



# Catboat Association Inc.

A Non-Profit, Charitable, Tax-exempt Organization  
Founded 1962

## **Bulletin Tables of Contents** (as of May 2024)

This document contains an attempt to consolidate the Tables of Contents (TOCs) from all the Catboat Association bulletins. This document can be used as a primary reference for information in the bulletin as recorded in the bulletins themselves. This document will be a work in progress, expanding as bulletins are published.

The initial bulletins (1-31) did not contain a table of contents. TOCs began to appear in Bulletin 32, published on October 15, 1970. Prior to that date, the bulletins were slightly less formal, a simple documentation of what transpired in during the prior period, accompanied by a list of future events. Supplements to bulletins were also published with addenda, stories and the like.

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THE CATBOAT ASSOCIATION

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DATE SET FOR NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, January 16, 1971 has been set as the date of the Ninth Annual Meeting of The Catboat Association. The place, as usual, will be Seamen's Inne, Mystic Seaport, Connecticut. Bill Robinson, Editor of Yachting and skipper of an 18 foot Marshall Sanderling in the Shrewsbury River, New Jersey, fleet will be the speaker. Make plans now to attend.

COMMITTEE ON THE FUTURE PROPOSES CHANGES

Ten members of The Catboat Association's Committee on the Future, under the chairmanship of Lee Brown, met on Saturday, May 9, 1970 in the Munson Room of the G.W. Blunt White Library at Mystic Seaport. (Cont'd on page 2)

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WILTON B. CROSBY, JR. AWARDED JKM TROPHY

Leland S. Brown of Mt. Kisco, N.Y., the Awards Committee Chairman, made the presentation of the John Killam Murphy Award--Don Rosencrantz' half hull model of the catboat TABBY. The award, he said, "honors that marvelous character who loved, sailed and owned catboats for all of his 94 years. I well recall receiving a letter from him some years ago that he had reached the age (86) when he would like to own a catboat again. As I wouldn't part with Cumbrae, he found another (Cont'd. on page 2)

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THE CAT ON THE COVER--is FRANCES by John F. Leavitt. Through the courtesy of the Marine Historical Association and the kindness of John F. Leavitt, its Associate Curator, we show on our cover an original pen and ink sketch of the 1900 Wilton Crosby catboat FRANCES. The story of the restoration of FRANCES in 1970 is told in Supplement No. 2 to this Bulletin No. 33.

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June 1, 1971

1971 RACE AND RENDEZVOUS PLANS - FINAL NOTICE

The Summer of 1971 has seven regattas on the calendar, listed in sequence below. Note changes from summer plans announced in the March 15, 1971, Bulletin No. 33. Some of the events call for entry blanks, and members interested in an event should address one of the regatta chairmen for details.

- ↘ Saturday, June 26 - Saybrook-Duck Island, Conn., race for Marston Trophy. Essex Yacht Club co-sponsor. Paul Birdsall, Smith St., Middletown, Conn., 06457, and Whit Anderson, 509 Main St., Box 344, Old Saybrook, Conn., 06475, are in charge.
- Friday, July 9 - Vineyard Haven, Mass., Tercentenary Celebration;
- ↘ Saturday, July 10 - Race July 10 for Manuel Swartz Roberts Memorial Trophy.
- Sunday, July 11 - Boats assemble July 9 at designated inner harbor areas. Peter McCormick, 35 Crafts Rd., Chestnut Hill, Mass., 02167, is in charge assisted by Lee Brown, P.O. Box, Edgartown, Mass., 02539 (summer); Baldwin Rd., RD #2, Mt. Kisko, N.Y., 10549 (winter), and John Leavens, 14 Rowan Rd., Summit, N.J. 07901. (Continued on Page 2)

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THE CAT ON THE COVER is Lillian. She was built in Hyannis, Mass. in 1889 and was originally 29'6 x 14' x 3'6. Later she was cut in two and stretched out to her full length of 38'5 as shown here.

For years Lillian hauled passengers and freight from Nantucket town to Wauwinet, 6 miles up the harbor. Charlie Blount owned Lillian for years. He told Charlie Sayle that on one of his trips to Wauwinet he had 105 passengers aboard. The cockpit was full and the cabin top covered with them.

The Lillian was on the run until around 1936 or 1937 when automobiles were becoming more numerous on the Island and Lillian's business, in consequence, began to fall off. Charlie Blount, then well on in years, sold her to Herman Closson, who took her to Maine, where he rebuilt and sold her.

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Bulletin No. 35

November 1, 1971

DATE SET FOR TENTH ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, January 22, 1972 has been set as the date of the Tenth Annual Meeting of The Catboat Association. The place, as usual, will be Seamen's Inne, Mystic Seaport, Connecticut. John Gardner, Technical Editor of National Fisherman and Research Associate of the Marine Historical Society will be the speaker. Plan now to attend.

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THE CAT ON THE COVER is RUTH, named for Ruth Cleveland, first child of President Cleveland who stands looking forward. The skipper is possibly 'Capt. Ryder of Marion'. Just who built the "Ruth" and when is unknown, but she was owned by President Cleveland sometime between the years 1891 when Ruth Cleveland was born and 1904 when the Cleveland family sold Grey Gables, their summer home at Monument Beach on Cape Cod. Photo courtesy of Mr. Richard F. Cleveland and Yankee Magazine.



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ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 22ND

Members are reminded that the Tenth Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 22, 1972 at Seamen's Inne, Mystic Seaport, Connecticut. If you have not already done so, please make your reservations with Mollie Birdsall, 35 Smith Street, Middletown, Conn. 06457.

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THE CAT ON THE COVER is one of the Georgica Pond Carter catboats built by George Carter of East Quogue, Long Island. Her exact history is somewhat sketchy, but evidently she was bought by Judge Bruce Bromley (who appears in the photograph) for his son, Steve, in 1935. At that time the boat was reputed to be forty years old which if correct would make this one of the first boats built by George Carter whose career as a catboat builder started at about that time and lasted for 64 years during which time he built some 150 catboats.

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Pictures and Lines Drawings of Catboats Wanted for Catboat Book

Members are urged to send in glossy prints of their best catboat pictures and catboat lines drawings in order to provide the best choice of illustrative material for The Catboat Book now in preparation.

Please make certain that your pictures are labelled to identify the name of the boat, date of picture, name of owner and any special caption data. Also include photo credit lines and any written descriptive material to identify and explain the photos or drawings.

The material should be sent directly to Roger Taylor, President, International Marine Publishing Company, Camden, Maine 04843. He will see to it that the material is returned to you in due course. If you value it sufficiently to send it via registered mail, it will be returned to you in the same manner.

With a publication date scheduled so as to make the 1972 Christmas market, it is important that the material be sent as soon as possible. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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January 20, 1973 is Date Set For 11th Annual Meeting

Saturday, January 20, 1973, has been set as the date of the 11th Annual Meeting of The Catboat Association. The place, as customary, is the Seamen's Inne at Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Connecticut.

Irving Johnson, world famous for his cruises in the brigantine YANKEE and for his European and Mediterranean cruises in YANKLE II will be the principal speaker. Because of the anticipated demand for tickets, reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis with priority given to Association members and their immediate families (i.e. husbands, wives and children). Details will be provided at a later date but plan now to attend.

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THE CAT ON THE COVER is Bear, 24 x 11'6 x 2'6. She is said to have been built by Paige (whoever he was) in 1900, but where is unknown. Her ownership, however, is known back to 1918 in the Narragansett Bay area, and belonged to Howard Metcalf of Holyoke, Mass. Since 1948 she has been on the Long Island South Shore, part of the time as TIDE'S END, the rest as BEAR, or BEAR OF BABYLON. In recent years she has been a gaff-headed sloop.

Could this be the LUCY of I LOVE LUCY built by Briggs of Westport, Mass., in 1870 or 1880 described and pictured in Bulletin # 39? Both were big cats. Both had stub bowsprits. Both had a squared-off cabin house forward. Both had a small cockpit and big cabin. Both had a forward hatch. Was Paige really Briggs?

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<p>IN MEMORIAM</p> <p>Parker Leonard</p> <p>Lewis H. Robinson</p>
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Mr. Leonard was an Enthusiast Member from Nokomis, Florida.

Mr. Robinson of Warwick, R. I., a member since 1966 was the owner of the 27 ft. Dexter catboat PENGUIN which he campaigned actively in the Narragansett Bay races until he sold her in 1972.

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- 22 **Chesapeake Bay cats** the shoalwater edges of this wonderful Bay have inspired various adaptive designs, among which the catboat is right at home, says David Bleil.
- 25 **Mr. Boat Expert** J. J. Smith says he "changed the names to protect the innocent" but that this is a true tale
- 27 **Valiant** are her nine lives over? or is there a happy epilogue awaiting this beautiful craft?
- 30 **New cat blows into harbor** The 24' Atlantic City catboat is making a big splash
- 31 **Smallcraft "library"** Stashed carefully at Mystic Seaport Museum, hundreds of "reference volumes" are under the careful eye of bulletin assist. editor Peter Vermilya
- 32 **Martha's Vineyard sailing lore** A brief history by the late Joseph Chase Allen
- 35 **Cimba Downeast, Part 2** Lynda Cassidy winds up her evocative yarn about last summer's trip
- 38 **Who/what is *Viola*, really?** Jim Grenier lets us know in his own way
- 39 **Matchless** Marian Thomas, a former owner of this big Phinney-built cat (seen in Bulletin #63 participating in Tall Ships events), tells more about this sturdy craft.
- 42 **R. I. Designers' Work** reprinted (courtesy of Mystic Seaport) from *Sail and Sweep*, August 1902 — a Detroit-based publication that dealt with yachting events on the Great Lakes and East Coast.
- 44 **Short Tacks** Art Bloomer's big news; Parson Swain has a "new" boat; cats lazing along the Florida coast; some great photos from the talented Peter Winne.
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- 16 The day I blew up the catboat building** Art Drummond didn't find it funny at the time, but he can laugh now
- 17 A note from bayou country** from Jim Fargason
- 18 Mardi Gras!** A catboater becomes King
- 20 Cats alive** or should it be "revived," speaking about the efforts of the Maine boatbuilding-training shop
- 21 Short Tacks** John Leavens admires Oscar Pease's cultch; *Ole Dorothy...*; windjammers coming to Mystic Seaport; Cimba's super smile; Atlantic City Cats congregate; "cool" cats; Nat Sperber's eye for art; whatsa Charlie Noble?; Cal Perkin's *Prudence*; give a minute to help design a new catboat; the Smithtown Bay Saga
- 27 The Dinghy Book** by Stan Grayson; excerpts from his book, by permission of the publisher, International Marine
- 47 Types and builders of catboats** Dave Pearson, as usual, makes figures tell an interesting story
- In Memoriam** Claire Nagle and daughter Martha Nagle; Don Rosencratz; Kenneth Mapes
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June 1982

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- 3 Race Rendezvous in 1982** Duck Island's double-barrelled event; the 25th annual race also marks the 20th anniversary of CBA origin.
- 4 Cruising seminar** Pete Brewer picked the highlights from his tape of the well-attended seminar on cruising at February's annual meeting.
- 7 T. L. C. for catboats** Both fiberglass & wooden cats need conscientious maintenance, panelists agreed.
- 9 Rx for Tabby: surgery** Dr. Phil Carling used some unusual techniques to restore his 25 yr. old wooden cat.
- 10 Anchors, lines and knots** Security afloat being safely linked to the solid earth beneath the waves; a booklet from the now-defunct Plymouth Cordage Co. is still valuable and excerpts from the writings of Robert D. Ogg, co-inventor of the Danforth anchor, give insight into the variety of objects sailors have hung on the end of their rope.
- 20 Chappaquiddick** The sometimes-island at the eastern end of Martha's Vineyard has a fascinating history twined with catboats.
- 26 Food (and drink) afloat** Sandy Earle has ideas on how to care for ravenous appetites.
- 28 Lily of Tisbury** 'Scow' she may be, but she's got a special beauty. Editor Doris Johnson found as *Lily* helped re-step a repaired mast two summers ago; excerpts from the *Vineyard Gazette* (July 31, 1981) and *N.E. Offshore* (May 1980) give more background on the craft.
- 32 Cats, cats, cats** Naval architect Charles Wittholz has spent years showing he likes 'em big 'n bold or small 'n snug...as long as it's a catboat
- 37 Short Tacks** Flathead Lake catboat; ode to *Heritage*; Lindbergs sail *Catena* and now *Pinkletink* too; a shaggy cat story, indeed; Western Massachusetts sailors; *Kiameche* on parade; note about Nauset Marine's plunge into catboats; *Sou'wester*... anyone have more information?; Peter C. Quinn, waxes lyrical about catboats' spirit; Whit Anderson's camera is automatic when it focuses on a broadbeamed sailboat; Landing Boatshop learns about CBA and Bulletin.
- 43 A memorable cruise** Walter Lewis evokes charm & nostalgia in this reprint from a 1900 ed. of *The Rudder*.
- 46 Dionis: 1st electracat?** Daniel B. Streeter writes about his latest project, including a National Fisherman article that prompted his interest.

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- 3 Summer of '82: race-rendezvous results** A full schedule of gatherings and gams along with the competitions, edited by John Peter Brewer
- 20 Atlantic City Cat has a "new Kitty"** A *Rudder* reprint about the big one, and builder information on the recent addition to the family
- 23 Short Tacks** From the West Coast: *Cuttysark . . . and a holiday reminder: even in France!*; on burgees, *SAIL sez . . .*; Delaware River tuckup; *Briar Rose* - a practiced hand on her tiller
- 27 Ocean victuals** Coastal cruising cats might not stock these vittles on a regular basis, but the Seamen's Institute menu items might start a new trend
- 28 Wasp: new 28-ft. A-cat launched** Barnegat Bay rejoices at the revival of a classy cat; the spiritual aspect was not ignored. A-cats have excited New Jersey sailors for years, as this reprint from *Ashbury Park Press* illustrates
- 31 Love with a proper cat** *Frances* inspired extraordinary efforts from Jon Jenett
- 34 A paper cat?** Eric Roundy wanted a certain kind of catboat and Fenwick Williams designed it; now they both tell why . . . what's next?
- 38 Cotuit skiffs** Cape Cod sailors take their boats seriously, as is apparent when a widely circulated weekly devotes prime news space to a two-part story about a yachting weekly
- 44 Cats . . . BIG & small** and from far away, too; these reprints from *Rudder* are a reminder of the days when no two boats were ever **exactly** alike: from a 1905 New Zealand 18-footer or a 1932 pocket cruiser to a trio from 1952, including a lapstrake Rhode Islander.

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- 27 Martha's Vineyard — idyllic rendezvous**
- 28 An ornithological note from Pete Wells**
- 30 David Moss, specialist in timber craft** thanks to Oscar and Nellie Pease
- 33 Sea Mew** reprint from *The Rudder*
- 35 A question of rig** *The Rudder*, June 1896
- 36 New life for an "old" cat** by Richard Beukema
- 39 George Cat . . . at last** by A. Bennett Wilson, Jr.
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June 1983

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- 3 **1983 Race-rendezvous program**
- 4 **"The things we did last summer** we'll remember all winter long"
- 6 **T.L.C. for cats** Maintenance was another annual meeting topic
- 7 **John Leather: maritime expert, historian, author** by himself with the help of John M. Leavens; editing by J. P. Brewer
- 12 **See the C-words** actually . . . illustrated SEA-words
- 14 **A 20-foot cat** designed by Fred Nock; reprinted from *Rudder*, November 1910
- 17 **Freddie The Cat: Chappaquiddick 12½** Bob Treat first built a model (Bulletin No. 64, p. 72) then started building *Freddie* (Bulletin No. 65, pp. 45-46); and next???
- 19 **SHORT TACKS** "The catboat kids" at Padanarum; Mike Chirco solves an exhausting problem; an 11-ft. cat caused quite a flutter in the 1930s, according to this *Rudder* reprint, circa 1932; time for reviewing the springtime ritual of underwater sacrifices; bottled boats demystified; safety afloat — float plans and hand held compasses
- 28 **The Prudent Seaman** by the renown Peter Wells of Connecticut
- 30 **The catboat Mabel Hawker** by Stan Grayson; a chapter from his new book (remember his excellent *Dinghy Book*) 'Old Marine Engines' which should be another winner for publisher International Marine.
- 44 **Two "Ideal Auxiliaries"** reprinted from January & February 1919 *MoToR BoatInG*
- 50 **Like flopping Gulliver** Dana Eldridge's 32-foot interpretation of a Charlie Wittholz design makes mortals look Lilliputian.

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November 1983

## IN THIS ISSUE . . .

- 3 1983 Race results & rendezvous reports** by John Peter Brewer
- 16 NEWPORT** Once upon a time, this favorite yachting center was known for other attributes than the America's Cup competition, as this reprint from *the Rudder, March 1911*, shows.
- 28 Newport today** During this summer's Wooden Boat Show, catboats and 12-meters co-existed happily in their separate (if overlapping) worlds.
- 30 To make a point** John L. Roche shows the virtues of a Newport Point boat, with photography by Richard L. Cahoon, his colleague at Cape Cod Community College (both psychologists—not carpenters nor photographers).
- 34 Orleans' Cats** At the "elbow" of Cape Cod, David Pearson found two boatyards nourishing a small fleet of catboats in varied sizes.
- 36 Virginia** The catboats were quite different three-quarters of a century ago: fierce racing competitors: *the Rudder, November 1910*.
- 40 A bat-cat?** Earl L. Marshall describes the whys-and-wherefores of the changes he made in a Menger 17.
- 43 Plow on the bow** John Church has another good, solid, sensible improvement that he shares in *easy-to-understand words and graphics*.
- 46 Ode to the Northrops** CBA founding members Art and Ros, now octagenarians (honest! even tho' they lood 15 years younger) have decided to sell their floating summer home, their well-loved cat-yawl.
- 49 A timepiece that tickles** Laugh at your own reflection in this calendar!
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- 6 **Tall Ships to celebrate Spirit of Massachusetts**
- 8 **Exhibits**
- 10 **Recognition: perfect choices for CBA's three annual awards**
- 12 **WORKSHOPS:** Maintenance — wood or 'glass, it's a must  
Restoration — a step or two beyond maintenance  
Heavy-weather sailing — protecting yourself and your catboat
- 16 **CATBOATS: types and builders** David Pearson has a fascinating update on the variety of our fleet
- 20 **M.S. Roberts remembered** Townie Hornor came across a fine photograph of Edgartown's most famous catboat builder
- 22 **Turning the table** Bruce Bagger's fine photos rejoin his clear explanation of his versatile invention
- 23 **Return of the catboat** CBA member Daniel Streeter wrote this story, published 15 years ago in Rudder, February 1969
- 26 **In Memoriam (continued from Page 2)** Jack Duston, a sailor who always picked up the heavy end of the mast; Bob Baker, boat designer and master builder
- 28 **Short tacks** Following the Tall Ships to Canada; Messing about in small boats; Osterville
- 30 **In lieu of an index** We're working on an update for our subject index; meanwhile, 1983 tables of contents help keep track of coverage

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JUNE 1984

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- 3 **Summer 1984 Race schedule**
- 4 **Membership analysis** CBA statistician Dave Pearson updates the figures
- 7 **CATBOATS** Stan Grayson's new book is out International Marine, (which also published The Catboat Book, edited by CBA Founder #1 John M. Leavens; here's a review and a sample of the book, **Catboats**)
- 34 **Sea Songs** Afloat or on land, sailors like to sing
- 40 **Sea flowers** The blooming sea, reported by Richard W. Spearel
- 42 **Can you name these . . . ?** Shenanigans in Mystic, Conn.
- 43 **Historic small craft** More of New Bedford's rich tradition, from the pages of *The Standard-Times*
- 46 **SHORT TACKS:** Tracking down the *Allard*; air for hiddel outboards; a tip for Palmer engine-owners; From one 'yachtsman' to another; update on *Clara*; Staten Island raft-up; this is cruising?
- 52 **Crosby Cats** Those famous Osterville cats, as viewed by *The Rudder* in January, 1896
- 53 **Burgee-making** If the size of Catboat Association burgee you want isn't obtainable commercially, do-it-yourself!
- 55 **'An artist with the needle'** speaking of sewing . . . this is from *Yachting*, May 1931
- 58 **Trailer and float plan** You may use it just twice a season for launch & haul, but it's still worth reviewing trailer info

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**THE CATS ON THE COVER** are, unfortunately, not identified on this photo, circa 1905, a copy from the Paul E. Levasseur collection, courtesy of Harrison Huster. The cats are behind the whaling bark *Bertha*, built at New Bedford in 1878, 105.6 feet O.A.L., 27.7 foot beam, 17.6 foot draft, 177.37 tons.

**THE CAT ON THE BACK** is a photograph, undated, sent by Fenwick C. Williams to CBA #1 John M. Leavens, who noted that it shows a cat-rigged double-ender designed and built by Charles Gifford of Vineyard Haven, Mass., similar to a model of a Nomansland boat adapted to catrig, displayed in the Peabody Museum, Salem, Mass.

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- 16 **Ketch Katt** Skipper Hollis Fairchild shares some of his catboating experiences and experiments
- 18 **SHORT TACKS:** Quincy cats 'on standby'; John Marshall sent along a Tacoma News Tribune cartoon chuckle; grabrails add to a cat's safety; cat-ads from 'the good ole days' of circa 1898 *Rudder* magazine; more on the *Allard* from Allan Woodle
- 20 **The Pilot's Laws** From the pages of the Bulletin of the Old Gaffers Association: laugh as you wince! (sent to the Bulletin by Bill Bridges)
- 23 **In Memoriam** Farewell to Old Gaffer John Scarlett
- 24 **Cactus Wren: a desert-built catboat** Bill Rutherford knows what he wants in a boat . . . and goes about getting it, wherever
- 27 **The last catboat race** by Stan Grayson, whose most recent book is **Catboats**; here, he ties old legends into a tale that could-have-been for a CBA Bulletin 'first' — an original fiction presentation
- 37 **Massachusetts' fabled islands** Thanks to Ralph Fisher for sharing his copies of Samuel Chamberlain's books on Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard
- 44 **Velora: a launching** Mark Jaquith's catboat takes to the water (see CBA Bulletin #64, March 1981, for Peter Vermilya's account of *Velora's* fashioning along the lines of *Frances*.)
- 46 **Suffolk Marine Museum** Long Island's contribution to historic preservation
- 48 **Picking the proper parts** Some good ideas from *Sail*, May 1980

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- 4 **ANNUAL MEETING** Treasurer's report, Exhibits, Three annual awards, John Burgess of Maine
- 16 **Newport Catboats:** five nifty photos from E.W. Smith
- 18 **Cooking hints** well, sort of . . . ala Peter Wells, anyway
- 19 **Calynda** Arthur and Rosalyn Northrup's beloved cat goes north
- 21 **A Catboat Cruise on New York Bay** nostalgic reprint from The Rudder, 1896
- 25 **Sailmaking** Steve Ratsey's know-how, from Old Gaffers Association newsletter
- 26 **"It was a touching scene . . ."** says Dave Pearson, the Marrying Parson
- 28 **SHORT TACKS**
- 30 **Jiffier reefing** a quicker way of doing things; from Sail, May 1980
- 32 **Zippering along in a Herreshoff America** Bernie Huddlestun tells how
- 34 **Nantucket Yacht Club's cats** the late Robert Minshall's history of the island's catboats, printed in 1967, was sent along by Daniel Streeter
- 39 **Interlude:** Graceful, Calm And Mysterious
- 40 **Building a backyard spar shed** John Church shows how
- 42 **Catboat history, Martha's Vineyard variety** Founder No. 1 John Leavens sent along this one: a Vineyard Gazette story originally printed in May 1967, reprinted in June 1983, after the death of its author, Joseph Allen Chase.
- 44 **Clara** update on restoration, from May 1984 issue of a California publication: Latitude 38.
- 47 **RECAP** tables of contents to CBA's 1984 Bulletins

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- 7 **CATBOATERS: a different drummer, maybe?** reprint from The Day, New London, Conn.
- 10 **Catboats as sail-training vessels** reprint from St. Nicholas' Magazine for Young Folks-1890
- 14 **Cormorant** A pretty catboat; reprint from Small Boat Journal, April 1985
- 19 **Maintenance** Frank Cassidy was scribe as well as moderator for this annual meeting workshop in Newport, RI, Feb. 1985
- 22 **Racing your catboat** Ted Jones, top North-of-the-Cape race winner, tells how he did it (he's moved to a boat with more than one sail nowadays)
- 24 **Lightning!!** Frank Cassidy tells how to protect yourself from thunderbolts afloat
- 26 **Design of a small cruiser** Hollingshead de Luce says it's a traditional procedure he followed
- 28 **Cape Cod Frosty** reprint from 1984 Register supplement
- 32 **A boat for all seasons** reprint from The Standard Times, New Bedford, Mass. 1985
- 34 **SHORT TACKS** Vincent Steck's parting request; a book review from the late John Scarlett; Walter Brooks' reminisces
- 36 **As native as quahog chowder** a reprint of an article written by Founder No. 1 John M. Leavens, which appeared in the Cape Cod Compass, summer of 1964, when the CBA was in its second season.
- 40 **The big mushroom** cartoonist Peter Wells has some wise advice

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- 34 Duxbury Bay Sundial** A lovely way to end a summer
- 35 'The Admiral'** reprinted from *48° North*, August 1985, the Northwest Sailing Magazine
- 38 Bluefishing on the Rips** reprint from *Youth's Companion*, Aug. 11, 1892; thanks to Bob Hilton
- 40 Halcyon Days** a century later, another bluefishing trip
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**BACK COVER -- Sammy Smith's silk screen of  
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- 20 Who says catboats can't fly?** Bill Bridges was on hand with his camera for this one!
- 21 Racing rules in brief** a popular re-reprint!
- 22 A duel off Staten Island** Dick Kohn sent in the *Staten Island Advance* clipping
- 24 Questions? Questions!!** Technical Adviser Oscar Pease handles an avalanche!
- 30 Surprise, Surprise!** Designer David Martin of Brigantine, N.J., likes a Surprise
- 33 Esmeralda takes a trip** And at Skipper Bill Crosby's suggestion, Pete Wells cooks up a cartoon about one event along the way
- 35 SHORT TACKS:** Rosenfeld photo collection; Sammy Smith's mouse-work; Mac Morse describes big tough *Cachalot*; Virginia museum gets a cat; Fred Allard draws with his computer, too; Arthur Gosner turns up as "cover art"
- 38 Montycats in Annisquam** reprinted from 'Messing around in small boats' magazine
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- 6 **CRUISING:** Boston Harbor Islands State Park
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- 14 **Sailing Bay waters in the '30s** by Frederick Tilp; reprinted from February 1986 issue of Chesapeake Bay magazine
- 18 **Cheap yachting** story circa 1870; original source unknown
- 24 **A catboat shape from Virginia** Fred Wise has an offer
- 25 **"A-cats" nominated to National Register** reprinted from April 1985 Asbury Park (N.J.) Press
- 26 **Catboats: a New Jersey tradition** thanks to Tom Schuyler for sending along the July/August 1985 issue of New Jersey Outdoors magazine
- 28 **Beetlecats & Leo Telesmanick** profiled in 3-30-86 issue of Sunday (New Bedford, Mass.) Standard Times
- 29 **Elmer Tyler and Iola** by associate editor Peter Vermilya
- 30 **Reefing a la Maio** Vin Maio's tips on his method
- 31 **Samuel Hunt, Duxbury fisherman** 19th century photo loaned by CBA Bulletin by John and Polly Nash
- 32 **SHORT TACKS:** Book of boat designs reviewed; Jim Corwin sails, draws and models catboats; Pete Wells illustrates another book; WANTED: Edson steerer; Wells steps right up; checklist for CGAux inspections; William Nicholson's Kitten; warning about penta/tetra hazards
- 38 **TWO 19th CENTURY CATBOATS:**
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- 26 As others see us** Bob Hicks, editor of the twice-monthly magazine, **Messing about in boats**, visited Osterville on Cape Cod this summer
- 30 Oscar!** Martha's Vineyard's favorite catboater is CBA Technical Adviser Oscar Pease; here's a recent **Vineyard Gazette** feature about him
- 32 SHORT TACKS:** New steering committee members announced; another sticky hoops tactic; BBC's beastie search; cat abuilding at Mystic; Bay Head, N.J. (thanks to Hans Farman); Steve Henkel offers more problem-solving ideas; Bill McAninch's new sail; Ray O'Brien's "catly" hulls.
- 38 Pitcairn Miscellany** No cats in sight when Leland and Mary Murry Brown visited — but there was this race, see . . .
- 39 Some points of the compass** S.A. "Alex" Mitchell, former owner of *Prudence*, shares an interest with us
- 45 Design commentary** from *The Skipper*, Feb. 1965: plans for *Prudence*, the 25-ft. Wittholz design sailed by Alex Mitchell for a quarter-century.
- 46 "Of sneakboxes and schooners . . ."** Edgartown regatta history features catboats, too
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- 26 **Bug screens** Bruce Bingham showed how to keep 'em out in *Sail*, May 1980.
- 28 **Sport fishing revelation** from *Power and Motoryacht*, April 1987
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- 33 **The right knot** Cape Cod Times
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- 30 John M. Leavens Memorial established** Our young people can help carry on
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- 32 Barry goes to Boone Island** Max Fife recounts a summer adventure; Sammy Smith gave shape to the tale
- 33 Goblin launched at Rockport, Maine** Ben and Leslie Fuller have themselves a great boat
- 34 Grayling, ex-Grimalkin, lives!!** and William Coleman brings us up to date
- 35 Breck Marshall launched at Mystic, Conn.** just a teaser . . . a full story in the next Bulletin
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- 6 **Trial by water** Bruce E. Smith came through unscathed, but . . .
- 8 **Cape Girl on national TV series** Skipper Cal Perkins appears on PBS
- 9 **Origin of "catboat" explored** Philip Winograd came across this possibility
- 10 **The Horatio saga** Jim Girard put heart and soul into this one
- 12 **Life below decks, Part II** More ideas on comfortable cruising
- 13 **Boat people of Belfast** A Down East reprint featuring a Marshall 18
- 14 **Cat on a flat** Cruising magazine's editor-at-large Bill Robinson tells the world about catboat pleasures!!
- 16 **SHORT TACKS:** Catboat pix show up in newspapers and on book brochures; catboat builders' plaques offered by Pinkie Leavens; a new catboat sails on Lake Michigan; Philadelphia Maritime Museum mounts catboat exhibit, plans of an A-cat; plans available for plywood do-it-yourself catboat.
  
- 22 **Cat and a kicker** Nostalgia sent our way by Cy Buckley
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- 26   **Molly** A West Coast catboat now in production
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- 30   **Mast tabernacle** Charles Withholz's plan aids river cruisers especially
- 32   **'The American Catboat'** As suggested by member Joe Valentine, here's a chapter from *Sailing Craft*, a book edited by Edwin J. Schoettle, published in 1946 by Macmillan Co. [See also a story about Schoettle's catboats, written by his daughter, Mary Schoettle Mitchell, in *CBA Bulletin* #58, March 1979, p. 11]

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