



# NEWSLETTER

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## Regatta Schedule

- May 5-6 Rebel Rouser, Lake Lanier SC, GA, Fleet 3,  
Willi Lenkeit Fleet Captain 404/967-2266
- May 19-20 Grand Rapids YC Annual MC Spring Regatta, MI,  
Fleet 10, Ted Maitland, 616/243-4190
- May 19-20 Central Iowa Spring MC Regatta, Fleet 34, Big  
Creek Lake, Harrison Pratt 515/225-7685
- Jun 9-10 River City MC Regatta, Lake Manawa, Council  
Bluffs, IA, Fleet 25 Bob Hoffman 712/366-6016,  
Tom Steyer 402/330-9801
- Jun 15-17 George Dorn Memorial Regatta, Lake Beulah, WI  
Fleet 15, Doug Dorn 414/642-7499
- Jun 20-23 **1990 MC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP,**  
**Clear Lake, IA, Fleet 36.**  
Jeff Nicholas Gen. Ch. 515/357-2630  
*Reminder Will the winners of perpetual trophies please  
bring them to the Nationals at Clear Lake or make  
arrangements to get them there in time for presentation.*
- Jul 14-15 ILYA MC Scow Invitational, White Bear Lake  
YC, MN, Mike Crary
- Jul 18-19 MC Regatta, Torch Lake YC, MI, Fleet 33.  
Denny Malone 616/223-4685
- Jul 28-29 6th Annual MC Regatta, Diamond Lake YC, MI  
Fleet 28, Bob Miller 312/786-0600
- Aug 8-11 Western Michigan Yachting Assoc. Regatta  
(Member clubs only) Grand Rapids YC hosting at  
Macatawa Bay YC, Holland, MI. Charlie Harrett,  
Genl. Ch.; Curt Bradley, Commodore.
- Aug 19-20 ILYA MC Scow Championship, Oshkosh YC
- Sep 7-9 Orlando Webb Memorial Invitational Regatta,  
Lake Lotowana, MO, Fleet 14,  
Dayton Runkle, 816/578-4757
- Sep 15-16 Spring Lake YC Annual MC Fall Regatta, Spring  
Lake, MI Fleet 7
- Sep 15-16 2nd Annual MC Fall Classic, North Lake YC, WI  
Gail Wheeler 414/966-3499 (metro Milwaukee)
- Sep 22-23 **5th ANNUAL MC BLUE CHIP REGATTA,**  
**Grand Rapids YC, MI, Fleet 10, Happy Fox**  
**616/949-8545 or Carl Reuter Dahl 616/842-2140**
- Sep 22-23 Hoosier Classic, Cedar Lake, IN,  
Carl Johnson 708/672-8870
- Sep 29-30 Polar Bear Regatta, Lake Davenport, IA, Fleet 20

## Mid-Winter Regatta

**1990 MC Scow Mid-Winter Championships,  
March 9 - 11, 1990, Lake Dora, Mt. Dora, Florida**

The switch from hard-water (ice boating) to soft-water sailing went well for sailors from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan and Illinois as they captured seven of the nine top places at this year's MC Scow Mid-Winter Championships. The Florida weather was outstanding with a brilliant sun and temperatures in the 80s.

Sponsored again by the Lake Eustis SC (Florida), this year's event was a good time both afloat and ashore for the thirty-five registrants from nine states including Iowa and Texas, their friends and families. Pete Smith of Atlanta and former Commodore of the International MC Class Yacht Racing Association headed the race committee.



1990 Mid-Winters -- Happy Fox -- 4th overall, 1st amateur  
Photo courtesy of Adolf Hansen

Pete set Olympic courses for all six races (one throw-out) in mostly light and variable winds. A good breeze did pipe-up for the last race on Saturday. New MC owner Warren Love and friend Gerry Pottit both from Pennsylvania, who happened to be in Florida for a visit, came over to Lake Dora to watch the races, but volunteered their services to man a crash boat.

Top sailor was Jimmy Gluek of Bower Sails who won the  
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Professional Trophy with 11-3/4 points (5-2-2-2-1) followed closely by professionals Andy Burdick (13-3/4 points) and Eric Hood (17-1/2 points) of Melges Boat Works and Melges Sails respectively. Happy Fox from Spring Lake, Michigan won top amateur honors with 18 points. Sid Peterson, Pistakee YC, Illinois, took second amateur, first masters (over 50), followed by Lake Eustis sailors Dave Cleaver and A. Shafer. and Curt Bradley, Grand Rapids YC, Michigan, rounded out the amateur trophy winners with a fifth and second masters. Third place masters trophy went to Bill Crum of Lake Eustis Sailing Club.

#### Comments from race winners:

Eric Hood: Considering the light air in the 1st race I chose the middle of the line where a big sag developed. Happy and I were the only ones on the line and opened up a 50 yard lead almost immediately. At the weather mark Happy caught a puff and opened up a large lead (1/8 to 1/4 mile!). I closed some on the last run and just got ahead around the mark, and covered closely to win the race.

The third race was a four-boat race with Eric, Shafer, Gluck and Burdick. Eric nosed out Burdick by no more than a foot at the finish line.

Eric offered this advice for light air: Sit still. Use a forestay telltale (visible when hiking to leeward), and stay in the heart of each puff wherever it takes you.

Of the three races Andy Burdick won, he had this to say about the 5th race. "The wind piped up to about 12 mph and provided the most exciting race of the regatta. Around the leeward mark I was third to Andy and Jimmy. I tried to split from them but they covered. On a port-tack knock, I footed off, tacked and crossed Jimmy, but not Eric. Eric and I ducked each other several times and I just barely got the bullet."

Andy offered the following suggestion for light air sailing: Keep the boat moving, build speed with eased main and headed off, and then head up and trim when speed attained. Repeat to keep up maximum boat speed.

Sailor	Boat	Fleet	Races	Points	Trophy
Jim Gluck-P	1290	Bower	47-5-2-2-2-1	11.7	1st P
Andy Burdick-P	1307	MBW	4-1-DNF-1-1-7	13.2	
Eric Hood-P	1283	MS	1-45-1-7-3-6	17.5	
Happy Fox	1320	SLYC	2-3-5-49-5-3	18	1st A
Sid Peterson-M	1298	PiYC	12-4-4-3-4-20	20	2nd A
					1st M
Dave Cleaver	985	LESC	7-2-6-42-6-11	32	3rd A
A. Shafer	583	LESC	6-12-3-5-45-14	40	4th A
Skip Johnson-P	1321	JBW	24-10-7-4-8-17	46	
Curt Bradley-M	879	GRYC	13-8-46-9-13-16	59	5th A
					2nd M
Mike Fiesler	1258	LDSC	49-16-9-16-17-2	60	
Bill Crum-M	1068	LESC	11-13-21-20-9-8	61	3rd M
Tom Wurster-M	1333	DLYC	5-28-29-17-10-5	65	
Ron Stryker	1100	Ohio	16-26-14-14-12-10	66	
Doug Styker-M	1296	PolYC	9-17-15-23-11-19	71	
Chris Riolo	700	SLYC	25-14-8-13-27-12	72	
G. Murphy		LESC	10-21-13-26-21-9	74	
Katie Reese-W	1219	LGYC	28-20-10-11-14-21	76	
Bob DeWitt-M	1325	LESC	21-6-19-15-16-DNF	77	
Mike Riolo	1027	SLYC	22-22-12-6-18-22	80	
Bill Gilmer-M	840	LLSC	20-7-17-27-23-13	80	
Bert Lacey	938	LESC	8-9-27-18-22-DNF	84	
Tony Bruskas-M	1260	LDSC	27-25-18-10-19-18	90	
J. Schneider-M	1254	LESC	26-19-20-22-7-24	92	
Frank Keenan-M	1088	LESC	14-23-28-24-28-4	93	
Jay Mize	1226	Dallas	23-18-26-25-26-15	107	
R. Knowles-M	881	LESC	3-24-24-31-30-26	107	
D. Novak	1222	LGYC	29-27-23-8-25-25	108	
L. Smith	1059	RCSC	30-11-22-32-20-29	112	
Parson	830		DNA-30-11-21-32-23	117	
Bud Toepfer-M	1144	CLYC	15-29-32-29-24-27	124	
Caesar Bruschi-M	839	LLSC	18-33-30-30-31-DNF	142	
D. Oldham	92	LESC	33-32-25-28-33-31	149	
Nagel	605		31-31-31-34-29-30	152	
Vandall-M	40	LLSC	32-34-33-33-34-28	160	
J. Gray	602	LLSC	DNS-		



Mid-Winters Masters L to R - Curt Bradley 2nd, Sid Peterson 1st, Bill Crum 3rd

Mid-Winters L to R - A. Shafer 4th A; Curt B. 5th A, 2nd M; Dave Cleaver 3rd A; Tom Wurster 4th M; Andy Burdick 1st P; Happy Fox 1st A