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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### LOOKING FORWARD TO 2007

by Bill Allen, International President

I am very pleased to report that 2006 was another excellent year for the Star Class.

The 2006 World Championship in San Francisco attracted 27 countries, and provided the tightest competition in years. Congratulations to Hamish Pepper and Carl Williams on their great win, followed up with another at the North Americans in Miami. All the Continental Championships were well attended by both the elite and the weekend sailors. Congratulations to all the winners and competitors in these premier events, and in all Star events throughout the World.

Participation in many regional events also showed good growth. Many districts tried to focus their schedules on certain events, resulting in less dilution over many regattas. Unfortunately, in some cases fleet racing seemed to be down a bit. I hope that local officers will read the articles in the Fall Magazine concerning fleet development. There are many good ideas there; the key seems to be to have a "champion" to spearhead the development, helping new sailors get up to speed in our challenging boat. The good thing is that once sailors experience the notion that they *might* have an idea of how to make the boat perform, they are usually hooked for life. After 40 years I only rarely have that notion.

Our image in the World of Sailing has never been higher. I attended the 2006 ISAF Annual meeting, and it was apparent that the Star Class is considered to be the pinnacle of one design sailing.

One of our major initiatives for 2007 is to develop some relationships with corporate sponsors, either for specific

events, or for the class in general. We will be preparing some promotional materials for use in sponsor presentations. If you have any ideas for potential sponsors, or concerning marketing materials, please contact myself or one of the other officers.

Now is the time to start preparing for the 2007 season. Your officers have developed an outstanding group of continental championships. As you know, the Star Class has embraced the ISAF Combined Olympic Classes World Championship, to be held in Cascais, Portugal in early July of 2007. Participation in this quadrennial event is required for any Olympic class.

Unfortunately, the format and qualification process for this event will not be according to Star Class rules. Country slots are determined based on results from the 2005 and 2006 World Championships. These are limited to 7 per country. Further country spots to complete the 80 boat field will be determined by an ISAF commission. Sailors for the country slots will be selected by the country Member National Authority, based on their own criteria. The result will be a smaller world's than we are accustomed to, possibly with more countries represented. It will be another good opportunity for the class to get international exposure at a multi class event.

Since the opportunity to compete in the **2007** World's may be more limited, this would be a good year to attend Silver Star events. The South American Championship is in Argentina, near Buenos Aires in March. The Eastern Hemisphere Championship will be held in mid-April at beautiful Mallorca; and the Western Hemispheres will be held the first week in April in Tampa. Each of these venues has great sailing conditions and the competition and camaraderie will definitely be up to Star Class standards.

The North Americans will be held in Vancouver, Canada in August, and the European Championship will be in Italy in September. Again, these events will provide excellent sailing and camaraderie.

And speaking of planning early, don't forget the **2008** Worlds Championship will be in Miami, Florida in April. Since this event is early, some of the qualifications will have to be based on 2007 Fleet, District, and Continental qualifiers. Keep this in mind when planning 2007 schedules.

I would like to personally thank all of the officers, our class central office, our communications team, committee members, and other volunteers who have made 2006 such a success. We have a great team of people helping to keep the Star the best Class in the World, and we all look forward to another great year in 2007.

Good Sailing

Bill Allen, I.S.C.Y.R.A. President

### **HARRY NYE TROPHY AWARDED TO JOHN M. MACCAUSLAND**

By Bill Allen, ISCYRA President

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the 2006 Harry Nye trophy has been awarded to John M. MacCausland. The Harry Nye Trophy is given to an individual who has made very significant contributions to the Class over a period of time. The award was announced during the 2006 North American Championship in Miami. Unfortunately, John was unable to be in Miami, so the trophy was presented in a very special ceremony to his son John Jr., by Star Class Commodore Sir Durward Knowles. Many of John's closest Star Class friends were there to help celebrate this prestigious award.

John began sailing Star boats in the mid 1970's, achieving great success in District 2 regattas and International events. He finished 3rd in the 1984 North Americans, and won race honors in the World's. He served as North American Class Vice President during the 1980's and 1990's. During this time, he organized many continental championships, and set a new standard for excellence for Silver Star events. He was instrumental in updating many of our class rules to modern standards.

John has also operated a Star Class supply store with his son John. Their supply van at major events resulted in many of us significantly downsizing our parts inventory. What made this business so special was the assistance John provided to us all. Frequently John could be found rigging new masts or fixing breakdowns, usually AFTER a day of sailing. I am sure John and John Jr. would have liked to relax and enjoy the evening, but they always cheerfully helped us get back on the course the next day, often with a useful tip on how to do something more efficiently.

I am sure I speak for many when I say that my experience in the Star Class has been very positively affected in many ways by John MacCausland. Congratulations John, on a well deserved award.

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### **SUMMARY OF INTERNATIONAL SAILING FEDERATION MEETING**

By Bill Allen and John Koopman

The International Sailing Federation (ISAF) held its 2006 annual conference in Helsinki, Finland, November 4-12. Star Class President Bill Allen and Chief Measurer John Koopman attended on behalf of the Class. ISAF is the governing body of international sailing, and is responsible for running the Olympics, America's Cup, Volvo Ocean Race, and other international events. In addition, ISAF publishes the Rules of Sailing, coordinates International Class rules and measurement specifications and certifies race officials and judges. They are also involved in youth sailing activities and Offshore Sailing.

At the annual meeting, ISAF considers many submissions for improving the state of Sailing. Various committees discuss these ideas, and make recommendations to the 39 person ISAF Council, which then votes on the submissions. This year there were over 100 submissions to consider. Of these, only 10-15 were of relevance to the Star Class.

Rather than review these submissions one by one, we will review the major topics considered, and any decisions reached which affect the class or one design sailing in general. You can get further details from the ISAF site at [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org).

In general, there was very little passed that will affect the Star Class. The majority of discussion in meetings and the back halls concerned the establishment of an ISAF World Cup for Olympic classes. After much consideration, Council approved a general concept that combines the existing 5 Grade One events that are not class events, plus the Princess Sophia Trophy in Mallorca, into a World Cup series. The results of these events will be combined in some way to award a World Cup champion. The final scoring format has not been decided, and may include a World Cup Grand Final event, probably to be sailed in September or October, that would crown the Champion. It is hoped that such a series might be initiated in 2007, but possibly it would be postponed until 2008.

The World Cup series would be essentially a professional circuit, with sponsorship, media coverage, and possibly prize money. It would be totally outside of class activities, including our World and Continental Championships. The events would initially consist of Sail Melbourne, Miami OCR, Princess Sophia Trophy, Hyeres Weeks, Holland Regatta and Kieler Woche. The Class World Championships may be included in the scoring, but would continue to be sailed under Star Class rules, except for the Combined ISAF World Championships every 4 years. It is expected that these events will continue to be open to all competitors within the Olympic designation. As you can see, many details of the concept are yet to be decided.

The concept of a World Cup should be beneficial to the Star Class. We will be included in a major new sailing initiative, which should increase the media attention to the class; and we will continue to have authority over our existing class events.

ISAF also considered changes to the medal race format for the Olympics, and decided to keep the format as is. It was suggested, but not required, that the grade one events making up the World Cup series all use the Olympic format. Class events will continue to be sailed under Star Class rules.

Several submissions concerned increasing the authority of member national authorities (MNA's) in the qualification and organizing of Olympic Class events. These were not passed.

The previously published qualification process for the 2007 ISAF Combined World Championships in Cascais, Portugal was modified slightly, and remains a work in progress. At this time, a complicated formula is being used to allocate country slots for the event, based on performance in the 2005 and 2006 worlds. A country can receive a maximum of seven slots based on this formula. Additional slots may be allocated by an ISAF commission. The individual sailors for these slots will be selected by the country MNA. Unfortunately, The Star Class qualification process will not apply. For more details, please contact your individual country MNA.

At the Measurement and Equipment meetings there was little that directly affects the Star.

At the sub-committee level, the concept of "Out of the Box" boats was discussed. Does the term refer to a boat like a Laser where you have all you need from a single supplier (you may

need to buy a few until you get one you like), or a high quality boat like the Star where you buy the components you want, do some tuning and win a worlds. As the term went up the reporting chain, the concept appeared to go in the single source direction. This has implications for the selection of Olympic Equipment, where manufacturer supplied equipment has great appeal from the organizational standpoint, but little appeal to the Competitors who may get saddled with defective equipment. The Laser Radial competitors made a submission to be allowed to bring their own equipment to China. It probably won't happen.

Of more interest to the Class, in ISAF involvement are issues outside the submissions.

ISO is preparing new rules regarding harness release mechanisms for trapeze, kite boarding etc. This is a complex issue which will take a lot of time. At least two more years before anything is done. The type of harness discussed is quite different from the Star system and should only become an issue if the wording of applicability becomes too generalized.

ISO and the many national and international marine safety organizations are getting together to provide a single set of specifications, acceptable worldwide, for personal flotation devices (PFD's) for the sailing community. The "Type 6" device will have derivatives focusing on specific sailing disciplines such as dingy, board, etc. This may happen within a year. While there are some good serviceable PFD's made under the current specifications, an international standard should provide better competition between manufacturers resulting in more and better choices.

The selection of Olympic classes for 2012 will not be made prior to the 2007 ISAF annual meeting in Athens next November. It has been decided by the IOC that only 10 medals will be awarded for Sailing. This will mean elimination of at least one of the existing classes. There will be discussion regarding the retention of keelboats in the Olympics, but I feel that there will probably continue to be keelboats, at least for 2012. The Class will be actively involved in this selection process throughout 2007.

In general, the image of the Star Class remains very positive at ISAF and in the international arena. We took 50 of the new Starlights to Helsinki, displaying 8-10 each day. They were always taken within an hour! Many people came up to me and commented about the beauty of the boat and the top level of competition. I could only smile and add that the enjoyment of sailing the boat and camaraderie of the class are truly what makes the Star Class so special.

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### BALLOT RESULTS

Resolution #1-2006 which changes Rule 27.2 was passed by an overwhelming majority. This rule is in regards to courses sailed in Continental Championships.

While John Chiarella was on the ballot for Vice Commodore he declined due to his position as International Secretary and current Vice Commodore Bill Parks has agreed to continue for 2007. Thus, the 2007 Honorary Vice Commodores are Bill Parks and Otto Schlenzka and Honorary Rear Commodores are Harry Adler, Carlo Rolandi and Harry Walker.

### HAMISH PEPPER AND CARL WILLIAMS WIN THE NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

November 14-19, 2006

Coral Reef Yacht Club

Seventy-eight boats from 23 countries participated in the North American Championship held in mid-November. As a point of interest, 9 countries were represented in the top 10 boats. The following write-up is based on reports by Lynn Fitzpatrick. For Lynn's complete report go to [www.starclass.org](http://www.starclass.org).

**Day 1, races 1 & 2:** Following several days of light air, Biscayne Bay finally gave Star sailors what they came here for – enough breeze to race (8-10 knots). The first race for the 78-boat Star North American Championship fleet went off without a single general recall, however that other flag, the individual recall went up, and no one went back. Whether they took the lead on the run or on the second beat, once they had it, Pepper and Williams extended. They finished both races with convincing leads.

**Day 2, races 3 & 4:** The weather stole the show during the second race of the second day. The race was started in 9-10 knots at about 240 degrees. The sky was overcast and cumulus clouds with very dark bottoms marched their way from the Everglades to Biscayne Bay. The anvils grew higher as the fleet sailed back upwind in light chop toward a dirty gray wall that swallowed the shoreline behind it. Xavier Rohart and Pascal Rambeau rounded the weather mark first. They rounded the offset mark just as the first lightning bolt hit. Freddie Lööf and Anders Ekström were a thunder clap behind them. The first 10 boats bore away and took off on a plane on the leading edge of the front. Those who followed had a hard time handling the 30-knot gust that came through.

At the end of four races Pepper, Rohart and Scheidt have 12, 13, and 23 points, respectively.

**Day 3, race 5:** Only one race was scheduled for the 3rd day of racing at the Star North Americans. After a failed attempt to get off the race the race was restarted. Pepper / Williams stole the lead going up the second beat as the wind shifted left and Fogh protected the right. At the top of the second sausage, Pepper was 1:20 minutes ahead of Fogh and Mark Reynolds was 4:00 minutes behind.

After 5 races and a drop, Pepper and Williams had 3 bullets and 6 points. They were far enough in front of Rohardt and Rambeau so that they did not have to sail the final race of the series. They're on an amazing run.

**Day 4, race 6:** The fleet took to Biscayne Bay under overcast skies and 8-10 knots of breeze. When the racing was over Robert Scheidt and Bruno Prada managed to pass Xavier Rohart and Pascal Rambeau with a second in race 6 to take second place in the regatta.

As went the Worlds, so went the North Americans, with Hamish Pepper / Carl Williams, Robert Scheidt / Bruno Prada, and Xavier Rohart / Pascal Rambeau taking the top three spots.

## North American Championship

Pl.	No.	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Points
1	NZL 8187	Hamish Pepper	Carl Williams	ISOL	1	1	3	7	1	dns	13
2	BRA 8127	Robert Scheidt	Bruno Prada	GuB	7	6	5	5	4	2	22
3	FRA 8107	Xavier Rohart	Pascal Rambeau	NI	5	3	4	1	23	28	36
4	GER 8213	Marc Pickel	Ingo Borkowski	Brm	9	7	8	19	11	10	45
5	CAN 8168	Ross Macdonald	Mike Wolfs	EB	2	8	12	54	8	21	51
6	POL 8252	Mateusz Kusznierewicz	Dominik Zycki	ISOL	11	4	15	42	10	16	56
7	GER 7991	Matthias Miller	Manuel Voigt	UB	29	32	7	6	15	5	62
8	USA 8156	Andy Horton	Brad Nichol	NB	25	2	2	13	22	33	64
9	BER 8044	Peter Bromby	Bill Mc Niven	ISOL	38	9	10	17	25	4	65
10	AUS 8269	James Spithill	Magnus Liljedahl	WSFB	dns	15	27	3	20	3	68
11	USA 8273	George Szabo III	Mark Strube	SDB	20	12	9	11	man	23	75
12	USA 8250	Andrew Macdonald	Brian Fatih	NH	4	19	16	27	zfp	15	77
13	USA 8239	Mark Reynolds	Skip Dieball	SDB	12	11	35	15	zfp	20	77
14	DEN 8147	Benny Andersen	Mogens Just	DF	6	23	40	12	9	30	80
15	GER 7971	Robert Stanjek	Frithjof Kleen	BF	16	30	14	ocs	12	8	80
16	AUS 7836	Iain Murray	Andrew Palfrey	LMac	19	16	17	ocs	17	11	80
17	USA 8222	Rick Merriman	Eric Monroe	SDB	13	24	31	9	man	6	81
18	NZL 8061	Rohan Lord	Peter Fox	ISOL	24	5	13	20	man	26	87
19	SUI 8138	Flavio Marazzi	Michael Herrmann	TB	21	10	6	24	28	dnf	89
20	POR 8145	Afonso Domingos	Bernardo Santos	CP	10	17	21	22	19	32	89
21	BRA 8034	Alan Adler	Ricardo Ermel	RdJ	18	27	20	8	zfp	18	91
22	USA 8264	Peter McChesney	Todd Hiller	AN	30	37	24	21	6	14	95
23	AUT 8226	Hans Spitzauer	Christian Nehammer	Att	28	13	25	16	24	41	106
24	USA 8195	John A MacCausland	Robert Schofield	CR	15	18	23	10	41	47	107
25	ITA 8014	Alberto Barovier	Umberto Coppola	SG	17	36	32	14	18	29	110
26	USA 8136	Henry Filter	Will Wagner	AN	26	31	28	28	5	24	111
27	USA 8045	Augie Diaz	Phil Trinter	BisB	32	29	37	18	21	17	117
28	USA 8268	John Dane III	Austin Sperry	MoB	3	21	dnf	ocs	16	1	121
29	SWE 8256	Fredrik Lööf	Anders Ekström	SC	ocs	ocs	1	2	31	9	123
30	IRL 8158	Maxwell Treacy	R Anthony Shanks	ISOL	dns	26	36	4	13	46	125
31	USA 8153	Eric Doyle	Steve Calder	NH	27	45	11	ocs	27	22	132
32	NOR 8183	Eivind Melleby	Petter Morland Pedersen	ISOL	14	41	58	46	34	12	147
33	ARG 7907	Fabian Mac Gowan	Federico Engelhard	OL	31	35	29	48	33	19	147
34	USA 8278	Peter Vessella	J Darin Jensen	WSFB	dns	25	22	32	39	40	158
35	ITA 8290	Silvio Santoni	Sergio Lambertenghi	NG	35	52	18	41	36	35	165
36	BAH 8265	Steven Kelly	William Holowesko	N	36	55	46	35	30	31	178
37	CAN 8236	Hans Fogh	David Caesar	LOC	48	43	49	40	2	50	182
38	SUI 8232	Henrik Dannesboe	Igor Kaptourovitch	BSL	46	50	26	37	35	38	182
39	USA 8235	Larry Whipple	Doug Brophy	PS	57	54	47	36	14	34	185
40	CHI 8181	Rodrigo Zuazola	Marcelo Ferreira	VAL	39	59	54	30	26	36	185
41	SUI 8009	Christoph Gautschi	Alexander Gouda	Bod	8	57	30	dnf	44	51	190
42	USA 8215	Bill Allen	Brad Lichter	WH	54	47	38	38	55	13	190
43	ARG 7213	Julio Labandeira	Luis Hornos	OL	47	20	43	26	zfp	59	192
44	AUS 8234	Andrew Landenberger	Simon Reffold	UB	42	40	41	39	32	43	194
45	CAN 8143	Brian Cramer	Tyler Bjorn	LOC	43	34	33	44	50	42	196
46	ARG 7700	Alejo Rigoni	Gustavo Gonzalez	BA	22	14	dsq	dnf	37	45	198
47	USA 8043	Jock Kohlhas	Arthur Anosov	BisB	50	39	39	29	46	63	203
48	USA 8072	Douglas D Smith	Mike Moore	SBC	37	33	48	31	zfp	60	207
49	ARG 8169	Alberto Zanetti	Juan Pablo Engelhard	OL	23	ocs	34	dnf	man	7	208
50	USA 8077	Thomas Londrigan Jr	Matt Pederson	LS	ocs	49	55	23	man	25	213
51	GER 7863	Klaus Meyer	Dirk Struve	Brm	51	28	45	51	dnf	52	227
52	ITA 8183	Antonio Tamburini	Renzo Ricci	SI	41	42	60	55	29	67	227
53	NED 8263	Erik Broekhof	Erik Veldhuizen	Med	33	58	59	33	man	48	227
54	USA 8245	Joe Zambella	Peter Costa	BH	55	22	57	34	zfp	61	229
55	USA 8095	Gunti Weissenberger	Chris Brown	NCB	49	44	63	49	51	44	237
56	CAN 7626	Mark Passmore	Larry Scott	LOC	60	51	53	25	52	dnf	241
57	LAT 8135	Eizens Cepurnieks	Alexander Muzicenko	ISOL	45	38	51	47	60	66	241
58	USA 7866	John Manderson	Matt Semler	Mid	58	60	42	43	47	58	248
59	FIN 8094	Staffan Lindberg	Erkki Heinonen	Fin	34	ocs	19	ocs	man	56	252
60	GER 7450	Stefan Lehnert	Peter Menning	Brm	65	62	44	56	43	55	260
61	GER 7887	Philipp Rotermund	Florian Fendt	Glu	40	46	dnf	dnf	man	27	264
62	USA 8227	Jon Vandermolen	T. C. Belco	GL	44	53	50	dnf	dnf	39	266
63	USA 8063	Bert Collins	Brent Ostbye	AN	61	66	56	45	57	53	272

64	USA 8080	Fotis Boliakis	Guy Avellon	CLIS	52	56	61	57	61	54	280
65	ITA 8277	Renato Irrera	Corrado Cristaldini	Pal	53	67	64	50	dnf	49	283
66	USA 8065	G Brooks Sperry	Tim Ray	WSFB	63	68	62	59	64	37	285
67	USA 7916	Timothy J Delaney	Michael Delaney	SLE	66	72	65	52	53	57	293
68	ARG 7976	Martin Pendola	Ariel Simonet	BA	59	73	52	dnf	59	64	307
69	USA 8279	Claude Bonanni	Richard Burgess	TaB	62	63	68	ocs	49	68	310
70	USA 7425	Barbara Beigel-Vosbury	Shane Zwingelberg	AN	56	64	71	dnf	58	62	311
71	USA 8084	Robert Teitge	Fielden Fleming	DR	69	69	72	58	48	72	316
72	USA 7659	Rick Peters	Christel Gruenewald	SMB	67	71	66	62	56	65	316
73	USA 8000	Harry W Walker	Chris Rogers	BisB	64	70	70	53	63	dnc	320
74	USA 7999	Tiani Hausen	Ellie Holloway	BisB	73	74	67	61	54	69	324
75	USA 8083	John Chiarella	Robert Carlson	Sun	70	65	73	60	65	71	331
76	USA 8036	Jack Rickard	Tom Ferrier	WH	68	48	dnf	dnf	man	70	345
77	GER 8016	Hubert Rauch	Ingo Schappeler	And	72	61	69	dnf	dnf	dnc	362
78	USA 7956	Tony Herrmann	Rebecca Ruhm	WLM	71	dnf	dnc	dnc	62	dnc	373
79	USA 8132	Thierry De La Villehuchet	Witold Gessing	Mid	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	400

**2006 COMMODORE'S CUP**

December 2-3, 2006

Coral Reef Yacht Club

by Brad Nichol

Because Andy Horton had to fly back to Valencia, Spain Vince Brun arrived in Miami to sail the Commodore's Cup with me.

Every now and then you get one of those perfect days for yacht racing on Biscayne Bay, and this weekend we had two. We had sunny skies, warm water, and 12-15 knots out of the east and to top it all off, beautiful sunsets under a nearly full moon. The Bay was full of boats with Etchells racing on Saturday and a PHRF regatta on Sunday and Yngling and 470's out training, but the Stars took center stage.

With three races on Saturday, Augie Diaz got off to a quick start with Phil Trinter showing that he knows his way around Biscayne Bay as well as anyone by winning the first race. Peter McChesney and Shane Zwingelberg had a consistent day posting a 2-1-2 to claim the day one lead. Vince and I had a

great day with good upwind speed and solid tactics posting a 3-2-1 hitting the docks one point behind McChesney.

It is always a treat to sail with great sailors and Vince was no exception. He was always focused on one or two important points to make gains on each leg. Each close situation was attacked with calm confidence and executed with precision.

Sunday presented us with the same beautiful weather and a bit more wind. After a day in the boat, Vince was ready to make some changes to our Lillia and as a result we were smoking fast upwind. The left side of the course was strong both days with puffs reaching the left first before filling across to the right so we started at the pin and played the left. Aside from over-standing the weather mark in first race we had a great day winning both races. Peter McChesney kept us on our toes leading the first race and forcing us to pass him on the last run leaving us tied going into the last race.

After two wonderful days of sailing Vince Brun took the victory with yours truly scoring a 3-2-1-1-1 followed by Peter McChesney and Shane Zwingelberg with Augie Diaz and Phil Trinter in third.

**Commodore's Cup**

Pl. No.	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Points	
1	USA 8153	Vince Brun	Brad Nichol	SDB	3	2	1	1	1	5
2	USA 8264	Peter McChesney	Shane Zwingelberg	AN	2	1	2	2	6	7
3	USA 8045	Augie Diaz	Phil Trinter	BisB	1	5	3	6	5	14
4	USA 8143	Brian Cramer	Tyler Bjorn	LOC	4	6	4	5	3	16
5	SUI 8232	Henrik Dannesboe	Magnus Liljedahl	G	5	9	6	7	2	20
6	USA 8168	Jim VanderMolen	Mike Wolfs	GL	7	3	5	9	10	24
7	BAH 8265	Steven Kelly	Bill Holowesko	N	8	7	7	3	7	24
8	USA 7640	Arthur Anosov	Roman Gotsulyak	SL	9	11	9	4	4	26
9	USA 8235	Larry Whipple	Brian Fatih	PS	10	4	8	8	8	28
10	USA 8043	Jock Kohlhas	Larry Scott	BisB	12	10	13	10	9	41
11	USA 7679	Chris Rogers	Lynn Fitzpatrick	BisB	6	12	12	14	13	43
12	USA 7715	Carroll Beek	John Rumsey	CLIS	13	8	11	17	15	47
13	USA 7907	Claude Bonanni	Richard Burgess	TaB	11	15	10	16	12	48
14	USA 8087	Kevin McNeil	Clifford Hardwick	AN	zfp	17	15	13	11	56
15	USA 8245	Joe Zambella	Ryan Stazsko	BH	15	13	16	12	dns	56
16	USA 7964	Charles Kohlermann IV	Charles Kohlermann III	NCB	16	16	17	11	14	57
17	USA 8132	Thierry De La Villehuchet	Withold Gesing	Mid	17	14	14	15	16	59

**XAVIER ROHART AND PASCAL RAMBEAU  
WIN THE 50<sup>TH</sup> NICE CHRISTMAS REGATTA**

by Jacques Puisségur

Thirty-four Stars from 8 nations were in Nice for the Golden Jubilee of this historical event. The splendid blue sunny sky of the French Riviera was at the rendez vous. The fresh early northerly wind in the morning and flat sea allowed good speed. The landscape with the town in the foreground and the mountains in the background was wonderful. In the afternoon, the lighter breezes blowing allowed 7 races in three days.

High-level contestants with the twice world champions and Olympic bronze medallists Rohart / Rambeau, Eastern Hemisphere champions Stanjek / Voigt, Bermudez de Castro / Arrarte, winner in Nice two years ago, and many blue stars and former Olympic teams.

On December 28<sup>th</sup> three races were run. The first race started at 9 AM. Stanjek / Voigt won, followed by the Rohart / Rambeau. For the second race Stöckli / Erbe won, with Rohart / Rambeau again second. For the third race of this day, sailed in light breeze, Bermudez / Arrarte were first, followed by Gureyev / Korotkov.

At 6 PM, the Bailey's invited the contestants to their home for a fantastic friendly party. Thank you Julia and Graham!

On December 29<sup>th</sup> Rohart / Rambeau came back to win the two races of the day. The Spanish were 2<sup>nd</sup> at the first race and 4<sup>th</sup> at the second one. Little by little the fight would be between these two teams. The very light breeze at the end of the second race favored some specialists like the young french team of Nice Guezenec with the super tactician Tenconi from Savoie fleet crewing (2<sup>nd</sup>) and the Marseilles veteran Marçon / Terrol (3<sup>rd</sup>).

A free dinner at the Club Nautique de Nice, followed by a humorous tombola where everybody won a souvenir, ended the day.

On December 30<sup>th</sup> Rohart / Rambeau began with a bad race (9<sup>th</sup>) and were leading Bermudez / Arrarte by only one point. The final race was won by Rohart / Rambeau followed like their shadow by Bermudez / Arrarte which was also the final placing in the series by a small margin of 2 points.

Everyone was happy with the weather conditions, the good organization, and the warm hospitality of the Nice fleet. Rohart said with a large smile: "It was a beautiful regatta, a very good training for the Olympics in China. We are satisfied because we were trying new equipment for the first time!"

We look forward to seeing you at the 51<sup>st</sup> Nice Christmas Regatta of 2007, to be held on the 27 - 30 of December.

50<sup>th</sup> Nice Christmas Regatta

Pl.	No.	Name	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Points
1	FRA 8107	Marseille	Xavier Rohart	Pascal Rambeau	Ni	2	2	9	1	1	9	1	16
2	ESP 7581	Caixa Galicia	Roberto Bermudez De C.	Pablo Arrarte	P-San	5	9	1	2	4	4	2	18
3	GER 7577	Frizzante	Christian Paucksch	Christian Knoll	Sta	7	7	3	4	7	8	9	36
4	GER 7971	Seebeben	Robert Stanjek	Manuel Voigt	BF	1	20	4	3	9	3	17	37
5	SUI 7969	Virus	Kurt Scheidegger	Markus Scheidegger	TB	10	10	11	dnf	10	1	7	49
6	SUI 8133	Starling II	Hans Stöckli	Axel Erbe	Rap	6	1	27	18	12	15	3	55
7	FRA 7714	Etoile de Mai 2	Régis Bérenguier	Vincent Bérenguier	FdeM	4	11	22	5	6	10	20	56
8	UKR 8205	Arctur	Vasyl Gureyev	Korotkov	Ukr	3	15	2	10	21	6	dnf	57
9	SUI 7703	Romeo	Josef Steinmayer	Reto Heilig	ZU	15	4	8	7	28	5	22	61
10	ITA 8182	Nuvola	Roberto Righi	Davide Mugnaini	Viar	21	19	31	6	5	7	6	64
11	SUI 8085	Squale Bianco V	Lorenz Zimmermann	Andreas Furer	LUV	8	6	17	12	14	11	18	68
12	SUI 7578	Nathalie	Marc Friderich	Michael Mutti	TB	11	13	13	11	13	21	8	69
13	GER 8093	Starnatic	Marko Hasche	Philip Behn	HF	12	8	7	16	20	18	12	73
14	GBR 8097	Dr Evil	Graham Bailey	David Heritage	Ni	9	30	10	9	15	2	dnf	75
15	FRA 7947	--	Louis Marçon	Olivier Terrol	FdeM	24	16	15	19	3	13	10	76
16	FRA 7494	Eclipse	Clément Brillaud	Philippe Brillaud	FdSA	13	23	6	14	18	14	11	76
17	FRA 7335	Up Start	Viannay Guézéneç	MartinTenconi	Ni	23	3	20	23	2	17	16	81
18	FRA 7467	Thor	J.M.Planté Longchamp	Jean-Luc Martin	Ni	18	31	12	21	19	12	5	87
19	FRA 8196	--	Raoul Dabry	Tristan Cotte	FdeM	16	18	19	13	26	23	4	93
20	GBR 8151	Minimee	Julia Bailey	Kaspar Harsberg	Ni	14	21	28	8	8	16	dnf	95
21	FRA 7649	Asteria IV	Jacques Puissegur	Hervé Salomon	Ni	26	14	5	25	22	27	14	106
22	FRA 7778	Zobr El Bahr	Luc Godefroy	Olivier Godefroy	Ni	22	5	18	15	29	dnf	24	113
23	SUI 7671	--	Urban Antes	Christoph Peller	Rap	17	29	14	17	25	20	23	116
24	GER 7483	Au Stariet	Nils Hansen	Lennart Klemp	HF	20	27	32	26	11	19	25	128
25	ITA 7624	Acciuga	Giovanni Ferreri	Filippo Orlando	MO	28	17	25	22	16	22	dnf	130
26	SUI 7257	De Marc	Colin Nussbaum	Christian Stalder	SEM	27	22	16	24	30	26	19	134
27	MON 7903	Filance	Mario Orlando	Andrea Orlando	MO	25	25	33	20	17	25	26	138
28	FRA 7877	Zorro	David Credey	Credey	--	19	12	21	30	dnf	24	dnf	141
29	FRA 7164	C.L. Emoi	Patrick Gremy	Valenza	Ni	30	32	24	29	23	28	15	149
30	FRA 6844	Estarie	Hubert Poilroux	Lombart	FdeM	dnf	24	30	27	27	dnf	13	156
31	FRA 7038	Red Star	Michael Willis	Rubino	VF	32	26	29	32	dnf	29	21	169
32	FRA 6862	Fiamma	Patrice Dot	Isabelle Dot	VF	29	33	23	31	24	dnf	dnf	175
33	FRA 777	Homer	Thomas Giorgi	Dominique Giorgi	Ni	31	28	26	28	dnf	dnf	dnf	183
34	ITA 5952	Blue Lagoon	Ernesto Conti	Zilioli	VF	33	34	34	33	dnf	30	dnf	199

**2007 BOB LEVIN MEMORIAL**

January 6-7, 2007  
Coral Reef Yacht Club

Thirty-five boats from 11 countries participated in the Bob Levin Memorial Regatta. This year a new format was used, running 5 races over the two days of races instead 3 races as was done previously. Three races were run on Saturday in 4-6

knot Southeast breeze, going from light to lighter as the day wore on. On Sunday there were 2 races in 12-15 knot Southeast breeze.

Augie Diaz, with crew Federico Engelhardt, showed once again that he knows his way around Biscayne Bay and racked up a couple of firsts and a second in the first day of racing.

## 2007 Bob Levin Memorial

Pl.	No.	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Points
1	USA 8045	Augie Diaz	Federico Engelhardt	BisB	1	2	1	4	20	8
2	BER 8044	Peter Bromby	Bill McNiven	Isol	8	1	4	2	5	12
3	USA 8153	Eric Doyle	Steve Calder	SDB	16	5	6	3	1	15
4	USA 8239	Rick Merriman	Eric Monroe	SDB	3	9	3	8	6	20
5	USA 8264	Peter McChesney	Shane Zwingelberg	AN	13	6	11	5	2	24
6	GER 8213	Marc Pickel	Ingo Borkowski	Bre	18	15	5	1	4	25
7	CAN 8143	Brian Cramer	Tyler Bjorn	LOC	2	3	13	15	ocs	33
8	USA 8037	Peter Wright	Dan Wright	JP	11	24	2	12	8	33
9	USA 8195	John MacCausland	Bob Schofield	CR	4	17	15	16	3	38
10	NOR 8183	Eivind Melleby	Petter Pedersen	NOR	9	16	17	7	7	39
11	BAH 8265	Steven Kelly	Bill Holowesko	N	7	19	dnf	10	12	48
12	USA 8156	Jim Babel	Brad Nichol	GL	12	11	9	24	19	51
13	USA 8059	Bear Hovey	Lee Dayton	Mid	28	18	10	9	15	52
14	USA 7715	Will Swigart	Carroll Beek	CLIS	5	20	7	21	25	53
15	ARG 8268	Juan Kouyoundjian	Austin Sperry	Lar	19	8	12	ocs	14	53
16	ITA 8281	Luca Modena	Michele Marchesini	NG	27	4	dns	6	18	55
17	USA 8072	Doug Smith	Mike Moore	SBC	20	10	18	18	10	56
18	USA 7444	Aaron Serinis	Brian Wood	MES	29	7	14	14	23	58
19	CAN 8236	Hans Fogh	David Caesar	LOC	6	13	20	20	26	59
20	UKR 8205	Vasil Gureyev	Korotkov	UKR	10	12	bfd	13	24	59
21	ITA 8014	Alberto Barovier	Umberto Coppola	SG	15	22	dnf	11	11	59
22	USA 8217	Todd Gay	Chris Brown	LS	22	26	8	19	17	66
23	FIN 8094	Staffan Lindberg	Erkki Heinonen	FIN	23	21	26	17	9	70
24	USA 8043	Jock Kohlhas	Jay Rittenhouse	BisB	21	14	25	26	21	81
25	USA 8128	Bill Culberson	Julian Bingham	MoB	33	25	19	25	16	85
26	USA 8177	Karl Anderson	Edward Morey	BH	17	23	bfd	ocs	13	89
27	USA 8063	Bert Collins	Brent Ostloye	AN	25	31	21	22	22	90
28	USA 8279	Claude Bonanni	Rick Burgess	TaB	14	32	16	dns	dns	98
29	USA 7679	Chris Rogers	Aleas Palewicz	BisB	34	29	22	27	29	107
30	USA 7434	Bill Parks	Clark Anderson	WH	24	28	28	31	30	110
31	USA 8087	Kevin McNeil	John Lecourt	AN	ocs	34	27	23	27	111
32	USA 8132	T. de la Villehuchet	Withold Gesing	Mid	31	35	24	29	28	112
33	USA 7964	Charles Kohlermann IV	Charles Kohlerman III	NCB	32	30	23	28	32	113
34	USA 7934	Karl Von Schwarz	Rick Wharton	AN	30	27	30	30	31	117
35	USA 7936	Steve Rubinkam	Bruce Hatfield	BisB	26	33	29	32	dns	120

**IN MEMORIAM**

**MARIO CAPRILE,**  
**Star Class Continental 2nd VP,**  
**has passed away**  
By Melinda Berge

Mario Caprile, 2nd Continental Vice President for Europe of the International Star Class, died November 28. He was a member of the Laredo fleet in Madrid, Spain.

In the Star Class LOG of 2005, class Past-President Riccardo Simoneschi wrote this appreciation about Caprile when he was awarded the Star Class's highest honor, the Harry Nye Trophy:

Mario Caprile is a man of will. His support of the Star Class has been fundamental through the years. Despite his busy life,

full of business success, he dedicated much time and provided his extensive experience to the development and the protection of the Class. His support to me, while I was the Class President, was always unconditional. His presence was a great support during the critical moments we went through trying to bring back the class into the Olympic Games. His strong willingness scrolled the "diplomacy" of our committees pushing toward the "action", most often at the very right moment.

His personal relationships have always been at a high level, his friendliness and dedication to the Star class have been outstanding. No obstacles were ever too large for him. We all owe him a big thank you.

**MARY ETCHELLS**  
**World Champion Crew**  
**has passed away**  
 From the Star Democrat

Mary O'Toole Etechells, a world champion sailor who founded a successful women's sportswear manufacturing company, died Nov. 28, 2006 at her home in Easton. She was 85.

Born Jan. 30, 1921 in Baltimore, Mary graduated from the College of New Rochelle in New York. In 1941, she married E.W. "Skip" Etechells, a naval architect, boat builder and world-class sailor. They sailed together as skipper and crew, and Mary handled the business side of things at the company Skip founded, Old Greenwich Boat Co., in Old Greenwich, Conn. In 1951 at Gibson Island, Skip and Mary captured the world championship in the Star Class of racing sailboats. Mary became, and remains, the only woman to win a Star Class world championship.

With her friend and neighbor Barbara Reynes, Mary later founded Meadowbank Inc., a manufacturer of women's sportswear. Mary's husband Skip, after retiring from the boat building business, became a regular at Meadowbank, continuing their partnership. They eventually sold Meadowbank and retired, moving to a home on Shipshead Creek in Easton. Skip died in December 1998 at 87. They were married for 57 years.

Editor's note: For more on Mary see Ann Franklin Beach's article about her, posted on the Star Class website.

**85 YEARS OF THE I.S.C.Y.R.A.**

As can be seen on the front page of Starlights which reads "Originated 1911, Organized 1922", 2007 marks the 85<sup>th</sup> year of the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association. However, in 1922 the original name was actually Star Class Yacht Racing Association, there being fleets only in the U.S.A. The meeting at which the association was organized took place at Hotel Astor in New York City on January 22, 1922.

There was a prior existing organization named Star Class Association of America, founded in about 1916, but according to George Elder, this association really consisted of the boats of what was to become the Western Long Island Sound fleet, and the rules and by-laws for this association consisted of a single mimeographed page.

In 1923, with the addition of the English Bay fleet from Vancouver, B.C., by order of the annual meeting the word "International" was added to the association's name, thus making it the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association.

**2007 REGATTA SCHEDULE**

Date	Org.	Event
Jan 20-21	Dist. 20	Biscayne Trophy
Jan 21-27	Dist. 20	Miami Olympic Classes Regatta
Feb 10-11	Dist. 20	Masters' Regatta
Feb 17-18	Dist. 20	Royal Palm Regatta
Mar 4-9	Dist. 20	2007 Bacardi Cup
Mar 14-18	Dist. 14	Olympic Garda 2007
Mar 19-25	ISCYRA	South American Championship
Mar 30-Apr 16	Dist. 15	38th Princess Sophia Trophy
Mar 31-Apr 4	ISCYRA	Western Hemisphere Championship
Apr 10-17	ISCYRA	Eastern Hemisphere Championship
May 11-13	Dist. 14	Coppa Tito Nordio
May 17-20	Dist. 17	2007 17th Dist. Championship
May 23-27	Dist. 13	2007 Holland Regatta
Jun 16-17	Dist. 1	Arms-White
Jun 16-20	Dist. 13	2007 Kiel Week
Jun 28-13	ISCYRA	ISAF Olympic Classes Worlds
Jul 7-9	Dist. 13	Warnemünder Woche 2007
Jul 13-15	Dist. 1	1 <sup>st</sup> District Championship
Jul 14-15	Dist. 12	Sunapee Benefit
Jul 27-29	Dist. 12	Dist. 12 Championship
Jul 30-Aug 4	ISCYRA	North American Championship
Aug 4-5	Dist. 12	Sunapee Open
Aug 10-25	ISCYRA	Olympic Test Event
Aug 11-12	Dist. 1	Ned Hay
Aug 25-26	Dist. 1	New England Masters'
Sep 7-14	ISCYRA	2007 European Championship
Sep 8-9	Dist. 1	Bedford Pitcher
Sep 15-16	Dist. 1	Nutmeg
Sep 29-30	Dist. 2	Oxford Fall Wind-up
Sep 30-Nov 6	Dist. 17	Internat. Deutsche Meisterschaften
Oct 6-7	Dist. 1	Larchmont Columbus Day

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