

1978 INTERNATIONAL SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

PLACE	SKIPPER & CREW	PENGUIN	FLEET	RACES (One throw-out)						TOTAL
				1	2	3	4	5	6	
1.	Gary Knapp & Tom Danilek	8640 (sail) 9572 (boat) Home	Seawanhaka Grown	1	1	1	1	2	1	218.5
2.	Gilbert Luiz Ferreira Sasse & Lucio Das Neves Macado	9295 ZOK	153 Niteroi, Bl.	2	5	2	5	1	2	209.6
3.	Alex Smigelski & Kathy Contildes	9122 Jumbo's Machine	USMMA	9	3	3	2	6	8	198.5
4.	George Nehm & Jorge Aydas	9537 Dr. Silvana III	145 Jagandieros, Bl.	3	4	7	6	8	6	198.5
5.	Antonio Sampaio & Arnaldo Andrade	9467 Kuskus	148 Lagoa, Bl.	8	8	11	3	5	3	193.2
6.	Steve Sprole & Kathy Sprole	8801 Necessity	114 Babylon	4	DNF	6	8	7	7	188
7.	Terry Kempton & Debbie Epstein	9342 Nutted by Reality	35 Toms River	5	DSQ	9	7	4	9	186
8.	Neal Fowler & Steve Baldwin	6616 Wrongo	72 Sea Cliff	11	2	8	9	17	5	185.3
9.	Shawn Kempton & Joanne Josephic	6318 Pywackette	35 Toms River	7	6	10	4	10	10	183
10.	Doug Wefer & Jim Coneys	9572 (sail) 9479 (boat) Evelyn	2 Port Wash.	DSQ	15	5	12	3	4	181.1
11.	Peter Dobson & Dara Dobson	7734 Sunday's Pleasure	2 Port Washington	10	11	12	18	11	11	165
12.	Mel Reid & Sue Rowehl	8323 Spray	142 Setauket	15	16	4	19	12	14	161
13.	Ron Leuvelink & Mibi Leuvelink	9478 Wooden Bucket	1 Potomac	23	18	13	19	14	16	140
14.	Al Field & Hans Nordeman	7696 Bonnie	57 Centerport	16	19	15	13	15	21	140
15.	Muzzy Barton & Peter Van Duyne	7731 Insider	6 Downer	17	13	18	16	18	17	139
16.	Doug Crocker & Kathy Crocker	8634 Fireside	114 Babylon	6	12	DNF	DNF	9	13	137
17.	Mark Kastel & Jack Witmer	7500 Can	80 Skokie Lagoons	12	9	20	20	30	25	134
18.	Dick Mayne & Lurla Mayne	6602 Aeolus	80 Skokie Lagoons	24	10	21	14	19	27	132
19.	Peter Daytz & Phil Heilpern	8327	114 Babylon	18	20	26	17	17	19	129
20.	Andy Barnes & Marcia Rohan	9143 "B"	80 Skokie Lagoons	25	14	DSQ	11	24	26	123.4
21.	Brant Davison & Deb Cichocki Davison	8802 AMF	114 Babylon	19	7	DNF	DNF	16	12	123
22.	Bruce Patterson & Martha Patterson	9298 Yeti	2 Port Washington	20	17	22	15	23	23	123
23.	Carlos Rivero & Jim Ritt	9041	Yale Corinthian	14	22	16	DNF	32	18	118
24.	Larry Cole & Mary Ellen Ingham	9243 Short Snort	57 Centerport	21	25	35	26	20	20	108
25.	Mateo Eduardo Gomez Ortega & Dorothy Hall	9543	150 Olivos, A.	13	DNF	DSQ	DNF	13	15	99
26.	Kevin Dailey & Jim Grace	9365 White Lightening	142 Setauket	30	23	27	DSQ	22	22	93
27.	Bob Zimmerman & Lisa Zimmerman	7979	98 Metedeconk	27	21	25	DNF	29	29	89
28.	Larry Owen & Gary Sveva	9139 If	5 Richmond County	35	24	17	23	34	33	89
29.	Steve Shepstone & Robert Bethge	7625 Web Foot II	72 Sea Cliff	31	27	24	24	28	32	()
30.	Joe Hall & Doug Olsen	8222 Nip	5 Richmond County	33	26	33	27	26	28	80

International Championships

Region III Series

So far in the Eastern Shore Regattas, there have been six winners—no walk-aways. They were: *Cambridge*—Katie Wilford; *Chester River*—Steve Adams; *Miles River*—John Thompson; *Oxford*—Fog Fowler; and *Corsica*—Len Penso.

There are four races left in this summer series, which puts a premium on consistency and good finishes (a DSQ or breakdown could be bad for the standings). At the two-thirds mark, it looks like Len Penso could take it, but Bill Day and Bill Bolger are strong.

RCYC Summer Series

Twelve skippers competed in an eight-week Wednesday night series. Winners were 1) Larry Owem; 2) John Pace; and 3) Peter Quanci. Top Junior skipper was Dorothy Hall.

Winner and still champion of the Penguin Class is Gary Knapp, who took the series of six races with a string of firsts and a second. Doug Wefer took the Junior title, the first time the U.S. has done so in more years than anyone could remember. George Nehm, the South American Champion, and Gilbert Sasse from Brazil were fierce competition, as were many other hot-shots from the U.S., Brazil, and Argentina.

In addition to competing against each other, the sailors also had to compete against the wind and the seas. This year the weather cooperated to it's fullest extent, giving competitors a range from balmy breezes in the morning to flat-out gear-busting in the afternoons, especially Thursday. Ron Leveulink from Potomac thought that the conditions reached marginal, but provided a good test of

championship caliber. "If you can sail a Penguin out there. . . ." Malcom Hendry of Setauket put it succinctly, "Whoever wins deserves it!"

In recounting the Junior Championships, Doug Wefer noted that they began on Monday with northerly breezes and small chop that the Race Committee set a large triangular course with a *huge* first windward leg. The second leg, after rounding the weather mark to port, was fluky, with winds coming off the Sayville shore. Three good races were sailed in winds from 5-15 mph.

"Tuesday brought southerly winds that steadily increased all day. The windward mark was so far upwind that it could not be seen from the start. As the wind increased and went west, the few boats on the right side ended up ahead of everyone on the left side except for

31.	Eric Wilson & Paul Schmidt	6902 (sail) 9209 (boat)	80 Skokie Lagoons	DSQ	28	32	25	31	34	70
32.	Bill Holmes & Matt Converse	8692 Bluebird	114 Babylon	29	DNF	36	DNF	21	24	67
33.	Jim Wagner & Jill Wagner	8839 Wassail	98 Metedeconk	28	DNF	DNF	21	33	30	65
34.	Ladislau Szabo & Alexandre Hicht de Moraes	9468 Chifrudo	145 Jangadieros	26	DSQ	31	DNF	25	DNF	52
35.	Malcom Hendry & Mary Beth Roemer	6904 Green Flash	142 Setauket	34	DNS	30	DNF	—	—	52
36.	Phil Reynolds & Chris Dowsher	8426 Mucky Duck	6 Downer	22	DNF	23	DNF	DNS	DNS	45
37.	Red Howarth & Robert Militelo	7154 Ole Salt	5 Richmond County	DSQ	29	34	DNF	36	35	43
38.	Juan Jose Grande	8507	C.U.B.A.	DNS	DNS					
39.	Betsy Hall & Patti Galluzzi	9477 Slick Chic	5 Richmond County	32	DNF	29	DNF	DNF	DNS	30
40.	Clay Shepstone & Mickey Jones	7613 Penguin	81 Chicago	36	DNF	DNF	DNF	37	36	25
41.	Rick Potter & Dennis Potter	7717	Shark River	37	DNF	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	8
42.	Robert Fabio Ricoveri & Fernando Jose Ramos	8947	192 C.U.B.A. (Argentina)	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNS	DNS	DNS	3
43.	Dorothy Luckraft &	6959 Sore Throat	2 Port	DNF	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNF	DNS	2

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the top Brazilian sailor, George Nehm, who finished second overall.

"The fifth and sixth races were sailed in steadier breezes compared to the previous, and Kevin Kempton came on strong to win a close last race and capture third place overall."

In the Senior series, Doug was disqualified from the first race under the one-minute rule enforcement (see Race Committee), which seemed to have a slightly demoralizing effect. Coupled with this he had some trouble keeping the boat down later in the heavy air and chop, stating, "It's too windy. We're little guys for this weather. We don't have one big guy sitting on the rail." Nonetheless, Doug and Jim Coneys captured tenth place honors in the Seniors.

Gary Knapp thought that the Internationals was "a very well-run regatta, sailed in steady breezes with only moderate oscillations. Getting at the line in clear air and being able to get out clear to hit the first shift was of paramount importance. The steep chop made beating, running, and reaching extremely dependent on one's concentration (also being able to survive!)"

"The other interesting facet of the regatta was the tactics used by the Brazilian sailors. They showed superior speed and often split tacks, which made it very hard to cover them. One had to guess which one would go the right way, and then cover."

All the sailors seemed happy with the series, although many admitted they could have used a little less of Thursday's Big Breeze. Jim Wagner was beached when his outhaul popped off, but still claimed it was "a helluva series... prompt... line square..." Al Field would have wanted "a little less wind, more shifty... so we can use our craft and cunning and experience and compete with our brains rather than our bodies."

Hard luck stories included Terry Kempton's breaking his mast turner; Manuel Ortega breaking pintles; Kevin Daily, his traveler; Doug Crocker snapping the tiller Thursday morning and breaking the rudder in the afternoon; and Phil Reynolds breaking two masts. The worst luck probably was Brant Davison's, however, as he capsized twice—once on the reach and once downwind—when he was in fifth and third places respectively.

The biggest smile in the face of adversity was worn by Clay Shepstone from Chicago. He would swamp or capsize, come in, empty the boat, and go back out again for the next race, and he never so much as once lost his hat.

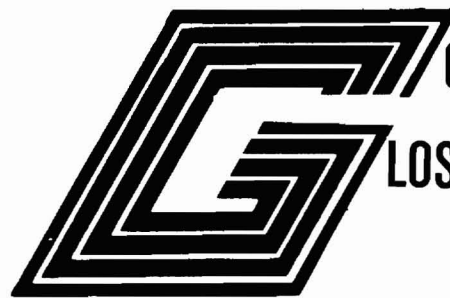
At the awards presentation, prizes were given to the top five Juniors and the top ten Seniors. Gary retained the Perpetual Trophy, Gilbert Sasse received the First Challenge Trophy, the Flo Drill Trophy went to Kathy Contildes, and Betsy Hall received the Jane Marshall Trophy.

Gary Knapp summed it up, "All in all, the '78 Internationals is one of the finest regattas I've ever attended, and I'd like to thank all of the people who helped make it run so smoothly."



Clay Shepstone

Don Peters photo



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The Weeds and The Pits

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