



The start of the second race in the OK dinghy yachting championships at Port Taranaki yesterday. The race was later abandoned when the competitors were given a wrong compass bearing to the finishing line.

Exciting racing in OK yacht champs

Close racing among New Zealand's best in the national OK Dinghy championships looks like producing an exciting series at Port Taranaki, New Plymouth.

With one race sailed and another abandoned, six yachtsmen have emerged as possible overall winners.

They are G. Lock (Auckland), B. Fifield (Auckland), R. Lamb (Well-

ington), P. Miller (Gisborne), G. Wilcox (Wellington), and R. Manning (Napier).

Taranaki's Alan Holdt has also given notice he could be a challenger.

Holdt was lying second behind pre-championship favourite Lock in the second race yesterday afternoon when officials had to call the race off. It will now be sailed tomorrow morning.

A wind shift had caused a change to the finish line position and one of the patrol boats mistook a fishing boat for the finish boat and gave a wrong compass bearing to the yachtsmen.

In the first race the leaders managed to find better wind than Lock and Holdt early in the event and these two did well to close the gap before the finish.

Lock and Holdt took a different tack to Fifield and Lamb and found themselves left flapping in a hole in the wind.

Lock managed to make up ground to come home in sixth position while Holdt sailed from 22nd to 14th position.

Fifield and Lamb had a real battle for line honours with Miller and Wilcox fighting their personal dual for third and fourth place behind them.

A further race was to be sailed this afternoon.

Thursday 7th

Surprise win opens up OK chances

Napier yachtsman
Adrian Mannering
threw the national OK
class championships
wide open when he won
both races at a windy
Port Taranaki yester-
day.

The 19-year-old was in fourth place after the first four races but revelled in the 15-20 knot winds yesterday to jump into second place — only 0.7 of a point behind the leader, Rex Lamb (Wellington).

"I am a bit heavier than most of the others in the field and this helped me a lot in today's conditions," he said.

With one race left in the series it appears as though the 1980 title will go to either Lamb, Mannering of the previous leader Garry Lock (Auckland).

Lamb finished fourth and second yesterday while Lock slipped somewhat with a seventh in the fifth race but kept his chances alive by battling into third in the sixth.

Lock lodged a protest against the race committee after the fifth claiming the line taken by the lead boat, which directs the skippers around the triangle, was not in a direct line from one of the bouys.

The appeal was upheld and the committee found Lock to be Y.M.P. (yacht materially prejudiced).

Lock therefore earns no points from race 5 and his overall position will remain uncertain until his points are averaged at the completion of today's races.

Mannering, who was a late entry in the championship, slaughtered the rest of the fleet in the sixth race. He opened up a break soon after the start and increased it as he weaved his way around the course.

By the finish there was 2m 21s back to Lamb who had a reasonable break on Lock.

Peter Maynard (Christchurch), who has sailed consistently throughout without much luck, finished well for fourth and holds a similar position in the overall classification.

The early championship leader, Greg Wilcox (Wellington), lost all chance yesterday when he finished 19th in the fifth event and in a similar spot in the sixth.

On Tuesday the re-run of

the abandoned second race resulted in a win for Lamb with Mannering second, Wilcox third and Lock fourth.

Lock was a convincing winner of the fourth with Lamb second. Maynard and Dave Gunn (Napier) crossed together third equal.

Results

Race two: (re-run from Sunday). R. Lamb (Lower Hutt) 1 A Mannering (Napier) 2, G. Wilcox (Wellington) 3, G. Lock (Auckland) 4, D. Gunn (Napier) 5, B. Fifield (Auckland) 6, P. Maynard (Christchurch) 7, J. Trow (Napier) 8, A. Holdt (New Plymouth) 9, P. Millar (Gisborne).

Race four: Lock 1, Lamb 2, Maynard 3, Gunn 4, Trow 5, Mannering 6, Holdt 7, Wilcox 8, D. Gourley (Napier) 9, Fifield 10.

Race 5: Mannering 1, Maynard 2, Millar 3, Lamb 4, L. McLean (Napier) 5, Trow 6, D. Bullock (Auckland) 8, C. Devine (Napier) 9, Fifield 10.

Race 6: Mannering 1, Lamb 2, Lock 3, Maynard 4, Fifield 5, Gunn 6, D. Goodgame (Napier) 7, M. Russell (Palmerston North) 8, Devine 9, D. Holdt (New Plymouth) 10.

Overall: (first five positions with one race remaining) Lamb 32 points, Mannering 32.7, Maynard 56.7, Fifield 65.4.

Winds betray Wilcox 13/10

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WELLINGTON's Greg Wilcox was the victim of a last beat wind-shift in the first race of the World OK Dinghy Championship in Sweden yesterday.

The New Zealand helmsman, vying for the world title won last year by Auckland's Richard Dodson, finished 18th in the fleet of 80 boats.

Sailing off Varberg at the southern tip of Sweden in choppy seas and 10 knots dropping to five knot winds, Dodson was buried in the fleet at the start.

Wrong bearing forces yacht race scrubbing

The second race in the national OK class yachting championships had to be abandoned at Port Taranaki yesterday afternoon after the 39 skippers were given the wrong compass bearing to the finish line.

The original finish line was altered after a wind change, but one of the patrol boats mistook a fishing boat for the new position of the finish

boat and relayed the wrong compass bearing to the skippers.

The officer of the day, Mr R. H. Holdt, was forced to wipe the race and it will be re-run, possibly tomorrow.

"It was just one of those things that happen and it was a pity because the conditions were perfect. The winds were perhaps a bit light, but everything else was ideal," Mr Holdt said.

He decided to move the finish line when the wind changed direction. "It was

the only fair thing to do. There was no windward work on the original run home and it had turned into a follow-the-leader course."

It was just a pity that the wrong compass bearing was given.

When things went awry, Auckland's Garry Lock held a commanding lead and looked headed for his first win in seven championship attempts.

"I felt sorry for Garry as he had sailed well and deserved to win," said Mr Holdt.

New Plymouth's Alan Holdt was in second place at the time.

With the second race abandoned the winner of the first race, Bryan Fifield (Auckland), still leads overall.

He and Rex Lamb (Wellington) had an exciting tussle and raced very closely for most of the 15km course. It was not until the final stages that Fifield drew away to open a break of seven seconds on Lamb at the line.

Close battle

There was a gap back to Peter Miller (Gisborne) and Greg Wilcox (Wellington) who were having an even closer battle for third and fourth. At the line Miller nudged his bow into the lead to beat Wilcox by a second.

R. Manning (Napier) was fifth with Lock a close sixth. There will be a further race today in the seven-race series.

Results were:

Race one, B. Fifield (Auckland) 1, R. Lamb (Wellington) 2, P. Miller (Gisborne) 3, G. Wilcox (Wellington) 4, R. Manning (Napier) 5, G. Lock (Auckland) 6, P. Maynard (Christchurch) 7, D. Gourley (Napier) 8, D. Gunn (Napier) 9, D. Bullock (Auckland) 10.

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YACHTING

Lock takes OK title

NZ Press Association

AUCKLAND'S Garry Lock wrapped up the 1980 OK class yachting championships at Port Taranaki yesterday when he outclassed the rest of the field in the final race of seven race series.

Lock, 26, won three of the races and finished well up in the others to finish with 16.4 points after his worst placing was dropped.

He has been competing for the past 10 years at the nationals but this was his first win. He was runner-up last year.

On Wednesday he caused a surprise when he successfully lodged a protest after finishing seventh in the fifth race.

He protested against the committee, claiming the line taken by the lead boat, which directs the skippers

round the triangular course, was not in a direct line from one of the buoys.

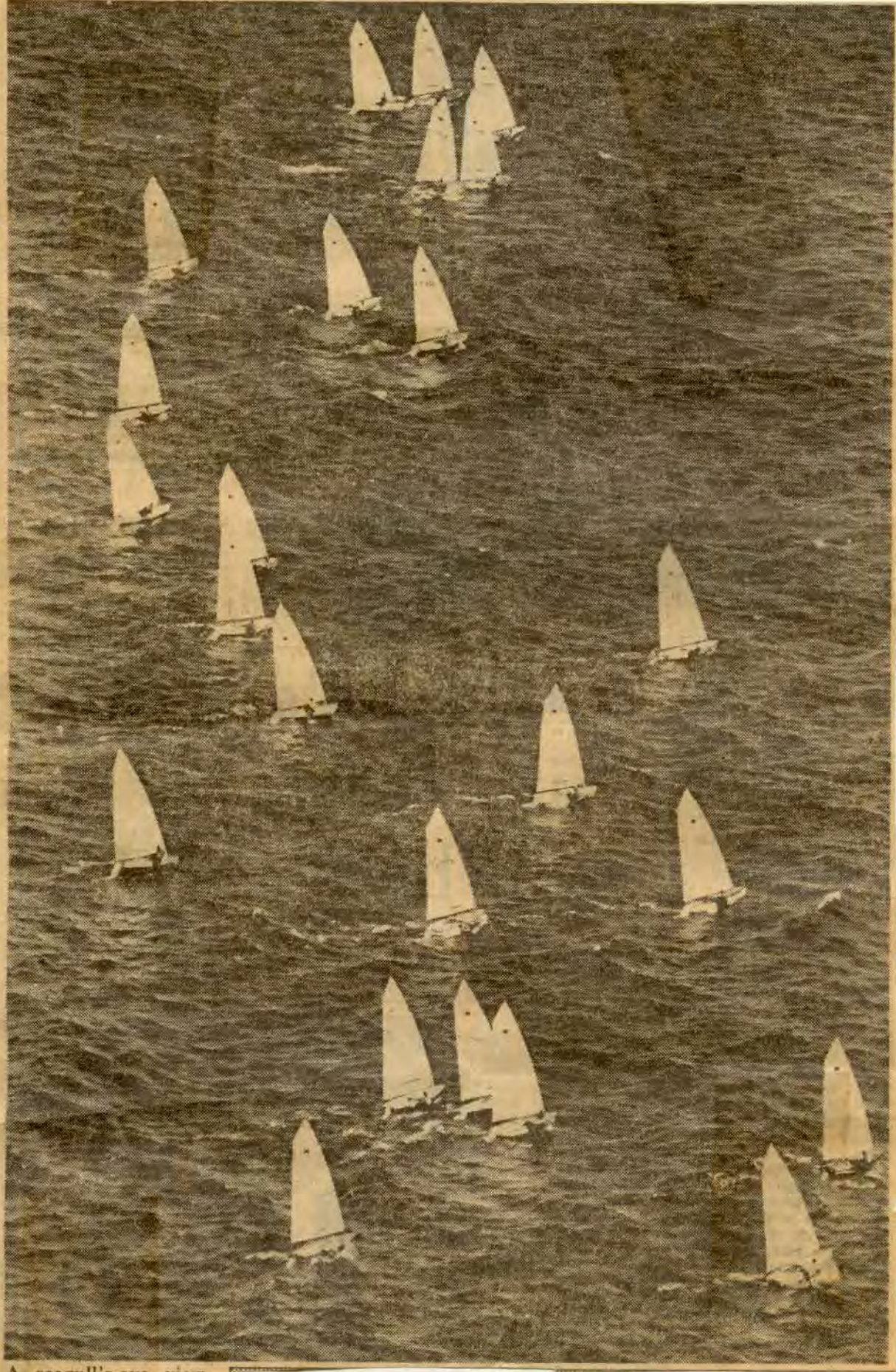
Even without the successful protest, yesterday's win would still have given him the national title.

"I feel a lot happier winning the championships on my ability and not on the result of the protest," he said.

Yesterday's race was sailed on bumpy seas fanned by 10-knot winds. Lock's superior skills on the first beat were enough to open up the winning break.

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Final points: Lock 16.4, 1; Mannering 29, 2; Lamb 31, 3; Maynard 55.6, 4; Wilcox 58.7, 5; Gunn 66.6, 6; Millar 67.1, 7; A. Holdt 85.7, 8; Trow (Napier) 92.7, 9; L. McLean (Napier) 95, 10.



A seagull's-eye view
of OK yachts crossing
the starting line in one
of the races in the na-
tional championships
being held at Port
Taranaki.
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Even though the protest succeeded and thus improved his over-all position, yesterday's win would still

have given him the national title.

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Yesterday's race was sailed on bumpy seas fanned by 10 knot winds.

Lock's superior skills on the first beat were enough to open up the winning break.

"One bunch of guys went too far out to sea and the wind shifted. This gave me a vital break," he said.

Included in the bunch were the two other title contenders, Rex Lamb (Wellington) and Adrian Mannerling (Napier).

Although they battled hard to make up the leeway, there was no way Lock was going to relinquish his lead. Mannerling had to be content with fourth place and second over-all, while Lamb finished eighth and third over-all.

Lock will almost certainly forgo the trip to Sweden for the world championships later this year.

"It cost me the best part of \$4000 when I went to the world champs in Norway last July. I simply can't afford that again," he said.

Two out of the first six over-all are eligible to go to the championships depending on who is available. The

national OK association gives some assistance with finance.

Alan Holdt fared best of the local contingent. He finished third in the final race and was eighth over-all.

Yesterday's race was a personal best for Neil Harvey. His ninth placing was the first time he finished in the top ten in the series.

Dennis Holdt finished 11th over-all with 117 points. The remaining New Plymouth entrants were well down the list.

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Avery Cup

Results of the Avery Cup bowls held on Tuesday after round 12 were: East End 73.33, Paritutu 67.21, Inglewood 62.5, Urenui 52.77, Fitzroy 48.8, Vogeltown 48.3, RSA 47.85, Waitara 44.65, Clifton Park 44.44, New Plymouth 41.75, West End 40.84, Lepperton 37.5, Waimea 35.21, Smart Rd 29.16.

Yachting win just reward for Garry

Auckland's Garry Lock broke a 10-year duck when he sailed his OK class yacht to victory in the third race of the national championships at Port Taranaki yesterday.

The 26-year-old skipper has been competing since he was 16 and although he has won heats in world championship and interdominion events, yesterday's was his first in the nationals.

"It was starting to get to me a bit," a relieved Lock said soon after the race. "I've been placed a fair few times but never quite managed to finish first."

Despite this, Lock finished second over-all last year and represented New Zealand at the world championships in Norway last July, where he finished fifth over-all.

His win yesterday was just reward. On Sunday he had led throughout the second race but it was abandoned after the 39 skippers were given a wrong compass bearing to the finish line.

"It was a pretty confused sea today. The waves were coming from all directions, but I managed to keep in front," Lock said.

At the halfway stage, Lock held a handy lead over Greg Wilcox (Wellington) and he had maintained it as they rounded the final buoy for the long beat home into the

15-knot wind.

Showing masterly tacking techniques, Lock held on to win from Wilcox with Peter Millar (Gisborne) third, Adrian Mannering (Napier) fourth and Dave Gunn (Napier) fifth.

Protest

Miller had to survive a lengthy protest before his placing was allowed to stand. It was alleged he was trying to gain assistance by standing in his boat and rocking it.

Because of insufficient evidence, the protest committee dismissed the charge. The protest took two hours to resolve and held up the release of the over-all classifications.

Wilcox is the over-all leader in the championship with 11 points after a fourth and a second. Millar lies second on 11.4 with two thirds, Lock and Bryan Fifield (Auckland) are locked on 11.7 while Rex Lamb (Wellington) and Mannering are fifth equal on 18 points.

Alan Holdt (New Plymouth) kept local hopes alive with a fighting seventh placing yesterday and lies ninth over-all with 33 points.

Other Taranaki placings yesterday were Neil Harvey 20th, Peter Whalen 24th, Alan McGregor 28th, Graeme Paul 33rd, Ian Horner 34th and Don Bolton withdrew.

Sunday's abandoned race

will be re-run this morning and the fourth race of the seven-race series will be held in the afternoon. Two further races are planned tomorrow and the final on Thursday.

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Over-all classifications: Wilcox 11 points, Miller 11.4, Fifield and Lock 11.7, Lamb and Mannering 18, Gunn 25, Maynard 27, Holdt 33, McLean 34.



Auckland skipper Garry Lock pilots his OK class yacht across the finish line in the third race of the national championships at Port Taranaki yesterday. It was his first heat win in 10 years competing at the nationals.

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LOCK TOP MAN IN OK EVENT

Herald Correspondent

New Plymouth

The Auckland Garry Lock and Rex Lamb (Wellington), so often the bridesmaid in national OK-class yachting championships over the past decade, opened up a big lead in the race for the 1980 title at Port Taranaki yesterday.

Lock and Lamb first sailed in the OK nationals as 16-year-olds in 1970. Before this year's championship they had a tally of 25 second placings between them.

Lock broke his duck on Monday when he won the third race of the present seven-race series, and Lamb notched his first win in the rerun of the abandoned second race yesterday morning.

Conditions were almost perfect when the fleet of 39 set out for the fourth race yesterday afternoon, and it was Lock who was the master again.

Big Break

The 26-year-old industrial chemist made best use of the eight to 10-knot wind to open

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a big break on the rest of the fleet.

By the halfway mark he was two minutes in front and had increased that to 2m 18s by the finish.

Before that race he had been lying third in the overall classification behind the leader, Greg Wilcox (Wellington) and his former Takapuna clubmate, Lamb.

Yesterday afternoon's win pushed him into first place with 19.7 points followed closely by Lamb on 21. Lamb led the chasing bunch to the line in the fourth race.

"It's quite a relief to get a win after trying for so long," said Lock. Rex and I have had a handful of seconds up until now. It was starting to get to me a bit," he said.

Light Airs

The light conditions that have prevailed for most of the first three days have suited him.

The fourth race was a disaster for Wilcox. He was recalled at the start for crossing too early which placed him well back and he had to fight his way through the field before finishing eighth.

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New Plymouth's Alan Holdt takes his OK class yacht to an eventual seventh place in the third race of the national championships at Port Taranaki yesterday.

Taranaki yachtsmen failed to get near the leaders in the third race of the national championships.

Garry Lock (26), Auckland, was the winner in his OK class yacht, giving him his first victory in the nationals. He has won heats in world championship and interdominion events.

"It was starting to get to me a bit. I've been placed a fair few times but never quite managed to finish first," he said after the race.

Last year Lock finished second overall in the championships and fifth when he represented New Zealand at the world championships in Norway in July.

On Sunday at Port Taranaki Lock led throughout the second race but it was abandoned after the 39 skippers were given a wrong compass bearing to the finish line.

Yesterday the Aucklanders held on to a handy lead over Greg Wilcox, Wellington, who finished second. Peter Millar, Gisborne, was third, Adrian Mannering, Napier, fourth and Dave Gunn, Napier, fifth. B. Fifield, Auckland, was sixth and New Plymouth's Alan Holdt seventh.

Wilcox is overall championship leader with 11

points, Miller second (11.4), Lock and Fifield (11.7), while Rex Lamb, Wellington, and Mannering have 18 points.

Other Taranaki placings yesterday were Neil Harvey (20th), Peter Whalen (24th), Alan McGregor (28th), Graeme Paul (33rd), Ian Horner (34th).

Sunday's abandoned race was to be rerun this morning and the fourth race of the seven race series this afternoon. Two more races are planned tomorrow and the final on Thursday.

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Over-all classifications: Wilcox 11 points, Miller 11.4, Fifield and Lock 11.7, Lamb and Mannering 18, Gunn 25, Maynard 27, Holdt 33, McLean 34.

Results from the OK Dinghy class yachting championships in New Plymouth:

Race two re-run: R. Lamb (Lower Hutt) 1, A. Mannering (Napier) 2, G. Wilcox (Wellington) 3, G. Lock (Auckland) 4, D. Gunn (Napier) 5, B. Fifield (Auckland) 6, P. Maynard (Christchurch) 7, J. Trow (Napier) 8, A. Holdt (New Plymouth) 9, P. Miller (Gisborne) 10.
Race four: Lock 1, Lamb 2, Maynard and Gunn 3 equal, Trow 5, Mannering 6, Holdt 7, Wilcox 8, D. Gourley (Napier) 9, Fifield 10.
Overall classification: Lock 19.7 points, Lamb 21, Wilcox 30.7, 45.7, T. McLean (Napier) 56, Holdt 61.

OK men tough on Wilcox

LONDON, Aug 14. — Tricky weather conditions and "team sailing" by the big Swedish contingent have made life difficult for New Zealand's Greg Wilcox in the world OK dinghy championships.

Now at the halfway stage, the championships, being sailed off Varberg on Sweden's southern tip, have been raced in difficult conditions with wildly varying winds and strong tides.

After four races, the Wellington helmsman goes into today's rest day in 30th place overall with 99 points and disappointing race placings of 18th, 31st, 32nd and 38th.

Wilcox has had trouble picking major wind shifts and has twice been left stranded on the wrong side of the fleet as the breeze has swung round.

In the first of the two races sailed yesterday he started late after an individual recall and although he slashed through the fleet to move up from 64th at the first mark to 32nd at the finish, he had left himself too much ground to make up.

In the second race yesterday he was buried in the start and was unable to fully recover from the error.

The Swedes, who have 18 boats in the championships, have been accused of using blocking tactics on the line and there have been several protests and disqualifications.

"It's been getting pretty rough out there," Greg's father, John Wilcox, told the NZPA from Varberg.

Meanwhile the world OK title — won last year by Auckland's Richard Dodson — looks almost certain to go to Denmark's Poul Kirketerp for the third time. After four races he has a 2nd and three firsts, leaving him with a perfect zero points tally with his worst race discarded.

He is followed by Stefan Jarrud (Sweden) on 14.4 points and West Germany's Peter Wreder on 20 points. — NZPA staff correspondent.

BOOST FOR OK DINGHY SAILOR

LONDON, August 11. — New Zealand's Greg Wilcox had a confidence-boosting preliminary yesterday to his challenge for the world OK dinghy championship.

The Wellington sailor placed fourth in the Tenson cup, sailed in Varberg, Sweden, where the OK championships start in earnest today.

The world OK title is currently held by Auckland's Richard Dodson who is not

defending his title in Varberg, and the Tenson cup fleet of 83 starters included all the leading contenders for the championship.

Third round the first mark, Wilcox lost slight ground on the reaches but stuck with a group of five yachts which opened up a significant gap on the rest of the fleet.

He finished behind Sweden's Thoms Oljelund, Paul Kirketerp (Denmark) and Reemt Reemtsmar (West Germany). — NZPA

13/8 E.P. Wilcox falls victim

LONDON, August 12. — Wellington's Greg Wilcox was the victim of a last beat wind-shift in the first race of the world OK dinghy championships in Sweden yesterday.

The New Zealand helmsman, vying for the world title won last year by Auckland's Richard Dodson, finished 18th in the fleet of 80 boats.

Sailing off Varberg at the southern tip of Sweden in choppy seas and 10 knots dropping to five knots winds, Dodson was buried in the fleet at the start.

As West Germany's Peter Wrede — the eventual winner — led around the top mark, Wilcox worked his way up to 12th. The New Zealander improved to 10th during the race but on the beat to the finish he and several other boats missed out on a major wind shift and dropped places.

"He just got on the wrong side of the course," John Wilcox said of his son's performance. "The first 10 places are going to be very tough to be in, but I think consistency will be the key."

Second and third places in the first race were taken by Denmark's Paul Kerketerp and Sweden's Stefan Jarudd. — NZPA staff correspondent.

E.P. 19/8. OK sailor 'pleased'

By NZPA Staff Correspondent Phil Melchior

LONDON, August 18. — Wellington's Greg Wilcox wound up 20th in the world OK dinghy championships in Sweden at the weekend.

Wilcox, competing for the title won last year by Auckland's Richard Dodson, finished with 139 points from his five best races in the series — reduced to six races after lack of wind caused one to be cancelled.

The championship was won by Denmark's Poul Kerketerp who had led the overall classification from the start, beating West Germany's Peter Wrede and Sweden's Stefan Jarudd.

Wilcox improved in his last two races, after a disastrous lapse in the middle

section of the regatta in Varberg.

A 15th and a 14th in the final two races brought him to the rim of the top twenty after he had been well down the list.

Now set to return to New Zealand after sailing in Europe since early June, he was pleased with his performance against the tough collection of OK sailors from Scandinavia and northern Europe.

"I certainly learned a lot," he said.

• The two New Zealand crews competing in the world cherub yachting

championships dropped slightly today but still finished high in the top 10.

Sailing in very light, variable winds off Felpham near Bognor Regis — the opposite to yesterday's conditions — the Auckland brothers Keith and Derek Snow added a fourth to yesterday's win.

And Kaikohe pair Bill Wallace and Phillip McNeil, second yesterday, placed sixth in the second race of the seven-race series.

Today's race was won by Australia's Scott Morphet and Phillip McGilivray.

The 35-boat fleet will race twice tomorrow.