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Newsletter

U.S. to defend coveted Mini-America's Cup

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FORT ADAMS, BRENTON COVE, NEWPORT, R.I.

Model 12's could well be preview of
"big" races in Perth, Australia - February 1987

While the big races are headed "down under" during the cold wintery months in Newport, the Mini-America's Cup will be defending its 1983 victory in September of

1986.

Obviously, when it's cold here, it's warm in Perth, Australia, where the full size cup races will take place during the first weeks of February 1987.

The strongest contingent ever, of U.S. skippers will assemble for 3 hectic days of racing to determine who will defend the cup for the U.S. Of the 15 skippers on hand, James "Buddy" Black of St. Petersburg, FL and Manny Costa of Cumberland, RI, have to be rated the two top contenders. However, results over the past 2 years indicate that their job will be no sail-away with easy victories, as any one of the remaining skippers can jump to the forefront unexpectedly.

In the "challenger" department, John Cleave of England will return to try to recapture the "CUP" he won in 1980 and relinquished in 1983. John's loss in 1983 was by less than 24" in the 7th and final race of the series.

A newcomer, by the name of Gerhard Kelter, Jr. from Stockholm, Sweden, will be

on hand to challenge John for challenger rights. Rounding out the challenger field will be Rich Whan of Ottawa, Canada.

MINI-AMERICA'S CUP REPRESENTATIVE TO GO TO PERTH

The Mini-America's Cup winner, or highest ranked skipper in sequence, will have the opportunity to go to Perth, Australia during the full-size cup races to challenge the best of Australia. What might be dubbed the "Mini-Australia Cup" will take place during that visit. Australian arrangements are being handled by the Western Australia Model Yacht Assn. of Australia. Details will be announced at Newport in September 1986.

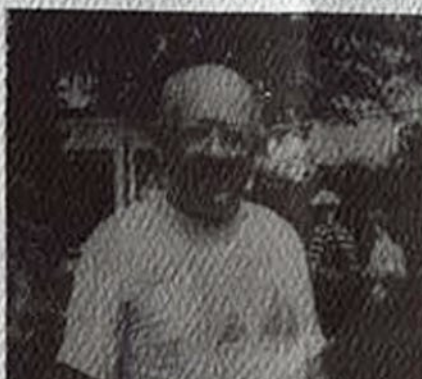
Helping to make it possible for the winner to travel to Australia is the Hobby Industry of America, who not only endorses the Mini-America's Cup, but has contributed to some of the expenses involved.



1983
Mini-America's Cup
U.S. TITLE HOLDER
James "Buddy" Black



Manny Costa



Chris Jensen



Carter Gann

History

The **Mini-America's Cup** program got its start in September of 1974, when the Hobby Industry of America launched a "news film" using model boats to duplicate the world's most famous sailboat race... the **America's Cup**.

Preparation began in the spring of 1974 to organize the program and find two of the USA's top skippers. They would then race a best 4 out of 7 on a course similar to the full size boats. In cooperation with the Newport Intl. Sailboat Show, which annually took place at Fort Adams, the event was staged in front a large enthusiastic crowd.

Ironically the two skippers selected for the film turned out to be brothers, who had not seen each other for several years. James "Buddy" and Charles "Chuck" Black dueled feverishly to the delight of the excited crowd, and "no acting was necessary to make this film full of real life action" and lots of intensity. From this beginning, interest was aroused to broaden the program to include foreign challengers and more closely duplicate the real race series. By 1977 a full-scale **Mini-America's Cup** event was underway.

To sharpen U.S. skippers skills, annual series take place, called "**Mini-America's Cup U.S. Trials**." These programs are rotated to various parts of the country. They help foster the interest and broaden the number of skippers who would become avid participants. In 1975 Buddy Black recorded the first **MAC U.S. trial** championship. He duplicated it again in 1976.

When 1977 rolled around, Mr. Black was unable to attend, opening the field to many new hopefuls. Bob Harris, who had previously come close to challenging Mr. Black, moved to the forefront. He bested a field of U.S. skippers "to defend" for the U.S. against John Cleave of England. His expertise earned him the **MAC** championship. U.S. trials were resumed in Florida during 1979. Charlie Lalor rose to prominence by winning that event.

In 1978 Carter Cain of Hilton Head, SC, along with Chris Jensen of Itasca, IL,

dueled feverishly for 4 days with Carter winning the U.S. title in a best of 7 elimination series. Unfortunately, Charlie Lalor was unable to attend because of illness, and the untimely death of Bob Harris, took his name off the slate.

A twist in the cup series came about when John Cleave of England won the 1980 event. He elected to "defend" in Newport come 1983, so as to be part of the excitement of the real America's Cup races. During the 1981 and 1982, the U.S. **Mini-Cup** Trials became a serious tune-up for recapturing the cup. To further broaden the model boat activity, the **Newport Mayor's Cup Regatta** was established. The Narragansett Model Yacht Club hosted several events and was a major factor in contributing to the development of this program.

The U.S. Trials took place in 1982 at the world famous Florida theme park... SEA WORLD of Orlando. Carter Cain again took the title, closely edging Charlie Lalor.

1983 proved to be a storybook program packed with excitement. James "Buddy" Black returned to the scene of his first victory, and convincingly beat out 14 U.S. skippers to be named the U.S. team representative. He then bested the other foreign challengers to become the official **CHALLENGER** against John Cleave **DEFENDER**. Mr. Black's first three victories implied it would be an easy route. However, John Cleave stormed back to tie at 3 all, forcing a 7th and final showdown race. A large crowd stood in utter silence, as Buddy Black eked out the finish line, with Mr. Cleave following by less than 24".

Although the big cup made history when the U.S. lost and the defense was moved to Perth, Australia, the U.S. **MAC** team voted strongly to "defend" the **Mini-Cup** in Newport, during September of

1986.

The **MAC** event proudly boasts its presence in Newport as the "only **Mini-America's Cup** event for 1986 in the City of Newport." This race series could well be a preview of the U.S. attempt to recapture the cup at Perth, Australia in February 1987.

Editorial Comments

All aspects of model sailboating are quite similar to the art of sailing full-size boats. That is to say, the actual art of sailing, use of the wind, tacking, and sailing rules are all the same. However, there is one difference. When you are on a real boat, you physically handle the boat while you are on it. Small decisions in handling the wheel or tiller can easily be corrected with no reflex problems.

Whereas with the model boats, you have to rely on eyesight, as you stand on the shoreline with your transmitter, which is controlled by the tip of your thumb or forefinger, when sending a signal to the boat. Thus, when the tension mounts, a very minute push on the controls in the wrong direction, can instantly sail your boat in the wrong direction, or into your opponents.

As the tension continues to mount, all of one's nervous system becomes bottled up in that very small segment of the control finger.

There is no room for even a fraction of wrong steering, and your mind must be equally astute in being "tuned in" to the job at hand.

RICH PALMER

OFFICIAL EAST COAST 12 METER STATISTICS

Origin

East Coast 12-Meter, One-Design Model

The East Coast 12-Meter yacht model was born as a towing tank testing model prior to the 1967 **America's Cup** defense. The hull is a variation on **COLUMBIA** with modifications by designer Charles Morgan. Though the actual vessel was never built from that tank model, Mr. Morgan went on to design, test and campaign a later vessel, **HERITAGE**, in the 1970 Cup trials.

James "Buddy" Black, of Tampa, obtained the tank model of the **COLUMBIA** variant and utilized it as a plug to make a fiberglass mold. In the late 60's he produced a number of hulls for use as radio controlled models. At the present time, the East Coast 12 is the only sanctioned class in the **AMYA** which is based on a full sized vessel. The sail plan and jib have been arranged to retain the grace and majesty of the big 12's, and even though a racing machine, the EC-12 projects a fine scale appearance for the modeler who desires it.

As raced under **AMYA** sanction, the EC-12

Class is controlled by a set of one-design specifications. These measurements are the results of years of experience and experimentation with the vessel, and when adhered to produce a fast, easily-handled vessel.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Sail area includes: tuff, leach, foot and roach
Dimensions are specified for main and jib
Sail material: dacron or mylar
No spinnakers allowed

Booms/masts: must be straight material - wood, aluminum or fiberglass


MINI-CUP SPECIAL RULES

- Skippers may carry as many sails as they wish, providing they have been certified and approved.
- All races must be completed, regardless of protests involved.
- Race Director/Mini-Cup Coordinator have right to cancel race once it is in motion - should finish be undeterminable.

MINI-CUP U.S. REQUIREMENTS

Selection procedure:

Ten top US skippers, as determined by previous records - **Mini-America's Cup**, national and world achievements - are selected by the **Mini-America's Cup** Committee. Final 5 skippers are achieved by regional qualification races.



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Race Schedule

Fort Adams is again the official site for the running of the 1986 Mini-America's Cup. The site will be the Brenton Cove beach area, which provides an ideal setting for this most prestigious model boat event.

The schedule of events are:

SEPTMBER 3rd (Wednesday)	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Mini-Cup course open for practice Registration of all skippers Skipper's meeting First series of US heats Press Party - Mule Barn (skippers must attend with boats)
SEPTMBER 4th (Thursday)	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	US Trials/1st foreign eliminations Texas Barbecue Buffet The Main Brace - Long Wharf Ave.
SEPTMBER 5th (Friday)	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Completion - US heats Start challenger eliminations NISS Boat Show Bus Tour/Lighthouse Restaurant (Point Judith, RI)
SEPTMBER 6th (Saturday)	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Completion & selection of US defender Final selection of foreign challenger Final run-off defender (if needed) First Part: Mayor Patrick G. Kirby Cup Race Regatta Mini-Cup Race #1 Mini-Cup Race #2 Cocktail Party Clambake Dinner/Annual Banquet (open to all MAC spectators)
*Open to the public		
SEPTMBER 7th (Sunday)	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. 12:00 noon 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Second Part: Mayor Patrick G. Kirby Cup Race Regatta Mini-Cup Race #3 Mini-Cup Race #4 Mini-Cup Race #5 (if needed) Mini-Cup Race #6 (if needed) Mini-Cup Race #7 (if needed) Awards Ceremony/Trophies
(should 1 skipper take 3 straight, the 4th race will be held at 3:00 p.m.)		
SEPTMBER 8th (Monday)	12:00 noon	Press Party - Introduction of: a) Mini-Cup winner b) Mini-Cup loser c) Mayor's Cup winner

Schedule subject to change, if necessary.

All schedule changes will be posted on the Officials bulletin board in the Officials tent. Other announcements will be made at each morning's skippers meeting.

The Newport Mayor's Cup race series provides two full days of racing activity throughout Saturday and Sunday. The best 4 out of 7 race series will be run in accordance with the schedule listed above.

In the event the Defender or Challenger wins Race #1 and #2, then Race #3 will be moved to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.

The annual clambake/banquet, as prepared by bakemaster Tom McGrath of Newport, RI, has become one of the feature attractions during the Mini-America's Cup program. All skippers, crews, officials, members of the press, and invited guests are invited to attend. This event is open to Mini-Cup spectators as well. Prices and information can be secured from MAC headquarters. All special events are by reservation only.

Newport Mayor's Cup Race

**MAYOR
PATRICK G. KIRBY**



On Saturday and Sunday, Sept 6th & 7th the sixth annual Mayor's Cup Regatta series of model sailboat races will take place. All skippers in attendance at the MAC event will have the right to also vie for this coveted trophy.

Regatta style racing can feature as many as 13 boats at one time in a series of heat races. Unlike match racing, this features more than two boats at the same time. It provides a colorful spectacle to all spectators, as well as the unique challenge to all skippers in competition. Races are scheduled throughout Saturday and Sunday to fill the time periods between the 4 out of 7 series of the Mini-America's Cup.

This program was initiated when Mayor Humphrey Donnelly III was serving in 1980. In 1983 Mayor Paul Gaines presided over the series. This year Mayor Patrick G. Kirby will be on hand to award the trophies.

Previous winners are as follows:

- 1980 CHRIS JENSEN, Itasca, IL
- 1981 CHRIS JENSEN
- 1982 MANNY COSTA, Cumberland, RI
- 1983 CHRIS JENSEN
- 1984 MANNY COSTA
- 1985 MANNY COSTA



TROPHIES

Two sets of trophies are in evidence at MAC events. Permanent trophies which have winning skippers' names engraved after each event are on display at various locations in Newport. Each skipper receives a handsome wall plaque for permanent possession, signifying day and category of their achievements.

*Potential American Defenders

*(To be determined by selection committee and regional qualification races)

JAMES "BUDDY" BLACK - Age 60
St. Petersburg, FL

One of model sailings most notable skippers since 1963 when he was commissioned to build a 12-meter yacht model for Charley Morgan, designer and owner of "Heritage", America's Cup Contender. He has been deeply involved with large boats since age 16.

Buddy won National East Coast 12-meter R/C Model Yacht Championships in 1972 and 1973.

He was the first winner of "MINI-AMERICA'S CUP" in 1974.

He returned to the Mini-Cup as a challenger in 1983, after topping 15 U.S. skippers and other foreign challengers. His close race with John Cleave returned the cup to the U.S.



JAMES "BUDDY" BLACK

CARTER GAIN - Age 52
Williamsburg, VA

Carter had a rapid rise in the world of model yachting and began his accomplishments on Hilton Head Island. A variety of top honors in various southern meets projected him into the limelight.

At the Mini-Cup races in 1980, he surprised everyone by capturing the top spot with U.S. skippers. Although he represented the U.S. as the U.S. defender, he lost in a very tight series to John Cleave.

In 1982, he captured the U.S. Trials at Orlando's SEA WORLD in Florida. To keep sharp, he has been attending every major EC-12 meet on the East Coast.

He is currently the EC-12 meter Class Secretary for AMYA. His wife Margie acts as his crew.



CARTER GAIN

MANUEL J. "MANNY" COSTA - Age 53
(Cumberland, R.I.)

Manny was one of the original members of the Narragansett Model Yacht Club, and participated in the 1977 Mini-America's Cup. He has continually been a leader in his own group and achieved many top honors with EC-12 meter yachts. He is a native to Rhode Island, along with his wife and two sons. Although sailing is one of his favorite sports, he has other hobby interests.

Recent achievements: In 1981, Manny won the National ACCR EC-12 title and captured the Newport Mayor's Cup series in 1982, 84 & 85 along with a second regional trials title.



"MANNY" COSTA

TIM BOUCHARD - Warwick, RI

Following in his father's footsteps, Tim has now taken over the leadership in the family model yachtsman category. Tim's first venture into active MAC sailing was during the U.S. Trials at Fort Adams in 1985. He lost 2nd place in that event by a very closely fought race to Ed Holt. As one of New England's emerging competitive skippers, he will undoubtedly apply pressure in the 1986 event.

FRANCIS ANGEL - Age 45 - Graham, NC

Frank's biggest disappointment in sailing was in 1983, when his employer cancelled his vacation time and he was unable to represent his area at the MAC event. Dan has skippered his WINDSONG (sail No. 558) to many southern championships. He is active in the Piedmont Model Yacht Club, and has been club champion. Four years in the Navy taught Dan many of his sea experiences. His hobby is photography, and he is married to Linda.

MIKE ANDREA - Age 40 - Pawtucket, RI

Mike has been active hobbyist for over a decade and became club champion with the Narragansett Model Yacht Club in 1985. He resides with his wife Elaine in Pawtucket, RI, and they have 3 children. He sails under No. 627 with his 12-meter model being named the "Free Bird." Mike should be well versed in the seas of Newport, as he works in neighboring Middletown at a local shipyard.

CHRIS V. JENSEN - Age 67
Itasca, IL

Chris Jensen has logged many miles in his stationwagon, attending regattas from the Mid-West and throughout the entire East Coast. Six years of regatta sailing as a member of a Chicago RC club has kept him in the top portion of all skippers. His initial experience with large STAR boats for 20 some years, includes participation in five world championships. He credits this experience to his success in model yachting.

Chris was born in Denmark and came to the U.S. in 1956 with his wife, Gretha.

His recent accomplishments have been... winner of the Newport Mayor's Cup Race - 1980 & 1981... winner of the 1981 Mini-Cup Trials. His attendance in 1983, along with his always-present pipe, will help project the U.S. into top challengers.

Chris' wife Gretha is always on hand to crew.



CHRIS V. JENSEN

DAN ABMA - Age 34 - Comstock Park, MI

Dan got his feet wet sailing No. 547 in the 1983 event. His expertise with the West Michigan Model Yacht Club for over 5 years earned him the championship regional qualification and the right to return for another crack in 1986. Dan's boat, aptly named "Whisper," has been actively used in many events throughout the midwest. He served as local club president, and was an ACCR winner in 1985. Many other achievements have come his way. He works in Grand Rapids, where surely the waters of the Great Lakes come close to the ocean in Newport.



DAN ABMA

ED HOLT - Age 54 - Attleboro, MA

Although Ed hails from Massachusetts, he is a member of the NMYC Club in R.I. Ed travels in his mini-motorhome to all of the New England events and is a constant competitor. His assistance, as well as being a skipper in previous **MINI-CUP** events, has always been helpful, especially when he brings his small dingy for chase boat purposes. Ed's easy manner and constant cooperative attitude makes him one of the most popular skippers during all **MINI-CUP** events.



ED HOLT

JOHN SULLIVAN - Age 55 (Needham, Mass.)

John became active in the model field in the 70's and has participated in many races throughout the past years. His claim to fame is keeping all "seasoned" skippers on their toes. He has been an active member of the Minuteman Model Yacht Club serving as their Secretary and newsletter correspondent. With sail No. 370 on **TOABOYT**, he consistently remains in the thick of all races.

John is an active photographer and has been one of the **MAC's** most loyal supporters.

CHARLES K. LALOR - Age 66 (Miami, Fla.)

Charlie is a key "old-timer" in the history of model sailing, and one of **AMYA's** original members. He rose to prominence in 1979 when he captured the Mini-Cup Trial Series. He is one of the two top skippers within his own club, and placed second to Carter Gain in the 1982 program at Orlando's **SEA WORLD**.

He has been an avid skipper since age 13, racing large boats and acquiring numerous regatta wins.



CHARLES K. LALOR

DOUGLAS W. SCHEIBNER - Age 36

Drayton Plains, MI

Sailing RC sailboats since 1978, Doug has chalked up 8 years of experience in a variety of classes of model sailboats. His full size sailing experience covers a span of 20 years. As a member of the Detroit RC

Foreign Challengers



ENGLAND

JOHN CLEAVE - Age 46 - London

John is probably one of the most colorful skippers ever to attend a **MINI-AMERICA'S CUP** race series. His history has been one of eager participation in 1977, 1980, and 1983. John made history with the America's Cup racing concept, when he bested Carter Gain to take the title away from the U.S. — something that had never been done with the real cup. For 3 years he reigned as the official "defender" prior to having the U.S. regain the cup in 1983,

after a sensationally close series. His loss in the 7th race by less than 24" was the difference between the challenger and defender title. In 1977 he lost to Neil Bennell of Australia, but returned in 1980 to become the official challenger and then the winner. During those years he has come to the U.S. and captured the **AMYA's ACCR EC-12** meter national championship.

John is active member of the English Model Yachting Assoc., and has logged over 12 years in model boating. His other sailing ventures have taken him to Canada in 1980, where he came away with the **IMYRU** World Championship. He duplicated that feat in the spring of 1982. John's goal for 1986 is to recapture the cup again and then head for Perth to best the best Australian model skipper. His wife Susan patiently observes his gallant seamanship, while tending to their two young sons who frequently follow him around the world to watch him race. When not racing, John can be found busily attending to his London Porsche dealership — one of the largest operations of its kind in England.

John's popular Sail No. K1 has had many hours of sailing time.



SWEDEN

DR. GERHARD KELTER, JR. - Age 45
Stockholm

Dr. Kelter, Jr. is a member of the Swedish Model Yacht Club, and has been active in yacht racing since he got his feet wet in Sweden in 1950. He moved into the

European circuit in the 60's and headed for some U.S. competition in 1968. Although skiing occupies his winter sparetime, model sailboating has become a mainstay in his current activities.

He recently opened offices in the Chicago area, allowing him to become active in the Chicago & Detroit Model Yacht Clubs. His experience has improved greatly and he looks forward to challenging John Cleave for the "challenger" title. Sporting sail No. S1, the good doctor's presence should be a bonus for all those visiting Newport.

Model Yacht Club, there has been ample time for lots of RC sailing competition. Cara is Doug's wife, and they have two daughters cheering Doug on. The many lakes in the midwest provide good practice for pursuing model sailing, under Sail No. 700.



DOUGLAS W. SCHEIBNER



— COLLECTORS EDITION —

In cooperation with "Flying Models" magazine, the Mini-America's Cup program has had monthly coverage throughout the years. These informative articles have been compiled into the 1st edition of the — Mini-America's Cup book. Books can be ordered directly from **MAC** headquarters at a cost of \$3.00 + \$1.50 (postage/handling). The book covers the years 1974 - 1984.

Mini-America's Cup Officials

RICHARD H. PALMER - Age 56

Rich was the creator of the **Mini-America's Cup** program in 1974. Originally conceived as a film news project, the program was later amplified to become a continuous international event.

In 1978, the Hobby Industry of America turned over all rights to the **Mini-America's Cup** program to Richard Palmer, following his retirement as a Director of the Hobby Industry as well as its Public Relation Chairman. Richard Palmer now acts as the official coordinator to this event and continues to maintain supervision and guidance to this rapidly growing model activity.

Mr Palmer spent thirty years in the hobby retail business and now heads a management consultant firm for various hobby and craft manufacturers throughout the industry. Under the name of R & R Promotions International, Mr. Palmer has given direction to many hobby promotions, among which the **Mini-America's Cup** is one of the most notable.

Operating out of Montville, N.J., Mr. Palmer frequently commutes to Newport, R.I. to maintain all the details and tasks required in the operation of this program.



RICH PALMER

LEEDS MITCHELL - Age 70

Leeds Mitchell is a member of the R.I. International Sailing Association, and acted as chairman of the Protest Committee during the 1977, 1980 and 1983 events.

Mr. Mitchell will once again head up that committee, bringing to the **Mini-America's Cup** the authenticity of full size sailing and the expertise of his organization. Mr. Mitchell is a member of the New York Yacht Club as well as many other sailing associations throughout the area.



LEEDS MITCHELL

DENNIS RYAN - Age 38

This should actually be Dennis and Barbara Ryan — a fabulous duo who have added immense credibility to the **MAC** series of races. Dennis, as Race Director for previously run **MINI-CUP** events, runs a tight ship with fair play to all participants.

Barbara is the official scorekeeper for all events. Dennis has previously served as the EC-12 meter Class Secretary for the AMYA, and has been instrumental in many rule clarifications. Over the past years he has developed a finely tuned computer scheduling format for all races, which provides each skipper with their own scheduling agenda and race information.

Dennis is equally adept at skippering models, with EC-12's being his favorite class. It is always possible that Dennis might find himself in the thick of action, should an open slot occur during a race series.



DENNIS RYAN

JOHN HEMMALIN - Age 54

John's vast life upon the seas as a merchant seaman have always had him close to water. His remarkable background and ability to memorize rules and statistics have frequently seen him as Race Director of many model yachting events. John also sails model boats of all sizes, which keeps him tuned in to all present rules and regulations.

John works as Assistant Race Director and Protest Chairman for the **MINI-AMERICA'S CUP** Rules Committee. John is easy to spot, hiding under his flowing white beard, which frequently has children referring to him as Santa Claus.



JOHN HEMMALIN



Dumas Model of East Coast 12-Meter Model Yacht

AMERICAN MODEL YACHTING ASSOC.

R/C (radio control) MODEL SAIL YACHTING is both a hobby and a sport that can provide a great deal of enjoyment. During the past few years R/C sailing has grown in popularity at a remarkable rate. Annually, hundreds of skippers enter their R/C sailboats in dozens of scheduled regattas. Now, R/C sailing enthusiasts can be found throughout the U.S. and Canada. Wherever there is a small pond, lake, or even a seashore, there is a place for R/C model sail yachting.

THE AMERICAN MODEL YACHTING ASSOCIATION...In 1970 a group of enthusiasts from all different areas of North America got together to set up an entire national organization to coordinate and promote R/C sailing activity. With programs and procedures that parallel those found in full scale yachting associations as its objectives, the American Model Yachting Association (AMYA) was established. Membership in the AMYA is available to anyone sharing an interest in R/C sailing. Members receive a quarterly newsletter, an embroidered insignia patch, a copy of the association's Constitution and Regulations, and the invitation to participate in the many regattas sponsored by the AMYA.

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Mini-Cup Crew



MAC officials break from heavy workload to pose. No program is complete without the backup efforts of all officials who participate in any event. **MAC** officials from left to right are: **STANDING** (left to right): Rich Palmer, Ed Niles, Don Mohr, Dick Slaff, Bob Stover, Craig Slaff, Leeds Mitchell, Jack Payne, Mike Rosenthal. **SITTING**: Bobby Slaff, Linda Palmer, Louise Payne, Bea Stover. **NOT PICTURED**: Mary Mohr, Walt Caddell.



All U.S. and foreign skippers posed for this group shot during lunchbreak on Saturday's busy day of racing. From left to right they are: **STANDING** (left to right): Ralph Lotito, Bill Ward, Manny Costa, Dan Abma, Tug Wilson, Chris Jensen, Buddy Black, Dirck Hecking, Bud Pletcher, **KNEELING** Dr. George Wilkins, Charlie Laird, Jack Sullivan, Hank Bouchard, Hirotsugu Sugihara, John Cleave, Carter Cain.

HIGH TIDES FOR THE 1986 RACES

SEPTEMBER

3rd (Wednesday)	6:49 am 7:07 pm
4th (Thursday)	7:29 am 7:48 pm
5th (Friday)	8:09 am 8:28 pm
6th (Saturday)	8:50 am 9:10 pm
7th (Sunday)	9:34 am 9:54 pm

Majority of racing at low tide.

Crew

The 1983 Cup series has many repeats on crew roster. Their continued participation and invaluable experience, which covers a multitude of job assignments, helps carry out the Mini-Cup operation and paves the way for a successful program.

1974-77-80-83

Rich Palmer		Promotor & coordinator
Jack Payne		Marker judge & boat-recovery team
Richard Slaft		Marker judge, photographer
Dennis Ryan		Race Director
John Hammalin		Protest Committee chairman
Don Mohr		Recovery Boat Captain
Mike Rosenthal		Movie & Video Director
Bobby "Finder" Slaft		Scorekeeper
Barbara Ryan		Scorekeeper
Linda Palmer		Hostess - Reservations
Louise Payne		Hostess - tours



A Typical Mini-America's Cup Sailing Course

FORT ADAMS BY THE SEA

The first MAC programs were held in conjunction with the Newport International Sailboat Show, which took place at historic Fort Adams. Both the 1974 and 1977 events with the NISS show, provided a spectacular background of marine power, sailing boats, and accessories. Attendees to the show were able to watch the entire MAC program. When the NISS show moved to the Newport Yachting center, the "Mini-Cup" program took over the beachfront area overlooking the entire Newport Harbor. The newly refurbished "Mule Barn" provided all attendees with a modern building housing "press" facilities, showers, bathrooms, and food concessions.

Every boat that enters or leaves the harbor passes directly in front of the "Mini-America's Cup" course. The sight, at times, can be absolutely awesome. Four boats make hourly passes by the site, giving spectators a glimpse of the action.

RHODE ISLAND A SUPER STATE

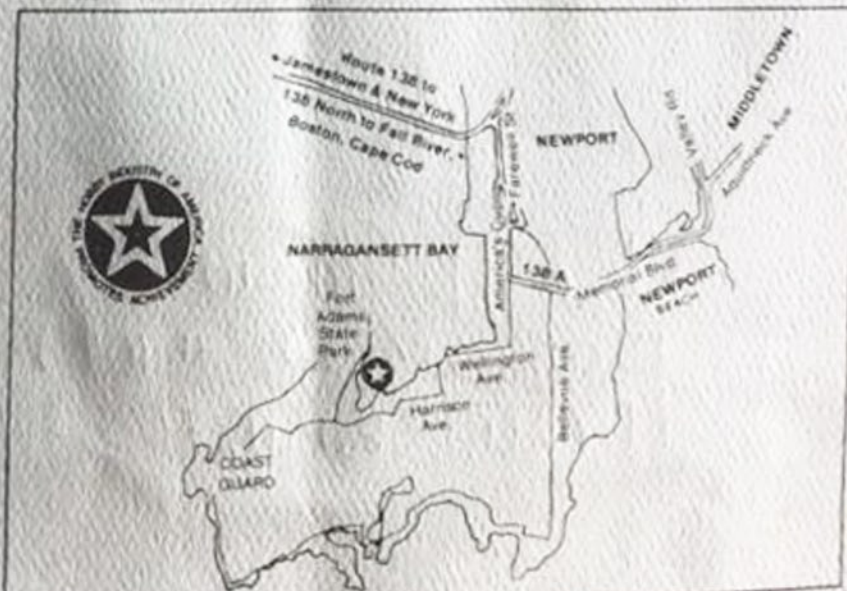
Few communities can boast of Colonial legacies, lavish mansions, a naval base, excellent water sports opportunities, surpassing seascapes, and a fascinating, highly varied pleasure boat fleet. It has been a major seaport, a show place for wealth and opulence, a home to thousands of military families, and the vacation spot for seventeen of thirty-four U.S. Presidents.

Newport is frequently referred to as "The Sailboat Capital of the World".

Newport is easily accessible by land, water and air. Good interstate and state highways serve the area from the North and West. By automobile, it is approximately three hours from New York City and a little over one hour from Boston.

Little Newport has nearly as many restaurants as Providence and a night life as varied as you can find anywhere. The Chamber of Commerce has information on what to see and do in Newport, free for the asking.

From New York, one journeys Route 95 North, exiting to 138 East.



HOBBY INDUSTRY OF AMERICA

The Hobby Industry of America is a national non-profit Trade Association serving the interests of manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers and publishers in the hobby field. Its membership of over 2000 includes foreign firms giving an international atmosphere to annual conventions and trade shows.

The HIA was formed in 1940.

Today, serving a society with ever increasing leisure time to devote to healthy, interesting and challenging pursuits, the industry has grown to over two billion dollars in annual sales.

Certainly with world-wide acceptance that hobbies contribute to the well being of in-

dividuals, it is appropriate that international contests be established to recognize expertise in building and control techniques.

This concept stimulated the HIA to give birth to the "Mini-America's Cup" competition bringing together the best radio controlled yacht hobbyists to vie for an appropriately engraved "silver bucket." The winner at the competition holds the "Cup" for six months after which time it is displayed in the national headquarters of the Hobby Industry of America.

Should an international challenger be declared winner, the cup will remain in his possession for 18 months after which time it will be returned to HIA for display until the next official America's Cup Challenge Race.

The name of each winner is permanently engraved on the trophy.

WHERE TO FIND MODEL BOAT MANUFACTURERS

Model boat kits are primarily constructed of balsa wood or fiberglass. The fiberglass models often parallel their wooden counterparts. Your hobby shop staffs are the most qualified people to explain the various aspects of model boat building. In the event they are unable to help you, we are listing below the names of several manufacturers that can be contacted for additional information pertaining to "Mini-America's Cup" style yachts.

EC-12 meter models



DUMAS "HERITAGE"

The East Coast favorite! 12 Meter boat is a "One Design" sailboat designed by Buddy Black, the EC-12M National Champion and winner of the Mini-America Cup. Hull and deck are white fiberglass. Mast, boom and jib club are wood. Decors sails and hardware included. VHS weight 200 grams. Length 50".



HARTMAN RC FIBERGLASS
P.O. Box 55
233 Melrose Street
Argenta, IL 62501

Dumas Model of East Coast "Heritage"
"HERITAGE"
DUMAS PRODUCTS
907 E. 17th Street
Tucson, AZ 85719

MINI-AMERICA'S CUP
c/o R&R PROMOTIONS INTERNATIONAL
P.O. Box 391, Pine Brook, N.J. 07058

Mini-12 meter models

Radio Industry of America Award Winner

New Horizon
Cup Racer 12

LOA 19-5/8 in
BEAM 6-1/4 in
HEIGHT 31-7/8 in

AG INDUSTRIES, INC.
1012 14TH AVENUE N.E.
WEDDING, WA 98052

"AUSTRALIA II"
Seven winged boat—Designed to reduce drag and turbulence of the hull and increase speed, reportedly a significant contributor to the speed of the winning Aussie boat, Australia II. Model A005—Hull 20" long, 5" high, 7"

NEW YORK YACHT CLUB

The N.Y.Y.C. is one of the most prestigious sailing organizations in the world, with headquarters in New York City, and has hosted the America's Cup race throughout the years.

The Mini-America's Cup organization, working in close cooperation with the N.Y.Y.C., has been most appreciative of working with their past Commodores.

The N.Y.Y.C.'s New York City clubroom sports one of the most magnificent model boat collections ever seen. The entire history of the America's Cup races is shown by a scale model of each boat that has won. These models are placed side-by-side and show the progress these boats have taken during development over the years. It's interesting to note that in their New York club, there is a rule that no commercial business can be undertaken when inside. This allows good friends from all over to re-live many exciting moments of the sea... discuss activities... and plans for the future.

The MAC program is pleased and thankful to have the N.Y.Y.C.'s cooperation and the help of its members.



mini-america's cup association

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 - T-SHIRTS • JACKETS
 - BULLETINS
 - VINYL DECAL
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| <input type="checkbox"/> CREW | 7.00 | 7.50 | 15.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBSERVER | 10.00 | 7.50 | 15.00 |

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Box 391, Pine Brook, N.J. 07058

Ship's Store

- WINDBREAKER JACKETS (dark blue, kasha lined nylon) \$25.00
- T-SHIRTS (no color) 6.00
- PERSONALIZED SKIPPER'S SPORT SHIRT... 2 for 40.00 (specify first & last name, plus sail number)
- SWISS EMBROIDERED PATCH 2.00
- DECALS 1.00
- COFFEE MUG 2.50
- VISOR CAP 7.60
- POSTAGE & HANDLING CHARGE 2.50

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