

Kirt Hine

**Yacht Marigo Racing Trophy
April, 1974**

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The following letter (with picture), sent by Kirt Hine to his sons in Colorado, describes an overnight sail boat race off the coast of Florida in which Marigo finished 1st in her class and 2nd overall under the leadership of “Captain Kirt”.



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Dear Ted, Greg & Hank: (Please pass this letter along.)

I thought you all might be interested to know that the family yacht picked up some silverware in an overnight race last Fri. night.

Our crew was Jim Ounce (19 yrs old) a lad who was helping me with strip & varnish below decks for a few weeks, Dr. Singrass Mary's dentist and two of his sailing friends. Six total with Mary & me. Just barely enough.

The race was from the sea buoy out of Lake Worth inlet to a buoy off Ft. Pierce - 35 miles north - and return.

The start was 7:30 P.M. - We finished at 7:34 A.M. an all night do.

We took our start (NAYRU class) right at the windward mark, sheeted down and running fast, on the starboard tack.

During the night we passed all the boats in our class and
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all but one of the boats in the class that started 10 min. before us. 2

The crew worked hard at trimming sail & steering while I mostly navigated to be sure we hit the wreck buoy 15 miles off Ft. Pierce - we did. We even changed head sails from the #2 Genoa you all know, to our new hooked on big Genoa after rounding the Ft. Pierce mark in the dark. This took all 5 of us men on the fore deck while Mary took the helm. Did it in 3-4 minutes.

Returning to Palm Beach with the big Genoa we ran hull speed 7-8 knots with the spray flying.

Thought we had a 1st but the 50 minute time allowance we had to give another boat put us second.

See picture of the silver tanker we won.

Much fun if tiring. The skipper gets no sleep. The crew got 1-2 hours each.

Hope Greg's eng. is back in shape. Write soon.

Much love
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