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1992 Midwinter Championship Winners. LtoR-Happy Fox, Brian McMurray, John Dennis, Doug McNeil, Jim Gluek, Bob Seavey, Curt Bradley, Tom Wurster, Frank Keenan, Bob DeWitt, Bill Veit

'92 Regatta Schedule

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| <p>5/2-3 Rebel Rouser, Lake Lanier SC, GA, Fleet 3 Doug Rogers H404/476-8580, Office 404/242-7910</p> <p>5/2-3 MC North American Spring Regatta, Pewaukee YC, WI, Fleet 38 Dan Quiram 414/691-9390 and Dan Guidinger 414/691-3050</p> <p>5/9-10 Cedar Lake YC (WI) Spring Regatta (MC & C) Dave Baldus H-414/644-8097, O-414/276-1056</p> <p>5/9-10 Lk Harriet YC Spring Regatta, MN, Fleet 42 Mark Prochaska 612/823-4510</p> <p>5/15-17 Arlington YC Annual MC Regatta, TX, Fleet 41</p> <p>5/16-17 Grand Rapids YC Spring MC Regatta, Fleet 10 Dave Bloye 616/538-2079</p> <p>5/16-17 Saylorsville YC Director's Chair Regatta, Fleet 34. Big Creek Lake, IA. Jeff David 800/333-6008</p> <p>6/6-7 River City MC Regatta, Lake Manawa, Council Bluffs, IA, Fleet 25. Bob Hoffman 712/366-6016, Tom Steyer 402/330-9801</p> <p>6/20-21 George Dorn Memorial Regatta, Lk Beulah YC, WI Fleet 15, Hardy Will 414/642-5571</p> <p>6/20-21 Fathers' Day MC Regatta, White Lake YC, MI, Fleet 24 Glenn McMurray H-708/365-6149, O-708/232-8111</p> <p>6/27-28 8th MC Regatta, Diamond Lk YC, MI, Fleet 28 Jan Wurster 616/445-3227, Fred Dean 616/445-2194</p> <p>7/10-11 ILYA MC Scow Invitational, Lake Geneva YC, WI Jim Smith 414/275-6921</p> <p>7/16-17 Torch Lake YC MC Regatta, (Thurs./Fri. regatta followed by E-boat regatta Sat./Sun) Neil Gerrity 616/245-1707</p> | <p>7/23-24 MC Masters Fun Regatta, Lk Geneva YC, George Kiefer 708/205-9376</p> <p>7/25-26 Bix Regatta, Lk Davenport YC, IA, Fleet 20 Tony Bruskas 309/754-8960</p> <p>8/5-8 Western Michigan Yachting Assoc. Regatta (Member Clubs only), Crystal Lake, MI. Terry Lang 313/644-4147</p> <p>8/16-18 ILYA MC Scow Championship, Green Lake, WI Jim Smith 414/275-6921</p> <p>8/26-29 MC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP, White Lk YC, MI, Fleet 24 Tom Getz 309/762-3436, Spencer Weersing 616/894-4877</p> <p>9/12-13 Orlando Webb Memorial Midwest Championship, Missouri YC, Lake Lotawana, Fleet 14. Pam Cantrell 816/578-4899</p> <p>9/19-20 Spring Lk YC Annual MC Regatta, Spring Lake, MI, Fleet 7</p> <p>9/19-20 Lk Harriet YC Die-Hard Regatta, Fleet 42, Mark Prochaska 612/823-4510</p> <p>9/26-27 MC Blue Chip Regatta, Fleet #7, Spring Lake, MI Happy Fox 616/949-1210</p> <p>9/26-27 Rush Creek YC Dingy-Fest and Texas State MC Championship, Fleet 5</p> <p>9/26-27 3rd Ice-Maker MC Regatta, Cedar Lk YC, IN, Fleet 35 Rick Kazwell 219/663-6456</p> <p>10/3-4 Polar Bear Regatta, Lk Davenport SC, Fleet 20 Lorie Albansoder 319/323-2252</p> <p>10/3-4 Southwest Regional Championship, Windycrest SC, IA, Fleet 32. Jack Marsee</p> <p>10/3-6 US SAILING Championship of Champions in MCs at Lake Geneva, WI. Contact USSAILING</p> |
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1992 Mid-Winter MC Championship

March 12-14, 1992, Lake Eustis, FL

By Jim Gluek

Thirty-four MC-Scows converged on Lake Eustis Sailing Club to compete in the 1992 MC Midwinter Championship. We were able to complete six races with good winds and varying conditions to make for a great regatta.

The regatta opened on Wednesday with lots of new boats and many familiar faces. Lake Eustis and its sailors were there to greet all of us with open arms, great hospitality and good sailing conditions.

Day one (Thursday) saw a scarcity of wind -- 6 to 8 knots, during the morning racing. Mark Christensen of Minnetonka was followed across the finish line by Andy Burdick of Lake Geneva. By the start of race two, at around 2:00 PM, the winds had stayed light and shifty with Andy Burdick leading the way followed by Dan Guidinger. At the end of the day, Andy had established a nice overall lead with a 1st and 2nd. Top local sailors were Alex Schafer in 7th and Frank Keenan in 8th.

By the time the sailors returned to shore at dusk, they were more than ready for the entertainment planned for them. Believing the sailors came to enjoy themselves on shore as well as on the water, Lake Eustis organized a great barbecue dinner at a local bar where a

good time was had by all.

Friday was a sailor's delight with a 15 to 18 knot breeze on the course. It was a perfect day for a crew -- if you had one. Burdick and Gluek were back and forth on the lead, with Guidinger and Brian McMurray close behind. Jim Gluek of Pewaukee won the 3rd race as well as the 4th and 5th which put him in second overall, just behind Andy Burdick who took two 2nds and a 3rd. Dan Guidinger held 3rd place followed by Mark Christensen and Doug McNeil of White Lake, Michigan. As the boats were bedded down for the night, the series leaders were all very close in points.

Saturday, the final day of racing, began quietly without much wind. The RC waited for the wind to settle in. By 10:30 AM conditions were acceptable, and the race began. A major wind shift to the left on the first weather leg did in a number on the fleet leader who had gone right. Gluek stayed middle left and had a nice lead at the weather mark and went on to win the race and the regatta.

In the amateur division Doug McNeil took 1st followed by Jerry Gill Jr. and Brian McMurray both of White Lake, Michigan and Bill Veit of Grand Rapids. Tom Wurster of Michigan did a great job to win the masters division followed by Curt Bradley of Grand Rapids and Lake Eustis Commodore Bob DeWitt. Bob Sevey of Minnetonka took grand masters honors with Frank Keenan taking 2nd.

The sailing was complemented with refreshments after the races and two great dinners. Regatta Chairmen Dave and Terry Cleaver did a really nice job organizing a super regatta. There was great sports (continued on page 3)



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manship on the water, not one "I" flag or protest was flown. A good time was had by all who attended, and we hope to see more of you at next year's Midwinter Championship which is sure to be even better. I sincerely thank the Lake Eustis Sailing Club and Race Judge Chuck Nelson of Lake Davenport for all their great efforts in running this year's Midwinters.

| Pl | Sailor | Affil | Boat No. | Races | | | | | | | | Pts. |
|----|----------------|-------|-------------|-------|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|-------|
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | |
| 1 | Jim Gluek | P | NSails 1440 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| 2 | Andy Burdick | P | MBW 1445 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 9 | | | 9.75 |
| 3 | Dan Guidinger | P | NSails 1453 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 3 | | | 19 |
| 4 | Doug McNeil | | WLYC 1466 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | | | 21 |
| 5 | M Christensen | P | BSails 1379 | 1 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 7 | | | 23.75 |
| 6 | Jerry Gill Jr. | | WLYC 1455 | 19 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 26 | | | 44 |
| 7 | Brian McMurray | | WLYC 924 | 15 | 15 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 24 | | | 46 |
| 8 | Happy Fox | | SLYC 1451 | 11 | 18 | 14 | 9 | 8 | 6 | | | 48 |
| 9 | Bill Veit | | SLYC 1180 | 9 | 13 | 11 | 7 | 19 | 8 | | | 48 |
| 10 | Skip Johnson | P | JBW 1435 | 12 | 11 | 13 | 14 | 10 | 4 | | | 50 |
| 11 | Alex Shafer | | LESC 657 | 10 | 5 | 17 | 12 | 15 | 27 | | | 59 |

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| 12 | Tom Wurster | M | DLYC 938 | 24 | 24 | 4 | 16 | 9 | 10 | | | 63 |
| 13 | Curt Bradley | G | GRYC 1405 | 4 | 22 | 15 | 13 | 10 | 22 | | | 64 |
| 14 | Bob DeWitt | G | LESC 1325 | 14 | 7 | 16 | 22 | 14 | 14 | | | 65 |
| 15 | Bob Sevey | M | WBYC 1342 | 8 | 28 | 12 | 17 | 11 | 18 | | | |
| 16 | Frank Keenan | G | LESC 1372 | 13 | 4 | 19 | 23 | 29 | 12 | | | 71 |
| 17 | Sid Peterson | M | PeYC 1420 | 18 | 10 | 18 | 30 | 18 | 11 | | | 75 |
| 18 | Suzi Reese | | LGYC 1219 | 22 | 20 | 6 | 10 | 26 | 29 | | | 84 |
| 19 | Bill Freytag | M | LGYC 1222 | DNS | 14 | 20 | 15 | 16 | 23 | | | 88 |
| 20 | Bill Gilmer | M | LLSC 1365 | 27 | 12 | 22 | 26 | 25 | 5 | | | 90 |
| 21 | Greg Barnett | | RCSC 1321 | 21 | 25 | 21 | 11 | 13 | DNF | | | 91 |
| 22 | Jim Mueller | M | LGYC 1390 | 17 | 16 | 27 | 20 | 20 | 19 | | | 92 |
| 23 | Jason Beren | | | 1033 | 7 | 29 | 23 | 21 | 28 | | | 96 |
| 24 | Bill Crum | G | LESC 1068 | 16 | 21 | DNF | 24 | 21 | 21 | | | 103 |
| 25 | Tony Bruskas | G | LDSC 1260 | 23 | 26 | 24 | 18 | 27 | 13 | | | 104 |
| 26 | Roy Knowles | G | LESC 881 | 20 | 19 | 25 | 27 | 24 | 16 | | | 104 |
| 27 | Jerry Gill Sr. | G | WLYC 1413 | 31 | 31 | 10 | 19 | 17 | 32 | | | 108 |
| 28 | John Schneider | G | LESC 1254 | 26 | 23 | 29 | 28 | 23 | 15 | | | 115 |
| 29 | Ron Stryker | | OH 1400 | 25 | 17 | 26 | 33 | 33 | 28 | | | 129 |
| 30 | Don Johnson | G | IL 1430 | 29 | 30 | 34 | 25 | 22 | 25 | | | 131 |
| 31 | Frank Vandall | M | LLSC 1190 | 32 | 32 | 30 | 31 | 31 | 20 | | | 144 |
| 32 | Dennis Oldham | | LESC 123 | 28 | 33 | 28 | 32 | 30 | 30 | | | 148 |
| 33 | Kathleen Gardner | | RCSC 1235 | 30 | 27 | 32 | 29 | 32 | DNS | | | 150 |
| 34 | Dale Holasek | M | LESC 851 | 33 | DNF | DNF | DNS | DNS | 31 | | | 169 |



Just after a start- 1466 Doug McNeil, 1420 Sid Peterson, 1435 Skip Johnson, 1390 Jim Mueller



The four top finishers (not in this order) 1466 Doug McNeil, 1445 Andy Burdick, 1440 Jim Gluek, 1453 Dan Guidinger

The Lighter Side of the 1992 MidWinter Championship

Here are some excerpts from an article submitted by Frank Vandall, Lake Lanier Sailing Club, Georgia.

Skip Johnson reported that his usual 1-1/2 hour trip from White Bear Lake, MN to Eau Clair, WI took three hours in hub-deep snow. He was carrying five boats, four on the trailer and one on the roof. The wind was so strong that the trailer was blown at a 20° angle as he drove.

After getting knocked around in the heavy air on Friday morning, I (Frank) decided to obtain crew, if possible. I begged this guy I found sitting on the beach to sail with me. He agreed, and best of all, he was only one or two pounds over the ideal crew weight (120#?). As we maneuvered for the start I asked, "What's your

name?" He replied, "Norm Reese." Yikes! I had the chief of the ravishing Reese clan on my boat. Everyone asked how Norm performed and I said, "great!" In fact, he got us to the first mark ahead of Brian McMurray and Andy Burdick in the next race!

Let me mention Sid Peterson's new boat. Sid must have no friends or one of them would have told him, "Don't do it, Sid." Sid's new MC is nuclear-fall-out-high-radiation-day-glow-mint-green: bottom, deck, splash rail, tiller, boom crutch AND hiking straps! All of it. I suspect Skip has Sid's signature on a paint chip squirreled away in a safe deposit box, just in case Sid has second thoughts.

The members of the MC Technical Committee apparently went into cardiac arrest when the rumor circulated that Buddy Melges is going to propose a retractable kevlar centerboard for the MC. A 48.5# lead bulb would be attached which would retract into the dished out hull. It makes sense that something like this might filter down from the America's Cup.!