GAM
ON YACHTING

MR A RAE
75 KING ST E
TORONTO ONT
SUBS -62

ONTARIO EDITION
DECEMBER 1964

GAM: To call upon, chat with, and otherwise communicate with, as the officers and crew of another vessel. (Webster's New Twentieth Century Dictionary).

ON THE COVER

YACHTSMAN OF THE YEAR

MRS. Y.

This year, for the first time, our choice for Yachtsman of the Year is female.

She is known all across Canada. We've seen her slugging it out with her husband in the roughest, and perhaps even worse, the calmest of weather.

We've seen her reach over and touch his hand or his shoulder when he was exasperated or seasick, even though she probably felt worse than he.

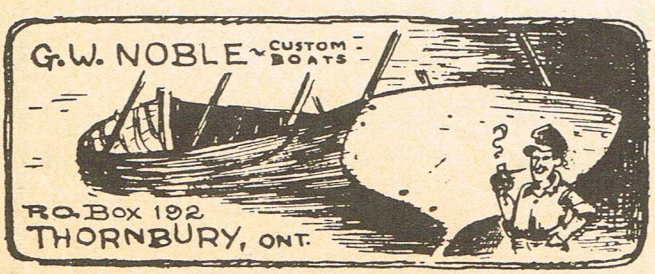
She has sat at home and waited throughout long distance races, fearful of what may have gone wrong. She's managed to smile through long hours and days helping at regattas and other events, getting the boat ready, or

mowing lawns and fixing cupboards so there will be more time aboard. She's turned her disappointment to a joke when the where-with-all for a new coat or car has gone onto a boat, or when an important party has had to be turned down for a sailing committment.

Because we are female we can understand and sympathize with her diffculties. Because we are single and sail (or stay home) under our own prerogative, we all the more admire her for complying with her husband's whims.

And if she does grumble now and then we being female find this easy to understand—who would be wise enough to appreciate her if she didn't?

And so, Mr. Yachtsman, how about, just this once, foregoing one little fitting and buying your wife an orchid for she is, this year, our 'Yachtsman of the Year'.



Facts About **Fiberglas***—4

DAMAGE REPAIR

Q:

As a result of an encounter with rocks on a lee shore my Kirby 1 International 14 has sustained a number of deep scratches on the hull, penetrating the gelcoat. What is the method of repair? Can I match the original red colour?—J.L.P., Stratford, Ont.

A:

If the scratches are not deep enough to have damaged the glass laminate, repair consists of cleaning them out with medium grit paper, and filling with gelcoat (obtainable in various colours from boat suppliers or paint manufacturers). When the gelcoat is completely hard, the repair is sanded level with the surrounding area, using fairly coarse paper first (⅌180), followed by ⅌320 for blending, and a light sanding with ⅌600 to remove scratches. Finally, the repair is buffed to bring up the gloss. If you find it difficult to match the colour, the hull can be repainted with a suitable finish.

If the damage is more severe, penetrating the Fiberglas laminate, it is best to cut away the damaged portion entirely, and apply a Fiberglas patch.

We are sending you detailed instructions for completing these repairs, together with a list of material suppliers.

(This is one of a series offered by Fiberglas Canada Limited, 48 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, to prompt lively discussion in cabin and clubroom. If you have any questions on Fiberglas boats, send them to karin larson, c/o Gam, who will pass them on for reply).
* Trade Mark.

CROCE & LOFTHOUSE
SAILCRAFT *Ltd.*

4226 Kingston Rd., West Hill (Toronto) Ont.

HAPPY SAILING
SEASON, 1965

See you at
Toronto Boat Show

Phone 282-6921