

1st Annual SE Regionals

2/11-12, 1994, Fleet 4, Lake Eustis Sailing Club, FL

Submitted by Bob DeWitt

The Lake Eustis Sailing Club and its co-host, The Eustis Chamber of Commerce, initiated the first Southeast MC Regional Regatta on February 11 & 12. Fifteen entries from five fleets completed two of five scheduled races in shifty, variable, light winds of 4 to 8 miles per hour.

The finish was somewhat controversial when the RC started a race on Sunday after the noon deadline stipulated in the Race Instructions. Only the Lake Eustis skippers sailed the race, all others returned to the launching area and prepared their boats for the trip home; one filed a protest against the RC, which was upheld by the Protest Committee.

Lake Lanier's John Adams and Jim Gray took first and second with Peter Comfort of Torch Lake and Frank Keenan of Lake Eustis in a dead tie for third. Frank also took top honors in the Grand Masters while Tony Bruskas of Lake Davenport was the Masters champ.

				Boat	Races		
Pl	Skipper	Div	Club	No.	1	2	Pts
1	John Adams		LLSC/GA	524	3	1	3.75
2	Jim Gray		LLSC/GA	1088	1	9	9.75
3	Peter Comfort		TLYC/MI	1402	2	8	10
3	Frank Keenan	GM	LESC/FL	1372	8	2	10
4	Bill Crum	GM	LESC/FL	1068	7	3	10
5	Bob DeWitt	GM	LESC/FL	1325	6	5	11
6	Roy Knowles	GM	LESC/FL	881	5	6	11
7	Rod Nystul	GM	LESC/FL	978	9	4	13
8	Tony Bruskas	M	LDSC/IA	1260	4	11	15
9	Herb Gardner		WBYC/MN	1254	12	7	19
10	Bert Lacey		LESC/FL	657	10	10	20
11	Dennis Oldham		LESC/FL	72	11	14	25
12	Dale Holasek	M	LESC/FL	851	13	13	26
13	Peter Hylen	M	LESC/FL	830	DSQ	12	29
14	Bill Huck		LGYC/MI	1356	14	15	29

Midwinter Championship

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Except for the final day of racing when the temperature dropped to 400, Central Florida provided a spectacular display of good sailing weather for this years' MC Midwinter Championship. And, Bob DeWitt and his committee provided great racing, wonderful food and on-shore fun. According to Chief Judge Chuck Nelson of the Lake Davenport SC, wind speeds were in the 12 to 16 mph range beginning on Wednesday in the SE, and then going South, and winding up in the SW on Friday. Despite the Friday morning cancellation, five excellent races tested the 37 sailors.

Andy Burdick of Melges Boat Works with three bullets edged out fellow MBW sailor Jimmy Gluek for the championship. Chris Craig of Lake Fenton, MI topped all amateurs with a 5th overall. Top womens honors went to Suzi Reese. Bob Sevey ran off with Masters and Grand Masters with a 6th overall.

All the way from Oregon, Tom Stark took top honors for furthest traveled. Tom, we'd like to see a fleet started out there. We also welcomed first time MC sailor Greg Fisher from North

Sails, One Design who brought the experience and successes from other classes to finish an impressive third. See his impressions of our boat and its sailors further on in this edition.

Pl	Skipper	Div	Club	Boat No.	Races						Pts
					1	2	3	4	5		
1	Andy Burdick	P	PYC/MI	1575	1	2	4	1	1	8.2	
2	Jim Gluek	P	PYC/MI	1574	2	1	3	4	2	11.7	
3	Greg Fisher	P	NSIs	1569	3	3	1	2	6	14.7	
4	Mark Christensen	P	MnYC/MN	1593	5	4	2	5	3	19	
5	Chris Craig		LFYC/MI	1509	6	10	12	9	5	42	
6	Bob Sevey	GM	MnYC/MN	1342	9	5	7	14	10	45	
7	Dan Guidinger	P	WBYC/MN	1568	22	9	9	3	4	47	
8	Happy Fox		SLYC/MI	1586	8	15	8	8	8	47	
9	Duane Pierson	GM	WLYC/MI	500	4	7	11	15	12	49	
10	Suzi Reese	W	LGYC/MI	1527	10	8	19	12	13	53	
11	Jerry Gill		WLYC/MI	1579	12	12	15	7	11	57	
12	Peter Comfort		TLYC/MI	1402	CAP	6	5	6	7	58	
13	John Adams		LLSC/GA	1455	16	11	14	11	14	66	
14	Tim Fredman	M	PnYC/MN	1456	17	12	16	18	19	82	
15	Bob DeWitt	GM	LESC/FL	1325	15	17	13	21	17	83	
16	Jamie Duncan		WLYC/MI	873	20	20	17	17	16	90	
17	Jeff LaBonte		LBVC/MI	1538	11	18	28	20	18	95	
18	Jim Hatch		PnYC/MI	1532	19	14	20	23	28	104	
19	Bill Freytag	GM	LGYC/MI	1222	7	13	CAP	DNF	20	105	
20	Tom Wurster	M	DLYC/MI	912	14	19	32	22	21	108	
21	Curt Bradley	GM	GRYC/MI	1405	29	29	18	28	9	113	
22	Norman Reese	GM	LGYC/MI	1219	27	23	26	16	22	114	
23	John Schneider	GM	LESC/FL	1254	24	26	29	19	23	121	
24	Bill Gilmer	M	LLSC/GA	1365	23	24	21	24	219	121	
25	Tom Schmidt	M	LGYC/MI	1278	18	25	DNF	27	25	128	
26	Bruce Beren	M	LBVC/MI	488	21	28	24	29	26	128	
27	Donald Johnson	GM	IL	1430	26	22	25	26	30	129	
28	Bill Crum	GM	LESC/FL	1068	28	27	23	25	31	134	
29	Jim Gray	M	LLSC/GA	1088	DNF	33	22	10	DNS	136	
30	Knox Rogers		LLSC/GA	1416	30	21	19	DNS	DNS	144	
31	Frank Vandall	M	LLSC/GA	1190	31	31	31	DNS	24	154	
32	Bill Huck	M	LGYC/MI	1356	33	DSQ	27	30	27	158	
33	Doug Rogers		LLSC/GA	840	25	30	30	DNS	DNS	159	
34	Tom Stark	M	OR	1459	DNS	DNF	DNF	31	32	168	
35	Dale Holasek	GM	LESC/FL	851	32	CAP	DNS	DNS	DNS	177	
36	Frank Keenan	GM	LESC/FL	1372	DNF	32	DNS	DNS	DNS	177	



Midwinter trophy winners:

Back L to R: Tim Fredman, Duane Pierson, Chris Craig, Andy Burdick, Bob DeWitt, Suzie Reese, Happy Fox, Bob Sevey. Front L to R: Irene Pierson, Julie Rathsack, Jan Wurster, Kelly Reese, Kathy Fox, Sandy Nelson