

# Community Photo Album



It's smooth sailing for Speedy Orange and Nicholas Evans, Wolf Den 103.

## Cub Scout Pack 281, Rain Gutter Regatta

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DALLAS - It may be January, but the Cub Scouts of Pack 281 went sailing last week.

The pack held its annual Rain Gutter Regatta Friday at the Dallas High School auditorium. Nearly 100 Wolves, Bears and Webelos showed up to race their 6-inch miniature sail boats down 10-foot lengths of rain gutter filled with water. The scouts were at once the captain, crew and the wind, using their own breath to propel the boats through the rain gutter "seas."

Brightly colored boats with colorful sails lined the tables, waiting for the chance to race. The spirit of America shone through in the abundant patriotic motifs of the aspiring young regatta boat designers. Besides stars and stripes and red, white and blue, there were also plenty of skull and crossbones and pirate designs.

Each boy built his own boat from a kit with help from parents or other family members, making it a true family affair. The regatta boat kit included a preshaped balsa wood hull, metal keel, plastic rudder, sail, and wood dowel mast. The hulls were sanded, shaped, and then colorfully painted. Scouts and parents reported using sanding paper, potato peelers and rasps to shape the soft wood. Decals decorated hulls and sails.

The judges, all members of the Harveys Lake Yacht Club, chose the Best of Show based on design, style, classic lines, and creativity. "A lot of work was put into these boats," said Jack Bednarski, a member of the panel. The judges included Dr. Henry Nardone, Dr. Brock Phillips, George Horwatt, Dale Campbell and Bednarski.

The judges also presided over the contests for speed. At the shout of "Blow," participants blew on their boat sails hoping to be the first to reach the end of the gutter. The best time out of two races determined the winners. The boats raced down the rain gutter courses propelled by the boys blowing into the

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sails and timed by one of the judges.

Blowing technique was very important. It was not blowing hard but blowing straight that made the difference. Just as setting the sail at the right angle to the wind will keep a boat on course, blowing directly into the middle of the sail prevented the boat from tipping over and wasting precious seconds being set upright again.

The best time was recorded at 9.05 seconds by Tommy Youells. That is equal to 0.65 knots! A knot is a measure of speed equal to one nautical mile (6076 feet) per hour. Sail on Pack 281.

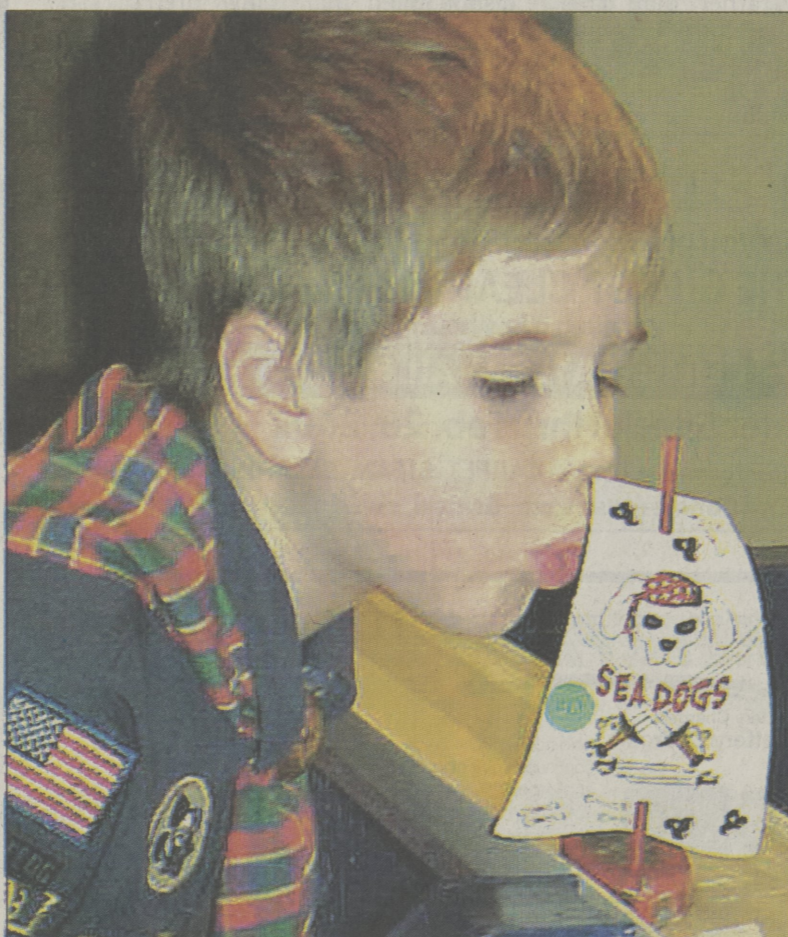
- Best of Show**  
Travis DeBona  
Christopher Clemson  
James Rosencrans  
**Fastest Overall Of Pack 281**  
Tommy Youells - 9.05s  
Matthew Cogdon - 9.66s  
Mark Luksa - 9.67s  
Michael Calkins - 9.97s  
Mark Gilbert - 10.15s  
Carl Baxter - 10.24s  
**Wolves**  
Thomas Lynch  
Mick Terninko  
Nick Evans  
**Bears**  
Ryan Hogan  
Scott Napkora  
Kevin Muldoon  
**Webelos 4**  
Pat Kalish  
Sam VanHorn  
Brandon Zalenski  
**Webelos 5**  
James Ivory  
Steven Luksa  
Aaron Butler



From left to right-- Dr. Brock Phillips, George Horwatt, Dale Campbell, Dr. Henry Nardone and Jack Bednarski, all members of Harveys Lake Yacht Club, lent their talents to judging the Rain Gutter Regatta for Cub Scout Pack 281.



Michael Kapolka, Webelos, shows patriotic flair in his boat's design. The red, white and blue was popular among the young boat designers.



"I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your ...boat to the finish line!"  
Matthew Hiscox, Webelos Den 41.



Made in America with American Pride. Alex Zubko, Wolf Den 4, admires his sail boat with a smile that says it all.



The time and work Stephen George, Webelos Den 41, put into his beautiful black sailboat shows.



Andrew Arnoldi Den 4 watches as "Captain" Mike Terninko, pictured here at his Boat Repair and Dry Dock station, repairs the mast on his boat prior to the big race.