



THE 1981 MIDWINTER REGATTA was GREAT! First of all, thanks to Mike and Bobbie Huck of Satellite Beach, Fl., who planned the event at Patrick AFB, and then carried it out with excellent Florida weather, wind and water conditions. The Rum Cup party Mike and Bobbie hosted in their home was delightful, as was the Saturday dinner at the Sun Tree Country Club. All the participants and spectators are most appreciative of the time and effort put into this regatta. Again, sincere thanks to the Hucks. Jerry Whitt, of Tulsa Fleet #12, came over to do RC duty and ran five races. Too many eager sailors made a recall necessary on the first race, Friday, but from then on the races went off like clock-work on excellent courses. Thank you, Jerry, for a job well done. (Incidentally, if your fleet needs an idea for markers, try a stack of 4-5 inflated trailer tire tubes encased in red/orange fabric and anchor line--lightweight for easy handling and highly visible.)

The Race Results are attached, and our compliments to those who took home the five trophies: 1st - John Spargo, Fl. #20, Bettendorf, Ia.; 2nd - Happy Fox, Fl. #7/10, Grand Rapids, Mi.; 3rd - Bill Freytag, Fontana, Wi.; 4th - Bob Raube, Fl. #7, Grand Rapids, Mi.; 5th - David Pritchard with Fl. #3, Gainesville, Ga. We asked John if he'd share with us any pointers which contributed to his consistent placing and he jokingly said "Start first and finish first!" Being a reticent fella, he hesitated to imply he had the "combination", but finally said he felt a little more aggressiveness on the starting line would be helpful to some, but for himself he watched mast rake; he likes a minimum of 28'1" in light air, and increases rake as wind conditions indicate. (Adjust between races, that is, not during.) Happy Fox, quite familiar with the lead spot, mentioned "Whatever he did, it was right; I couldn't catch him!"

YACHTING'S ONE-OF-A-KIND REGATTA will be sailed out of Southern Yacht Club, on Lake Ponchartrain, New Orleans, April 6-10. Happy Fox will represent IMCCSRA, as our 1979-80 National Champion. We know he'll "do us proud" and we'll be awaiting his comments on the regatta.

1981 IMCCSRA YEARBOOK has been printed! Copies were sent home with fleet captains/representatives present at the Midwinters, and will be distributed to dues-paid members. The balance for other fleets and non-affiliated members will be mailed with this Newsletter, or "bulk" to fleet captains for distribution (to conserve postage).

REVISED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION & BY-LAWS BOOK--currently on "Hold", awaiting return of ballots. Please check your mailing label - if it has a RED "B" on it, your ballot still has not been received! PLEASE - let's all get behind this project and SEND BALLOTS NOW! Old booklet is exhausted, and we need to circulate the revised book to all members in good standing so you may have the correct/coordinated hull/rigging specs, especially. If you've misplaced your ballot, just send a note stating your vote (aye or nay) on 1. Constitution and 2. By-laws changes, sign and note your boat number (one vote per boat).

MC SAILING MANUAL is undergoing "fine-tuning" to produce the best booklet. Please bear with us a while longer. Too, we're finding printing costs have escalated like everything else, and need to remind everyone 1981 IMCCSRA dues should be in shortly. (Fleet Captains please note-"d" by names on fleet roster indicates paid dues [Yearbook] through about 2-1-81.)

FOR SAFETY'S SAKE - Both USYRU and a recent incident at Fleet #3 club indicate the time is NOW to check your boat and PFD's. USYRU cites a regatta resulting in a drowning. Solings were sailed, some quite old; two boats sank, and one sailor was lost. The story indicated clearly to MC'ers, especially those with boats originally equipped with air-bag flotation, the air-bags need to be supplemented or replaced, according to class rules, with permanent solid flotation. Moreover, make sure the styrofoam is firmly anchored and permanent. Before the season starts, throw out the raunchy old jackets you may have and replace with Coast Guard approved PFD's. Then WEAR the things! Be sure you have a good "throwable" on board, and emergency plans. Spring water temperatures and out-of-condition "bod" are a poor combination!

BOOKLETS AVAILABLE FROM USYRU -1981-84 YACHT RACING RULES (effective 5-1-81) and Judging Manual - each \$5.00. To order send check to USYRU, PO Box 309, Newport, RI 02840.

Pray for an EARLY SPRING - Send News & Regatta Schedules - Send Dues - RETURN BALLOTS! Let's get the "show on the road!"

INTERNATIONAL MC CLASS SAILBOAT RACING ASSOCIATION

RACE RESULTS - NINTH ANNUAL MIDWINTER REGATTA - MARCH 6-7-8, 1981 - PATRICK AFB, FLORIDA

PLACE	BOAT #	SKIPPER	HOMETOWN	FLEET #	RACE				
					1	2	3	4	5
1	601	John Spargo	Bettendorf, Ia.	20	1	2	1	1	1
2	500	Happy Fox	Grand Rapids, Mi.	7/10	4	3	2	3	2
3	616	Bill Freytag	Fontana, Wi.	-	8	1	4	9	5
4	592	Bob Raube	Grand Rapids, Mi.	7	3	7	3	5	9
5	520	David Pritchard	Gainesville, Ga.	3	2	6	5	4	8
6	475	Mike Huck	Satellite Beach, Fl.	-	6	5	9	2	7
7	568	Tom Tucker	Naperville, Il.	18	9	9	7	6	13
8	584	Dave Hough	Spring Lake, Mi.	7	5	10	13	8	12
9	388	Frank Keenan	Fenton, Mi.	6	11	14	6	12	6
10	617	Jim Moss	Decrville, Ga.	3	13	8	12	7	11
11	288	Bob Kwasha	Chamblee, Ga.	3	7	18	11	11	10
12	315	Bill Metcalf	Grand Rapids, Mi.	10	10	21	15	14	3
13	532	John Taylor	Broken Arrow, Ok.	12	16	12	16	16	4
14	524	Bill Gilmer	Gainesville, Ga.	3	12	11	DNF	10	14
15	297	Herm Nickels	Fenton, Mi.	6	17	13	10	15	15
16	525	Carl Reuterdaahl	Spring Lake, Mi.	7	14	19	8	13	18
17	544	Dave Greene	Dallas, Tex.	5	15	4	14	DNF	DNS
18	514	Bill Crum	Bartow, Fl.	4	19	16	18	17	17
19	585	Larry Campbell	Tulsa, Ok.	12	20	15	19	20	19
20	226	Dave Hubbs	Broken Arrow, Ok.	12	21	22	21	18	16
21	602	Scot Thomas	Lake Geneva, Wi.	-	22	17	20	19	20
22	192	Pete Smith	Flowery Branch, Ga.	3	18	20	17	DNF	DNS

All three days, temperatures were in the mid-60's, winds consistent about 12, dropping slightly on Sunday morning. At the start of the first race Friday, about half the fleet appeared to be over early, requiring a general recall. Each race was sailed in about an hour's time, in excellent conditions. Outside of a couple of quickly-righted capsizes, two protests, a broken gooseneck which caused Dave Greene to drop out, and a broken spreader on Pete Smith's boat, the event went off like clock-work. Jerry Whitt of Tulsa Fleet #12 served as RC chairman, and Mike Huck of Satellite Beach was Regatta Chairman.

From the time the pack broke in the first race, John Spargo in #601 emerged as the likely winner, and only relinquished first place in the 2nd race. While he was challenged occasionally, John kept the heat on for a well-won regatta. Ten fleets were represented in the event; considering time and distances travelled, participation was good, and enjoyable. IMCCSRA acknowledges with thanks permission by Patrick AFB to use the facilities on the Banana River.