



North American champ Bruce Goldsmith

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Fuzzies at rest

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Sailing on Calibogue Sound

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North Americans start

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WORLD CHAMPION

Mario Buckup and crew
Ralph Christian and
Joacquin Feneberg after
finishing the last race

Photos by Mary Huntsman





Another view of the Worlds

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Pan American Games



Above and right:

Pan American
Games and Gold
Medalist Bruce
Goldsmith

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NOTES FROM ECUADOR

By Tay Adams

Attending "World's '75" was an absolutely fantastic experience. We will always remember the wonderful people, the strange sights, the different sensations, and the superb sailing conditions.

Lightning sailors journeyed from Finland, Switzerland, Canada, and the United States to meet the South Americans in Salinas, Ecuador. Friends and members of the Salinas Yacht Club provided housing for the contestants in newly constructed condominiums nearby, military bachelor officer's quarters, or private homes.

When we arrived the yacht club was swarming with tiny Indian workmen who were hastily completing a grounds project around the club. Cement walls and storage lockers miraculously appeared while palm trees sprouted overnight. The five lifting hoists were being completed along with the floating dock which rose 12 feet with the tide.

By race time the immense preparations were completed. The borrowed and brought Lightnings were weighed, scrubbed, and readied. Sails and hulls were measured. The yacht club, a hub of activity in the rapidly changing sport-fishing port of Salinas, was filled to capacity.

At the colorful flag ceremony a Navy band accompanied marching military personnel and dignitaries while contestants stood together at attention. A selected competitor from each country represented in the regatta hoisted the flag of his country as its anthem was played. Lorenzo Tous, Regatta Chairman, Bob Smither, I.L.C.A. President, and Alberto Maspons, Ecuadorian District Commodore welcomed and thanked everyone involved in the 8th World Championship Regatta.

After the ceremonies all the guests were treated to cocktails on the Yacht Club veranda overlooking the colorful display of Lightnings. Everyone was congenial enjoying conversation and fellowship with friends from different countries. We were greatly impressed with the beauty and friendliness of the South American women. The local girls, slim hipped with beautiful legs, looked like fashion models much to the delight of most of the visiting male sailors.

We ate our meals at the yacht club which was staffed by very hard working Spanish speaking waiters. The native lobster and shrimp was particularly delicious and since our Spanish was very limited we ordered langousta every night. The local



Skipper Bob Adams, Crew Mark Reisner and Author Tay Adams.

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beer, "cervesa", was super good and we enjoyed many bottles.

As guests in Ecuador, participating in the nationally advertised regatta, we were treated to special gifts: plaques, records, wooden figurines, posters, and best of all: colorful commemorative T-shirts.

Another nice feature of the Salinas Yacht Club was a special gift shop stocked with unusual Ecuadorian clothing and art objects. The visiting ladies bought up a storm while their skippers tidied and tinkered with their boats.

At the World's meeting, Hans Rahn presented an invitation from Switzerland for the 1977 World Championship to be sailed on Lake Tuhn in the mountains. There was considerable discussion regarding improved communication from Europe and South America, the type of courses to be used in future World Championships and the need to promote Lightnings throughout the World.

The sailing conditions at Salinas were extremely challenging for the North American sailors. The South Americans, fresh from their championship on the World's race course, were tuned into the local conditions. We noticed that is usually paid to stay to the left side of the course, although some gains could be made by tacking on shifts up the center. The competition was keen at all levels of the fleet. Positions changed dramatically and the races, although long, were interesting and exciting. The Race Committee did a professional job managing the races, with the wind and weather cooperating by providing generally perfect light to medium sailing conditions.

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Arriving back at the dock after the last race the sailors were greeted by a huge crowd of people cheering the winners while an orchestra played Brazilian music in honor of Mario Buckup, the new World Champion. We hauled and packed our boats accompanied by the undulating South American rhythms. All the sailors were in a party mood celebrating everything, and we partied and danced and drank free rum in the cabana for hours after the race.

The next day the U.S. sailors were busy selling boats, masts, and all kinds of equipment including rain gear and life jackets. Some went deep sea fishing or raced in the Sunfish regatta. Frank and Grace Dubke, who had worked so hard with housing and measuring, took some of us on a fascinating tour up the Pacific Coast. We drove through a dry, sparsely vegetated cactus forest to a luxurious villa high on the rocks looking over the sea. Then we continued past a terrible smelling fish factory and several quaint little fishing towns to a

beautiful cove at the water's edge. Here we had lobster, beer, and bananas baked on wood fires by the local women who cook most of the town's food this way.

The Ecuadorian countryside, though lacking trees, was dotted with wooden oil rigs. Petroleum, an important natural resource, is also produced from a small prickly flower which grows abundantly in the coastal region.

Our last day spent touring was a pleasant relief from the tensions of racing. It was capped by fireworks, balloons which floated skyward, illuminated tributes to the countries represented in the regatta. Cocktails and buffet preceded the trophy presentation which was particularly impressive. The Ecuadorians invited honored guests to present the trophies; thus we applauded the regatta winners and contributors alike.

That evening the regatta ended with dancing until dawn and fond farewells to the dear friends we will always remember meeting at Salinas in 1975.



Hauling out at the Salinas Yacht Club dock.

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THE EIGHTH WONDER OF THE WORLDS

by Alan Ruiter

The Eighth Wonder of the Worlds, held at the Salinas Yacht Club, Salinas, Ecuador, Oct. 4-11, ended with the crowning of a new and great World Champion of the Lightning Class, Mario Buckup of Brazil. Mario, of course, became the first non-American to win the title and he had to beat all the former World Champions except Long Gone Lou (formerly Super Lou) Pocharski. Tom Allen, Bruce Goldsmith, and Bill Shore (six World titles there) and 45 other strong intested sailors all determined to win could not beat the Brazilian.

Salinas, the home of the Eighth Wonder of the Worlds, is chiefly a fishing village located on a peninsula on the Pacific Ocean. Looking directly out to sea from the club is somewhat deceiving because you are actually facing North due to the curve in the land. There is a very tall hill at the western tip of the peninsula that causes the predominantly west to southwest wind to swirl. This creates a lift of great proportions and distortions on port tack but not all the time.

Although Salinas is only about 200 miles south of the equator, the daily temperatures remained quite cool due to the "antarctic current" which brings the surprisingly cool air and water to Salinas. It's really strange knowing you are by the equator yet getting cold on the race course. Sailing three or four miles each day to reach the starting area meant an enjoyable cruise over the blue sea with the graceful dolphins jumping around the boats. Someone said there was a whale at the weather mark during the South American Championship but I could not confirm the rumor.

At the World's meeting prior to the start of the first race, there was a lot of discussion as to which courses would be used. Although the race instructions provided for three Olympic and three equilateral triangular courses, many of the competitors from South America insisted on the use of the Olympic course. They argued they were not used to the tight reaches of the equilateral triangle and that it was unfair. The Race Committee rejected their pleas due to the fact that the last three Worlds had used the alternating courses and that this was not the time to change that policy.

Most of the races were sailed in light to moderate shifting breezes from the west. The left side of the race course was the right side to play but not all the time. If you went too far left you wound up overstanding the weather mark. Lifts on port tack were as great as 30 to 40 degrees.

Having recently been married, I noticed that Mario's hair was a lot shorter than it was in Cleveland. In the first race (sailed on the Olympic course) Mario the Magnificent maneuvered his majestic sloop marvelously as he charged into the lead over the tumultuous grandeur of the gigantic Pacific Wave. Throughout this grueling test of man against man and man against nature Mario maintained his position and won the first race with a complete horizon job. Matt Fisher was second, with Gary Demarest third, Jim Dressel fourth, and Paco Sola of the host Salinas Yacht Club fifth.

Both the second and third races were sailed using the equilateral triangle so that on the fourth day, the day that we sailed two races, the Olympic course could be set and probably left between races in order to save time. Tom Allen had a great start at the pin end of the line and led in the second race at the first weather mark. Spinnaker pole problems led to Billowing Bill Shore's passing of Tom Terrific. Shore led the rest of the race winning a close race with Goldsmith second, Dressel third, Andres Lisocki of Colombia fourth, and Allen fifth.

Dick Hallagan had his own idea of a horizon job and pulled it off in the third race. Dick led all the way, and came into contention after this race. This was the race in which Matt Fisher, in second place, thought Hallagan was wrong in sailing the equilateral course but it turned out that Fisher was unaware of the change and went from second to ninth as a result. If Matt had held second in this race he would have been the runner-up in the final standings; a tough break for the future superstar, Matt the Marvel. Walmor Gomez of Brazil sailed into second, with Sola third, Shore fourth, and Mario the Magnificent fifth.

The fourth race: enter Claudio Abramowitz of Brazil to lead the way around the course and take the gun. Claudio came quietly out of contention to establish a chance for victory. Werner Moller of Ecuador gave the crowds of spectators at the finishing mark plenty to cheer about as the local sailor took second. Buckup remained consistently brilliant with a shining third place finish. Hallagan hung on to fourth with Paco Sola stirring the cheering crowds again with fifth.

The fifth race directly followed the fourth race, and started in moderate air. Throughout the entire race the air died as it turned into a real drifter by dark. With boats barely moving through the left-over chop it was difficult to tell who was doing well near the end of the race. Buckup did it again with a first place finish that sewed up at least a third place finish for the overall regatta. He was also 7 points up on Bruce and 12 up on Abramowitz, the only sailors who could beat him after this fifth and crucial race. Abramowitz had finished second with Goldsmith third, Fisher fourth, and Shore fifth.

The sixth and final race proved that Mario the Magnificent was truly a champion when he finished second in the moderate air conditions. The wind blew the most of all in this race but Mario was not to be denied. It was a close race between Shore who won, struggling to keep the others back, Mario who had great speed and Goldsmith, Dressel and Lisocki. Dressel was third, Goldsmith fourth and Lisocki fifth.

So ended the Eighth Wonder of the Worlds with a great party after the last race. A band provided colorful music to drink and dance by as the sailors packed up their boats. The next night was the night of the banquet going late into the night until Mario mentioned he had to leave. I think he had to go to another regatta.



Different nationalities at the Worlds.

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VIII WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Final Position	Boat #	Skipper and Crew	Country	Race Finishes						Points
				1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	12414	Mario Buckup, Ralph Christian Joaquin Feneberg	Brazil	1	(9)	5	3	1	2	12
2	10114	William A. Shore, Bonnie Shore, Mark Bryant	U.S.A.	9	1	4	(18)	5	1	20
3	12422	Bruce Goldsmith, Pam Goldsmith, Bob Smither	U.S.A.	6	2	6	(9)	3	4	21
4	12560	Jim Dressel, Nancy Dressel, Peter Bone	U.S.A.	4	3	7	(19)	8	3	25
5	10956	Matt Fisher, Karen Albers, Greg V. Fisher	U.S.A.	2	(11)	9	6	4	6	27
6	11706	Claudio Abramowitz, Geraldo Low-Beer, Alexander Leal	Brazil	7	(13)	8	1	2	13	31
7	12355	R. W. Hallagan, Bob Harnold, Ron Palm	U.S.A.	(33)	14	1	4	9	18	46
8	12703	Francisco Sola, Felipe Estrada E., Juan Carlos Plaza	Ecuador	5	(19)	3	5	17	17	47
9	3041	Andres Lisocki, Beatriz Lisocki, Gian Luca Fiori	Colombia	8	4	12	(DSQ)	23	5	52
10	11739	Jack Elfman, Carol Peters, Arnold Schwartz	U.S.A.	(19)	7	15	8	13	9	52
11	12711	Thomas Allen, Anne Allen, Larry Bone	U.S.A.	14	5	18	7	(20)	11	55
12	12829	Bill L. Buckles, Rob Ruhlman, Scott Hamilton	U.S.A.	15	10	20	(25)	14	7	66
13	12755	Garry Demarest, Gary Cameron, Jane Allen	U.S.A.	3	22	(25)	13	22	10	70
14	11677	Rafael Obregon, Jorge Londono, Carlos Sanchez	Colombia	16	18	11	11	(27)	15	71
15	12526	Walmor Gomes Soares, Antonio Dondei, Valerio Gomes Soares	Brazil	17	15	2	28	(29)	14	76
16	12824	John W. Mueller, Jr., Nancy Mueller, Barry Wilson	U.S.A.	26	12	13	(30)	6	23	80
17	10266	Carlos Arteaga, Alexandra Sears, Richard Sears	Peru	32	6	17	(42)	10	16	81
18	11040	Alberto Maspons G., Luis Plaza Alcivar, Xavier Monge Yoder	Ecuador	10	17	(33)	10	19	25	81
19	11908	Robert Adams, Tay Adams, Mark Reisner	U.S.A.	(34)	28	10	31	7	8	84
20	12366	John Schneider, Karen Hutsman, Olin McIntosh	U.S.A.	12	(25)	14	23	16	19	84
21	11611	Werner Moeller, Werner Moeller Camacho, Antonio Arosemena	Ecuador	13	21	24	2	26	(41)	86
22	12338	Donald Delorme, Wanda Delorme, John Richardson	U.S.A.	(31)	8	27	21	11	27	94
23	12513	Juan Santos, Juan Santos Cueva, Jimmy Pazmino	Ecuador	25	16	23	16	24	(45)	104
24	12515	Cesar Zanatti, Freddy Barclay, Guillermo Eschinker	Peru	(44)	20	21	17	28	28	114
25	12054	Don Brush, Ann Brush, Kurt Kling	U.S.A.	27	31	30	(38)	18	12	118
26	12518	Gunther Ritter, Miguel Cevallos, Luis Loli	Peru	29	27	22	16	25	(NP)	119
27	12479	Pentti Puupera, Heikki Ulen, Aimo Olkkonen	Finland	21	(39)	19	26	31	22	119
28	8911	Antonio Pacini, Francisco Camargo, Angela Pacini	Colombia	23	30	16	14	(40)	39	122
29	11103	Alan E. Ruiter, Charles Thrower, Frederick Vorwerk	U.S.A.	22	23	26	(33)	33	20	124
30	12693	Alfonso Jurado, Antonio Sola Medina, Jorge Ycaza Diaz	Ecuador	24	26	28	(34)	21	26	125
31	10618	Jose Estrada G., Carlos Luis Lecaro, Jose Lecaro Nath	Ecuador	11	32	29	24	(34)	29	125
32	12067	Hans K. Rahn, Jurg Weilenmann, Rene Meyer	Switz.	18	24	32	12	(DSQ)	42	128
33	11688	Georges Peter, Carolyn Peter, David Peters	U.S.A.	28	42	(44)	20	12	30	132
34	12088	Peter Bernasconi, Kunzer Bernhard, Rolf Goetschi	Switz.	(37)	29	31	27	30	34	151
35	12767	Hugu Cuneo Solari, Christian Lopez, Fernando Magnasco	Chile	20	34	(39)	35	32	38	159
36	8411	Javier Pascuchi, Maria C. Pascuchi, Gerardo Semenzato	Argentina	45	33	42	22	(NT)	24	166
37	9411	Miguel Perez Q., Jose Gonzalez Rubio, Alfonso Perez Pimentel	Ecuador	43	40	(43)	37	15	31	166
38	11011	Manuel Gonzalez V., Manuel Gonzalez Mas, Christian Parro Ausin	Chile	(NP)	35	36	29	36	37	173
39	11174	David Sprague, Stewart Sprague, Craig Farquharson	Canada	36	(41)	34	41	37	32	180
40	12722	Carlos Navarro, Elvira Navarro, Luis Bryce	Peru	(NT)	45	37	44	38	21	185
41	11928	Felipe Eljuri, Frank Dubke, Xavier Arosemena	Ecuador	39	36	(41)	40	39	33	187
42	10057	Seppo Lahdemaki, Juhani Kangas, Kari Maenpaa	Finland	35	38	40	30	(NT)	35	187
43	12679	Alberto Gonzalez, Luis R. Salas Olea, Alvaro Parro Ausin	Chile	38	NP	(NT)	32	42	36	198
44	12297	Pierre Grandguillaume, Gilbert Despland, Aline Grandguillaume	Switz.	30	(NT)	35	43	41	NT	199
45	8973	Roberto Londono, Mauricio Vargas, Mauricio Martinez	Colombia	42	44	38	36	(NP)	40	200
46	12435	Antti Aromaa, Timo Halonen, Okki Wikman	Finland	41	46	(47)	45	35	43	210
47	12659	Jaime Fernandez, Marcelino Fernandez, Miguel Gonzalez	Chile	40	37	NP	(NP)	NP	NP	227*
48	12523	German Maldonado, Fernando Saver, Rodrigo Sanchez	Chile	46	43	45	(DSQ)	43	NT	237
49	12258	Pertti J. Pyy, Ritva L.T. Pyy, Tapio Paukku	Finland	47	(NT)	46	NT	NT	44	237

Did Not Start – NP) 50 points

Did Not Finish – NT)

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* Jaime Fernandez did not finish the Championship since he had to leave for Mexico.

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