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DEL JORDON APPOINTED

ROMA AND DEL JORDAN

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Darrell Jordan, one of America's leading sailers and sailing coaches. Mr. Jordan will be Sailing Master and in charge of all sailing on Trout Lake and Lake George. He comes to us with over twenty-five years' experience in teaching sailing to children and adults, and with a remarkable racing record as a champion sailer.

Whereas in our part of the country sailing is a seasonal sport, Mr. Jordan has been affiliated with yacht clubs and sailing classes on a year-round basis in Florida. He is a renown sailer in the Miami and St. Petersburg areas.

Del's wife Roma, his crew and assistant, is an accomplished sailer and teacher in her own right. We are glad that she will be joining Del on the sailing staff.

It would take more space than we have on both sides of this paper to list the championships, regattas, and trophies Del and Roma have won. They have coached and raced in everything from Thistles and Beetles to Mobjacks. In the most recent regatta at the Coral Reef Yacht Club in Miami in December, Del won the Mobjack class handily.

During his years of teaching the junior program at St. Petersburg Yacht Club, Del invented "Del Jordan's Wacky Tacker", an ingenious sailing rig that accelerates the training of youths who want to be sailers. The Wacky Tacker is in the form of a 12 ft. long sailing boat with a 27 ft. mast. It pivots on wheels and the whole unit turns to any part of the 360° circle. The Wacky Tacker does everything but sail on water. It may be that we will use such a device in our sailing training program.

In an excerpt from the St. Petersburg Times sport page; " 'You learn to sail by sailing! In a very short time I can tell you enough to get you across the lake, but how good a sailer you are depends on how much and how well you practice.' These are the words of Del Jordan, a man who loves children and sailing and who, since the 1930's, has combined these two interests by teaching more than 15,000 young people the fine points of his favorite sport."

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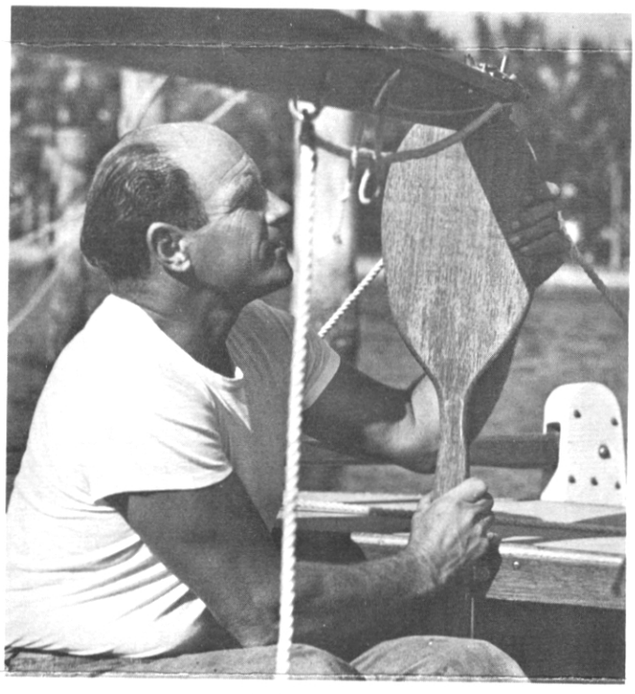

Del Jordan

FIBREGLASS COMETS ADDED TO FLEET

Next season will find our fleet of Comets expanded to eleven with the addition of three fibreglass Comets. This new equipment, coupled with the appointment of Roma and Del Jordan, should vastly improve the opportunities for sailers and the overall sailing program.

It is our long-range objective to eventually replace all the wooden boats with fibreglass. A special note of interest to the advanced sailers about fibreglass sailboats -- beginning in 1966, the International Star Boat Association has authorized construction of a fibreglass Star. You who have sailed in our Star at Trout Lake or Lake George might be able to visualize the unusual requirements of a mold for a fibreglass Star because of the heavy strains and stresses with the almost three hundred square feet of sail and over thirty feet of mast. However, the first fibreglass Stars have been built and are to be tested this January and February in regattas in Florida and Caracus, Venezuela.

The fibreglass boats will provide a much more competitive position for the advanced sailers who will be racing in regattas with the other outside groups. It is proposed this year to add to this competition regattas with the Northern Lake George Yacht Club (they have a fleet of Comets and Stars).

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ROMA AND DEL (Con't.)

We knew Del Jordan virst about eight years ago when we were seeking sailing instructors for our expanding sailing program. Although he wasn't a prospect for a position with us at the time, over the years he has been most helpful in suggesting sailing counsellor material for us. When Margie and I were visiting campers and interviewing counsellors in Florida for both camps this past November, we invited Roma and Del to dinner. In discussing sailing counsellor prospects, we asked Del and Roma if they would consider breaking away from their long association with Florida sailing and come to the Adirondacks during the summer. We brought them up to date on our sailing program, and a long discussion ensued describing our current and long-range objectives for sailing at Timlo and Pine Log. There was a spark of interest on their part. The program and our strong predisposition toward sailing presented an opportunity and a challenge to the Jordan's, and they began to seriously consider joining us. After going into more detail and after another conference, they decided to accept the position. We were delighted with their decision. Del is a native of Maine and Roma comes from Ohio. They have a son stationed in Connecticut with the U. S. Coast Guard.

To give us the best possible start and to have all the boats in order and on the moorings before the opening of camp, Del and Roma will be arriving a full month ahead of the opening of camp just to prepare the program and the equipment.

We are very excited about the Jordans' appointment to our staff and look forward to the part they will play in making our sailing program one of the most outstanding in summer camps.

TIMLO REUNION

With what is almost becoming a tradition, again the Camp Timlo winter reunion will be held at the Americana Hotel in New York City on Saturday, January 29 beginning at 12:00 noon. Lunch will be served promptly, followed by visiting with campers, counsellors, and parents, viewing the slides of the '65 season, together with a special group of short movies, and announcements of special interest concerning the 1966 season.

It was four years ago when it was decided to have one central reunion. Prior to that there were reunions in Albany, the New York area, and the Philadelphia area. We don't plan to again have decentralized reunions. However, we do feel that there are one or two areas in the East too far from New York City for attendance and with enough campers to justify one or two local gatherings. Therefore, this winter we are planning an informal camp reunion for campers in the Washington, D.C., area. This is meant to include campers as far away as Heath Allen, Harry Wildblood, and John Newman from Harrisburg, York, and Waynesboro respectively, and from the other direction, Dave Weaver, Dave Talbott, Dave deVilliers, Steve, Lee, and Jim Hessberg, and John Diley from parts of Maryland, Bruce and Joel Russo from Virginia, and Chris Hinkle, who lives right in Washington. We will have the reunion at the home of the Dileys or the Hessbergs. It is the plan now to have this reunion in early February. The other area is the Pittsburgh, Pa., area at which gathering we would expect to have David and Victor Phillips from Butler, Fritz Schiller from Sewickley, Bobby Bell, David Gookin, and John Becker from Fox Chapel, John Bowen and George Swinston from Mt. Lebanon, and Ricky Pivorotto, Tim Denney, and Frank Gaffney from the city of Pittsburgh.

FIBREGLASS (Con't.)

Some of the other ideas which we expect to put into action this summer include the prospect of additional days for all-day sailing on Lake George and more regattas with outside competition.

Del Jordan instructing young sailers in Florida