## '98 Washington's Birthday **Festival Regatta**

February 28 & March 1, 1998

This event is jointly sponsored by the Greater Eustis Area Chamber of Commerce, the City of Eustis Recreation Dept., and the Lake Eustis Sailing Club, Inc.

This year's turnout saw nine multi-hull/Portsmouth boats, Portsmouth, four mono-hull/Portsmouth boats, eleven Flying Scots, and eight MCs.

"Once again Mother Nature, or was it El Nino, played havoc with our regatta. After a week filled with rain and the worst tornado disaster in Florida's history, 32 sailors registered to participate in the 96th George Washington Birthday Festival. For your efforts you were greeted with a torrential rain Saturday morning followed by a severe weather watch until 5:00 pm issued by the National Weather Service which wiped out the three races planned for the day.

Sunday dawned under an overcast sky with the forecast of more rain which never developed but neither did the wind until after two races were completed in fluky winds before the extended imposed 1:00 pm deadline.

It took courage for the 32 sailors to come to central Florida when the weather forecast indicated that you should stay home and roast marshmallows and drink beer in front of a fireplace. The LESC and its co-hosts thank you for ignoring the storm warnings and comforts of your fireplace to help us celebrate the oldest festival in the US. Come back next year and bring your sailing buddies. It's scheduled for February 27 & 28, 1999.

We enjoyed having you and look forward to seeing you next February. David Beatson, Commodore; Bob DeWitt, Regatta Chairman; Bud Collene, CRO and Barbara Genise, Assistant CRO.

			Boat		Races	
PI	Skipper	Club	No.	1	2	Pts
1	David Beatson	LESC/FL	657	2	1	2.75
2	Dennis Oldham	LESC/FL	72	1	5	5.75
3	Bill Robinson	Lake Mary	1345	4	2	6
4	Roy Knowles	LESC/FL	881	3	4	7
5	Peter Hylen	LESC/FL	830	5	3	8
6	Frank Keenan	LESC/FL	1372	DNS	DNS	16
7	Bill Crum	LESC/FL	1773	DNS	DNS	16
8	Bob DeWitt	LESC/FL	1775	DNS	DNS	16

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