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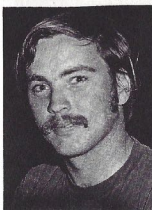
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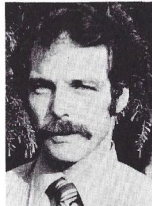
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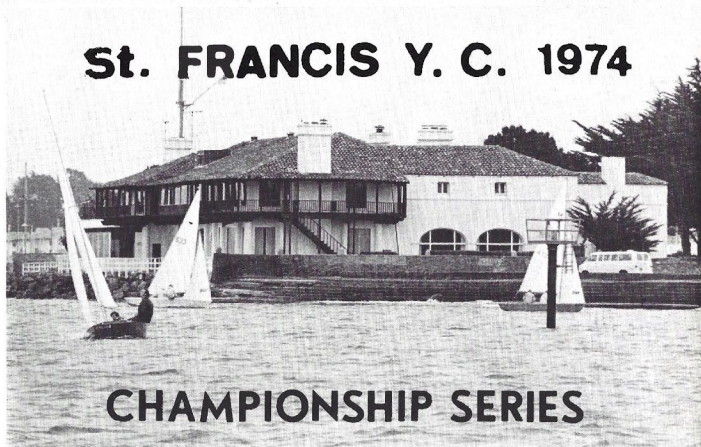


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## CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

This year's Nationals were to be sailed on the 'horrible windy' waters of San Francisco Bay. Thirty Mercurys showed up to enjoy some great parties and what turned out to be fairly nice wind—for sure much less tide and wind than expected.

Race #1 started into a South West wind of about 5 to 10 miles. The only beat was to the first mark. Dave Huggins & crew, Bill Conklin (#520), set the pace and this was to last for the entire regatta. After the first leg it turned into reaches across the ebb and those who played the tide and sailed full did real well. Tom Anderson (#308) hung on very well and finished second. Ham Clark & crew, Jack Mooney, (#455) coming up with their best performance ever would hold their position with smart navigation and got third. Dick Clark & Tom Mozingo, (#482) a definite pre-regatta favorite, came in fourth. Ted Lindley and crew, Sue Crockett, (#397) was fifth hanging closely to Dick Clark. Chris Gould with Steve Jeppeson, (#443) beat out Pax Davis and Ken Keefe, (#542) by a bare nose for sixth. From here on, in the series, these two boats did very little separately, Don Whelan with Bill Worden, (#469) in eighth, John Grether with Packy Davis, III, (#428) in ninth. The Cordrey Brothers, Tim and Chet, (#300) filling out the first ten.

The second race was a windward leeward twice around and leg to the finish. Steve Gould with Mike Porvaznik, (#470) took off and bye, bye. Steve Mason with crew, Bill Horton, (#534) were to challenge Gould several times during the race but to no avail. Mason drove more, picked up better tide and would come up on the wind, but just a little short. These were one and two positions. 3rd place went to Chris Gould who was far ahead of place number four, Davis. Davis had to work to get by Al Kirk & Cathy, (#231) and just did nip them. Meanwhile heroics went to Grether whose chainplates parted just before the finish. He hung in there losing 4th & 5th places, but got a sixth and hurried to the welding shop. Austin Lysight with Ed Stevie, (#454) came in for a seventh. Austin felt it wasn't blowing so hard, just that ebb tide chop. Ham Clark, doing very well finishing eighth. The Cordrey brothers finished ninth and John Hall with Eric Brunner, (#533) broke into the first ten.

End of the first day it was Chris Gould with 9, Ham Clark and Davis 11, Grether 15, Dick Clark 16 and Steve Gould with 16 3/4. Dave Huggins had a broken turnbuckle and had to drop out of the second race.

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