employment is to maintain surveillance over Club property, boats, and the personal property of the membership.

In addition to his primary duty, he is also required to:

1. Keep the clubhouse, terrace, and patio area clean under normal usage.
2. Keep the grass cut as required.
3. Keep the parking area clean.
4. Operate the canteen, and keep it open for business on Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 to 5:00 P.M., and at such other times during special events as is required by employer.

Obviously, this individual cannot be supervised by, and be responsible to, each club member. Col. Barton Harris has been designated to control all supervision over the caretaker and his functions. If additional services of the caretaker are desired, such as preparation for special parties, special events, or to clean up after parties, etc., or if you have any complaint concerning the caretaker, or if you wish to transmit any requests or orders to him, please go through Col. Harris.

Club By-Laws, and House Rules are not changed by the employment of a caretaker. Keeping the gate locked, unnecessary littering, improper use of the dock and launching areas, picknicking in the clubhouse, and allowing children to play in the clubhouse are still taboo. Reports indicate that observance of these rules has been lax during the past several weeks.

Your assistance and cooperation in the above is solicited.

Sincerely,

Bill
Bill Hood
Commodore