THE DEEP SOUTH REGATTA Savannah, Georgia By James McIntosh February 12-13

The 1961 Deep South showed another increase in entries with 43 boats showing up for the first race Sunday afternoon. Carl Eichenlaub repeated as first place winner, Bob Crane was second, Doc Murphy won a race as did Bob Lippincott and John McIntosh, but the best performance was by—THE WEATHER—It kept getting

happy, win or lose. Enough people got in Friday and early Saturday to build up a fleet of 30 for the first practice race Saturday afternoon. It was a little chilly but things were looking up with a nice Southwester blowing about 10-12, with cloudless skies. Bop Lippincott showed he was ready by winning it. Stu Anderson and crew were reminded it was still February when their spinnaker treated them to a swim in the Wilmington River. While the fleet was enjoying the first race of the year more entries were arriving.

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Saturday night everybody was on hand for the first get-together at a cocktail party with dinner and dance later. There was much resailing of former regattas and talk about the weather, the ice and snow left behind and the good weather predicted for Sunday.

Sunday morning dawned clear and warmer with the good S.W. breeze still holding for a one lap practice spin. Stu Anderson won it—no more of that cold water for him.

Sunday afternoon it was time to start playing for keeps and racing conditions were ideal. Temperature was climbing and flood tide and strong breeze made for a fast track. Doc Murphy jumped out in front of 42 other beautiful Lightnings at the start and led at first mark, followed by Eichenlaub and Schreck. It was Murphy all the way Sunday afternoon with Eichenlaub holding on to second with Bob Crane, Bob Lippincott and Schreck keeping the pressure on as they fought it out around the first lap. On the second lap Murphy was clear and moving away. Marcy Lippincott moved up into the battle for second but Eichenlaub held on and at the finish it was Murphy, Eichenlaub, Bob Lippincott, Crane and Marcy Lippincott.

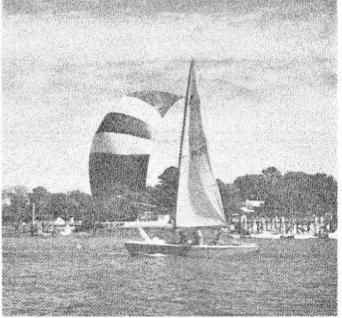
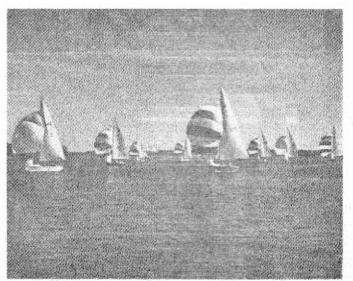


Photo-Savannah News-Press. Inc. The winner and successful defender of the "Deep South" Carl Eichenlaub.

Saturday night the real contest started: the Dixie District Oyster Derby with Gilbert and Fox watching Henschen pull away rapidly after the first four dozen. Gilbert was handicapped by a couple of dozen he slipped in before lunch. These boys must know something because they bring their special Chesapeake Bay oyster knives every year to the now traditional Deep South Oyster Roast. The rest of the fleet finished up the few oysters that were left and retired to the club house for a buffet with lobster and roast beef and the Simmons Gospel Singers, back by request after their hit of last year.



"They are off." First Race at Savannah.



Spinnakers on the Skidway . . . Deep South 1961.

Monday was a beautiful morning except that with the increasingly warm weather the breeze was very light and variable. The start was delayed an hour until a light Southeaster came in, then got underway in front of the club house with the windward leg to the east down the Wilmington River. John McIntosh dropped low and got clear on a port tack to lead around the first buoy with AI Bernel and Bob Lippincott on his heels. On the spinnaker run Prexy Fallon, outraged at the oyster situation the night before, took advantage of the low tide to go ashore and lay in a private supply.

Eichenlaub took advantage of the light going to move out, going up the Skidaway and lead back to the club house mark. Even the best can make mistakes and McIntosh took the lead back when Carl had to re-round the buoy. It was McIntosh and Eichenlaub all the way on the second lap with Jack Swanson getting really hooked up to take third with Fallon and Smither moving up to take 4th and 5th.

After a quick lunch it was back to the boats for the final race with Eichenlaub holding a substantial point lead. The breeze was now coming in strong and steady from the Southeast, and with high tide and hot sun, conditions were perfect.

It was all Bob Lippincott that afternoon. He got clear and led all the way around with plenty of time to try out some new spinnaker tactics. Bob Crane was second soon after the start and hung on, although threatened by McIntosh, Eichenlaub and Anderson. On the second lap Eichenlaub moved into third but dropped a couple of boats when he succumbed to the universal interest in Savannah seafood, stopping to pull up a mullet with his spinnaker. Bud Olsen moved up to finish third, followed by McIntosh and Eichenlaub.

Carl Eichenlaub's consistency paid off with a 7 point lead over Bob Crane, who also did not win a race. Bob Lippincott took third over John McIntosh who tied him on points, and the value of consistency was also demonstrated in Tom Fallon's fine fifth.

Hauling and packing went off smoothly, and with the presentation the fifth and most successful Deep South became history and a very pleasant memory.

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14th ANNUAL MID-WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP St. Petersburg Yacht Club February 17, 18, 19, 1961

By John McIntosh

The 14th Annual Midwinter Championship proved to be a hot one . . . not only was the weather warm, with lots of Florida sunshine, but the competition was plenty warm, providing a really close battle all the way through.

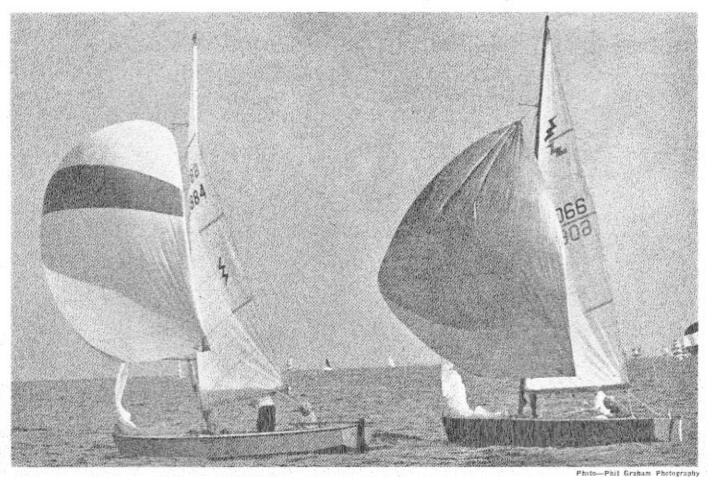
After 5 races with 55 boats in the fleet, and the winds varying from zero to 20 knots, the first five finishers were within a 10 point spread, and the first ten finishers within 20³/₄ points.

Hank Cawthra, in XL-#6066, twice International Champion from Detroit, sailed consistently near the front all the way to earn a narrow margin for first place. He gathered in the coveted Wally Bishop Trophy after a 'head to head' fight in the finale with Jim Carson, in Trident #6884. Carson had a small point lead going into the last race, but Cawthra kept cool in a hot drifter and scored a 7th place to Carson's 10th. That gave him a 1³/₄ point edge and the Championship.

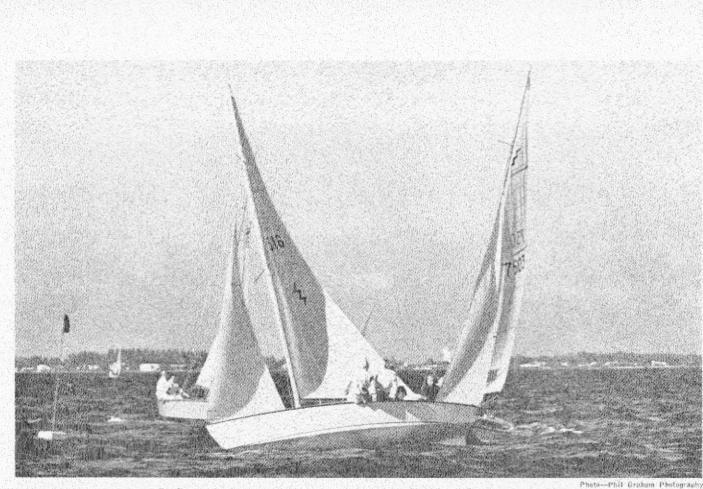
Things got under way on Thursday, February 16th, with a short practice race sailed in very light air . . . all but about a half dozen of the entries participated. A strong tide plus a general eagerness on everybodys part caused a real fiasco on the start with at least half the



Mid winter champion, Hank Cawethra with Alex Carlin trophy for best showing in St. Pete and Miami.



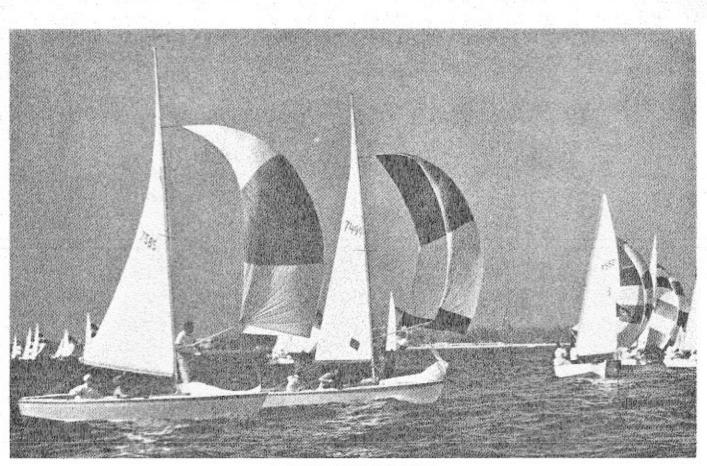
The top contenders race each other. Jim Carson leading Hank Cauchra.



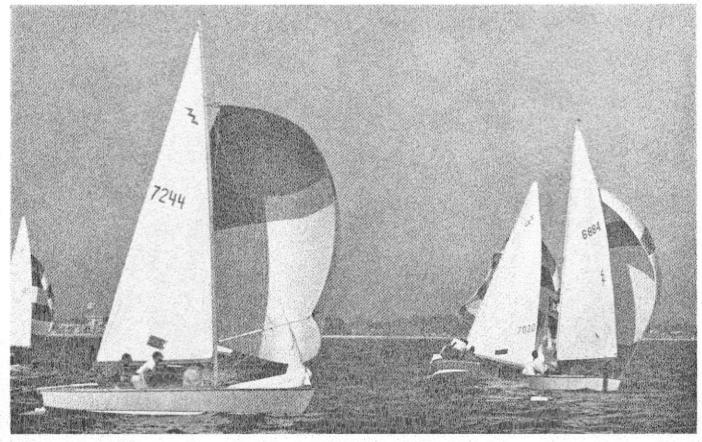
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A study in spinnaker techniques.



Carson choses Fox but Eichenlaub is leading. Bernel hoping.

fleet over the line at the gun. In view of the dying breeze, the Committee let it go and at the finish Bob Crane of Darien, Connecticut succeeded in squeezing in first in front of Jack Swanson, Al Bernel, Stu Anderson and Catter Ford. At the meeting that night, Magnus Pederson of the Race Committee issued a stern warning about improper starts during the actual series.

Thursday Night's Annual Midwinter Meeting was preceded by a showing of the 1960 International film, 'Winning Winds' which everybody enjoyed. President Tom Fallon conducted the meeting itself with his usual humorous efficiency. Reports of good progress on the North American and World's Championship regattas, plus all the usual business kept everybody up, and regatta nerves down, until about 11:00 P.M.

Friday Morning dawned bright and clear with a moderate east wind of about 5 to 8 knots. All hands were on deck early and the fleet moved out to the starting area promptly. The start was uneventful . . . a good line, and nobody over. (Pederson's warning plus the fact that this one counted had settled things.)

The boats that tacked north holding a long starboard tack from the starting area found more breeze and more favorable tide. At the first mark Carter Ford, Marbury Fox, Karl Smither, Jack Swanson and Bob Crane led in that order. Two light spinnaker reaches tended to spread the fleet and the wind began to drop. After one complete lap, Ford and Smither rounded 1st and 2nd and Crane had moved up to third. After rounding, Smither held an extremely long starboard tack to the north, then when he tacked to port he cleared the fleet to take a commanding lead which he held to the finish.

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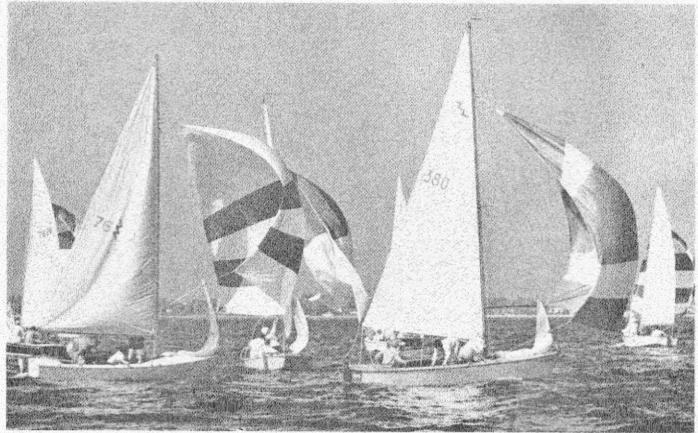
to six legs as time and air were running out. Sinither finished with just under seven minutes of the time limit remaining. Hank Cawthra had needled his way into second place and was followed by Ford, Carson and Crane . . . then came Olsen, Eichenlaub, Lippincott and Bennett.

The wind continued to die out and the afternoon race was cancelled. Many sailors took advantage of St. Pete's recreation facilities. Several were spotted on a near-by golf course playing havoc with par!

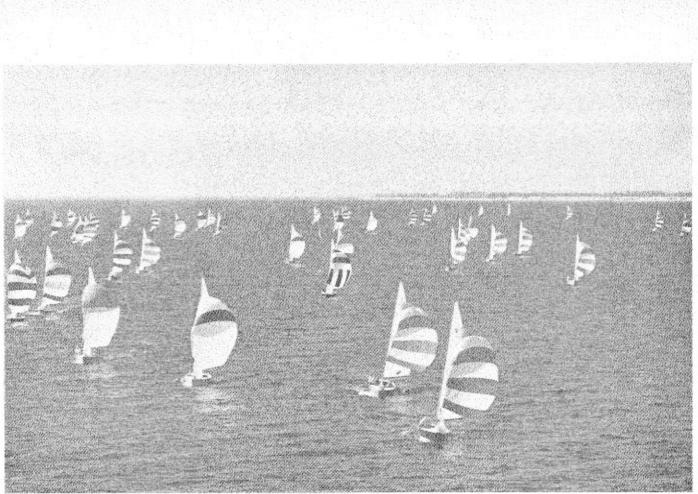
The weatherman dealt a better hand on Saturday with a moderate south east wind and stronger south, southwest winds promised for later in the day. The first race got started promptly but was just as promptly recalled by the Committee because so many boats were over the line. The second start was all right with a few individual recalls. Shortly after clearing the line several boats tacked to the south on port. This group fared best with John McIntosh rounding the weather mark first. Eichenlaub rounded second after tacking to the east of the center line. The other leaders were Fox, Crane, Carson and Cawthra. Positions remained unchanged on the 2 spinnaker results.

The wind freshened and McIntosh and Eichenlaub dueled up the second weather leg, Eichenlaub taking a very close decision at the windward mark. McIntosh worked to weather on the reach and was in front again at the 5th mark. Fox moved up to make a tight 3-way contest for 1st place. On the final reach the wind continued to freshen and swing to the west. Fox moved past Eichenlaub and spinnakers had to be doused as the fleet was headed.

Going into the last beat it was very close among the



Everybody jibe.



The fleet approaches the second mark.

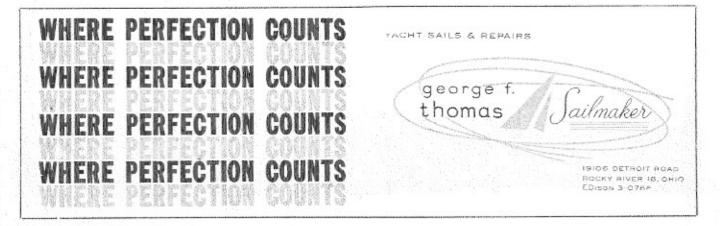
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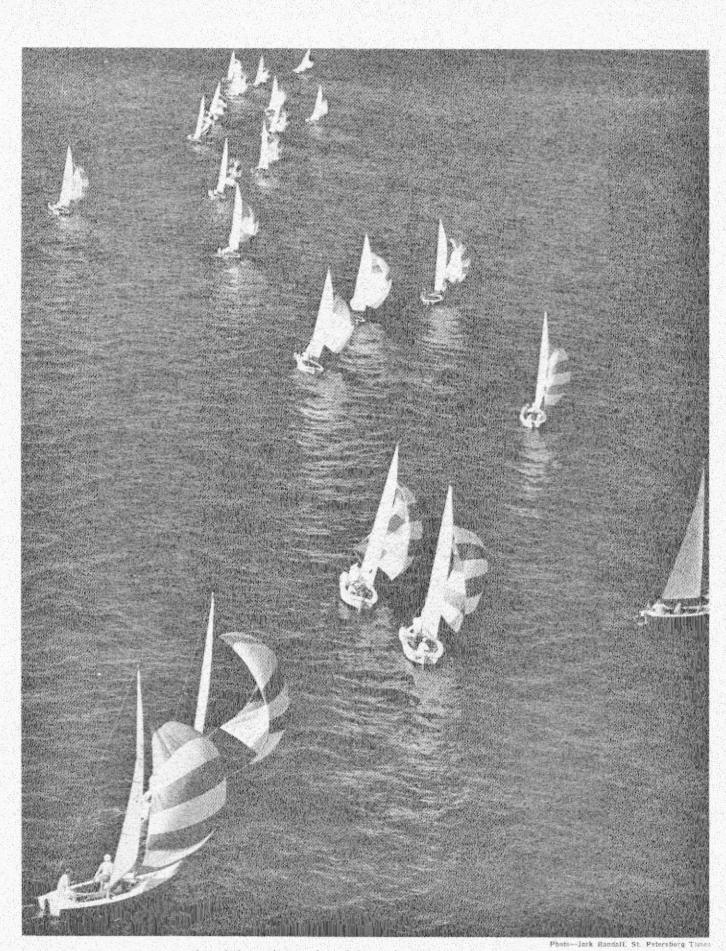
leaders. Jim Carson rounded in 10th and while the lead boats fought it out Carson held a long port tack up the beach. He was eventually headed and tacked to starboard and the finish line. His long tack paid off as he sailed around the rest of the leaders and drove across to get the gun. He was followed by McIntosh, Eichenlaub, Fox, Anderson, Cawthra, Crane, Bob, Lippincott, Bernel and Ford.

After a quick lunch it was back to the Bay for the 3rd race. The wind was from the south at a piping 20 knots. The leeward end of the line was favored. Bob Lippincott started low and began pulling away from the pack. After a short starboard tack, he tacked to port and cleared the fleet. At the first mark it was Lippincott followed by Cawthra, Stueland, Nelson and brother Marcy Lippincott. A beautiful broad spinnaker reach and a tight reach to the 3rd mark kept the boats planing. After the 1st complete round it was still Lippincott and Cawthra with Anderson rounding third. The leaders opened up all the way as the wind remained strong. Bob Lippincott, Cawthra, and Anderson put more space between themselves and the fleet and finished in that order. Joe Stueland, Carson, Oscar Nelson, Eichenlaub, Smither, Nickels, and McIntosh rounded out the first ten places.

As soon as all boats crossed the line the Race Committee boat moved back to the north to set a new starting line. This was to be the third race of the day. (This is fun?)

The wind had eased off a couple of knots to about 18, still from the South. The start got off at 4:35 PM. Carl Eichenlaub who had put together a fantastic string of top finishes over a two year period hit the Committee boat and withdrew. It was a tough break for a really





Around the mark, some hoats before and some above the chimb line.

great sailor.

Bob Tunnel, in Challenger #7585 of Baltimore, broke away from the pack and held a long starboard tack toward the middle of the Bay. He was really flying and when he tacked back toward the weather mark, he was out in front. Although he was pushed all the way by Herm Nickels in a real two-boat battle, he never relinquished the lead. While Tunnel and Nickels fought for first, Marbury Fox and Allen Bernel were scrapping for third.

The spinnaker reaches were fast and exciting as the wind still had some punch left. As the lead boats rounded onto the last weather leg (9th of the day) the air softened a bit as the sun moved down to the horizon. The last beat was a little easier because of the lighter air. After 3 long races this was most welcome.

Tunnel held his first place to the finish, closely followed by Nickels and Al Bernel. Then came Fox, Smither, McIntosh, Swanson, Olsen, Bob Lippincott and Fallon.

It had been a long, long day with 3 exciting races and everyone was ready for a little rest and relaxation!

With only one race left to go, Jim Carson was in front with a 1¹/₄ point lead over Hank Cawthra. Karl Smither was only 4 points back in 3rd place.

Saturday Night was the St. Petersburg Yacht Club's big Mardi Gras Ball. It was a truly gala affair with delightful entertainment. It is amazing the way these people put on a big regatta, taking care of all the sailing aspect, and on top of that find time and energy to produce a really big show. Most of the sailors faded fast after the entertainment. Exhaustion had set in with a vengeance.

The final race on Sunday morning was a real 'fishey' drifter. The fleet floated around the starting area during an hour and a half postponement while the Race Committee tried to whistle up a little breeze. Finally a very light East wind of 2 to 3 m.p.h. set in and at 11:45 the race got under way.

About half the fleet held a starboard into the shore while the other half followed Gene Wallet and Bob Lippincott out into the Bay on a long port tack. Tom Fallon, Stu Anderson, McIntosh and Bob Crane led the inshore contingent and it was soon obvious that this was the right side. Fallon worked ahead then tacked out on port . . . apparently he knew what he was doing because he came back into the mark still ahead and rounded first. McIntosh rounded next, then Anderson, Crane and Fox.

The wind had died to almost nothing and the reach to the second mark was a real ulcer run. Some tried spinnakers without success but Carter Ford managed his beautifully and passed a good many boats. Bob Crane got into a determined fight with Anderson, Cawthra and several others out to weather. He finally proved he was 'Chief' but sailed almost to Tampa before doing so.

The leaders drifted around the second mark with Fallon still first and Anderson, McIntosh, Nickels and



Photo-Al Matur

Earl Engler with wife and perpetual crew "a coming." Eight children and 200 pounds of books still did not keep Earl and two daughters from sailing the complete circuit.

Ford following. The Race Committee signalled a shortened course when the boats rounded the 3rd mark and started back upwind.

Fallon grimly drifted along in first place fighting the 21/2 hour time limit. He was never threatened and succeeded in winning and saving the race with about six minutes to spare. Behind him there was quite a shuffle going on which finally settled with Ford taking second and McIntosh third. Then came Nickels, Anderson, Crane, Cawthra, Smither, Fox and Carson. About this

time a steady fresh south wind came in and the rest of the fleet breezed home with spinnakers flying.

When the final race scores were entered the winner was Hank Cawthra. Jim Carson was 2nd, Karl Smithers 3rd, Marbury Fox 4th and Herm Nickels 5th. They had all sailed well in widely varying conditions in one of the toughest, closest Midwinter Championships ever held.

The St. Petersburg Yacht Club did its usual magnificent job to make the whole event thoroughly successful for everybody win, lose, or draw.

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LIGHTNING MID-WINTER REGATTA-MIAMI SERIES Coral Reef YC, Feb. 22-23, 1961

By Jim Vensel

This year's Regatta was a howling success in more ways than one. Everyone was geared up for a fast, tough series after the big weekend at St. Pete. The skippers' ability seemed to sharpen more with every race during the Midwinter Series and they needed every bit of stamina and ability they could muster to cope with the weather conditions of these races.

Everyone arrived early Tuesday and all the boats were assembled well in advance of Wednesday morning's First Race so there was no big rush on the four hoists available for launching. The winds were quite high and sustained 18 miles per hour with gusts to 22 miles per hour. The start of the First Race was nearly perfect. The race committee had set up a beautiful course but the sea was fairly rough with a little more favorable slant on starboard than on port. Few spinnakers were flown and at the end of the seven leg course it was Bob Lippincott first, John McIntosh 2nd and Allen Bernel 3rd.

There was a fabulous buffet lunch available at the Club and by the time for the afternoon race the winds had slacked off to a perfect 14 to 16 miles per hour.

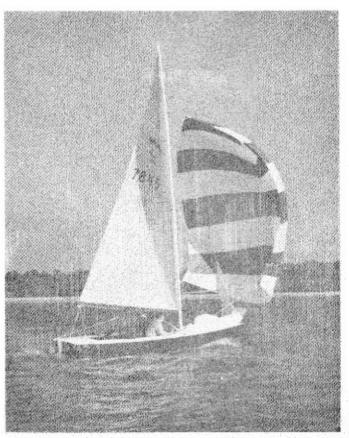
Spinnakers really blossomed in the Second Race and at the finish it was Allen Bernel 1st, Bob Lippincott 2nd and Alex Carlin 3rd.

The Third Race saw a change in the top running boats and Tom Fallon came through with the winning combination. Gerald Murphy was second and Carl Eichenlaub was third. Bob Lippincott dropped to a fifth and Allen Bernel to an eighth.

There was a fine cocktail party thrown by Coral Reef Yacht Club that night and it's a good thing because the next morning would require all the fortification available. By 9:00 Thursday morning the wind at the end of the rock was a sustained 20 miles per hour with surges to 26 miles per hour but out on the starting line it was 24 to 26 with occasional gusts to 32 miles per hour, real wild. Even with the high wind there were two spinnakers flown but the boats were moving so well that the chutes seemed to provide little advantage. At the finish it was Bob Lippincott again with Marcy Lippincott 2nd and Allen Bernel 3rd. During the 5th and final race the winds calmed down to 16 to 18 miles per hour and the leaders were Hank Cawthra 1st, Bob Lippincott 2nd and John McIntosh 3rd. There were surprisingly few instances of equipment failure or capsized boats, a real credit to the outstanding ability of the group. Not a single race had to be shortened and during the entire series there were but three protests. Forrest Lee, Chairman of the Race Committee at Coral Reef conducted a superb series and deserves a great deal of credit. Our aim this year was to have a bigger and better series and we feel that it has been a far more enjoyable event than ever before. Don't miss next year's series.

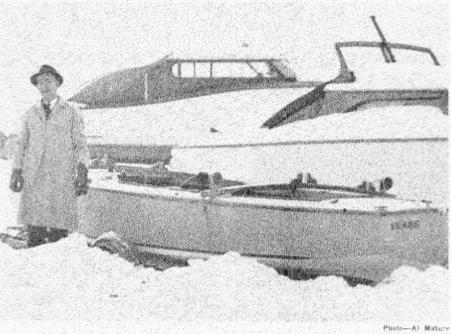


Miami Champion and Southern Circuit champ Bab Lippincott with crew, Wally Flynn.



WASP (#7845) sailed by Bob Lippincott, the 1961 Southern Circuit Champion.

Skipper	From	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Tot. Pts.	Final Place
Robt. Lippincott	Riverton, N. J.	1	2	5	1	2	1841/2	1
Allen Bernel	Kenmore, N. Y.	3	1	8	3	5	17514	2
Catl Eichenlaub	San Diego, Cal.	4	10	3	6	4	168	3
Gerald Murphy	Flint, Mich.	6	11	2	7	8	161	4
Hank Cawthra	Detroit, Mich.	7	17	11	5	1	154%	5
Bud Olsen	Stratford, Conn.	18	7	7	4	9	150	6
Tom Fallon	Buffalo, N. Y.	15	8	1	11	12	1481/4	7
Marbury Fox	Baltimore, Md.	9	6	16	9	14	141	8
Joe Stueland	St. Joseph, Mich.	12	5	13	13	13	139	9
Jim Carson	Philadelphia, Pa.	5	16	21	8	10	135	10
Jack Price	Miami, Florida	10	15	17	10	11	132	H
Marcy Lippincott	Riverton, N. J.	DSQ	. 9	9	2	6	130	12
John MeIntosh	Savannah, Ga.	2	13	10	DNF	3	128	13
Karl Smithers	Buffalo, N. Y.	11	14	12	18	16	124	14
Stu Anderson	Buffalo, N. Y.	13	4	15	DNS	7	117	15
Jack Swanson	Buffalo, N. Y.	20	19	14	14	DNS	89	16
Howard Foht	Miami, Florida	21	12	6	DNF	DNS	78	17
James Tunnell	Wilmington, Del	30	35	28	12	15	75	18
James Gilbert	Alexandria, Va.	DSQ	27	24	17	17	71	19 T
Alex Carlin	Miami, Florida	DSQ	3	4	DNF	DNS	71	19 T
Earl Ross	Chicago, Ill.	DNĚ	18	30	19	18	71	19 T
Robert Tunnell	Georgetown, Del.	8	20	19	DNF	DND	70	22
R. D. Powless	Powell, Ohio	24	37	DSO	16	19	60	23
Leo Wasserberger	Birmingham, Mich.	19	25	18	DNS	DNS	55	24
Charles Schreck	Tawas, Michigan	14	31	20	DNF	DNS	52	25
Pete Carsten	Rocky River, Ohio	27	29	33	DNF	19	47	26 T
Earl Engler	Towson, Md.	22	21	27	DNS	DNS	47	26 T
James Meehan	Northport, N. Y.	17	28	25	DNS	DNS	47	26 T
Oscar Nelson	Miami, Florida	16	33	26	DNS	DNS	42	29 T
James Vensel	Miami, Florida	29	24	22	DNS	DNS	42	29 T
Bud Nelson	Toledo, Ohio	DNF	23	DNF	15	DNS	40	31
Howard Mullin	Saddle River, N. J.	23	22	DNF	DNS	DNS	33	32
Herman Henschen	Baltimore, Md.	26	30	29	DNS	DNS	32	33 T
Mary Wilkinson	Wilmington, Del	28	26	31	DNS	DNS	32	33 T
Wm. Van Arsdale	Castile, N. Y.	25	38	23	DNF	DNS	31	35
Frank Cavanaugh	Miami, Florida	31	36	34	DNS	DNS	16	36
Claude Bennett	Royal Oak, Mich.	DNF	32	32	DNS	DNS	14	37
Charles Beedle		DNF	34	DSQ	DNS	DNS	5	38



Pres. Follow extracts the "Flare" from 2 feet of energy at Quantico before heading further south

1961 SOUTHERN CIRCUIT CHAMPIONSHIP

Bob Lippincott certainly proved the truth of that old southern saying, "the big possum walks late". The Riverton, N. J. skipper, sailing 'WASP #7845' bided his time through the DEEP SOUTH in Savannah and the Midwinter Championship in St. Petersburg, then came on with a roar in the Miami series to pile up an overwhelming lead to capture the Southern Circuit Championship. He accumulated 523 points while Tom Fallon, last year's champ, managed 4891/2 for second place and Carl Eichenlaub, reigning International Champion, finished third with 483 points.

The Circuit was sailed with widely varying but excellent conditions. The DEEP SOUTH had two fairly breezy races and one light to moderate one to start things rolling. The races were won by Doc Murphy, John McIntosh and (you guessed it) Bob Lippincott. After the Sunday and Monday racing, and after eating all the oysters in Savannah, the fleet moved South.

St. Petersburg's five races were in order very light moderate, heavy, fairly heavy, and next to nothing. The weather was warm and sunny and the entertainment was spicey and delightful. The five first places went to Karl Smither, Jim Carson, Bob Lippincott, Bob Tunnell and Tom Fallon. When the fleet left St. Pete the Southern Circuit was very close among the top boats. Smither was on top with 346¼, then McIntosh, 344¼; Fallon, 341¼; Lippincott, 338½; and Cawthra, 322. It is interesting to note that the genial Mr. L had won both of his races in the heaviest air at Savannah and St. Petersburg.

The weather in Miami was excellent. Plenty warm, in the 80's, plenty of sun, and plenty of wind, ranging from 18 to 32 m.p.h. in the various races. Lippincott started by winning the first race, then he was 2nd, 5th, 1st, and 2nd in the rest. It was a truly remarkable performance against a group of really tough competitors. He literally ran away with the Miami Regatta and the Southern Circuit Championship.

Hank Cawthra who won the last race received the Carlin Trophy by virtue of his low point score in St. Pete-Miami (1 and 5--total 6) while Lippincott was second in this side show (1 and 6--total 7). The other individual races were won by Tom Fallon and Al Bernel.

The Coral Reef Yacht Club did a fine job in handling the races and entertained with a great cocktail party.

This third and most successful circuit saw 43 boats compete at Savannah, 55 at St. Pete and 38 in Miami. Twenty-seven (27) boats took part in all three regattas, and thirty-eight (38) competed in two out of three. The races were held Sunday-Monday in Savannah; Friday-Saturday-Sunday in St. Petersburg, and the following Wednesday-Thursday in Miami, allowing ample travel time in the two week period.

The fleet was pulled and packed on Thursday afternoon, the trophies presented, and farewells said. The 1961 Southern Circuit was history, but it will be long remembered for the marvelous weather, the wonderful hospitality, the excellent (and tough) competition, and the magnificent heavy weather sailing of Bob Lippincott!

SOUTHERN CIRCUIT CHAMPIONSHIP —RESULTS

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Boar No.		Sav.	St. P.	Mia.	Tot.	Final Pos.
7845			226 ¹ / ₄	1841/2	523	POS.
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5100		110	2311/4	148 ¹ / ₄ 168	489½ 483	
7420 6060		123	192	1541/4		3
			247	1751/4	4731/4	
7244		86	212 232	17374	4721/4	
4872	5	112 ¹ / ₄ 103	2431/4	126	4701/4	
7840		79	239	124	459	8
					435	9
1903		88	230	117		
7822		100	170	150	420	10
7272		651/4	175	161	4011/4	
6884	2		2451/4	135	3801/4	
7312	2	34	185	139	358	13
7703		98	123	130	351	14
6343	0	52	200	89	341	15
7585		86	1631/4	70	3191/4	
7019		116	186		302	17
7818			156	55	295	18
7015		95	142	32	269	19
7530		88	172		260	20
761		84	119	52	255	21
508		63	156		219	22
7556			136	71	207	23
781	-	41	118	47	206	24
6789		46	122	31	199	25
784	8 Nelson and Swindeman		157	40	197	26
751	1 H. Mullin	68	95	33	196	27
751	6 E. Engler	83	60	47	190	28
740	6 O. Nelson		148	42	190	29
692	0 J. Tunnell	21	91	75	187	30
494	7 C. Bennett		151	14	165	31
702			99	60	159	32
739		26	98	12322	124	33
629		24	53	47	124	34
761		52	NC	71	123	35
661	. Stranger	-28	54	32	114	36
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