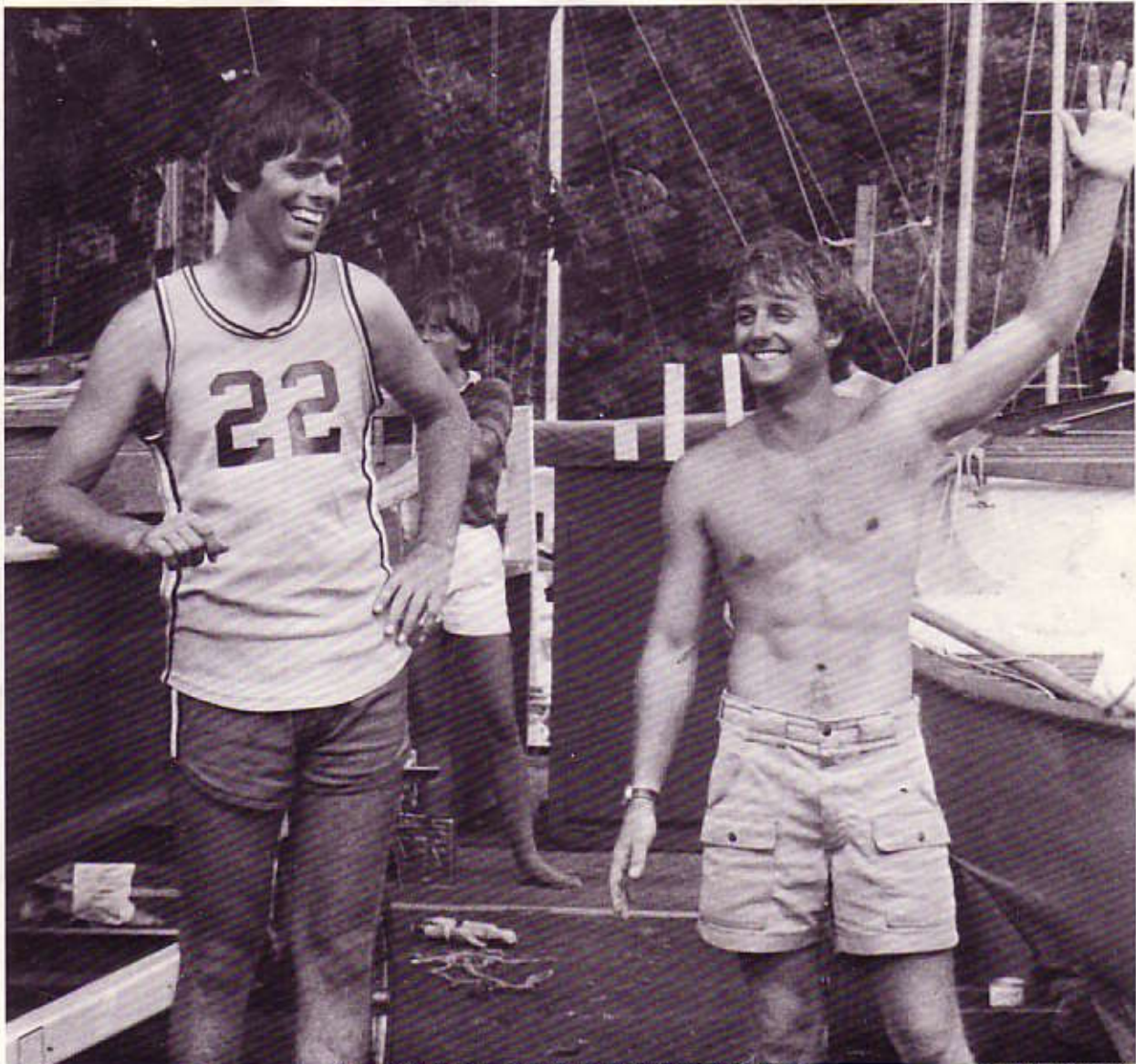


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**FROM THE EDITOR**

In preparing the material for this Nationals issue, it has occurred to me several times that this was indeed a special event, even as Thistle Nationals go. The organization and attention to detail were truly impressive, and the three people behind it — Jack Rupert, Ike Ganyard and Jim Irwin — and their cast of hundreds should be recognized and heralded for a most noteworthy performance.

The text of this year's regatta was prepared by Linda Douglas, who, as LEE's official *Bagpipe* scribe, spent many hours during the week (when not keeping track of husband John, who was crewing on Jack Bauer's 3463) compiling notes and generally keeping up with all that was going on. Clearly a lot of additional time went into writing the article after she returned home, and for myself and all Thistlers I want to thank her.

One of the highlights of the week was the ambitious centerboard measuring program ordered by Chief Measurer Marlin Abramson and conducted by Dave Minton and Bill Scharenberg. A good deal was learned, and a complete report will appear in the next issue when the data has been sorted out and codified to allow some conclusions.

Art Molitor

**LETTER**

Dear Honey: Your letter advising of the award the Association has bestowed on me was one of the most unexpected and gratifying things to ever happen to me.

I had the pleasure of being introduced to Thistling by Rod Glover and to work closely with Dave Minton and you over the years of the Opposition. To be told that the Association considers me worthy for inclusion with the three of you, and the three others whose names appear on the Minton Trophy, is a very special honor.

Now that I have a taste of the silver, I may just give a serious try for the Hard Sail Novice Trophy before I become eligible for the Old Goat.

Sincerely,

Bob Pollock (2327)

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