

NEWSLETTER

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Mid-Winter Championship Regatta Winners: Rear L to R - Tom Wurster, Jeff Nicholas, Curt Bradley, Holly and Ted Maitland, Kelly Reese, Andy Burdick, Kathy Fox. Front L to R - Bill Nicholas, Tony Bruskas, Frank Keenan, Happy Fox, Brian McMurray (story is on page 2)

'91 Regatta Schedule

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| May 4-5 | Rebel Rouser, Lake Lanier SC, GA, Fleet 3
Willi Lenkeit, Fleet Captain 404/967-2266 | Jul 27-28 | Bix Regatta, Lake Davenport SC, Fleet 20 (in conjunction with the Bix Dixieland Jazz Festival)
Tony Bruskas, Chairman 309/754-8960 |
| May 11-12 | Lake Harriet Spring Regatta, Minneapolis, MN
New Fleet 42. Phil Hallaway 612/378-0028
Jim Woodburn 612/927-8959 | Aug 7-10 | Western Michigan Yachting Assoc. Regatta (Member clubs only) Torch Lake Yacht Club.
Jeffrey Hoch, Commodore, 616/377-7801 |
| May 18-19 | Grand Rapids Yacht Club Spring MC Regatta
Fleet 10. Jim Zevalkink 616/942-1602 | Aug 22-24 | ILYA MC Scow Championship, Lake Okoboji, IA, Jim Smith, ILYA Exec. Secty. 414/275-6921 |
| May 18-19 | Central Iowa MC Regatta, Fleet 34. Big Creek Lake.
Harrison Pratt 515/225-7685 | Sep 4-8 | MC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP,
Lake Lanier Yacht Club, Fleet 3. Co-Chairman-
Jim Gray 404/261-3886, Winn Story, 404/451-4115 |
| Jun 8-9 | River City MC Regatta, Lake Manawa, Council Bluffs, IA. Fleet 25. Bob Hoffman 712/366-6016. Tom Steyer 402/330-9801 | Sep 14-15 | Orlando Webb Memorial Invitational Regatta, Lake Lotawana, MO, Fleet 14.
Bob Cantrell 816/578-4831 |
| Jun 15-16 | George Dorn Memorial Regatta, Lake Beulah, WI
Fleet 15, Hardy Will 815/229-5667, Doug Dorn 414/642-7499 | Sep 14-15 | Spring Lake YC Annual MC Fall Regatta
Fleet 7. |
| Jun 15-16 | White Lake YC, MI Fathers Day MC Regatta
Fleet 24. Spencer Weersing 616/894-4820 | Sep 14-15 | Lake Harriet Die-Hard Regatta, Minneapolis, MN
Fleet 42. Randy Roland 612/377-1247
Dave Mott 612/944-6632 |
| Jun 22-23 | 7th Annual MC Regatta, Diamond Lake YC, MI
Fleet 28. Bob Miller 708/835-0616 or 616/445-2288. Jan Wurster 616/445-3227 | Sep 21-22 | 6TH ANNUAL MC BLUE CHIP REGATTA
Grand Rapids YC, MI Fleet 10, Happy Fox 616/949-8545 or Carl Reuterdaahl 616/842-2140 |
| Jul 13-14 | ILYA MC Scow Invitational, Powers Lake, WI
Jim Smith, ILYA Exec. Secty. 414/275-6921 | Sep 28-29 | Hoosier Classic, Cedar Lake, IN, Fleet 35
Tom Echterling, Commodore, 219/374-7868 |
| | | Oct 5-6 | Polar Bear Regatta, Lake Davenport SC, Fleet 20
Chairman Lori Albansoder 319/323-2252 |

1991 Mid-Winters

Lake Eustis, FL, March 7 - 9, 1991



First Race Friday morning, Mid-Winter Championships

Winds ranged from 15-22 with bigger gusts and were out of the west on Thursday and Friday, and from the north on Saturday. Olympic courses were used throughout. Here are some comments by some of this years participants:

Mark Christensen of Bower Sails sailed without crew and had this to say about his 5th place finish: "I relied on very hard hiking and tried to take advantage of my light weight off the wind. I kept my eyes 10 to 15 feet ahead of the bow in order to anticipate and sail around the bigger waves which were burying other boats' bows. This way you don't have to deal with the big wave just before it hits."

Melges Sails' Eric Hood had the services of son Justin as crew throughout the regatta. He commented that this was one of the toughest regattas in recent years for three reasons: 1) Long courses, 2) Severe chop due to shallow water and lee end of the lake starts, and 3) The winter layoff. He struggled through the middle part of the regatta until he put in practice an almost forgotten principle for heavy air sailing, he dropped the traveler, pulled the vang on hard, and eased the main to power through the chop and maintain good boat speed.

Skip Johnson of JBW really liked the regatta format in that you could leave for the regatta on Tuesday and be back to work on Monday. (I believe it was Paul Richards who suggested that the last race be sailed on Saturday). Skip liked the many nearby motels and restaurants which helped make it an economical regatta.

Ted Maitland says thank God for my crew, wife Holly. And

others can agree with Ted. It was great to see everyone again and quite a challenge to come out of winter hibernation and face the high winds and chop. He especially liked the laid-back evening at the restaurant where the floor soon disappeared under a shower of peanut shucks as the night's socializing really got into high-gear.

Happy Fox couldn't say enough about the great hospitality, congenial, friendly people and how good it was to sail out of the Lake Eustis YC. He also reminds us how lucky we are to have such good hosts for our mid-winter regatta, which regatta gives us northerners a chance to enjoy some sun and warmth.

Brian McMurray and Sara had a great regatta and offered these comments. We hiked very hard, especially in the bigger waves to keep the boat flat; we headed way down to gain more power through sets of

waves, but I steered very aggressively through each one and tried to push the tiller hard just before we hit the wave so the bow would crash through it. Afterwards I would head down again.

Sailor	Affil.	Boat No.	Race						Pts.
			1	2	3	4	5	6	
1 Andy Burdick P	MBW	1393	1	1	2	1	3	dns	7.2
2 Brian McMurray	WLYC	924	5	4	1	dns	1	5	15.5
3 Jim Gluek P	NSails	1378	2	10	3	3	5	3	16
4 Mark Christensen P	BSails	1379	3	2	9	6	7	4	22
5 Eric Hood P	MSails	1394	8	6	5	4	14	1	23.7
6 Ted Maitland	GRYC	509	4	15	4	5	11	6	30
7 Dan Guidinger P	NSails	1202	9	3	7	10	24	9	38
8 Happy Fox	SLYC	1320	26	13	8	2	2	16	41
9 Jeff Nicholas	CLYC	1243	11	7	15	9	6	18	48
10 Skip Johnson P	JBW	1398	10	14	13	12	13	2	50
11 John Dennis P	BSails	1291	17	12	10	dns	8	7	54
12 Bill Nicholas	CLYC	1328	25	8	6	14	16	11	55
13 Paul Richards	GRYC	1290	12	11	22	7	19	8	57
14 Andy Terzes	GRYC	1318	13	9	12	8	25	17	59
15 Randy Kotz	CLYC	1247	14	20	14	20	4	12	64
16 Suzi Reese W	LGYC	1219	16	34	11	11	15	14	67
17 David Cleaver	LESC	1332	7	23	16	13	10	29	69
18 Curt Miller	GRYC	1301	22	5	18	15	17	20	75
19 Jim Zevalkink	GRYC	1347	15	18	23	16	12	15	76
20 Bert Lacey	LESC	938	24	21	19	27	20	10	94
21 Scott Luce	GRYC	1288	34	16	17	21	27	19	100
22 Mike Riolo	SLYC	1027	27	19	20	19	21	25	104
23 Curt Bradley S	GRYC	879	33	31	21	17	9	26	104
24 Tom Wurster M	DLYC	1333	28	17	26	24	30	24	119
25 Frank Keenan S	LESC	1088	23	22	28	25	28	27	125
26 Alex Shafer	LESC	985	32	27	27	18	31	23	126
27 Sid Peterson M	PiYC	1342	6	25	31	26	dnf	dns	128

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(Mid-Winter Regatta results continued)

28 John Schneider	S	LESC	1254	20	24	29	30	29	dnf	132
29 Tony Bruskas	M	LDSC	1260	30	39	35	22	26	21	134
30 Jim Sweitzer	M	LESC	1000	39	32	34	23	dnf	13	141
31 Bob DeWitt	M	LESC	1325	21	36	25	dnf	18	dnf	141
32 Bill Crum	S	LESC	1068	19	33	33	38	39	22	145
33 Bill Gilmer	M	LLSC	840	29	28	24	33	33	33	147
34 Carl Reuterdaahl		SLYC	1200	31	26	29	30	dnf	dnf	156
35 Roy Knowles	S	LESC	881	35	37	32	31	22	dnf	157
36 George Friend	M	LDSC	1331	40	38	dnf	28	23	31	160
37 William Freytag	M	LGYC	919	37	29	35	40	dnf	28	169
38 Larry Price		SLYC	1143	18	30	30	dnf	dnf	dnf	170
39 Thor Sorensen		GRYC	1123	47	42	36	34	35	30	177
40 Pamela DeWitt	W	LESC	851	42	41	39	29	32	dnf	183
41 Tom Hibbard		LGYC	991	38	40	38	35	37	dnf	188
42 William Huck	M	LGYC	1356	44	43	37	36	38	34	188
43 Frank Vandall	L	LSC	1190	43	45	40	39	34	36	192
44 Charles Nagle			657	45	44	45	37	35	32	193
45 Dennis Oldham	S	LESC	123	36	dnf	dnf	dnf	dnf	35	209
46 Caesar Bruschi	S	LLSC	839	41	35	dnf	dnf	dnf	dnf	214

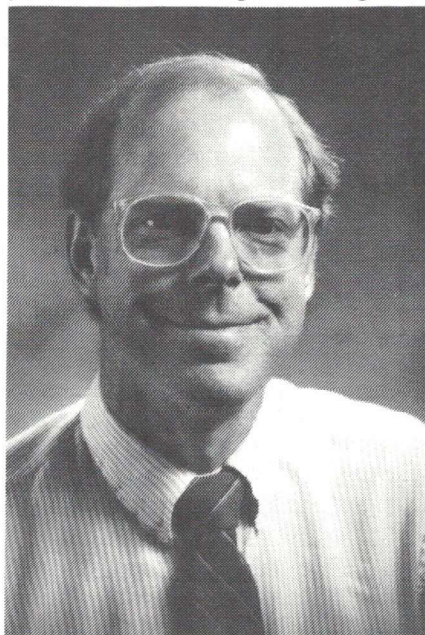
P=Pro, W=Woman, M=Master (over 50), S=Senior Master (over 65)

Sailing World News

In the March 1991 issue of *Sailing World* we noted with satisfaction the awarding of the 1990 Sailing World Award for Excellence in One Design Dinghy Sailing, Honorable Mention, to Andy Burdick of Melges Boat Works.

To quote the article: "Honorable Mention to Andy Burdick, winner of the C-scow and MC-scow national championships, as well as a long list of other big-fleet events in both these classes."

Sailing World To Feature Western Michigan Yachting Association Annual Regatta at Torch Lake This Summer
Sailing World magazine will be doing a feature article on this year's Western Michigan YA Regatta, and we hope to give



SW contributing editor Dave Powlison some first-hand experience racing MCs. Dave, who grew up racing on Lake Fenton, MI, has been writing for *SW* since 1978 and has covered a wide range of events--from the Scow Inlands to the Marion-Bermuda race. At the ripe age of 38, he freely admits that, anymore, he prefers to cover events where he can sleep in a warm, dry bed at night. Beyond

that, he prefers fresh water and one-designs. All of those pieces, plus the attraction of some excellent competition, fit together well enough that he became instrumental in getting *Sailing World* to cover this year's Westerns. When not writing, Dave teaches high school English in a small town just outside of Burlington, VT.

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