

DID YOU KNOW?

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"THE STAR CLASS FLEET"

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The Star Class is a truly one design class. All boats must be measured and certified as having passed the limits of dimension. Many of these are held within one-half inch. This assures the owners of Star boats that what they own today will not be out-of-date in five years. Thus the main factors in winning in a Star are a good skipper and good sails.

The class is well organized. It is world wide in scope. The basic unit is a Fleet which in turn belongs to a district. Each Fleet can be represented in the International Championship Series held each year. This year it will be held in Italy since an Italian crew won last year. The class has an excellent monthly periodical "Starlights" which carries the news to every member. A yearly "Log" lists all the Fleet racing results for the previous year plus a complete list of every Star boat built and its present owner.

The 1952 racing season on the Lake Ontario American Star Fleet was very full of excellent series and regattas.

The series winners were as follows:

- Doyle Series.....1) Tobin; 2) Dobbin; 3) Dengler
- Baker Series.....1) Tobin; 2) Statt; 3) Peck
- 12th Dist. Elim. Series.....1) Tobin; 2) Marth; 3) Dobbin
- World's Elim. Series.....1) Marth; 2) Dengler; 3) Tobin
- Lee Shore Series.....1) Dobbin; 2) Phelps; 3) Marth
- Club Champion.....Tobin
- McOwen Series.....Phelps

There were eight racing Stars in the Fleet:

<u>Skipper</u>	<u>Crew</u>	<u>Boat</u>
D. & S. Phelps	C. Wood	455 Peggy Wee
O. Marth	H. Crowley	848 Tario
J. Peck		1167 Lujon
A. Patrick	G. Foster	1483 Folly
J. Dengler	R. Heeks	1908 Windy
F. Zwack	W. Zack	1917 Home Free
M. Tobin	J. Tobin	2437 Nibot III
R. Dobbin	M. Dobbin	2767 Sea Horse

Star Championship L.Y.R.A.....Marth

The 1953 season is as full as that of 1952. It is anticipated that many Star boats will come to Rochester to participate in the LYRA Regatta. This class racing should be something to look for.

For answers to any questions about the Star Class or our local Lake Ontario American Fleet, feel free to contact our Fleet Officers: R. Dobbin, Fleet Captain and D. Phelps, Fleet Secretary.

The Star Boats at the Rochester Yacht Club belong to one of the oldest active racing classes in existence. Started in 1922 the class now is thirty-one years old and still growing. The latest year book reports 3317 boats.