

# 1996 Midwinters

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Fleet 4 Lake Eustis SC, Florida

Submitted by Bob DeWitt

Next year is the Silver Anniversary of the MC Midwinter championship. It has been our club's (Lake Eustis SC) privilege to host most of the previous 24 Midwinters, although, like this year's event, not always on our home lake. We believe this year's participants really like Lake Harris and Hickory Point. If you did not attend, please ask any of the skippers listed in the results. It would be our pleasure to welcome you back for next year's 25th Midwinters.

Plans are already underway which we hope will make it the best of the first 25. In line with that, it has been pushed two weeks later into March to the week of the 17th through the 22nd, 1997 in a search for warmer weather and a little lighter wind. This year's constant 15-20 mph was a real workout. Temperatures were in the mid 80's the first two days

followed by a 30-40 degree drop the last two days. However, even that did not seem to chill the enthusiasm of the participants. Looking forward to seeing you at next year's event.

**Editor's Note:** How often do you find three generations in a regatta? Tim Fredman Sr., Tim Jr. and his sons all participated in this year's Midwinters. This year the C-boats were invited to compete during the MC Midwinters. Jim Gluek claimed a double win when he led the pack of eleven C-boats to victory. See his comments on page 7 along with the complete results.

## Race conditions:

Race	Direction	MPH	Course
1	180°	15-18	Olympic
2	210°	8-12	Olympic
3	210°	12-15	Olympic
4	175°	15	Olympic
5	210°	11	Olympic

Complete results and comments by Midwinter champion Jim Gluek will be found on page 7.

# On-Water Spritzer

As published in Starlights and Laser Newsletter

Drinking fluids while on the water is considered essential, especially in hot weather. A good solution is a spritzer made of carbohydrate solution that is easily absorbed. Instead of taking a jug of plain water on the course, make a mix of 8 oz. of good orange juice with 8 oz. of a seltzer, club soda or mineral water, and the juice of half a lemon. Even if warm, the intake of such a carbohydrate drink will do wonders in both quenching your thirst and helping your body retain fluids. Actually, mixing any fruit juice 50-50 with water will create a carbohydrate solution that will be more beneficial than just water alone.

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Comments by Jim Gluek

The 1996 MC sailing season started out with a bang. Forty-one sailors from eight different states arrived in sunny Florida for three days of great racing. The Lake Eustis Sailing Club, lead by Bob DeWitt and Dave Beatson, were on hand to greet sailors as they arrived at this year's new sailing site --- Hickory Point on Lake Harris. The new location provided some awesome accommodations for setting up and launching boats. There were six new launching ramps and ten slips on the main pier, with each slip able to accommodate two boats. This provided the sailors with the option of either dry sailing their boats or leaving them in the water. Also located on the grounds was a beautiful new pavilion with plenty of room to relax and enjoy the warm, sunny weather. The new facility was a great setting to enjoy our lunch and the breaks between races.

This year's regatta also featured the first annual C-Scow Midwinters. The event drew some of the best sailors from the Midwest for some great Florida C-Scow sailing. The C boaters all had a great time, and I know they're looking forward to coming back next year.

The Saturday evening banquet was super and the food and beverages were enjoyed by all. The banquet was well attended by both MC and C sailors which made for some great war stories from the day's racing. The evening would not have been complete without some pretty funny commentary from the one and only Frank Vandal!!

I'm sure all who attended the regatta will agree that the preparation and planning by the Eustis group was perfect. Judging was right on the spot---even the last day with temperatures dropped to the 30's and high winds, they made the right call. So a big hats off to all who helped on the judging team. Five races out of seven were sailed between 12 and 20 knots. Olympic modified courses with short weather legs made for close racing. The series saw many different leaders with some very close finishes. If you missed this year's Midwinters, don't miss the 25th anniversary next year! Look to the results to see this year's outcome.

PL	SKIPPER	CLUB	BOAT	Races					PTS
				1	2	3	4	5	
1	Jim Gluek-P	ISLS	1707	1	2	1	1	1	5
2	Scott Slocum	RCYC/TX	1685	2	5	4	2	10	23
3	Dan Guidinger-P	JBW	1693	5	6	5	4	3	23
4	Brett Hatton	SLYC/MI	1555	13	1	7	3	7	31
5	Greg Fisher-P	NSIs	1569	8	3	8	10	2	31
6	Eric Hood-P	MSSIs	11	7	11	2	9	6	35
7	Tom Frentzel	PYC/WI	1670	17	4	6	6	5	38
8	Todd Bosgraaf	SLYC/MI	1703	4	16	3	8	11	42
9	Bill Freytag-GM	LGYC/WI	1222	3	13	17	7	4	44
10	Brian McMurray	WLYC/MI	1518	6	17	14	5	9	51
11	Happy Fox-M	SLYC/MI	1704	10	12	12	13	16	63
12	Tom Keenan	LFYC/MI	1372	14	14	11	15	18	63
13	Scott Harestad	LLSC/GA	1119	12	15	15	16	13	71
14	Ted Keller	TLYC/MI	1431	11	21	21	11	8	72
15	Tim Fredman Jr.	BLYC/WI	823	19	9	19	20	12	79
16	Bill Nicholas	CLYC/IA	1328	9	20	20	12	21	82
17	Tim Fredman-M	BLYC/WI	1456	21	22	10	14	20	87
18	Alex Shafer	LESC/FL	978	27	24	9	21	14	95
19	David Cleaver	LESC/FL	1675	23	10	18	26	24	101
20	Curt Bradley-GM	GRYC/MI	1405	15	28	24	19	28	114
21	Tom Wurster-GM	DLYC/MI	1667	24	8	31	29	23	115
22	Kyle Verplank	SLYC/MI	1530	28	26	27	18	17	116
23	Devon Farley-M	LGYC/WI	1356	20	23	23	25	25	116
24	Ron Stryker-M	PLYC/WI	1400	26	34	33	17	19	129
25	Sid Peterson-GM	PLYC/WI	1702	DNS	7	13	DNS	DNS	131
26	Jim Hatch-M	BLYC/WI	1532	DNS	27	25	24	22	135
27	Dave Beatson	LESC/FL	657	22	18	22	DNS	DNS	136
28	Suzie Reese-W	LGYC/WI	1527	DNS	19	30	15	DNS	138
29	Tom Schmidt-M	LGYC/WI	1278	16	25	DNF	23	DNS	138
30	Duane Pierson-GM	WLYC/MI	500	18	DNF	DNF	27	26	145
31	Frank Vandal-M	LLSC/GA	1568	29	35	29	22	30	146
32	Gene Freund	CLYC/OH	1288	30	32	34	30	27	153
33	Knox Rodgers	LLSC/GA	1416	25	33	26	DNS	DNS	158
34	Lew Sacks-M	LLSC/GA	1325	31	29	32	DNS	31	160
35	M. Sherin-GM	LGYC/WI	1500	DNS	30	DNF	28	29	161
36	Tony Bruskas-GM	LDSC/IA	1484	DNS	31	28	DNS	DNS	170
37	Warren Davy	SLYC/MI	1016	DNS	36	35	DNS	DNS	183
38	Bill Crum-GM	LESC/FL	1068	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	185
39	Chuck Nichols-GM	LGYC/WI	1218	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	185
40	John Adams	LLSC/GA	1648	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	185
41	Katie Reese-W	LGYC/WI	1219	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	185



Mike Garty of Fleet 46 Cedar Lake YC, WI as an E and MC sailor gave his MC a unique name with a picture of Einstein "E = MC<sup>2</sup>"