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INTERNATIONALS DRAW 35 COMPETITORS IN 1996

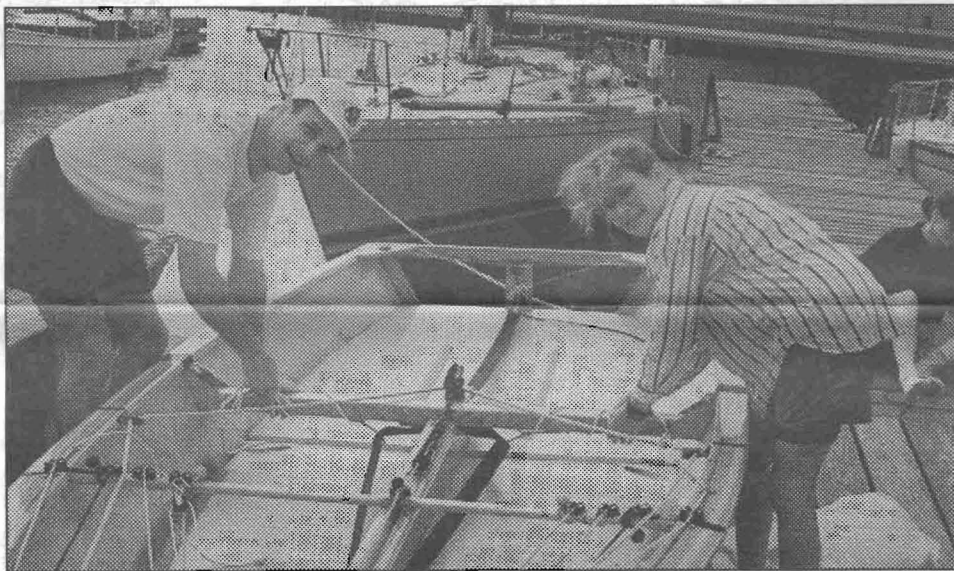
The International Championship of the IPCDA numbered ten boats from Brazil among the 35 competing for the title at Columbia Yacht Club in Chicago, September 4-7. Three Brazilian boats were from Rio de Janeiro and 7 hailed from Rio Grande in the far south.

At the forefront of Columbia's team were Principal Race Officers Genie Brix and John Thomas who took the Penguins on the open waters of Lake Michigan. The first two race days, three windward / leeward courses of 3-4 miles were run. Both days moderate NE winds blew creating 1-3 foot seas.

Four firsts and two seconds gave Bud and Sue Dailey of New York the International title over Neal and Kathy Litman of New

Jersey, the 1995 defending champions. Sandy Rapp, a two-time International Penguin champ, of Skokie Lagoons Fleet in suburban Chicago was third.

Terry Glenn and Nancy Garrity, Columbia's Fleet 49, were chairmen of the 1996 Internationals.



**Bud & Sue
Dailey**
Decisions,
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**WINNERS
& 1996
IPCDA
CHAMPS**

DECISIONS TO DAILEY WINS

by Bud Dailey, Jr.

I'm sitting with Frank at the Awards Presentation and he asks Sue and I to write about what we thought of the Championships. I thought about it for a minute and determined what else could we say but it was great! I'm sure he expected more than a 40 word response to his request, so I figured I'd better come up with some more.

One of the first things that came to mind was when Sue and I accompanied by Mel Reid, went to Steve Andrew's home in Centerport, Long Island to look at a Penguin to purchase. Not to date ourselves too much, but this was back in 1974. The price was right, \$250. It needed some work, but it did float and had all the necessary pieces. This is the boat we took to our first Penguin Internationals in 1977. Some notable sailors attended this regatta: Gary Knapp, Sandy and Marilyn Rapp, Steve and Kathy Spole, Mel Reid, Ron Leuwlank, Bruce Goldsmith,

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DOWNWIND RECORD TOLD

by Neal Litman

Without a doubt the most exciting race of the 1996 International Championship was Race 5, the second race on Friday. It was the closest finish that I can remember at an Internationals. A downwind finish, three Penguins dead-even, separated only by several feet... rewind the tape about 60 minutes:

The starting gun has just gone off, I was in the second row off the starting line. What was I thinking about? Boats were cruising over me, ahead of me. I couldn't point, couldn't foot, couldn't tack, oh my #@*, I'm screwed! I'm not used to sailing in dirty air, what do I do now?

"OK, let's tack."

Kathy reports, "starboard tacker."

"Duck him."

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TROPHY WINNERS

1996

IPCD INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

International Champion

Bud Dailey, Jr. & Sue Dailey

Potomac Fleet #1

Neal Litman & Kathy Litman, 2nd

Richmond County Fleet #5

Sandy Rapp & Jane Mather, 3rd

Skokie Lagoons Fleet #80

Dick Tennerstedt & Dianne Hunt, 4th

Skokie Lagoons Fleet #80

David Stix & Katherine Malmo

Belmont Fleet

Flo Drill Trophy

Highest Placing Woman Crew

Sue Dailey

Potomac Fleet #1

Bert & Faith Israel Trophy

Highest Placing Woman Skipper

Terry Glenn

Columbia YC Fleet #49

Junior Championship

Flavio Ribeiro/ Lucio Ribeiro 1st

Rio Grande

Kurt Thompson/ Pat Hitchins 2nd

Columbia YC Fleet #49

Guilherme Born/ Nicholas Souza 3rd

Rio de Janeiro

1988 Femina Trophy

Highest Placing Woman's Team

Cottie Kerr & Carolyn Aronson

Columbia YC Fleet #49

Classic Boat Trophy

Highest Placing Skipper in a

'Classic' Wood Boat

Catherine Wagner

Boat #9146

Rio de Janeiro

Masters' Trophy

Highest Placing Skipper Over 50

Sandy Rapp

Skokie Lagoons

Rookie Trophy

Steve Lavender

Skokie Lagoons

Long Distance Award

Flavio Robeiro

Rio Grande, Brazil

* NOTES:

The Flo Drill Trophy is missing.

the Classic Boat Trophy is retained in the U.S. due to its fragile nature.

The Women's Team Trophy is a silver platter presented by the Brazilians.

YEAR 'ROUND COLUMBIANS REPORT

The year 'round Penguin sailors of Columbia Yacht Club's Fleet 49 (that's Spring Summer and Fall series, in Chicago) will conclude on Thanksgiving with the annual competition for the Garboon Trophy and the traditional Rum Punch.

In October it was the Mini-Mac with Penguins making the dash on the open waters of Lake Michigan between Burnham Park Harbor and Monroe Street Harbor. Sixteen boats took this Region VI challenge with 15 finishing after Karen Utterback and crew took the plunge when their centerboard popped up in mid-flight.

Sailing conditions were ideal with a brisk sou'wester. Dick Tennerstedt of Skokie Lagoon scored a record-breaking first, finishing in 38 minutes, 57 seconds and shaving 16 minutes from the previous record held by Dave Fall. Frank Flaherty was second, followed by Rick Strilky, Paul Wurtzebach and Dave Fall.

The Summer Series concluded with Dave Fall in first, Bob Blatt, second and Cottie Kerr, third. Leading the Fall Series are Kerr, Fall and Tom Svoboda; in the overall scores Kerr and Fall are followed by Terry Glenn and Svoboda.

1996 IPCDA INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

COLUMBIA YACHT CLUB, CHICAGO • SEPT 6 -7

Boat #	Name	1	2	3	4	5	5	Pts.	Place
9571	Dailey/Bud & Sue	1	1	1	2	2	1	5.00	1
9666	Litman/Neal&Kathy	4	5	2	1	1	2	9.50	2
9714	Rapp/Sandy&Mather	3	8	6	4	5	3	21.00	3
9707	Tennerstedt/Dick&Hunt	6	3	7	5	4	4	22.00	4
9677	Stix/David&Malmo	10	4	3	6	9	5	27.00	5
9729	Wurtzebach, Paul	2	2	5	11	10	14	30.00	6
8784	Findlay, Bob	5	12	15	8	3	6	34.00	7
9727	Flaherty, Frank	8	7	8	10	8	9	40.00	8
6602	Lavender, Steve	19	16	9	3	7	7	42.00	9
9629	Strilky, Rick	13	6	10	7	11	13	47.00	10
9627	Heitzinger	15	11	18	9	6	8	49.00	11
9600	Lourenco	11	10	12	14	12	15	59.00	12
96721	Glenn, Israel	7	13	14	18	17	12	63.00	13
9695	Kerr Team	16	17	4	16	14	16	66.00	14
BRA797	Wagner	27	9	20	13	16	10	68.00	15
9711	Fall, David	18	20	13	12	13	19	75.00	16
19600	Ribeiro	14	18	17	15	32	21	85.00	17
9585	Beltrao	9	14	22	21	23	27	89.00	18
9507	Carnerio	17	21	24	17	18	17	90.00	19
9672	Thornsen	31	15	23	27	15	11	91.00	20
BRA971	Born	12	24	19	19	22	22	94.00	21
9675	Coan	20	23	11	24	20	25	98.00	22
9708	Lima	22	33	25	20	19	18	104.00	23
9577	Svoboda	25	19	16	32	27	23	110.00	24
9468	Figueim	30	26	21	23	21	24	115.00	25
9417	Blatt	21	25	27	26	25	20	117.00	26
9725	Boyle	28	27	32	29	29	26	139.00	27
19675	Hernandez	34	28	28	25	26	dns	141.00	28
9678	Garrity	24	32	dns	30	24	dnf	146.00	29
BRA12	Fernandes	23	33	26	28	dns	dns	146.00	30
9119	Utterback	33	31	30	31	28	28	148.00	31
9023	Fraenkel	29	30	29	34	31	30	149.00	32
9145	Provencher	26	34	31	33	30	29	149.00	33
9704	Reshini	32	29	dns	22	wdr		155.00	34
9485	Kohler	wd	dns	wdr				180.00	35

by Bud Dailey, Jr.

Mark Kastel, Doug Wefer, to name some of the other 55 competitors -- What a Class! It would be 13 years before Sue and I would get back into the Penguin Class and sail together, even though we were making sails for some of the local fleet during that time. It all started up again with a different boat, Hull #9571, the winner of the 1978 Internationals sailed by Gary Knapp who won his second championship.

A lot of changes had taken place since we last sailed, aluminum masts, fiberglass self bailing boats, and a number of new faces on the Penguin scene. Our love for sailing the Penguin had grown and it was time to enjoy sailing together again. For fear of Patter weighing two pounds, I'll skip over some of the details of the next two years. In the 1990 Internationals, it was close but no silver



for us with Mark Kastel winning a great windy series. The 1991 NAs found us getting better with Neal and Kathy Litman winning. 1992 and we were so close, but a few points shy when Daniel Pontes won. On to 1993, another great International Championship held at Columbia Yacht Club and sailed superbly by Sandy and Marilyn Rapp. Chicago is one of the most beautiful areas we ever raced in. We missed 1994 and 1995 due to a big move, and then, in 1996 back in Chicago at Columbia Yacht Club, it happened. I'd like to say that the people at the Columbia Yacht Club are the greatest hosts for a regatta, and the racing was handled extremely well also. It's great to join a group of sailors that sail well and have earned their names on the International Penguin Class Trophy!

As for "How we did it?" I would say that it was sailing the way we did all season long. Relax and enjoy the sailing, the friendship and the location. Don't pressure yourself into having to win every race. Be ready to take advantage of any mistake your competitors make, and most importantly have fun! There are probably a couple of other things, but I need to save some things for another article. The Penguin class has among its members the most fun and sincere group of people that we have met, and that's what makes it so much fun to sail in any Penguin event!

Coming next issue: Those Dailey decisions that made the difference will be featured; just in time for Class members to make plans for the Internationals and North Americans of 1997.

by Neal Litman

"Another two boats on starboard."

"Duck them."

The NE wind is light, Kathy is in the middle of the boat, I'm sitting on the rail. The lake is in a frenzy, chop and swells together, 1-3 feet.

An occasional wave over the bow, an unexpected drop. Halfway up the leg, I count six boats behind. This is my worst race I can remember. There's Findlay, Stix, Rapp and Tenner way up by the weather mark. Just keep on going, stay in phase with the shifts, there's some wind over there, tack. Sneaking through the middle, avoiding the convergence of starboard and port tack swarms we arrive at the weather mark about tenth, phew.

I'm now focussed on puffs, and Kathy focuses her "tractor" beam on the leeward mark, we pull even closer, as the lead pack compresses, almost within reach.



Upwind a second time, passing is becoming ever more difficult. These guys don't roll over, don't make mistakes, they protect their position. The leaders have the advantage and are using it, playing the game well. Reaction takes over the body, the mind is too busy collecting the data. We're in the zone.

We round the weather mark for the downwind leg to the finish. There's Findlay, Dailey and Rapp, that's all I see. Dailey jibes to port for a puff and pulls into the lead. Rapp tries to follow but can't cross my bow, I'm getting a puff from my right. The waves are helping us surf but the boat is rolling wildly. We jibe onto port below Findlay. Dailey is working down from above.

We converge for the final stand. Who will get that last push across the finish line?

The pin is favored, everyone holds their breath; sweat is pouring. The committee is ready. Bang, the race is over, less than 3 feet separate first, second and third!

Who got it?

All right! (See the results on Page 4)

Rapp finishes the race without a forestay attached, good fortune for a downwind finish!