

40TH ANNIVERSARY REGATTA

Skaneateles, N.Y.

by Dave White



Lightning No. 1

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It wasn't just another regatta, it was a happening. The races weren't that important, (but don't tell Bill Shore that). The fact that 111 boats attended the regatta was important. But even more significant was that many of the top racers in the class were not there. That means that the fleet racers, the day sailors and a few "regatta hoppers" were there. It shows the class is strong and just aching for this type of activity. Many friends (as opposed to current sailors) showed up. I'd be remiss if I didn't mention a few but there were so many that I'd miss some for sure. So instead I'll just categorize, i.e., — ex-class president, ex-Canadian Champions, ex-North American Champions and friends of the class. In many ways it was like a reunion among old friends. In addition, it was a truly international regatta with three Finnish crews participating.

Saturday night the Skaneateles Country Club played host to a 40th Banquet. There were 425 dinners served — wow! The food and fellowship were fantastic. That night the class presented the "participant trophies":

Newest Boat	13,303
Oldest Boat	#1
Best Restored Boat	#1
Largest District (attending)	Central New York
Furthest Traveled	Bob Wardwell — Chattanooga, TN (Bob said he wanted a gas credit card, not a trophy)

But back to the races. The boats started coming in Friday afternoon (Clarence Holman from Michigan was among the first to arrive supporting an old theory that those from the furthest away will get there first) and continued until the wee hours of the morning. Saturday morning saw more and more and more and more boats show up. But Skaneateles had the facilities to handle all this, so there were no delays.

At 11 A.M. the first race started. An unbelievably long starting line, but there still wasn't enough room for everyone. But the first start was good! (At least so said the race



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committee). Wind 8-12 m.p.h. — blue sky — clean, clean water and a lot of "starboard"!!!! I really don't remember too much about which way the leaders went or who rounded where. Once I got back to the docks I was told Bill Shore had won. Frankly, I couldn't see that far ahead.

At about 2:30 after a great cookout of hamburgers, hot dogs, etc. the second race started. Again, a long starting line (almost 1/2 mile but again not enough room. This time the fleet was more aggressive. Perhaps they realized that if you're not up front at the start in a fleet that size, you're dead. Result, 3 general recalls, one postponement and one more general recall then the start! again wind 6-8-10 — blue sky — clean, clean water and a lot of "starboard"!!!! about half way through, the sky changed and it looked like a wind direction change was coming. Instead it lightened to 2-3 m.p.h. and the fleet slowed to a crawl. I remember this quite well as I went

from the middle of the fleet to almost last. Again, I had to ask "who won" — Bill Shore again — can you believe that? Two bullets in a row in a 111 boat fleet! Super sailing!

Then the project of getting all these boats out of the water. Here the Skaneateles Country Club is again to be congratulated. Can you imagine dry sailing 111 boats; They did it and at an incredible rate. The boats were all out in about 1 1/2 hours. They used one hoist, one ramp and three very fast tractors. A stupendous feat!

That night was the banquet as previously reported. However, a few anecdotes; Marie Fallan (Tom's widow) accepting a silver decal for her faithfulness to the class. Olin Stephens' talk to us all on the origin of the Lightning. Mrs. George Barnes (wife of the owner of the builder of boat #1) telling of her experiences. The Finn's authentic costumes and, of course, the party after the banquet in "tent city" a row of maybe 25-30 tents and campers on the club grounds.

Sunday morning — oh, my head! But the race must go on and so it did. Again, a long line, again wind 10-15 — blue sky — clean, clean water and temperatures in the high 70's — perfect day! Again I have no idea who won 'cause I'm too far behind, but we're still in hot pursuit of the boats in front.

Then the hard job of adding up all of the scores. A complete list is attached.

The job of getting the boats out of the water was done in usual Skaneateles fashion, fast. Everyone was on the road by about 9 P.M. after a truly successful regatta. I have heard many, many people say that the 40th was the best regatta they had ever attended. For this, I would like to thank the Skaneateles Country Club for their superior efforts.

So look down the list of names. If you weren't there, — shame on you — you missed a happening. If you were there, thanks for coming. To everyone — don't miss the 50th!!!



Prexy John getting ready to "go get um"!

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Boat #	Skipper	Race			Total Pts.	Final Pos.	Boat #	Skipper	Race			Total Pts.	Final Pos.
		1	2	3					1	2	3		
1	J. Ryan	98	DNS	DNF	320	108	12355	R. Hallagan	8	12	21	41	8
10	R. O'Brien	95	100	99	294	101	x12355	G. Smith	79	47	61	187	66
11	J. Crane	5	15	5	25	13	12367	R. Thackaberry	65	39	42	146	47
898	R. Walvoord	96	98	DNS	305	105	12379	R. Klug	45	49	51	145	46
1571	M. Byrne	DNF	99	97	307	106	12393	B. Schubert	74	10	76	160	54
4873	S. Peterson	97	DNF	100	308	107	12454	C. Howe	91	85	91	267	94
5841	R. Stevens	55	88	80	223	76	12466	F. Hayden	16	7	3	26	4
6228	J. Spurr	99	97	94	290	99	12486	R. Harrington	46	73	70	189	68
7171	R. Good	90	81	87	258	88	12549	R. Pringle	88	94	82	264	92
7300	D. Arnold	75	50	60	185	65	12587	J. Penfield	32	64	8	104	34
7830	J. Gentry	80	69	63	212	74	12613	D. Koretz	84	89	66	239	83
9305	J. Bezner	93	70	DNS	274	95	12710	A. Mast	53	43	20	116	37
9620	M. Remmes	DNF	56	89	256	86	12714	R. Wilson	38	57	55	150	50
9845	P. Bone	20	14	6	40	7	12725	B. Neal	10	5	28	43	9
10075	C. Wheeler	DNF	DNS	DNS	333	109	12729	E. Roseberry	14	8	31	53	15
10196	D. White	71	82	25	178	60	12739	D. Farley	23	21	10	54	16
10380	G. Swangler	29	76	32	137	44	12800	J. Schwartz	22	54	33	109	35
10410	W. Wright	DNF	DNS	DNS	333	110	12802	T. Ward	DNF	78	73	262	69
10487	W. Menz	92	90	DNS	293	100	12809	K. Reynolds	3	29	24	56	17
10708	E. Beader	81	86	92	259	90	Y12809	D. Tuttle	87	59	93	239	81
10738	P. Griffin	30	44	47	121	39	12877	C. Schmiede	56	6	37	99	31
10761	F. Suits	70	75	64	209	73	12883	S. Sahs	63	84	DNS	258	89
10801	D. Peterson	48	52	36	136	43	12884	A. Orlen	68	37	45	150	51
10909	B. Shore	1	1	9	11	1	12911	J. Gilbert	76	60	79	215	78
10956	M. Fisher	4	2	38	44	10	12912	T. Bierman	41	28	2	71	21
10991	T. Grant	DNF	DSQ	52	275	96	12926	W. Wilday	27	23	34	84	26
11010	R. Nelson	50	17	14	81	24	12929	M. Pindell	67	42	19	128	40
11051	L. Stephans	82	93	81	256	85	12937	T. Sullivan	86	63	83	232	78
11138	J. Schneider	26	27	44	97	30	12947	D. Bargar	40	72	41	153	52
11153	T. Isaac	DNF	96	96	303	104	13000	W. Atwell	83	66	DNS	260	91
11154	F. Haas	94	95	98	287	98	13011	R. Sinn	34	62	88	184	63
11174	D. Sprague	17	24	7	48	13	13048	N. Clegg	18	67	43	128	41
11204	S. Bachman	39	9	4	52	14	13050	T. McAuliffe	54	74	77	205	72
11331	J. Gorrie	33	DNS	39	183	61	13053	R. Messersmith	7	16	48	141	20
11420	B. Graham	35	41	26	102	33	13079	John McIntyre	69	36	58	163	57
11456	T. Junjoham	43	71	46	160	55	13080	Jim McIntyre	59	87	72	218	84
11486	E. Olvig	37	77	74	188	67	13081	R. Doherty	19	25	49	93	29
11501	D. Taulber	85	83	69	237	80	13082	E. Howe	58	40	50	148	48
11537	L. Tiedman	77	DNF	DNS	299	103	13102	T. McDermott	52	68	53	173	59
11608	D. Tomlinson	78	61	86	225	77	13135	P. Pentti	36	19	11	66	19
11694	P. Pertti	89	80	95	264	93	13143	W. Ryan	64	58	62	184	62
11702	S. Anderson	6	3	18	27	5	13158	R. Adams	25	33	27	85	27
11771	R. Crowder	66	65	54	185	64	13172	D. Brush	9	32	23	154	18
11784	J. Lutz	13	11	1	25	2	13180	R. Cochrane	60	26	16	102	32
11788	J. Walker	47	35	78	160	56	13185	G. Sereno	73	91	75	239	82
11912	W. Sellars	71	79	85	235	79	13199	B. Carter	21	53	56	130	42
11958	D. VonHolle	44	46	59	149	53	13208	D. Sherbrune	61	13	68	142	45
12048	J. Schwartz	DNF	92	84	287	97	13211	T. Allen	28	4	12	44	11
12064	J. Dodge	11	48	13	72	22	13230	D. Hoekstra	15	20	40	75	23
12080	D. Oak	62	51	90	203	70	13250	N. Dressel	2	22	15	39	6
12206	D. Cutler	57	38	22	117	38	13260	H. Harman	49	31	30	110	36
12215	M. Fellows	31	45	57	133	28	13285	B. Wardwell	12	18	17	47	12
12246	G. Compson	51	34	65	150	49	13300	C. Holman	72	DNF	67	250	71
12330	H. Nickels	42	55	71	168	58	133304	J. Huntsman	24	30	29	83	25

110 boats, DNF/DNS = 111, DSQ = 112