

NEWS LETTER

November 18, 1983

1983 NATIONAL REGATTA - 47 skippers participated in a fine series hosted by Fleet 3. Lake Lanier provided varied wind conditions--"something for everyone," in beautiful weather. We thank everyone for coming and making this a memorable occasion. Our thanks too to Fleet 3 captain Bob Kwasha, chairman, and all those who contributed time and effort toward a successful regatta: Tom Turner (certified USYRU judge) RC, Tom & Gina Payne, trophies; Anita Lenkeit, food; Sandy Myers, ceramic favors, plus various others who helped out. The race results are enclosed--no doubt about the winner, with 5 bullets and a DNS throw-out! Harry Melges III earned everyone's congratulations for a great performance and Hans Melges wasn't far behind as he took second place. We asked Harry if he would like to share his winning skills with us, and following are his comments:

"This being my first MC regatta, I was very pleased with the performance of the boat. Being the grandson and son of the designer and builder of this very responsive and highly competitive one-design yacht, it was a great thrill for me to win the Nationals. A few of the tuning skills which I have learned from my father and grandfather are what helped make my brother, Hans, and me so fast. First, we sailed with much looser sidestays and a bit more mast rake (28'1") than most other sailors. This enabled the mast to bend more, thus flattening the sail, twisting off the top more and depowering the rig enough for 160 lbs. to sail to windward with ease in the stronger winds. With this set-up, a great deal of vang, outhaul and cunningham are used depending on the total weight of the crew. The traveler was almost always on center and the main sheet worked through the puffs. We were also pulling the board up as much as 3" in the stronger wind and waves in order to keep the boat flat and driving. When the wind decreased, we would then pull the mast forward again to the standard rake position (28'3") and tighten the shrouds slightly. Very little vang and cunningham are used, depending on the size of the waves. It also seemed very effective to sit as far forward as possible in the lighter air when sailing off the wind. As well, the outhaul should be made easily adjustable for the skipper. Easing the outhaul off the wind is a must in medium and light air. The last several months I have been working in our sail loft and learning a great deal about sail shape and material. I believe that the new all-purpose shape and the new material we are using was a strong factor for our success."

1983 ANNUAL MEETING - The meeting was conducted October 7th by Rear Commodore Dave Greene, in the absence of Commodore John Bates and Vice Commodore David Mills who were unable to attend. Minutes are summarized as follows: Old business-IMCCSRA application for membership in ILYA will be shelved for now, more information is needed before considering any action. New business-1984 National Regatta will be held at Rush Creek YC, Dallas, in the fall, dates to be announced later as schedule confirmed. 1984 Mid-winter regatta dates/place to be announced later as plans are finalized. Dave reported on October 7th Board of Governors' meeting mainly focusing on Technical Committee report regarding unauthorized change made to Johnson boats #903-909 on which board wells were extended. The Board had agreed to grandfather these specific boats, future production to revert to current standard wells. Discussion followed and it was agreed any future changes must clear the Technical Committee, Board, and be submitted for membership approval as may be necessary.

Fleet #23, Corey Lake, Mi., was welcomed and Doug Finke accepted the charter on behalf of the new fleet. (For those interested, contact Doug at 1681 O'Bara Ct., Carmel, In. 46032.)

Two new Board members were elected by acclamation, Carl Reuterdaahl, Fl. 7, succeeding himself and David Cleaver, Fl. 4, Lake Eustis, Fl., succeeding Dave Greene; each will serve 3-yr. terms expiring 12/86. The current Board members present and incoming members later met and elected Mike Fieseler, Fl. 20, Davenport, Ia., to be Commodore for 1984. A roster of Board members and positions to be served will be sent in January Newsletter.

Fleet #15 2nd Annual Spring Regatta - Lake Beulah, E. Troy, Wi. - George Dorn announced the dates of June 23-24 and invited all to attend. George also moved that all fleets clear regatta dates through the Executive Secretary to avoid conflicts.

Charter Fleet #1, Shreveport YC, Cross Lake - Fred & Sunny Reutlinger and Don Kimmell were welcomed, representing the fleet. Fred is back in his #141, Don has purchased #838, and the fleet will be rebuilding and active again. This is great news! Anyone wishing to contact the fleet may write Fred at 3220 Sandra Dr., Shreveport, La. 71109, or Erwin Saye, PO Box 137, Shreveport, La. 71161, res. phone 318 636-3665, off. 318 221-4504.

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REGATTA RESULTS
1983 NATIONAL - INTERNATIONAL MC CLASS SAILBOAT RACING ASSOCIATION



OCTOBER 7-8-9th - LAKE LANIER SAILING CLUB, FLOWERY BRANCH, GEORGIA

Place	Skipper	Home Town	MC #	Scores*						Total Points
				1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	
1	Harry Melges III 420	Lake Geneva, Wi.	880	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4	(DNS)	3-3/4
2	Hans Melges 420/20#	Lake Geneva, Wi.	881	2	7	3	2	(28)	4	18
3	David Pritchard 420	Gainesville, Ga.	520	8	3	2	3	11	(18)	27
4	Glen Walborn 428	Spring Lake, Mi.	(907)	3	(22)	13	5	3	5	29
5	Gary Verplank 425	Spring Lake, Mi.	707	7	4	9	4	(19)	12	36
6	Brent McKenzie 570	Marietta, Ga.	192	6	6	(16)	9	8	13	42
7	Scott Harestad 420/5#	Spring Lake, Mi.	562	10	(37)	23	6	2	2	43
8	Mike Huck, Jr. 420	Lake Geneva, Wi.	879	14	12	12	7	(18)	3/4	45-3/4
9	Dan Quiram 423	Davenport, Ia.	594	18	2	7	(19)	10	9	46
10	Paul Richards 445	Grand Rapids, Mi.	(903)	16	8	11	8	(24)	8	51
11	Skip Johnson 436	White Bear Lk, Mn.	(906)	4	13	6	(18)	17	14	54
12	James Gluek 431	Excelsior, Mn.	(904)	(27)	16	10	15	4	11	56
13	David Kistler 425	Grand Rapids, Mi.	(855)	13	10	15	10	14	(15)	62
14	Michael Fieseler 429	Moline, Il.	(822)	5	15	4	16	22	(28)	62
15	Jon Pohlmann 421	Davenport, Ia.	717	11	9	8	12	25	(25)	65
16	Carl Reuter Dahl 421	Spring Lake, Mi.	700	21	5	14	22	(23)	3	65
17	Tom Payne 448	Gainesville, Ga.	288	(26)	20	18	20	5	7	70
18	Willi Lenkeit 420/10#	Flowery Br., Ga.	536	(25)	17	17	23	9	6	72
19	David Hough 420/5#	Spring Lake, Mi.	584	19	(28)	5	17	20	17	78
20	Bob Kwasha 440	Atlanta, Ga.	(816)	24	14	20	14	(32)	10	82
21	Bill Freytag 420/5#	Fontana, Wi.	878	28	(34)	21	11	6	20	86
22	David Greene 442	Dallas, Tx.	544	9	25	(27)	24	13	16	87
23	Bill Gilmer 425	Gainesville, Ga.	(840)	17	18	(32)	21	15	27	98
24	William A. Wrase 435	Rock Island, Il.	662	23	24	19	(33)	16	22	104
25	Douglas W. Finke 425/15	Carmel, In. 420/15	501	20	19	26	25	(29)	19	109
26	Robert DeWitt 432	Clearwater, Fl.	(851)	15	23	22	26	(41)	23	109
27	Frank Keenan 432	Fenton, Mi.	(808)	29	(30)	24	27	21	29	130
28	Sam Pollock 434	Roswell, Ga.	(839)	12	38	(42)	39	12	30	131
29	John Clonts, III 422/20#	Atlanta, Ga.	583	30	11	33	29	33	(DNS)	136
30	Gene Sublett 431	Marietta, Ga.	607	36	33	(39)	28	27	24	148
31	S. E. "Pete" Smith 440	Flowery Br., Ga.	830	22	(41)	34	38	26	31	151
32	William I. Nolan 434	Atlanta, Ga.	837	(35)	35	31	31	34	21	152
33	J. B. Crum 420	Bartow, Fl.	846	34	27	28	(40)	39	26	154
34	David Cleaver 457	Eustis, Fl.	657	(38)	26	30	35	30	33	154
35	Gary Beck 423	Atlanta, Ga.	524	42	39	(44)	34	7	35	157
36	George Dorn 450	E. Troy, Wi.	711	32	29	25	32	40	(DNS)	158
37	Don Kimmell 426	Haughton, La.	838	33	36	38	23	31	(DNS)	161
38	Ron DeWitte 422 425	Lotawana, Mo.	818	31	30	29	30	42	(DNS)	162
39	James Houser 420	Atlanta, Ga.	485	40	32	(41)	36	36	32	176
40	Eldon Irving 504	Duncanville, Tx.	217	37	31	36	37	38	(DNS)	179
41	Tony Bruska 425	Matherville, Il.	508	39	44	40	(45)	37	34	194
42	Fred Reutlinger 425	Shreveport, La.	141	(45)	40	35	41	43	37	196
43	Richard Brewer 482	Flint, Mi.	382	41	42	43	(44)	35	36	197
44	Al Finster 454	Garland, Tx.	655	(45)	45	37	43	45	38	208
45	George Scesney 420/5#	Atlanta, Ga.	36	43	43	45	42	45	(DNS)	218
46	Horst Biernath 457	Atlanta, Ga.	89	(DNS)	DNS	DNF	DNS	DNS	39	226
47	Phyllis Strobel 426	Flowery Br., Ga.	40	(DNS)	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	50	228

Course-Modified Gold Cup, mid-leg start, 20% rule. Race Comm. Chairman, Thomas M. Turner. Trophies awarded to first 10 places. In addition to IMCCSRA perpetual National trophy and first place trophy, Harry Melges III won the Trip Morency Memorial trophy as winner of 1st race. Weather-PERFECT 70-80°. Winds Friday 10-20 gusty; Saturday 5-12 gusty; Sunday 8-10. Regatta Chairman, Robert D. Kwasha, Captain MC Fleet 3 (host).