

Linstead Penguin Fleet—No. 66

Fleet Captain

Tom Kauffman—P.O. Box 214, Severna Park, Md.

Fleet Secretary

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The Linstead Fleet started its spring sailing with the Annapolis Yacht Club's spring series and continued to be represented in the other Bay-area regattas throughout the rest of the season. We weren't able to take one of the first three places in the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association's high-point trophy, but we did manage to secure the fourth and fifth places.

We were hosts to the opening frostbite regatta at the Severn Sailing Association's site in Annapolis. Despite the shifty and calm-to-moderate winds, all 13 participants enjoyed a keenly competitive 5-race series.

We are again looking forward to a more active and highly successful forthcoming year.

Indian River Penguin Fleet—No. 67

The Indian River Penguin Fleet 67 has been very inactive for the past two seasons. The main reason could have been insecurity about club location. We think we have that licked with the purchase of a new up-river club location that is beautiful and perfect for Penguin races as it is in protected water (swell for frostbites). We are now members of the C.B.Y.R.A. and definitely intend to have a C.B.Y.R.A. sanctioned regatta in 1960. At present we have more Penguins in our area than ever before, but they are inactive. We intend to make them active this season with heaps of good racing. Come to our regatta or regattas (we may have a frostbite) this year and we will definitely guarantee you a swell time. When you receive our invitation please plan to come. Here is to the best in sixty in Penguin history.

Annapolis Penguin Fleet—No. 68

Commodore

Tad duPont—Melvin Point, Rt. 3, Annapolis, Md.

Vice Commodore

Pat Patterson—Melvin Pt., Rt. 3, Annapolis, Md.

Fleet Captain

Drew Kramer—128 Market St., Annapolis, Md.

Secretary

Cathie Scott—Harness Creek, Rt. 3, Annapolis, Md.

Treasurer

Jane Melvin—Melvin Point, Rt. 3, Annapolis, Md.

Late in June, the Annapolis Penguin Fleet, composed entirely of Juniors, started its summer sailing program with Steve Martin as our instructor. During the summer some of our skippers sailed a series of team races against West River, Indian Landing, and Severn Sailing Assoc. Our fleet came out on top with Tad duPont, Pat Patterson, Bill Torgerson, Jim Scott, and Drew Kramer on the team.

Many of our members participated in the open regattas on the bay. Firsts were brought back by Jim Scott, Annapolis Spring Series, Annapolis Fall Series, Annapolis Regatta, and Maryland Yacht Club Regatta; Tad duPont, Corsica

River Regatta and Severn Sailing Fall Series; and Jane Melvin, Gibson Island Regatta, West River Regatta, and Severn Sailing Fall Series Midget Class.

Tad duPont was our fleet's Junior Champion. Sandy Clark was our Midget Champion.

This summer, four new boats were added to our fleet and we expect to have several new ones next year.



Indian Landing Fleet Race

Indian Landing Penguin Fleet—No. 97

Fleet Captain

William Sands—Gambrills, Md.

Fleet Secretary

Stephanie Ewalt—Millersville, Md.

Indian Landing's fifth summer of Junior racing got underway with a June Series. Ned Sullivan won first in the all-weather division and Steve Huggins led the light-weather skippers.

The July Series races ended with Billy Sands and Eugene Long on top of the two divisions.

In August, all boats raced together and Billy Sands won, becoming fleet champion.

The last event of the season was the final Junior Penguin contest in the Indian Landing Boat Club Regatta. It was a hotly contested and exciting race. Miss Sandra Smith won handily and became the first girl to hold the Robert I. Welsh Memorial Bowl.

Ned Sullivan was awarded the Sportsmanship Trophy, which Mrs. Richard Whitall again most graciously presented.

Alfred Thomas Gundry III was elected the season's best crew and Hall Schaub received a prize for doing the best maintenance job on his boat.

The season was a good one; new skippers moved up in ranking, giving the old hands a fight for every mark. There were three to five Club races every Thursday afternoon, with area team racing contests on Wednesdays, and Regattas over the week-ends.

We concluded our busy season with a fair series. The results were—Billy Hunt, sailing LITTLE STAR, first; Tim Sniffen in the FLYING FISH, second; and Wesley Jones in his DAMITALL, third. The prospects for next year look bright with further growth and increased activities in the fleet.

Anne Arundel Penguin Fleet—No. 18

Fleet Captain

Dr. W. E. Lawson—4312 Reno Road, Washington 8, D.C.

Fleet Secretary

Linda Youngs—830 22nd St., So. Arlington 2, Va.

The Anne Arundel Penguin Fleet had a most successful season.

The Junior Fleet at West River, with the help of Bobby Hartge and Dick Heintz, had a big sailing season. They competed several times with the Annapolis Juniors as well as the regular week-end meets.

After placing at Miles River and Chester River "Frostbites," Doc Lawson traded his boat for a 7 pound 12 oz. crew named William Edward. But this still couldn't hold him down. He entered and placed 2nd in the Chesapeake Bay Men's Championships, borrowed a boat and entered the District Championship at Fishing Bay and placed 2nd at Tides Inn.

Bucky Colbert and Linda Youngs entered many Bay Regattas. After a slow start Linda finally brought home a 3rd from Gibson Island. Linda also won her fourth Chesapeake Bay Women's Championship and went on to win the Mid-Atlantic Women's at Mantoloking, N.J., and placed 5th in the Adams Cup held at American Yacht Club, Rye, N.Y.

Our annual Frostbite, after being blown out at Severn Sailing in Annapolis, was rescheduled and held at Bush River. We were visited and beaten by some New Jersey sailors. Bob Seidelmann won, followed by Runyon Colie, John MacCausland, Linda Youngs and Walt Lawson.

We are looking forward to a successful 1960 sailing season and extend our invitation for you to visit us.

Fishing Bay Penguin Fleet—No. 37

Fleet Captain

Jack Moseley—108 North Wilton Rd., Richmond, Virginia

Fleet Secretary

Miss Conway Hancock—5303 Kingsbury Rd., Richmond, Virginia

Fleet Treasurer

Mrs. Walter M. Dotts, Jr.—1806 Hanover Ave., Richmond, Virginia

Fishing Bay experienced a successful season in 1959, having ten active boats. We lost one of our most active members, Randolph Roper, at the end of the summer. He is now making his home in Connecticut.

The Penguin Fleet members were predominantly juniors this year, as they have been since 1957. We were fortunate in having good weather throughout the summer. Two series of eight races each were held from early in June until mid-September. These races were hotly contested. The results were as follows:

First Series

1. Jack Moseley
2. Ray Munsch
3. Randolph Roper

Second Series

1. Jack Moseley
2. Perry Sinnickson
3. Randolph Roper

Although most of the racing was confined to intra-club activities, the fleet members participated widely in lower Chesapeake Bay regattas. We were hosts to the Atlantic Coast Championship Regatta in August. Our skippers

performed creditably against this top-flight competition. Perry Sinnickson, thirteen years old, brought distinction to the fleet by winning first place over a large fleet at Hampton Regatta. Returning from Europe late in the season, Scotty McCue took first place honors in the club's annual Long Distance Race. The coveted Baker Bowl was won for the second time by Jack Moseley. This prize takes into consideration both inter and intra-club activities.

We are looking forward to another successful season in 1960.

1959 ATLANTIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIP

Bruce Anderson, Jim Carson and Ed Cotter wrapped it up "neat and tidy" at the 1959 Atlantic Coast Championship of the Penguin Class by taking all the place spots in each of the five races except the fourth race, when Bob Belt and Linda Youngs managed to get a word in edgewise and take a 1st and a 3rd.

Held on Fishing Bay on September 12 and 13 under the auspices of the Fishing Bay Yacht Club and ably directed by Andy Sinnickson the 21 contenders representing 9 fleets enjoyed the finest weather and courses imaginable.

The fact that the measurement committee required Anderson to cut an inch or so off his mast didn't seem to bother him one bit for he was the only top contender who never moved out of the place spots in any of the races. After a relatively poor first race the reigning CBYRA High Point Trophy Champion, Bill Dougherty, sailed consistently ahead of the other youngsters to take the junior award.

The sponsors must have had a premonition that a few would dominate the series and thoughtfully provided Penguin engraved old fashioned glasses for each contestant to take home as a memento of the occasion. These were promptly used to drown the sorrows of the "also rans."

Gibson Island Penguin Fleet—No. 40

Commodore

Clay Primrose—Gibson Island, Md.

Fleet Captain

John W. H. Michel, 4327 Wickford Rd., Baltimore 10, Md.

Secretary

Bill Tucker—305 Tunbridge Rd., Baltimore 12, Md.

Treasurer

Candy Sherwood—Gibson Island, Md.

The Junior Fleet this year completed a most successful summer of sailing under the able guidance of Mr. Morehead Vermilye of Easton. As in the years before we had two series of five races each, both of which presented excellent competition for the sailors of the Junior Fleet.

Many of the older sailors competed in such regattas as Corsica, Potapscot, and Oxford.

This year instead of having most of the boats on floats they were kept on the Gibson Island County School lawn. This proved much safer for the Penguins during storms.

There were many outstanding races, such as the Captain Kenny Race, which was won by Chick Owens, one of our former commodores. Also the Symington Memorial Race, which was won by Davy Johnson in "A" and Midge Potter in "B."

As usual our spring series was a hard fought battle. Eleven races were sailed on Sunday afternoons beginning the first of May. The winner was Jack Reckord, second, Fred Bennett, and third, Pete Ensor, the club junior champion last year.

On July 18th and 19th we had our annual summer regatta. Races were held for six classes and as an extra we had our Junior relay race. The Severn Sailing Association team won this year taking the perpetual bowl with them. The Bush River sailors did well in their respective classes, taking first in all classes that they competed.

Skippers from our fleet traveled to many of the Chesapeake Bay Regattas throughout the remainder of the season.

The fall series at Bush River began the last Sunday in September. There were twelve contestants and a record number of twenty-two races sailed. First place, winning the Fleet Champion half model plaque and the Sail Fleet Captain's Bowl was Pete Ensor, second, Fred Bennett and third, Tommy Hodous.

On the last Sunday of the fall series a special race was sailed. It was a match race between Commodore George Pensell and Captain William Ensor in Penguins. It was a very exciting race; single handed in a wind of about twenty knots, Commodore Pensell was the winner.

The Bush River Frostbite, November 15th, was a lively affair—plenty of wind—too much for some of the sailors. Twelve sailors started the first race. Jack and Janet Reckord capsized before they were clear of the pier, but got afloat in time for the first race. Runyon Colie of the Downer Fleet was first with Susan Hogendorp, one of our Juniors, crewing. Second was Bob Belt of Potomac Fleet. Third, Jack Reckord with Charlie Strausburg as crew. We were pleased to have two of the top Comet sailors with us in Penguins; they were: John MacCausland and Bob Seidelmann, both of Cooper River, New Jersey. Pete Ensor was the highest placing Junior.

Oxford Penguin Fleet—No. 15

A 1959 enrollment of 68 youngsters in the Tred Avon Yacht Club summer sailing class under Will Potter's tutelage was an increase of 20 over 1958. Likewise there was an increase in Penguin Boats, with as many as 25 crossing the starting line somewhat together. More Penguins are joining the fleet at this time so 1960 is likely to be a bang-up year for sailing at Oxford.

Penguin activity is an integral part of the increasing Tred Avon Yacht Club interest in sailing. Quite a few club members have added auxiliary cruisers to the Club's roster in the last two years. Many of the younger Penguin skippers and crews have been engaged in crewing on these cruising sloops. Their fundamental education on Penguins was readily translated to know-how on the bigger boats.

For examples—Margie and Tot Myers served as crew aboard Bill and Bunny Myer's new Triton which did so well in Bay racing this past summer; Jim Brickell has given, along with his daughter Bea, Mary Carroll Shannahan a couple of sails on "Starlight" which included the Annapolis-Oxford race. Bill, Bobby and Danny Smith have had their turn on the Baum's "Coot," the 21 foot English built character sloop seen in most Bay races. Jeff and Cathy Olds

are valued crew members on their dad's 28 foot Alden sloop. On "Quandary" we have seen Flip Welsh and Homan, Jr., and Terry ably assisting Commodore Hallock. And what would the Wilford's "Captain Bray" do without the Wilford kids?

All of these youngsters and several others of the Penguin fleet have had at least a chance to sail on, crew on and handle the lines and helms on larger boats this summer, including Clo Stewart on Perry Alford's "Flying Dutchman."

And don't ignore the progress of a few old time Penguiners who started as beginners in the Penguin class a decade ago. This past summer Morehead Vermilye conducted sailing classes at Gibson Island. Tim Bloomfield instructed the Corsica River Penguin sailing classes and found time to crew on larger yachts in Bay races.

One of the biggest kicks this writer got was as crew member aboard an Eight Meter in the Annapolis-Oxford race . . . watching Fred Rossiter at the helm steering us in a light air heat from half a mile astern to well ahead of two other eights in the race.

Obviously, from the three year old child who sits in the sand on the club beach while the Penguins sail by his wandering eyes to the retired skipper who donates a trophy to the most successful Penguin sailor, Penguins are important! The Penguin class is the nucleus of our club's expanding interest in all types of sailing. The Tred Avon Yacht Club has good reason to be proud of and to encourage its Penguin fleet.

Hampton Penguin Fleet—No. 16

Fleet Captain

Billy Hunt—3113 Chesapeake Ave., Hampton, Va.

Fleet Secretary

Tim Sniffen—3111 Chesapeake Ave., Hampton, Va.

The Hampton Penguin Fleet opened its successful 1959 season with the Maury Regatta, at which we took the top three places. This was just the beginning of a tremendous year. All told our members captured 14 firsts, 6 seconds and 5 thirds in various Chesapeake Bay regattas.

Billy Hunt did very well for the Hampton Yacht Club by placing in most of the regattas in which he sailed. Unfortunately Bill Dougherty seemed to have one accident after another which put him out of much of the competition this year. We are pleased to add, however, that in spite of his bad luck Dougherty took first place and Billy Hunt took third in the Junior Division of the Atlantic Coast Penguin Championships, held at Fishing Bay.

This year Hampton Yacht Club was the host of the Virginia Sailing Regatta. This was certainly a regatta of contrasts. On Saturday there were drifting matches, but on Sunday there was a brisk wind with gusts up to 30 miles per hour. As a result of these conditions many stayed ashore and of those skippers who did sail there was one broken mast, a broken rudder, and several other minor accidents. The Regatta was won by Billy Hunt, with Johnny Holt in second place and Tinky Tysor of the Potomac fleet taking third.

With the addition of six new boats, our fleet now numbers 22. The increased competition of a growing fleet has brought on a "finish" craze. Everyone strives to get a glossy bottom on his boat. Before each regatta there is always a great rush to get the boats in tip-top condition.

A weekly series of Thursday afternoon races was held during the summer. Billy Hunt took first, with Tim Sniffen in second and Johnny Holt, third. Junior Yacht Club activities were closed with the Junior Regatta, which was composed of several series, a fisherman's start and a mother's race.

guess. Penguins with jibs, spinnakers or beach umbrellas are likely to be seen.

During the year boats attended regattas at Kenlake and Nashville. Trips were made to nearby lakes such as Sardis and Enid. On these trips most of the fleet would make a day of it, with some of the members going for the week end.

Several members have new moulded fiberglass boats on order and are looking forward to racing them.

Bay St. Louis Fleet—No. 87

The first Penguin races of the 1959 season were held at the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club during the opening regatta of the Gulf Yachting Association held May 2 and 3. Bill Watts, Jr. was the winner. During regatta week at Pass Christian, several of our Penguins enjoyed a week of racing and Chuck Breath had the distinction of winning one race 15 minutes ahead of the second boat, which proved to be the biggest lead of any boat during the regatta. Our fleet was represented at the Regionals held in Mobile on July 18 and 19 by Bill Watts, who placed second in the series. Plans are being made for the summer of 1960 to have more inter-club races, more Penguins, and lots of fun.

Flota de la Habana—No. 123

Fleet Captain

Richard G. Jones—Apartado 1709, Havana, Cuba

As most of you know, 1959 in Cuba was a revolutionary year and as such many changes took place in all walks of life in this island republic. The Penguin fleet, however, was very active during the entire year with various series being sailed usually on Sunday morning and consisting of from one to three races every time the fleet went outside into the open gulf. The rule regarding anchors was eliminated in this fleet due to the fact that we generally sail in waters running over a 1,000' deep.

Bill Adams, sailing his new boat for the first time this year, had the fleet looking at his stern during most of the entire year; however, Terry Gainelloni, 14 years old, surprised the fleet by winning the fleet championship through consistent and excellent sailing.

In another series of the wives or girls, Virginia Mallory won the skipperette trophy. Bill Adams in the only large regatta sailed in Havana during the past year, that of the Sesenta Barcos (60 yachts), won first place, edging out Dick Jones in the last few yards to win by half a boat length. The Havana Yacht Club has shown tremendous interest in setting up a fleet of their own and we are at present working with them to establish more boats in Cuba.

One sad note in that due to the many changes taking place in Cuba today, one of our skippers Walter Hahn left for the States in January; however, he donated a perpetual trophy to be called the Mim Hahn trophy, said trophy being named after his wife. The whole fleet regrets the loss of this excellent skipper and his wife.

One interesting note is that there are revolutionary guards on all water exits in Cuba who check the arrival and departure of pleasure boats, and in this respect, several times the Penguins were not permitted to leave the harbor for fear that they would be attempting the trip from Havana to Key West.

We hope to be able to send a representative to the International in New Orleans this year; however, this will depend upon the conditions as they may be at that time.

Choctawhatchee Bay Penguin Fleet—No. ?

Fleet Captain

Carl von Wegern—Box 263, Shalimar, Fla.

Fleet Secretary-Treasurer

DeMetro Cavitch—Box 468, Shalimar, Fla.

Fleet Measurer

Fritz Mantey—Box 669, Shalimar, Fla.

Our 1959 season was in the greater part devoted to the members building the first flock of Penguins to be sailed in this area. Fritz Mantey's SHANTEY BIRD (5382) was launched and christened (with grog) on July 4th. Carl von Wegern's KIX WIX (5276) was launched Labor Day, followed by the launching of Mack Cavitch's WAHOO (5385). With a little push, Jim Shea's boat (5430) will be launched in the near future. George Magruder beat us all into the water by importing No. 2661, ZIP, from Atlanta, Georgia, while Marshall J. Brown followed with a Biloxi import, No. 2009, M.J., JR., which is the original name and, by coincidence, most appropriate to the present owner and the skipper.

These boats have generated considerable interest in the area, and we are hopeful that the result will be more Penguins in Choctawhatchee Bay.



Sunset on Choctawhatchee Bay