

THE 1980 NATIONAL REGATTA was a huge success! Sponsored by Fleet 13 of Delta Sailing Ass'n of Memphis, at Lake Arkabutla October 3-4-5, this was a memorable event. Henry Tipton and all the fleet did a fine job on the arrangements and we thank each and everyone for their hospitality and opportunities to see old friends and make new ones. There's no doubt Fleet #13 tithes to the wind god, and not just "nickle and dime stuff!" If the wind slacked off in three days, we must have slept through it! Crews were drafted, everyone soaked, then back out for the next trip around the course, still soggy and cold. Some of the crews don't climb aboard too often, and we had to hand it to them--they hung on and hiked out like pros!

AND THE WINNERS ARE - Happy Fox and young son Peter, 1st place trophy as well as winners of the Morency trophy for winners of the 1st race. Happy, Gary Verplank 2nd and Tad Welch, 4th well represented Spring Lake, Mi., Fleet #7. Bill Freytag, 3rd, from Wisconsin, carried Melges' banner; Fleet #3, Lake Lanier, Ga., is proud of Willi Lenkeit, 5th and Jim Moss, 6th. Mike Huck (formerly of Michigan) 7th, Herm Nickels 8th and Frank Keenan 10th of Fenton, Mi. Fleet #6, took home trophies, while Jake Kopp in 9th took one for the home Fleet #13. Congratulations! On the light side, a special award went to Carl Reuter Dahl for being a terrific sport after taking a swim and breaking his mast at the dock---another trophy to Spring Lake! Would you believe with engraved plaque and a hand-painted scene of Lake Arkabutla--on a lid for the loo???

A special thank you to Sunny and Fred Reutlinger, formerly of Charter Fleet #1, Shreveport, for joining us and providing a spectator boat, rescuing a Hobie (what's that?), and Sunny's medicine bag for the "wounded." (Fred's "medicine" was pretty good too!)

THE ANNUAL MEETING was held Saturday evening, October 4, in Hernando, Miss., chaired by Rear Commodore Dave Greene. Pete Smith has resigned effective October 3 as Commodore due to the press of business. The minutes of the meeting are excerpted as follows:

Cotton scale for boat weighing at National Regattas will be purchased. The Board's suggested minor changes to Constitution and By-laws were approved by the voting membership; changes to be incorporated in reprinted By-laws book, due for circulation about January 1st. All boats now in existence to be grandfathered with respect to any By-law changes approved. Voting membership authorized Board to license additional builders of MC, strictly in conformance with Ass'n By-laws, and subject to inspection/approval of boats so produced for continuing conformance. (Two interested prospective builders have been notified of Ass'n action as well as Melges.) Ass'n has joined U. S. Yacht Racing Union and obtained insurance through USYRU to cover Ass'n sponsored National and Mid-winter Regattas. Fleet 11, Ft. Myers, Fla., has become inactive and cannot sponsor future Mid-winters at Royal Palm Yacht Club. (New location being investigated; announcement of place and date due 12-1-80 prox.) 1981 National Regatta invitation from Tulsa Fleet 13 voted for acceptance, tentatively for first weekend in October. Following election, new Board of Governors' members, or those continuing terms are:

Commodore Henry Tipton - 4678 Kitty Cove, Memphis, Tn. 38128 (Eff. 10-4-80 through 1981)
 Larry Price - 1706 Ruddiman, Muskegon, Mi. 49441 (Term exp. 1981)
 Dr. J. B. "Bill" Crum - PO Box 566, Bartow, Fl. 33830 (Term exp. 1983)
 Larry Campbell - 1302 North Ash, Broken Arrow, Ok. 74012 (Term exp. 1983)
 Mike Huck - 255 Madrid Court, Satellite Beach, Fl. 33937 (Term exp. 1982)
 Dr. Dave Greene - 2837 W. Illinois, Dallas, Tx. 75233 (Term exp. 1981)
 Frank Keenan, Resident Agent, 922 Worchester Dr., Fenton, Mi. 48430

FLEET #14 - LAKE LOTAWANA - Held it's 1st annual MC Regatta September 13-14, at the Missouri Yacht Club. Ron DeWitte reports 17 boats participated in a very successful event. Two races sailed Saturday, one Sunday. Of the 5 boats single-handed, 4 placed in the top 6. Wind was 10-15, with one race a real "barn-burner." Winner was John Taylor, Tulsa, followed by Dave Greene, Dallas; Orlando Webb, Lotawana; Larry Campbell, Tulsa; Tom Willis, Lotawana.

1981 MIDWINTERS - Mike Huck has been appointed Regatta Chairman, and reports location in the process of being firmed up, about 100 mi. so. of Daytona, Fl. Tentative dates, March 6-7-8.

1980 NATIONAL REGATTA - MC CLASS - OCTOBER 3-4-5, LAKE ARKABUTLA, MISS.

Sponsor: Fleet #13, Delta Sailing Association - Memphis, Tennessee

Thirty-one boats participated, coming from Michigan, Wisconsin, Georgia, Texas, La. Florida, Oklahoma and Memphis fleet.

Course sailed was two triangles and a windward leg. Conditions were cloudy, temperature 57 - 72° in the sun, when you could find it! Winds, sometimes 5-8, mostly 18-22, gusting to 30 knots, unreal 90° shifts. 75% of fleet carried crews in scow usually single-handed. Capsizes were many and writer lost count! For conditions, boat damage was minimal, although several skippers went home with bent spars. One unfortunate had his mast break in his hand as he tipped boat at dock to drain it between races.

Race #1 got underway Friday afternoon in winds 15-18, gusting to 22, with waves many proclaimed 2-3', and unwary were initiated to the wind shifts peculiar to this lake. Host Henry Tipton capsized at the start, swam his boat ashore; on reaching the dock he injured his knee and retired to his shore duties for the rest of the regatta. 3rd downwind leg saw mid-pack boats bunch up and many collisions. Finish order, Fox, Freytag, Kopp, Reuter Dahl, Verplank.

Race #2 - Same conditions. From the start Willi Lenkeit left the pack, and held a good lead till Happy Fox caught him and took another 1st. 2nd, Lenkeit, 3rd Moss, 4th Verplank, 5th Huck.

Race #3 Saturday morning was abandoned. Winds 20-25, gusting to 30, and blowing straight in to shore, preventing boats from leaving dock.

Race #4, the wind had abated somewhat. Bill Freytag got a great early lead, and Gary Verplank closed the gap for 2nd, Fox 3rd, Welch 4th and Lenkeit 5th.

Race 5 - was a hair raiser as winds increased almost to "survival" level. Verplank left no doubt he would hold onto to his early lead and take 1st. Fox 2nd, Freytag 3, Welch 4, Huck 5th.

Race 6 - Sunday AM temperatures warmed, wind abated to 5-8; many crews were left at the dock---mistake! Wind picked up 12-15, gusting to 18, with increased shifts. Verplank 1st, Greene 2nd, Lenkeit 3rd, Fox 4th, Freytag 5th.

Race 7 - Winds held steady 12-15 with those pesky shifts. Bob Kwasha came out of the pack to hold a good lead till Happy Fox pulled another 1st out of his bag, followed over the finish line by Welch, Greene, Verplank and Dorn.

INTERNATIONAL MC CLASS SAILBOAT RACING ASSOCIATION - 1980 NATIONAL REGATTA RESULTS

Sponsor - Fleet #13 - Delta Sailing Association, Memphis, Tenn.

Place - Lake Arkabutla, Hernando, Mississippi

Dates - October 3-4-5, 1980

Place	Boat No.	SKIPPER		Friday		Saturday			Sunday	
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	500 ✓	Happy Fox	Mich.	1	1		3	2	4	1
2	525 ✓	Gary Verplank	Mich.	5	4		2	1	1	4
3	592 ✓	Bill Freytag	Wis.	2	9	A B A N D O N E D	1	3	5	6
4	315 ✓	Tad Welch	Mich.	6	7		4	4	6	2
5	536 ✓	Willi Lenkeit	Ga.	16	2		5	11	3	9
6	583 ✓	Jim Moss	Ga.	8	3		7	31	7	15
7	495 475 ✓	Mike Huck	Fla.	13	5		8	5	11	13
8	297 ✓	Herm Nickels	Mich.	7	6		9	8	12	16
9	511 ✓	Jake Kopp	Memphis	3	8		20	6	14	18
10	388 ✓	Frank Keenan	Mich.	9	13		10	10	8	12
11	513 ✓	Ray Self	Memphis	10	10		16	7	9	19
12	367 ✓	George Dorn	Wis.	12	11		11	13	19	5
13	540 ✓	Chuck Blue	Okla.	11	12	A B A N D O N E D	14	9	10	31
14	544 ✓	Dave Greene	Texas	17	19		15	31	2	3
15	288 ✓	Bob Kwasha	Ga.	27	21		6	20	17	11
16	514 ✓	Bill Crum	Fla.	15	16		23	15	31	8
17	593 ✓	Chris Rooke	Memphis	14	17		31	12	20	14
18	69 ✓	John Halbeisen	Mich.	20	18		17	DNF	18	7
19	47 ✓	Ken Sedick	Mich.	18	15		13	21	15	17
20	217 ✓	Eldon Irving	Texas	23	30		19	18	22	10
21	532 ✓	John Taylor	Okla.	22	23		21	16	13	31
22	445 ✓	Carl Reuterdahl	Mich.	4	14		18	31	DNS	DNS
23	<i>since pulled</i> 529 ✓ 90	Larry Campbell	Okla.	26	20	A B A N D O N E D	24	14	16	31
24	141 ✓	Don Kimmell	La.	19	26		22	22	21	31
25	569 ✓	Russell Jones	Memphis	25	27		26	19	23	21
26	494 ✓	Tim Little	Memphis	21	22		12	31	31	31
27	465 ✓	Gary Tatge	Mich.	24	25		31	17	25	31
28	591 ✓	Joe Royer	Memphis	28	31		27	31	24	22
29	161 ✓	Ross Crouch	Memphis	29	28		25	DNF	31	20
30	7 ✓	Shelby Lee	Memphis	31	31		31	31	31	31
31	377 ✓	Henry Tipton	Memphis	DNF	DNS		DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS

Trophies awarded to 1st ten places.

MORENCY Perpetual Trophy, awarded to winner of 1st Race - Happy Fox #500.