



THE 8TH ANNUAL MIDWINTER REGATTA - was great! First, our thanks to Ray Fauquet and his committee of Fleet 11, Fort Myers, for the planning and work that went into giving all 21 sailors and their families such an enjoyable weekend. Thanks also to Royal Palm Yacht Club for the use of their facilities, and especially to Leo, a top-flight maitre d', who must have the best Chef in town!

The Fort Myers News-Press covered the regatta and enclosed is the clipping. While the writer is obviously proud of the "home-town boy", 2nd place winner, Brett Hatton, and 3rd, Larry Price, kept Scooter wide-awake. Friday's race was in moderate to very light air, giving no hint of conditions building up on Saturday which kept everyone hard at work. The Race Committee's good judgement in calling off the Sunday race was commendable. As the cold front and rain hit southern Florida, boats were hauled, masts down, and a fast exit was made! Our congratulations to Scooter and those who placed in the silver. Some wag from Fleet 3 had to say the commodore didn't bring home any silver, but his wife brought home "the plaster." True-- 25# of it! (And ye editor just recently learned the lovely bouquet came from a group of well-wishers who were in Fort Myers; belated thanks for your most kind thought.)

REGATTAS SCHEDULED - Those known at this time are as follows:

April 12-13	- Rebel Rouser* - Fleet 3, Lake Lanier, Flowery Branch, Ga. (Invitation enclosed.)
May 17-18	Fleet 10 - Reeds Lake, Grand Rapids, Mich.
July 13-14	Fleet 6 - Lake Fenton, Fenton, Mich.
July 26-27	Fleet 3 & LLSC - Lake Lanier, Flowery Branch, Ga. - Michelob Open
August 23-24	Fleet 5 - Hubbard Lake, Dallas, Tex.
Sept. 13-14	Fleet 7 - Spring Lake, Mich.
Sept. ?	Fleet 14 - Lake Lotawana, Missouri - Invitational. Dates to follow
October 2-5	Fleet 13 - <u>1980 National MC Regatta</u> - Great plans afoot! Official city and county government letters on file welcoming the coming event, and we understand participation by a Memphis area brewery on the beer! LET'S ALL PLAN AHEAD FOR THIS ONE.

Memphis

*Rebel Rouser - LLSC has good campgrounds (and showers). But please - no pets. Y'all come!

SEMI-ANNUAL BOARD MEETING, February 29, 1980, Fort Myers, Fla. Minutes are excerpted to keep you abreast of the Board's concerns and recommendations: Mailing list from previous secretary needs considerable up-dating. Fleet captains to be requested to assist with names of all known MC owners, fleet members or not. Commodore to follow on dues delinquency with boat-builder. Fleets to be requested to send secretary news of fleet activities, material for News Letter. Dave Greene was commended for work on suggested revision of Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, copies distributed for review and presentation to general membership at Annual Regatta. Motion approved for IMCCSRA to apply for membership in USYRU, and apply for pertinent Regatta Liability Insurance Coverage. Details of coverage to be further investigated, for IMCCSRA sponsored Regattas. Availability of a "cotton scale" to be determined for boat weighing. Letter from Jake Kopp, Memphis fleet 13 was discussed, concerning the "one design" aspect of the MC. All members present agreed work should continue with boat builder to keep this concept "in line." Commodore to follow with builder. Henry Tipton discussed progressing work on 1980 Nationals arrangements. Financial report presented and approved.

CORRECTION TO BOARD MEMBER LISTING, January News Letter - Happy Fox's term expired in 1979, and his name listed in error. The editor regrets not catching this properly.

PUBLICITY - Response has been received from five sailing publications very interested in including IMCCSRA news. All have requested timely information on race schedules and results. Please send all such information to the editor at the earliest time so we can make the best use of it. This should include name of person to contact in fleet, address and phone number.

DUES RESPONSE - Has been fine to date. Thank you all for your support. For those still not in the "paid" column, we'll be watching the mail!

UNAFFILIATED SKIPPERS - Let us know where you sail. Perhaps we can help you find competition!

Boating

Scow final canceled; Kinsey wins

By MIKE GILL
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With 30 mile-per-hour gusts blowing the tops off the white caps in the Caloosahatchee River early Sunday morning, the race committee for the MC Scow National Midwinter Championship Regatta elected to cancel the fifth and final race of the championship series.

Race officials huddled at the Royal Palm Yacht Club amidst a misty rain from a cold front that charged through Southwest Florida and decided the final race of the three-day, five-race series would be risking the welfare and equipment of the sailors.

Scooter Kinsey, a 24-year-old student from Fort Myers, is the 1980 National Midwinter champion after sailing to finishes of 2-1-3-2 in a fleet of 21 scows Friday and Saturday. Even if Sunday's race would have been sailed, Kinsey would have been difficult to defeat.

Kinsey flew home from his graduate studies at Loyola University in New Orleans to compete in the annual regatta.

The 1980 MC crown is the fifth national sailing title won by Kinsey. The Fort Myers sailor won the Optimist Pram national title in 1969-70 and the M-20 national crowns in 1972-73.

"Every race in the series was close," Kinsey said. "When you sail against competition like Brett Hatton and Larry Price you better be on your toes."

Kinsey was on his toes as he piloted his 16-foot scow with the precision of a surgeon as he



News-Press/Mike Gill

Scooter Kinsey didn't need the final day to win

sliced the fleet apart in Friday and Saturday's races.

Hatton, from Grand Rapids, Mich., won second place in the regatta with finishes of 10-2-1-1. Price, from Muskegon, Mich., finished third with scores of 1-3-8-3.

Final results of the 1980 National MC Midwinter Championship:

1. Kinsey	Fla.	2-1-3-2
2. Hatton	Mich.	10-2-1-1

3. L. Price	Mich.	1-3-8-3
4. Raube	Mich.	5-6-2-4
5. Walborn	Mich.	3-4-6-8
6. Nickels	Mich.	7-9-4-5
7. K. Price	Mich.	8-7-10-6
8. Keenan	Mich.	14-5-7-7
9. Kwasha	Ga.	11-13-5-10
10. Crum	Fla.	13-10-9-12
11. Knape	Mich.	12-11-11-11
12. Tucker	Ill.	4-14-15-14
13. Greene	Tex.	6-8-DNS-13
14. Walborn	Mich.	16-15-13-9
15. Root	Mich.	9-16-16-16
16. Tipton Jr.	Tenn.	17-12-14-15
17. DeWitt	Fla.	DNF-19-12-17
18. Perry	Fla.	19-17-DNS-18
19. Smith	Ga.	15-DNS-DNS-DNS
20. Fauquet	Fla.	18-18-DNS-DNS
21. Fuller	Fla.	DNS-DNS-DNS