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**About the cover:** The day's racing over, John Krimmel finds beauty in this idyllic setting of some of the 1980 Nationals contenders as they sail home to MBYC.

## ATTENTION

### Eastern Area Thistle Fleets

The 1982 Nationals will take place in one of the following districts: Northeast, Long Island Sound, New Jersey, Central Atlantic, Carolinas, South Atlantic, or Florida.

Now is the time to be generating interest, gathering data, and formulating bids for this event. It is anticipated that a site selection will be made at the March, 1981 meeting in St. Petersburg.

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## IN THE EDITOR'S MAILBOX: Regatta Reflections

... In recalling our phone conversation of the other morning, I noted that you expressed doubt as to the possibility of placing four adults in someone's home.

I speak for the Clements family and for at least some of the other people who might travel to any other city to sail; we don't expect the Hilton.

Our family tents where club rules allow and would be happy with whatever we got.

If the Class can use the modified "bed and breakfast" custom of the English, it would be super.

Henry Clements

We would like to make a case for racing Thistle class sailboats. Sounds ridiculous, right? The bigger the regatta, the more time is wasted waiting for ideal racing conditions. Our proposal is that races start on time in existing conditions and that those races proceed until either

someone wins or the time limit is expired.

We've noticed that sailors who place well at major regattas also do well on those crazy, shifty little ponds where the home fleet sails. So why can't we accept weather and surface/geographical shifts as a part of our sport.

Now, we are not talking about racing in a dead calm, winds over 25, or wind chill conditions that defy wet suits plus foul weather gear plus crash boats. And we're not talking about starting on a close reach either.

What we are talking about is good race committee management and a pro-sailing attitude by competitors. We suggest that the committee give fair warning that races will be sailed and starts will be on time (barring gale or calm or significant cold). The first leg will be as square a beat as is obtainable for the conditions. A race should be restarted if there is a major

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