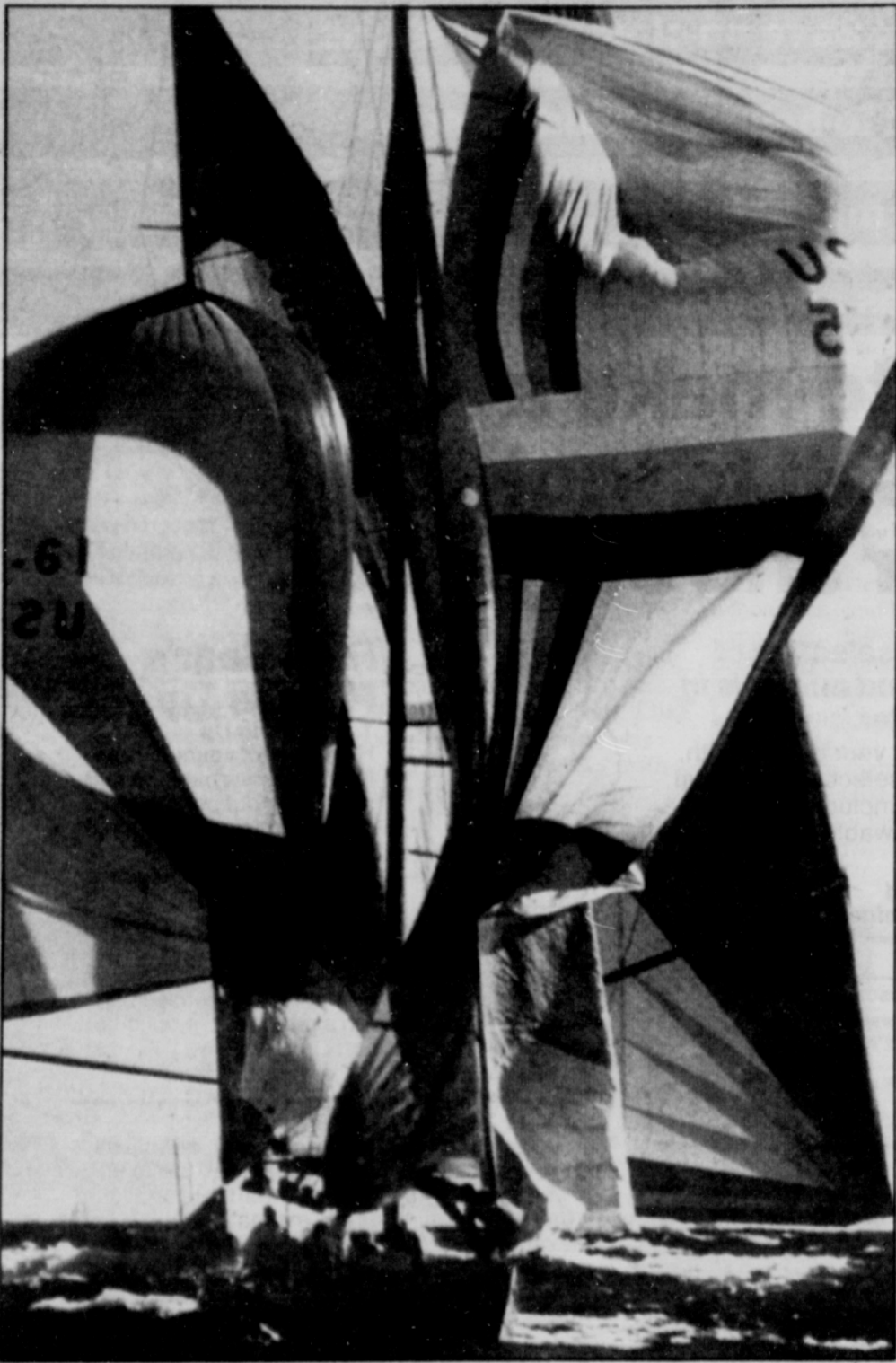


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Serious sailing for America's Cup

Stars and Stripes '87 skipper Dennis Conner is sailing hard to regain America's Cup, a trophy America held for 132 years until 1983. Sailing *Liberty* in the '83 races, Conner lost the trophy to *Australia II*.

America's Cup is the world's yachting championship and is held every three to four years. The first race was held in England during the London Exposition of 1851. It was won by *America*, giving America's Cup its name.

The Royal Yacht Squadron of England donated the ornate, silver \$500 trophy

called Auld Mug. Until Conner lost it to Australia in '83, the trophy was at home in the New York Yacht Club.

For three months before the championship finals, elimination contests have been held to decide who will challenge Australia. On January 13 America's finalist, *Stars and Stripes*, and *New Zealand* started the series* to decide who will race against defending champ Australia. *Stars and Stripes* got the best-of-seven lead and is favored to win.

The championship races begin on January 31 in the warm waters of the Indian Ocean off of Fremantle, Australia.

Kidski teaches kids to ski

It's easy for kids, two to six years old, to learn to ski. Kidski programs at Mount Hood Meadows have three different programs for kids anxious to learn. Kidski is sponsored by *Young American*, America's Newsmagazine for Kids, Karhu skis, and KPDX TV.

KIDSKI KID KORRAL

Toddlers, two to four years old, have their first chance on skis. They ski in an enclosed area on a variety of terrain. Each child must be accompanied by an adult in the korral.

Toddlers wear "Sno-Go" Karhu skis. A Meadows' host gives pointers and serves as a "lifeguard" for skiers. The korral is open on weekends and holidays. Full day fees are \$9, and a half day costs \$6.

KIDSKI ONE-TIMERS

Ski instructors work with kids four to seven years old during these full-day lessons. Rental, lift, morning and afternoon lessons, and lunch are included in the fee of \$40. Kids learn the right way to ski and enjoy the sport safely. Reservations are required. Call 337-2222, ext. 288 to reserve your space.

MINI-MITES

On Mondays, January through March, kids and an adult partner ski together. Designed for kids, three to six years old, the class teaches the sport at

an early age. The three-week session includes bus transportation from the Portland area. The three-week sessions are January 26, February 2 and 9; and February 23, March 2 and 9. Call 297-8801 for more information.



Students meet Soviets

Mikhail Gorbachev, Secretary General of the Soviet Union, told the Soviet Embassy in San Francisco, California, to open its doors to 17 high school students in January. The students had written to Gorbachev expressing their fears about the nuclear arms race. At the unheard of opening of the embassy, the students sampled Russian delicacies, including piroshki, chocolates and caviar.

Soviet Consul General Valentin Kamenev welcomes Phoebe Motto, 17.

