

**PENGUIN CLASS DINGHY ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS—CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
AUGUST 19-22, 1953**

Place	Number	Boat	Skipper	Home Port
1	3271	Tee-Bee	Ralph V. Bradley	Peoria, Illinois
2	2345	Tid-Bit	Charles R. Strausburg	Baltimore, Maryland
3	666	El Toro	Don L. Adams	San Diego, California
4	3159	Smidgen	Wm. Seamann, III	New Orleans, Louisiana
5	2186	Stinker	Martin Blutworth	Houston, Texas
6	3108		Bob Smith	Chicago, Illinois
7	2826		Tommy Carroll	Chicago, Illinois
8	3293	Mo-Too	Charles A. Rook	San Marino, California
9	2672	One Too Many	Fran Byrne	Chicago, Illinois
10	1111	Flirt	Wirt A. Gill	Silver Spring, Maryland
11	3347	Fraud	Sig Nelson	Chicago, Illinois
12	2887	Away	Ray Burns	Houston, Texas
13	3223	Minor Domo	Paul C. Schreck	New Orleans, Louisiana
14	3190	Bee Hive	Roger K. Brown	Red Bank, New Jersey
15	3014	Dood Dirl	Ted Leighton-Herrmann	Baltimore, Maryland
16	3042	Pandora	Robert M. Potter	Old Mission, Michigan
17	3335	Elan	William Brix	Chicago, Illinois
18	3222	Hoosier	Ted N. Steffen	Hampton, Virginia
19	3032	Little Lady	Ernst J. Rohde	Peoria, Illinois
20	2617	Scrappy	William Fraser	Racine, Wisconsin
21	2005	Caroldon	Eldon Bolton	Biloxi, Mississippi
22	74	Corky	Warren L. Bohner	Peoria, Illinois
23	2989	Follow Me	Lloyd Gorsiski	Racine, Wisconsin
24	3326	Fandango	Catherine Graf	Baltimore, Maryland
25	2051	Shu-Fly	Jary Nixon	Sarasota, Florida

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PHOTOS OF THE 1953 CHAMPIONS.

Upper Left—Ralph and Peg Bradley with Mary Hortline, Regatta Queen.

Upper Right—Charles and Evelyn Strausburg with George Harvey, Regatta Committee Chairman

Center—The Champ.

Lower Left—Don Adams and Crew.

Lower Right—Billy Seamann and Crew.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION

1. A sum of up to \$500 was voted for procurement of film and photographic services to initiate a Penguin film library.
2. Honorary Membership voted to Mr. Ralph Youngs.
3. It was voted to limit legal sail material to those materials presently in use, for a two year period ending the evening of the Annual Meeting in 1956. Specific materials are:

Cotton (Domestic and Foreign)

Nylon

Orlon (Acrylic Fiber)

Dacron (Polyester Fiber)

1953—PENGUIN NATIONALS—CHICAGO

August 19th to 22nd

Columbia Yacht Club, Chicago, Illinois was host for the 1953 Nationals under the rotation system. Twenty-five boats were present representing fifteen fleets. From the east, Potomac, Washington, D. C.; Baltimore, Maryland; Hampton, Virginia; Monmouth, New Jersey; from the west coast: Balboa, California; Mission Bay, California; from the Gulf Coast: Sarasota, Florida; Biloxi, Mississippi; Houston, Texas; Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana; from the Great Lakes: Racine, Wisconsin; Columbia, Illinois; Peoria, Illinois; Old Mission, Michigan; Peoria Ivy, Illinois.

Some of the entrants had considerable trouble measuring sails in and there were no doubt a few sails soaking in bathtubs around Chicago but everyone was ready Thursday morning.

The first race was a triangular course twice around. The weather was perfect except that perhaps a few of the skippers would have liked something a little heavier than the moderately light wind that prevailed. The leeward end of the line was favored at the start. Ralph Bradley of Peoria Ivy was first boat around the weather mark, Bob Smith of Columbia was second, with Sig Nelson, Columbia, third. Nelson went into the lead on the reach to the second mark and Adams moved into second place. On the next windward leg a puff set in Northerly and stronger. Charles Strausburg from Baltimore came up on this leg and Nelson and Smith dropped back. Ted Steffen from Hampton, Virginia improved his position. By the time the second weather mark was reached the first four boats were in a commanding position. Bradley, first; Strausburg, second; Adams, third and Steffen, fourth.

The second race on Thursday afternoon, another triangular course, brought out the strongest breeze of the entire series. Bradley started at the windward end of the line as did Fran Byrne, Columbia and both got clear wind at once. At the first mark it was Bradley, Strausburg, Byrne, Leighton-Herrmann, Baltimore, Wirt Gill, Potomac. At the second mark Strausburg went ahead of Bradley and was never headed again. He won by a large margin. Bradley held second place. Smith who was eighth at the first windward mark improved his position steadily on every windward leg to take third from Byrne.

On Thursday night Chicago Yacht Club was host to the Penguin Sailors on their beautiful terrace. Everything was just what they had ordered from the weather to the Martinis and Manhattans.

Third race on Friday morning was a windward-leeward course and the wind was light and fluky. The weather end of the line was favored at the start. Bradley was again clear at the start. Adams, Rohde, and Smith held starboard tack until almost laying the mark. Bradley was first around the mark followed by Adams, Rohde, Peoria, Illinois, Smith and Martin Bludworth, Houston, Texas. On the second leg Adams passed Bradley. Some of the spectators were a little bewildered when Bradley went off the course on this leg at a 90 degree angle in order to pass through the starting line. However, Bradley was still second at the mark, Rohde third and Smith was fourth. Adams was never headed again, Bradley held second and Smith came up on the beat to take third from Rohde.

The fourth race on Friday afternoon was another windward-leeward course with the breeze increasing from light and fluky to fairly steady. The starting line was pretty fair. At the first mark it was Smith, Tommy Carroll, Columbia, Bradley, Steffen, Leighton-Herrmann, and Strausburg. Smith was never headed. At the second mark it was Bradley, second, Carroll, third, Leighton-Herrmann and Strausburg. It was still Bradley in second place at the third mark with Strausburg third. Young Bill Seemann III from Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana, moved into fourth position. Strausburg passed Bradley on the second leeward leg to finish second with Bradley third, Seemann fourth and Adams fifth.

On Friday night the usual Annual Meeting was held with much discussion and had to be interrupted at ten o'clock to see the pictures of the races on television that had been taken that day.

The fifth and last race on Saturday morning was a triangular course with a light wind but not as light as Friday morning. Adams took two tacks and was first around the first mark, Bradley, second and Strausburg, third. Seemann moved into fourth and stayed there all the way. Adams wound up first, Strausburg, second, and Bradley, third.

On Saturday night the Winners' Dinner was held, followed by a dance.

There were two new trophies awarded for the first time this year. Dr. Charles Glasser presented a trophy to be known as the Cardi-All Trophy. This is a permanent trophy and is to be awarded to the skipper under eighteen who has the greatest number of points in the Nationals. This year it was won by Bill Seemann III of the Lake Pontchartrain Fleet, thirteen years old, who with his crew Leonard Isachs, another old man of fourteen, finished fourth.

The Israel Trophy for the lady skipper having the greatest number of points in the Nationals was won by Catherine Graff of the Baltimore, Maryland fleet.

Roger Brown won the President's First Challenge Trophy and Don Adams the Greatest Distance Trophy.

From the results you can see who took home the greatest amount of the rest of the hardware.

—MARGARET T. SENNOTT,
Secretary (1953)
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