

2nd Race	Sid Exley, Jr.
3rd Race	Charles A. Rook, III
4th Race	Sid Exley, Jr.
5th Race	Dr. S. B. Thomas
First Long Distance Trophy	Bill Seemann, III
President's First Challenge Trophy	William S. Whittet
Woman's Israel Perpetual Trophy	Sue Exley
Woman's Take-Home Trophy	Sue Exley
Junior Cardi-All Perpetual Trophy (Retired)	Bill Seemann, III



The Championship Gang at Los Alamitos

**1955 INTERNATIONAL PENGUIN CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP  
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA — AUGUST 11-14, 1955**

Place	Points	Boat Number	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
1.	113.4	3159	SMIDGEN	Bill Seemann, III	James Pinac, Jr.	Lake Pontchartrain	4	1	8	1	5
2.	110.5	4185	MAPA	Sid Exley, Jr.	Ann Exley	Alamitos Bay	6	3	6	3	2
3.	106.8	3296	SUSIE TOO	Dr. S. B. Thomas	Shirley Iverson	Alamitos Bay	1	4	4	7	3
4.	104.3	1843	SUPAJ	Sue Exley	Llewellyn Bixby, IV	Alamitos Bay	7	6	2	6	6
5.	103.	3126	SEA FOAM	Ted C. Matson	Mary Matson	Alamitos Bay	5	2	12	8	1
6.	103.	2731	SEA WITCH	Sherry L. Hossom	Marilyn Davis	Alamitos Bay	8	8	1	2	9
7.	98.	1846	TOUCHE	Herb Sinnhoffer	Virginia Sinnhoffer	San Diego	9	5	7	4	8
8.	95.3	2880	NAUTIGAL	Loyd Landes	Marilyn Matson	Alamitos Bay	2	7	5	11	10
9.	85.	3360	SPOOK	Wes Prisbrey	Jo Prisbrey	Balboa	10	10	10	9	7
10.	84.2	3305	CHARMER	Roland P. Shutt	Lois Shutt	Balboa	3	DNF	9	5	4
11.	80.1	3293	MO-TOO	Charles A. Rook, III	Ann Rook	Balboa	13	13	3	10	11
12.	67.	3108		**Robert P. Smith, Jr.	Robert Blatt	Columbia	11	9	13	12*	13
13.	65.	4039	EL TORO II	Don Adams	Elaine Lindrus	Mission Bay	14	11	16	13	12
14.	51.	3576	SHADOW	William S. Whittet	Nancy Whittet	Corpus Christi	15	16	11	18	20
15.	48.	3394	FLURRY	Leon Bothell	Robert Semmermeyer	San Diego	12	14	14	17	16
16.	47.	3787	TIDE'S INN	Larry O. Haupt	Dorothy Haupt	Sacramento	21	15	19	14	15
17.	45.	3933	ROCKY	Robert C. Rock	Joy Rock	San Diego	18	17	15	15	22
18.	43.	3040	RAG BAG	Charles Manning	Janet Manning	Balboa	16	19	17	16	21
19.	37.	3037	J-BIRD	Nellie Burton	H. Holland	Southwestern	17	18	21	20	18
20.	35.	3600	BAIT BOX	**Ted Leighton-Herrmann	Shirley Hoffman	Baltimore	19	12	24	23*	14
21.	33.	3971	WEE NIP TOO	Jane Mengel Allen	Jean Appenzellar	Windjammer	20	21	20	19	19
22.	28.	3132	TUXIE	Richard E. Strauss	Ricky Strauss	Mission Bay	24	24	18	21	17
23.	17.	3840	DUCKLING	**Hugo Skantze	Heddy Rimsaite	Saguenay	23	22	22	24	25
24.	15.	811	CLANCY	Vincent Fiore	Evelyn Fiore	Southwestern	22	20*	23	22	23
25.	11.	2204	SEA JET	George West	Martha West	San Diego	25	23	25	25	24

POINTS POSSIBLE—128.5  
\*\*Sailed Chartered Boat  
\*Foul

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The recent opening of Alamitos Bay, complete with deep water channel and twin jetties, is a dream come true for the handful of men who met in 1926 to form the yacht club. Alamitos Bay Yacht Club ranks as the third oldest yacht club on the Pacific coast. They now boast that when the dredging is finished, they will have a multi-million dollar marina. The beach improvements have provided the club with truly fine facilities for dinghy racing.

Under the Penguin Class rotation plan, this is the second time that the International Penguin Championship has been held on the West Coast. This year, International flavor was added by the participation of Hugo Skantze and Heddy Rimsaite from the Saguenay Fleet of Arvida, Quebec, Canada. Unfortunately, at the last minute, the Hawaiian entry expected was unable to show.

President Ted Leighton-Herrmann flew out from Baltimore to preside at the Annual Meeting, and borrowed a boat to participate in the racing. Bob Smith, and crew Bob Blatt, drove out from Chicago, and also borrowed a boat for the racing. Jane Allen, and crew Jean Appenzellar, brought WEE NIP TOO by car-top from Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. William Whittet drove from Corpus Christi, Texas with their boat to compete. Bill Seemann, III (the now 15-year old champ from Southern Yacht Club, New Orleans, Louisiana), and crew James Pinac, Jr., were driven here by Bill's father. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Haupt of the newly-formed Sacramento Penguin Fleet came in time to sail in the Regionals at San Diego and the Southern California Yachting Association Regatta at Mission Bay, as tune-up races. Southern California fleets represented were Southwestern, San Diego, Mission Bay, Balboa and the host fleet, Alamitos Bay.

The 1955 International Race Committee was composed of Llewellyn Bixby, III (Alamitos Bay), George A. Chapman (Alamitos Bay), Monte Clare (Balboa), Robert Israel (San Diego Bay), Richard Russell (Alamitos Bay) and Robert Woodward (Balboa).

Registration and measurement began at 10 A. M. Thursday morning, August 11th. Sail and rudder plans were marked out on the deck of the club. A few sails were rejected, a few rudders had to be altered and even a few masts had to be shortened. Skippers and crews were weighed-in for conformance to the 275 pound minimum weight limitation.

Entertainment planned by the Regatta Committee (headed by Sid Exley, Jr.) started out with a bang-up Cocktail Party at the beautiful new home of Sid and Ann Exley, located on the bay front—just across the bay from the yacht club. Sid presided at the "bowl", while Ann directed a corps of helpers preparing and serving hors d'oeuvres and a sumptuous smorgasbord.

Friday morning, racing began in earnest, but only after a postponement due to lack of wind. The first race started at 11:30 A. M., with a windward-leeward course, twice around. Each skipper was a little cautious of the start, and all twenty-five hit the starting line several seconds after the gun. After the tacking began, Tommy Thomas of the host fleet soon established a

lead, which he slowly increased, winning by a good margin. Thomas was followed by Loyd Landes, also of the host fleet, Roly Shutt of Balboa and fourth, Bill Seemann from the Lake Pontchartrain fleet.

The wind came up a little for the second race, accompanied by considerable chop. Most of the boats carried spray hoods. Bill Seemann soon began to work his way to the front, and finished well ahead of the fleet. Ted Matson from Alamitos (fifth in the first race) came in second in this one. Sid Exley finished third, closely pursued by his 15-year old daughter, Sue, who gave her Dad a bad time throughout the race. Roly Shutt suffered a broken rudder in this one, and was forced out of the running.

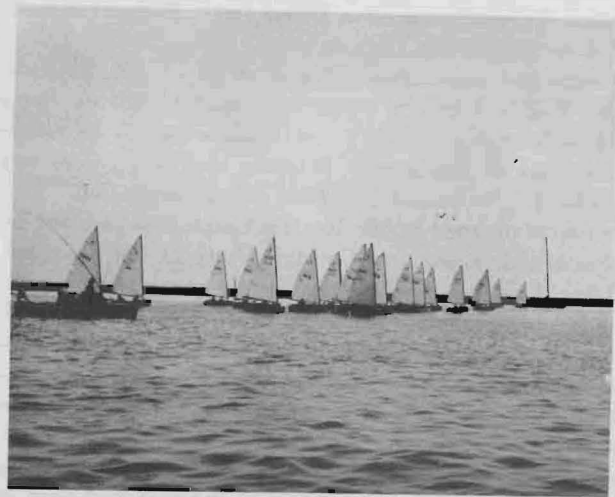
At the end of the first day of racing, Bill Seemann and Doc Thomas were tied for first, Ted Matson was third, Loyd Landes fourth, Sid Exley fifth, Sue Exley sixth and Herb Sinnhoffer of San Diego, seventh.

Friday night, we all attended the Penguin Annual Meeting at the club, after several of the visiting skippers had been taken on a whirlwind tour of the Balboa and Newport Harbor area and treated to dinner at the Balboa Yacht Club.

On Saturday morning, the wind was practically "nil", and all contestants were towed to the starting area. Don Adams of Mission Bay was over-anxious at the start, and suffered a recall. Sherry Hossom of Alamitos Bay stood up along the jetty, and established a good lead which she never relinquished. A few light puffs scattered the fleet considerably. Sue Exley followed Sherry all the way, and finished second. Past-President Charles Rook of Balboa finished third, with Thomas fourth.

For the fourth race, the wind continued light, and the chop increased. Here again, Bill Seemann proved his mettle by finishing first, followed by Sherry Hossom, Sid Exley and Herb Sinnhoffer.

In the final race, sailed in continuing light air and chop, Ted Matson, and wife Mary, worked away from the fleet at the start, and stayed in front all of the way. Sid Exley followed them for a second place. Doc Thomas finished third but, unfortunately, hit a mark. Roly Shutt finished fourth, and Bill Seemann was fifth.



Start Of First Race—1955 Championships

Saturday night, the Trophy Dinner (complete with Cocktail Party and Dance) was held on the roof garden of the Lafayette Hotel in Long Beach. The tables were spread with a most attractive marine and floral design. Doc and Evelyn Thomas (fleet captain and secretary, respectively, of the Alamitos Bay fleet) are to be commended for a job well done in planning such a large affair.

Presentation got under way with Sid Exley and Dana Brown acting as masters-of-ceremony. It soon became evident that the new champion, Bill Seemann, III, was going to need a trailer to take home his share of the trophies. Besides winning the International Penguin Championship Perpetual Bowl, he won the winner's take-home trophy, two daily first place prizes, the long distance trophy and retired the Junior Cardi-All trophy. His crew, Jimmy Pinac, won the first place crew trophy.

Other daily trophy winners were Roly Shutt, Sid Exley, Sue Exley, Sherry Hossom, Charles Rook, Loyd Landes, Ted Matson and Dr. Thomas. Sue Exley won the first place Woman's Israel Perpetual Trophy. William S. Whittet of Corpus Christi won the President's First Challenge Trophy. Monte Clare, the Class Measurer, was taken completely by surprise when he was presented with a plaque in token of appreciation of his six long years of service to the Class. The Long Beach Chamber of Commerce, who so generously gave financial assistance to the regatta, presented each contestant with a group photograph of all the contestants, as well as an Aqua Fair medal as a keep sake.

The whole affair ended on a rising vote of thanks to Regatta Chairmen Sid Exley, Jr., Doc and Evelyn Thomas and all the committees for a job extremely "well done".

... E. Faith Israel

#### TROPHY WINNERS

1st Place Perpetual Trophy .....	Bill Seemann, III
1st Place Take-Home Trophy .....	Bill Seemann, III
1st Place Crew Trophy .....	James Pinac, Jr.
2nd Place Trophy .....	Sid Exley, Jr.
2nd Place Crew Trophy .....	Ann Exley
3rd Place Trophy .....	Dr. S. B. Thomas
3rd Place Crew Trophy .....	Shirley Iverson
4th Place Trophy .....	Sue Exley
4th Place Crew Trophy .....	Llewellyn Bixby, IV
5th Place Trophy .....	Ted C. Matson
5th Place Crew Trophy .....	Mary Matson
Daily First Place Trophies —1st Race .....	Dr. S. B. Thomas
2nd Race .....	Bill Seemann, III
3rd Race .....	Sherry L. Hossom
4th Race .....	Bill Seemann, III
5th Race .....	Ted C. Matson
Daily Second Place Trophies—1st Race .....	Loyd Landes
2nd Race .....	Ted C. Matson
3rd Race .....	Sue Exley
4th Race .....	Sherry L. Hossom
5th Race .....	Sid Exley, Jr.