



### New Officers

DCYC has always been just as good as its officers, and this year we are fortunate to have a capable and willing afterguard to plot our course. The clear choice for Commodore was Steve Blecher, a junior and economics major. Steve has served actively for two years as Racing Team Captain, providing good teams and perfect attendance at regattas much to the prestige of the club. Steve has sailed and taught sailing on Fire Island and has made cruises on the Sound and Lake Michigan, showing knowledge of a wide range of sailing problems from spinners to stink pots. On the Green, he has gotten to know the working of DCYC and the many problems involved, and has made friends throughout the Administration and DCAC.

A great burden falls upon the Vice-Commodore this year with the new fleet and improved Rec Program to be instituted in the spring. Stu Russell, a sophomore and a member of the Summer Club, will be keeping watch over these duties. Stu has served as House Committee Chairman and has been valuable in our relations with the Summer Club. His good humor and Beethoven sweat-shirt have provided many a remedy to trying situations and his abundant willingness is a match for his ability.

Tad Kiefaber has been our junior Jack-of-All-Trades for three years, serving the club in the past as Vice-Commodore, Secretary, and now as Treasurer. Tad, a math major, has put the books in new form, consolidating both finances and membership listings into one compact arrangement.

A newcomer from the freshman class  
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### The New Fleet

Hopkins Center Workshop is a busy place these days. Occupying center stage in the room are the two "Dart 14's" currently under construction by the Yacht Club. Every day various members of the student body and occasional members of the faculty and alumni stop by to inspect the progress of the project.

And steady, if not speedy, progress is being made. We are taking our time with the boats--feeling out the way gradually--but they are taking definite shape. Hard work by the Exec Staff (especially by Rick Van Mell, who has carried the major load of planning and engineering the boats) and a hard core of members has resulted in a gradual assembly of what will soon be some of the prettiest racing sloops in the East.

When the hulls first arrived, we set to work laying out diagrams for the parts, marking the spots for ribs, spreaders, supports, and so on. The initial project was cutting and shaping the rudders and tillers. The rudders were made in one piece, of mahogany, and the tillers of ash. This work was all done before Christmas Vacation, and we returned in the winter ready for the real work on the boats themselves.

During vacation, Rick and Stu Russell drew out plans and cross-sections of the framing spars, etc. As soon as we got back, the inwhales were installed on boat number one, ribs cut and fitted, and spreaders put in place. Once we had all the parts properly fitted, we made five duplicates of each one, so that the other three boats that we have and the two we have just ordered can be assembled more easily and quickly.

Steve Blecher, working with Rick,  
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## Annual Meeting

Another year has (sob) ended. DCYC has weathered the storms of 1962 and has set all sail for '63 in a spanking breeze of anticipation. The change of skipper and crew was effected at the Annual Meeting which took place on 31 January.

Tim Bryant, our social chairman, obtained the use of the D.C.C. House overlooking Oocom Pond for the festivities, and the powers-that-be even had fires roaring in the fireplaces when we arrived! The Hanover Inn laid on a chicken dinner the likes of which we had not seen since Ma's Home Cookin' and by the end of dinner, fortified by the refreshments provided by the club, we were all ready to get down to business.

After a short interval of regular business the moment of truth arrived! Our erstwhile Commodore, Rick Van Mell, rose to his feet with manuscript clutched in hand and a hush fell over the audience. He spoke of the history of the club, mentioning the incidents which stood out in his mind: moving the wall to expand "A" deck, regattas we had won and regattas we had attempted to win, contributions by past officers, canoeing on the Connecticut with faculty advisors before the ice-floes had disappeared for the summer, erecting the flag-pole, and finally the project nearest and dearest to his heart--the new fleet of Jet 14's. His plea for a work crew the following evening, made out of pure habit, was drowned out by a motion for elections.

The Secretary had his moment of crowning glory by casting one ballot for the nominated slate (referred to in some quarters as highballing the freight train), and turning over his numerous keys to the incoming Secretary. Commodore Steve Blecher took over the floor, and Commodore Van Mell's last official duty was to turn over to Commodore Blecher that status symbol of executive privilege and authority, the key to the post-office box. Steve then, with obvious pleasure, gave the Racing Team Captain's jacket to the incoming RTC, with further popping of flashbulbs.

The first order of business under the new administration was the proposal for a vote of thanks to Rick Van Mell, who has done a terrific amount of work in building up the club to its present exalted position. Things got out of hand

and soon the entire club was on its feet with a standing round of applause, which Rick accepted with due modesty. Not finished yet, Steve presented Rick with the Yachtsman's Trophy, awarded to that member of the club who exemplifies the highest ideal of yachting in all its facets.

A small amount of general business was transacted, and the meeting ended on a happy note as several members proposed toasts to the new officers and the club. At the end, however, this mood was dispelled by the Commodore's announcement of an Executive Committee meeting, to follow immediately!

Ending the evening on a typical Dartmouth note, several members were prevailed upon to get their guitars, and a session of singing ensued which lasted over an hour. As the party broke up, with the singers' backs fused to their shirts from sitting too close to the fireplace, it was agreed that this had been the best Annual Meeting in many a moon, and all look forward to next year's!

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## The Starboard Bunk

Steve asked me to fill in for him on this issue since he has his hands full with other articles and NELSA affairs, not to mention the new fleet, so I'll do what I can.

With the first boat an inch from completion and the second close behind, we are very pleased with progress. With the ordering of two more boats, we look forward to a spring with six new boats, after selling five and not being in debt for over \$500.

Our campaign to rally alumni support has been partly successful and twenty-five have joined our Alumni Membership. The North Wind has received applause from many and just criticism when needed, but we hope it has brought sailing at Dartmouth into a better light both here on campus and among our alumni and friends. Parer-tially in light of the rise in postage rates, we will be unable to send out copies of the North Wind to everyone. If you are not a member but would like to continue to receive our issues, please fill in the enclosed card and return it.

Good Luck and Clear Sailing on this year's course....

*Rick*

## NEISA Annual Meeting

While Hanover rocked with Winter Carnival, Rick was in Boston on Friday and Steve on Saturday representing the DCYC at NEISA's 15th Annual Meeting. Rick, as vice-president of NEISA, ended his term by attending the Executive Committee meeting on Friday night and rushing back to Hanover to find Steve at three in the morning to give him the good news that for the first time in the past four years Dartmouth is McMillan Cup bound!!!

Dartmouth's team of Rick Van Mell '63 (skipper), Fred Doane '63, Cole Letteney '63, Steve Blecher '64, Rich Miller '65, Bill Gorton '65, and Rob Hartford '65 was selected along with U.R.I., Harvard, Yale, Brown, and five Middle Atlantic colleges to vie for the McMillan Cup at Annapolis on March 30 and 31 in the 44-foot Naval Academy yawls. The last time that Dartmouth won the McMillan Cup was in 1943 when "Bus" Mosbacher led Dartmouth to victory. A detailed report of our success in this hotly contested event will be included in our April newsletter.

Steve and faculty adviser George Prater of Tuck School relieved Rick on Saturday. While Professor Prater attended a board of governors meeting, Steve arranged the 1963 schedule which includes several regattas to be hosted at Dartmouth in our new Dart 14's.

Highlights on the schedule besides the McMillan Cup include: the Owen Trophy to be sailed at West Point this year in Flying Dutchman Juniors, three sets of Monotype eliminations to qualify for the national intercollegiate championships to be held at Seawanaka Corinthian Yacht Club on Long Island on June 14 and 15, the Hewitt Trophy which Dartmouth will defend on Lake Mascoma in Dart 14's next fall, and the second annual Women's Fall Championships also to be held at the DCYC in Dart 14's.

The annual meeting of NEISA followed the schedule meeting and Steve Blecher was elected the new Chairman of the Committee on Commitments and Infractions and to NEISA's executive committee.

The trophy dinner followed with "Bus" Mosbacher '43 as guest speaker. He presented the ICYRA with the Mosbacher Trophy which goes to the winner of the Ivy League Championships. Har-

vard was this year's recipient as Dartmouth finished fourth in the regatta. Mr. Mosbacher gave a very interesting talk on picking an America's Cup crew and told some interesting stories about the past summer and preparing for the races. George O'Day then showed some of the films of the Cup races and the trials.

Steve accepted the no-longer-lost Hewitt Trophy from Len Fowle (we won it late in October) with the comment that it was nice to have it back in our possession again. It had been lost for two years until it was discovered in the office of Bowdoin's Athletic Director. Rick was awarded a silver NEISA charm for his services as vice-president for the past year.

Allan L. Priddy '42 was also present and was elected as Assistant Graduate Secretary of NEISA. He has been very active in NEISA over the years.

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### 1963 Schedule

March 30-31	McMillan Cup	Navy
April 7	Conn. Valley	Coast Guard
13	Sharpe	Brown
13 or 14	Monotype Elims (Gannets)	Yale
13	Frosh	Tufts
20 or 21	Monotype Elims (Beverlies)	U.R.I.
21	Frosh Elims	M.I.T.
27	NEISA Elims	MIT-Harvard
27	Frosh	Tufts
May 4-5	Owen (Flying Dutchman Juniors)	Army
4-5	Frosh Finals	Coast Guard
11-12	NEISA Finals	
18-19	Phelps	Dartmouth
18-19	Monotype Elims	M.I.T.
26	Frosh	Dartmouth
June 15-16	Monotype Finals	Seawanaka
17-25	Nationals	M.I.T.

### DCYC Officers:

Commodore.....	Steve Blecher
Vice-Commodore.....	Stu Russell
Secretary.....	Halsey Bullen
Treasurer.....	Tad Kiefaber
Racing Team Captain.....	Rich Miller

The New Fleet (continued)

hollowed out the two halves of the first spar, which was then glued together and shaped. The first spar, in fact, is just about completed and will be ready for varnish next week. The other five spars will be done in the next two weeks. This week we also started on the booms, which should be finished the first week of March.

The spars are the major headache of the project. It is not that they are so hard to make, but rather that they take so much time. From the initial spruce two-by-four to the finished spar is a long process of cutting, shaping, sanding and more sanding. The booms are much the same, though not as tricky to shape. However, the work moves ahead, and we expect the masts and booms to be ready by the deadline.

At the moment, therefore, we are fairly well along with the project. One boat has been completely framed and decked, and lacks only the finishing touches of varnish, paint, and launching. Boat number two is framed and now being decked. Boats three and four will be done in the next two weeks, and the whole fleet of four should be done in the middle of March—just in time for Second Term Exams!

Indeed, we are so enthusiastic about these boats and the fun we've had building them (and it has been as much fun as it has been work) that we are looking forward to building the fifth and sixth boats this spring or perhaps in the summer, with the help of the Summer Club.

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New Officers (continued)

has been elected to Secretary. Halsey Bullen has been an active member of the freshman team and done well, not to mention his interest in the club and its activities.

Probably the least appreciated position in the club is that of Racing Team Captain. He is constantly harrassed by those who want to go to regattas and those who, at the last minute, don't! Rich Miller, a sophomore, who has served as Treasurer during the past year, will be doing the team honors for 63-64.

These are the men who will be running the show this year and with an even streak of luck it may well be one of the best that DCYC has ever known.

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