Dear Dr. Hackerman,

I have enclosed two pages from the most recent issue of Yacht Racing Magazine—the sports illustrated of sailing, as I believe they represent the kind of publicity Rice and sports at Rice should receive at the national level.

Sailing at Rice is enjoying "success" as never before, in spite of the fact that our three boats still fall apart faster than we can fix them. In competition, the high point of our season came early this month, being selected to represent our "conference" (one of seven in the North American Intercollegiate Yacht Racing Association) in the North American Sloop Championships, in which Rice's team (Brad Alford, David White, and Dwight DeBacker) finished fifth, a very respectable performance in a field that included teams from Navy, Queens (Canada), U.C. Santa Cruz, Miami (Ohio), Clemson, and Yale.

More significant, perhaps, is that the number of people sailing here (and enjoying it) has tripled in the past two years—and that's what counts.

Sincerely yours,

Bruce Richfield
It's How You Play the Game

A good college sailing program—what is it? What should the emphasis be on, in intercollegiate sailing—winning at all costs? Some schools seem to think so.

Does the recruiting of high school students belong in college racing? How about racing scholarships? We think it is wrong to encourage a student to 'quit school-work suffer. College teams should promote sailing and racing, not winning. College is one of the few places where a person with limited financial means can get involved in this great sport. College sailing should not be just a continuation of daddy's yacht club.

Bruce Richards, of the Rice University Sailing Club, TX, wrote to us recently. He said, "the emphasis here (Rice U.) has been, is, and will be, on teaching and sharing the joys of sailing with new-comers to the sport."

It seems Bruce and the Rice team have the right idea. Get students sailing and racing. If they happen to win once in a while, fine. If not, no one is losing out on a draft offer from the San Francisco Sails. Perhaps some teams will be able to convince their "WIN" oriented athletic directors that superstars alone do not make a good college sailing team.

MacDonald's Cup

by Gail McCarthy

Ohio Wesleyan hosted the MacDonald's Cup Regatta at Leatherlips YC, on the Scotia River. Flying Juniors were used in this annual women's event, sponsored by the world-famous hamburger chain. Competition was very close. After a late start on Saturday, medium to short courses were used to get in a full 12 school rotation. Each race was close with positions changing on every leg. With consistent finishes, the two Indiana teams, of Cynthia Wong and Heidi Wallace, and Carolyn Gray and Martha Tinsley dominated with 31 points each. With temperatures in the low 40's, steady rain, and rather light air, all seemed to sail faster to get back in front of the fire.


Mcmillan Cup

Brown University won the 47th annual McMillan Cup Regatta, in Annapolis, to become East Coast big boat intercollegiate champions for the fourth time since the regatta began in 1930. Skipper Rick Hood, who sailed to a seventh place finish in last year's McMillan Cup, led this year's Brown team to a 10-point win in the best five out of six race series.

Second place went to Webb Institute of naval Architecture, whose team was led by Bill Langan, with a total of 14 points. Langan skippered Webb to second place in last year's McMillan Cup also.

The Naval Academy's entry, skippered by Midshipman Bruce O'Sullivan with Midshipman Paul Van Cleve as helmsman, finished in third place with a score of 19 for the three-day series of races in the Academy's fleet of one-design 44-foot Luders yaws.

Webb and Brown sailed a consistently fine series, and were neck and neck with Webb having a one point lead at the end of racing Saturday. Sunday, however, Brown pulled ahead with first and second finishes to Webb's second and fifth place final races. Other teams in order of finishes were: 4. Coast Guard Academy (20) 5. Merchant Marine Academy (22) 6. Princeton University (25) 7. Yale University (27) 8. Tufts University (32) 9. Dartmouth College (37) 10. State University of New York Maritime College (37).

• Susan Donner, of the Coast Guard sailing team became the first woman to earn a Varsity letter at a military academy.

• MCSA statistics show Miami of Ohio to be the top school in that region, with Michigan second. They also show that Miami's Greg Fisher is the best skipper with team-mate Joni Palmer second.

The Douglas Cup

The Douglas Cup Intersectional Match Race series was won by the Navy Academy team of Gar Wright, Paul Van Cleve and Doug Keiler, with a score of six wins and one loss. Navy was tied with Texas going into the last race. Sears Cup winner and POW runner up, Marvif Beckman of Texas was ahead on the down-wind leg, but Wright tricked him into a jibe. Wright got an inside overlap at the leeward mark, pulled ahead and kept Beckman covered to the finish line. Navy's only loss was when they fouled the University of Washington at the starting line.

Canada

The Canadian Inter-Collegiate Dinghy and Sloop Championships were won by Queens University of Kingston Ont. Queens' B division skipper, Doug Harvey with Sue McDougall and Hugh Kidd as alternating crews, was low point scorer with 10.25 points. Final scores: 1. Queens U (37) 2. U Toronto (42.75) 3. U Western Ontario (44.5) 4. U Victoria (49.5) 5. U BC (52.75) 6. Carleton U (59.75) 7. York U (70) 8. Nova Scotia (71) 9. RMC (76) 10. Mem. U Newfoundland (79) 11. Simon Fraser (87) 12. Alb Saks combined team (88) 12. U New Brunswick (52 A div. only)

South Atlantic

This, the first keelboat championship for SAISA, was held in the recently purchased College-of-Charleston Solings. The event was held in the Charleston Harbor. Final results were: continued on page 54
Mid-west


Mid-Atlantic


New England

Stake Trophy, a team race tournament, was held at MIT using New Techs and Interclub Dinghies. The race-off between Harvard and MIT was not completed due to lack of wind. The race was completed after a round robin. 1. Harvard (10 wins, 1 loss) 2. MIT (9 wins, 2 losses) 3. URI and Tufts both (8 wins, 3 losses) 5. Coast Guard and Dartmouth were tied (7 wins, 1 loss) 7. Yale (5 wins, 6 losses) 8. Northeastern and Babson (4 wins, 7 losses) 10. Williams (2 wins, 9 losses) 11. Maine Maritime (1 win, 11 losses) 12. Brown (6 wins, and 11 losses). The Harvard skippers were: David Poor, Russell Long, and Andy Etstattiahou. Crewing for them were: Doug Wright, Bruce Balleintine, and Bert Kleinschmidt.

Southeastern

The Armadillo Invitational was co-hosted by Rice, U. Texas and the Seabrook SC, and sailed in 420s and Solings. Rice beat Texas by two points. This was said to be the largest regional regatta ever held in SEISA. Final scores: 1. Rice (46) 2. Texas (48) 3. Tulane (55) 4. Baylor (60) 5. Florida State (83) 6. Texas A&M (87).


The Schell Trophy regatta, held at MIT and sailed in Tech Dinghies, was won by Yale but MIT and URI were, respectively, only three and four points behind. Steve Benjamin and Dave Perry were the winning skippers, but Dave Konigsberg of URI was low-point skipper. Final scores: 1. Yale (133) 2. MIT (136) 3. URI (137) 4. Tufts (154) 5. Navy (163) 6. Harvard (169) 7. Boston U (169) 8. Coast Guard (171) 9. Dartmouth (202) 10. Kings Point (250) 11. Norwich (277) 12. Notre Dame (307) 13. Princeton (321) 14. RISD (391)

The Hoyt Trophy regatta was hosted by Brown and the Edgewood YC and won by Boston U. John Pratt of BU was low point skipper at this 10-school regatta. Only half of a round robin was completed. Final scores: 1. BU (30) 2. Tufts (36) 3. MIT (43) 4. Coast Guard (46) 5. Yale (56) 6. Harvard (59) 7. URI (64) 8. Stevens (64) 9. Brown (71) 10. Navy (78)


The Bliss Trophy which was held at Yale, is the NEISA Associate member championship. Rhode Island School of Design beat Conn. College by three points to take the trophy. Final scores: 1. RISD (44) 2. Conn. Col. (47) 3. Franklin Pierce (50) 4. Bates (61) 5. Norwich (70) 6. Mass. MA (78).

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