

photographs by RICHARD VEIT

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RICHARD VEIT, painter-designer turned photographer, has three special areas of interest when he picks up his Leicas or Rolleis; travel, sailing, "persons and places."

"I've been in the travel business since I was eighteen," Veit says; "so travel pictures are easy for me. Persons and places usually ends up meaning jazz musicians and individual performers at night clubs.

I am not a sailor but I am a member of our local Star Fleet. In 1955 I covered the World's Championship in Havana and in 1960 the Championship in Rio."

For the past four years Veit has covered the Southern Ocean Racing Conference for such magazines as Yachting, Motor Boating, Skipper and Sports Illustrated.

"For convenience sake I have limited my equipment to Leicas (35 mm.) and Rolleis (2½ x 2½) because when you're out in the Gulf Stream in a 30-foot cruiser shooting races in a 40 knot black squall, a small compact camera is much the best." Veit finds that with the new fine-grain fast Eastman films, he can achieve almost any effect desired.

Born in Lakewood, Ohio in 1918, Richard Veit now lives in Miami, Florida.