

Cedar Point Yacht Club N.A.'s August 1981



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Editor's note: I have been aware of Mary's contributions to the class over a number of years and when I had the opportunity to Edit and Dedicate this Year Book I was delighted to give Mary some much deserved recognition.

I asked Mary to tell me a little about herself and how she got started as a photographer and what was unique about sailing photography.

Here is her reply (slightly edited and with her, admittedly atrocious, spelling cleaned up).

Dear Lal.

Merry Christmas — or at least it isn't that far away. I have been trying to come up with an article but find it either too ridiculous, corny, or serious which I am not. I did send Helen at least 100 pictures last week which sapped me of all enthusiasm for re-entry into the darkroom. Would it be possible, if I chat along here, for you to piece some kind of shorty together that Helen can put into the scheme of things with all those things I sent and/or you give me a call and sort of interview?

I find that I do the photography for fun and opt to take a lot of pictures and get lucky some of the time. It isn't an ego trip and find that discussing it like this makes it seem that I'm bragging.

I started taking pictures as a child, as all the rest of my family tend to cut off heads and feet and they wanted to have a history of sorts. This meant, of course, that Dad pays, he bought me lots of equipment. I also had a course in High School in Illinois that was outstanding. Since then I have tired to keep my folks apprised of us, they live in Arizona, thru pictures.

When the sun and age started restricting my crewing I found myself keeping busy taking pictures of family and friends for presents etc. Since they are always sailing I just keep up flicking or clicking to hopefully get the ultimate picture. I have succeeded with Jack but somehow haven't caught Sandy in the act yet — I will, I assure you. I have enclosed a couple for you to see but return them.

As you know there are some restrictions on where I can get into position but hope some day to be in an "Avon" dinghy at the jibbing mark — no tape recorder! Will one day get the opportunity in our Long John Regatta, the river is easier to get nice sailboat shots as the water is flat. Also, here I have Karin, or someone who sails, who gets in close with our power boat.

The major problems with sailing pictures are that there are so many elements to contend with — sun, rain, God, wind, too much distance and those dumb skippers who drag sheets in the water or wave at the photographer. The camera has a habit of showing every wrinkle in the sail and the picture look awful.

Capsizes are beautiful — at the moment the crew doesn't exactly smile but the fun later does cause lots of grins. You will find that racing sailors in a power boat watching other racing sailors sail (sons are in this group) are sadists, and just plain bad. But it's fun to listen to the cheers as boats flip, hit marks, etc. Landlubber types can't quite understand this attitude — but they watch football.

If you lived where we could sit down and put my scrambled head in order, I think this could be interesting but again I am a confusing enough broad — Sandy says so. I know it's true but I don't like to sit still, and end up doing too much. I hope that I will be able to keep up the fun and games sailing has brought me — one way or another Sailing can be lots of chuckles.

The room up over the garage looks like a storm hit it and I say I will clean it up THIS winter. If I do I may find other pictures which Helen WON'T put in the Year Book OR Flashes.

Since I have not ventured into this part of the reporting I find a lack — besides I can't speel and if this machine breaks you cannot read my writing. Let me hear from. Whichever, Best to all,

mary









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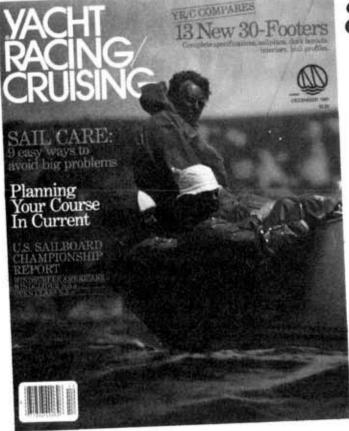
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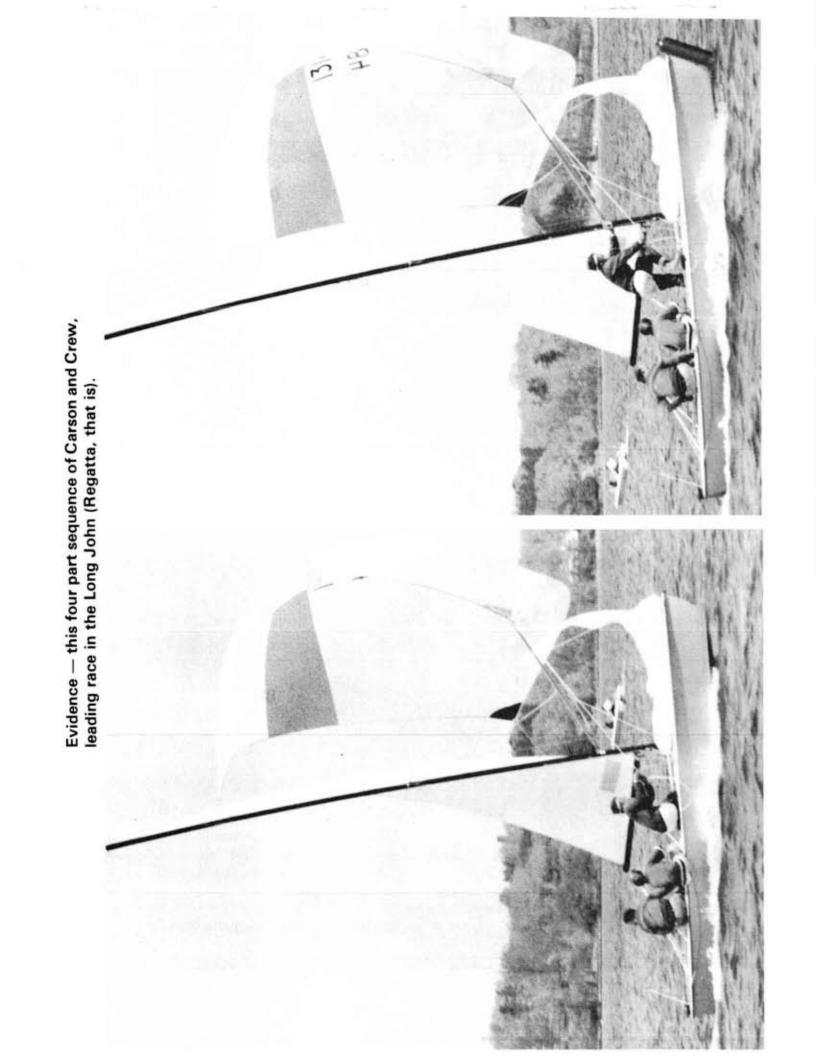


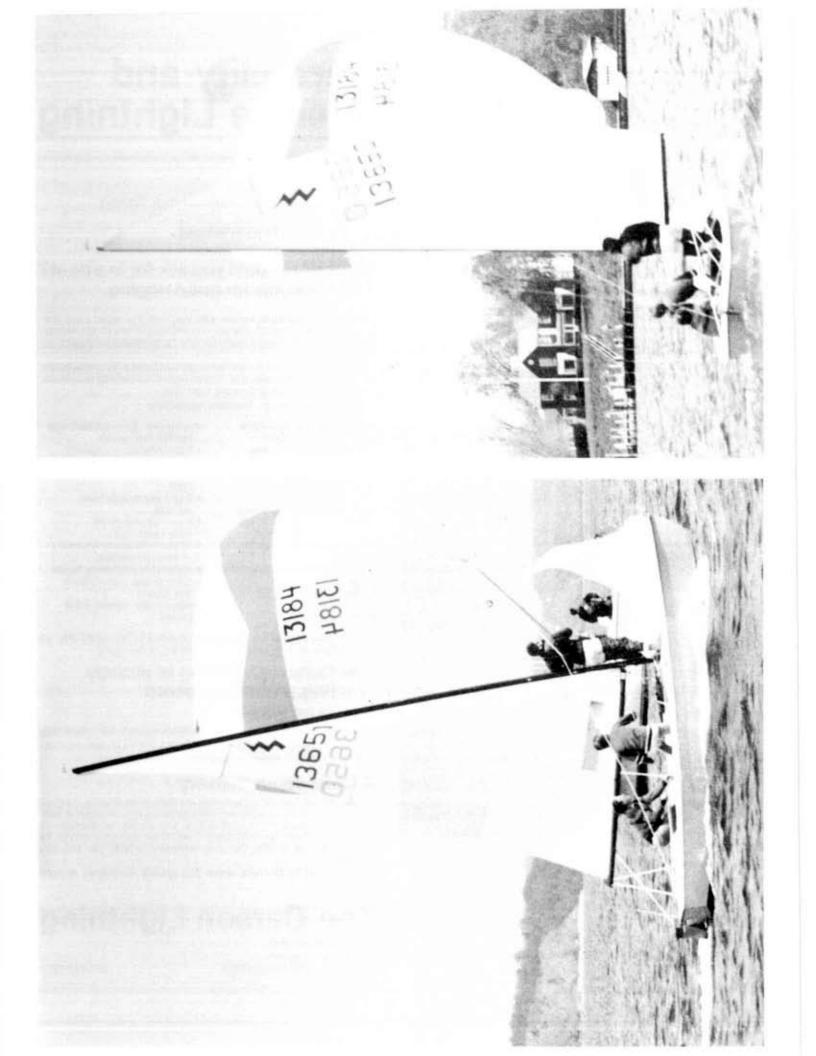
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