

VIEW FROM THE COCKPIT
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What a strange year this was. More snow than most can remember, which meant that snowmelt put the lake almost at full height even before the boards went in at the dam. The sailors were still reveling in our win at America's Cup. Now, our US entry in the Round the World race is no higher than third. But our season is over on Hamlin Lake.

Strange season, also. We had lousy weather to start, missing two Saturdays, and then a wet, cold last day in August. But, we did get six Saturdays in.

Of the 20 sailors who have boats, eight did get at least one race in. Here are the results:

Rank	Skipper	Points
1.	Keith Crompton	25
2.	Walt Eversman	32
3.	Jim Clark	34
4.	John Replinger	45
5.	Dave Hall	49
6.	Mike Eversman	53
7.	Beth Eversman	54
8.	John Bufkin	55

The season lead was contested several times. Walt Eversman almost caught up with Keith Crompton and Jim Clark had a string of four straight wins mid-season. In the end, Keith Crompton's victories in three of the four first races gave him the edge to the end.

There is never a bad time to talk about or think about sailing. That is apparently the strategy of the Eversman family, which family had three members in the scoring column.

I was on the Lake for the last Saturday of the year—but for a wedding in our family. As I looked out on that chill and rainy day, I would not have wanted to be both cold and miserable sailing. The rest of fleet made the same decision. I can report that the rain cleared just as the bride came down the hill to the lakeshore tent—at 4 PM. Well after the races for the day had been scrubbed.

But, there will be another year and another great day on the water. That is my view from the cockpit.