

Richards Wins MC Scow Crown

Feb. 17, 1975

Paul Richards of Grand Rapids, Mich., captured a fifth place Sunday and the National MC Mid-Winter sailing crown after three days and five races sailed on the Caloosahatchee River.

Richards tallied finishes of 1-12-2-4-5 to defeat George Hiller's 8-3-1-9-3.

The National MC Scow Regatta, sailed out of the Royal Palm Yacht Club, had 25 sailors from various parts of the country competing.

Wally Pack topped the local contingent of sailors, finishing 13th overall with tallies of 13-11-15-11-9. Tom Woods finished 17th in the regatta followed by

Terri Butler, 19th and Ray Fauquet 23rd.

National MC Mid-Winter Sailing (Final Standings)

Paul Richards (1-12-2-4-5); George Hiller (8-3-1-9-3); Carl Reuterdaahl (17-8-7-1-2); Happy Fox (3-10-8-3-4); Larry Price (18-4-3-6-6); Frank Keenan (16-5-6-2-7); Willi Lenkeit (2-9-DNF-8-8); Bob Lewis (4-2-11-13-19); Gary Verplank (14-1-10-7-16); Marv Miner (7-13-4-15-10); Karl Theiss (6-7-16-10-11); Wendy Lewis (11-6-12-12); Wally Pack (13-11-15-11-9); Bruce Protzeller (5-15-20-14-12); Pete Smith Sr. (10-23-9-18-17); Win Craven (15-14-DNS-DNS-1); Tom Woods (19-16-21-5-18); Bill Crum (12-18-17-20-14); Ernest Wolfman (9-DNS-DNS-DNS-15); Terri Butler (23-17-13-17-20); Pete Smith Jr. (24-19-5-23-21); Ray Vyvyan (20-20-19-16-DNS); Ray Fauquet (21-22-14-22-22); Hill Belmont (22-21-22-21-23); Phyllis Strobel (25-DNS-DNS-DNS-DNS).

Two Area Swimmers

Richards Retains National MC Lead

Paul Richards of Grand Rapids, Mich., turned in finishes of 12-2-4 Saturday to add to his first-place win Friday and maintains the lead of the National MC Mid-Winter Championships being sailed on the Caloosahatchee River.

Richards, a 22-year-old sporting goods salesman, will have a showdown with George Hiller and Happy Fox for the Mid-Winter title today in the fifth and final race of the three-day series sponsored by the Royal Palm Yacht Club.

Hiller holds down second place with finishes of 8-3-1-9 while Fox has finishes of 3-10-8-3.

A brisk wind tunnelled down the Caloosahatchee Saturday sending the 16-foot scows scurrying around the Olympic course.

Wally Pack still leads the local contingent of MC participants. Pack, in 13th place, has finishes of 13-11-15-11 to his credit. Tom Woods is in 16th place followed by Terri Butler in 18th and Ray Fauquet in 21st position.

National MC Mid-Winter Standings (after four races)

Paul Richards (1-12-2-4); George Hiller (8-3-1-9); Happy Fox (3-10-8-3); Frank Keenan (16-5-6-2); Bob Lewis (4-2-11-13); Larry Price (18-4-3-6); Gary Verplank (14-1-10-7); Carl Reuterdaahl (17-8-7-1); Karl Theiss (6-7-16-10); Marv Miner (7-13-4-15); Wendy Lewis (11-6-12-12); Willi Lenkeit (2-9-DNF-8); Wally Pack (13-11-15-11); Bruce Protzeller (5-15-20-14); Pete Smith (10-23-9-18); Tom Woods (19-16-21-5); Bill Crum (12-18-17-20); Terri Butler (23-17-13-17); Pete Smith Jr. (24-19-5-23); Ray Vyvyan (20-20-19-16); Ray Fauquet (21-22-14-22); Hill Belmont (22-21-22-21); Ernest Wolfman (9-DNS-DNS); Win Craven (15-14-DNS-DNS); Phyllis Strobel (25-DNS-DNS-DNS).

Close Finish In MC Scow Debut

By MIKE GILL

News-Press Boating Writer

Paul Richards withstood a last ditch effort by National Champion Willi Lenkeit on the final leg Friday, winning by inches, to capture the opening race of the National MC Scow Mid-Winter Championship Regatta being sailed on the Caloosahatchee River.

Richards, a 22-year-old sporting goods salesman from Grand Rapids, Mich., led most of the way despite heavy pressure from Lenkeit of Athens, Ga., and Happy Fox, of Grand Rapids.

"I didn't know who won until I was halfway in," said Richards after the victory.

A gentle breeze and sunshine greeted the 25 sailors as they battled in the opening race near the host Royal Palm Yacht Club.

The five-race, three-day series will continue today with three races. The fifth and final race of the championship will be sailed Sunday.

Richards, who won the MC class in last week's Edison Pageant of Light Regatta, said his main goal at the start was to "stay in clean air."

"I had an excellent start and clean air most of the way," he added.

At the final mark Richards was ahead of Lenkeit by 10-15 feet and had him well covered. Lenkeit then tacked, breaking Richard's cover and both boats beat towards the finish line on opposite tacks.

"I elected not to tack with Lenkeit and continue the cover because Happy Fox was moving up fast," Richards said. "I didn't want to get into a tacking duel with Lenkeit and have Fox go ahead."

Lenkeit and Richards converged on the finish line on opposite tacks. Richards was pinching to make the line while Lenkeit had superior boatspeed. Richards crossed the line nearly two seconds ahead of the defending National champ.

Fox finished moments behind, in third place, followed by Bob Lewis, Bruce Protzeller and Karl Theiss.

Wally Pack topped the local contin-

gent of participants, finishing 13th. Tom Woods finished 19th, Ray Fauquet 21st and Terri Butler 23rd.

MC MID-WINTER STANDINGS

(First Race Only)

Paul Richards, Grand Rapids, Mich., (1); Willi Lenkeit, Athens, Ga., (2); Happy Fox, Grand Rapids, Mich., (3); Bob Lewis, Spring Lake, Mich., (4); Bruce Protzeller, Shreveport, La., (5); Karl Theiss, Orland, (6); Marv Miner, Grand Rapids, Mich., (7); George Hiller, Troy, Wisc., (8); Ernest Wolfman, Maitland, (9); Pete Smith, Flowery Branch, Ga., (10).

Wendy Lewis, Grandville, Mich., (11); Bill Crum, Barlow, (12); Wally Pack, Fort Myers, (13); Gary Verplank, Spring Lake, Mich., (14); Win Craven, Lake Geneva, Wisc., (15); Frank Keenan, Fen-ton, Mich., (16); Carl Reuterdahl, Spring Lake, Mich., (17); Larry Price, Muskegon, Mich., (18); Tom Woods, Fort Myers, (19); Ray Vvyan, Flint, Mich., (20).

Ray Fauquet, Fort Myers, (21); Hill Belmont, Athens, Ga., (22); Terri Butler, Fort Myers, (23); Pete Smith, Flowery Branch, Ga., (24) and Phyllis Strobel, Flowery Branch, Ga., (25).

MC Scow Mid-Winter Sail Tops Brisk Sailing Weekend

By MIKE GILL
News-Press Boating Writer

The best MC Scow sailors in the nation will answer the starting gun today in the opening race of the National MC Mid-Winter Championship to be sailed on the Caloosahatchee River.

The five-race, three-day championship regatta, hosted by the Royal Palm Yacht Club, will have skippers representing Louisiana, Michigan, Georgia, Wisconsin and Florida dueling around an olympic course.

The MC nationals will be one of several sailing and powerboating events taking place this weekend on Southwest Florida waters.

Offshore sailboats will have an opportunity to wage war Saturday on the Caloosahatchee Marching and Chowder Society's season opener race in the Gulf of Mexico. It will be a 14-mile around-the-buoys race with a 10 a.m. start off the Fort Myers Beach fishing pier.

The Fort Myers Power Squadron, Cape Coral Power Squadron and the San Carlos Bay Power Squadron will take part in the Edison Pageant of Light boatcade Saturday in the Caloosahatchee. Boats are scheduled to rendezvous at the Cape Coral bridge at 11:15 a.m. and set course for the city yacht basin and a return trip back. According to Fort Myers Power Squadron Commander Jim Heiman, a large fleet is expected.

On Sunday the Punta Gorda Sailing Club will hold their third race of the Winter Sailing series on Charlotte Harbor. A 1:30 p.m. start is scheduled just west of the Barron Collier Bridge.

The opening race of the National MC Scow event will be 2 p.m. today. Three races are slated for Saturday with the regatta finale set for Sunday morning.

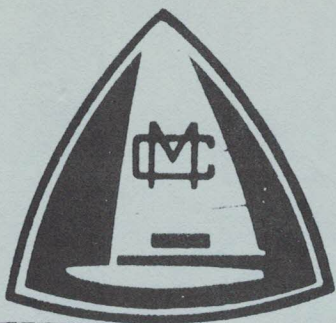
Several scow skippers used last week's Edison Pageant of Light Regatta as a tune-up event for today's opener. Paul Richards and Happy Fox of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Tom Woods of Fort Myers placed 1-2-3 in the event.



News-Press Photo By MIKE GILL

MC SCOWS BEGIN NATIONAL MID-WINTERS
... opening race today on Caloosahatchee River

Among the participants will be National Champion Willie Lenkeith from Atlanta, Ga., and MC Class Commodore Frank Keenan from Fenton, Mich.



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FROM THE COMMODORE'S DOCK

MARCH, 1975

The 1975 MC Midwinter Regatta - hosted by the Royal Palm Yacht Club, Fort Myers, Florida, Feb. 14-16 - is history. All hands will attest this third annual regatta was an exceptional event. The Almighty provided most favorable weather conditions - the States of Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Michigan and Wisconsin provided an agreeable, enthusiastic, hard sailing fleet of twenty-five MC's. Five races were sailed. After the race committee computed the scores, allowing for a throw-out, Paul Richards, Fleet #10, Grand Rapids Y.C. was number one. Goober Hiller, who had flown down from college in DePere, Wis. for this event, second place. Third, Carl Reuter Dahl, Fleet #7, Spring Lake Y.C.; fourth, Happy Fox, Fleet #10; and fifth, Larry Price, Fleet #8, Muskegon Y.C. Only $3\frac{1}{4}$ points separated third from sixth place. Michigan fleets had a triple deck and two double deck trailers to assist its sailors moving their boats some 1400 miles to participate - an idea other fleets might consider for upcoming events.

Paul Richards, who gave up Snipes a year ago to join the MC Association, was tough. Down a week early to "warm up" - he did - winning the MC class in the 10th Annual Edison Pageant of Light Regatta. It was the largest grouping of one design sailboats ever assembled in Southwest Florida. Nine classes, sixty boats - eight MC's - sailed a series in the lightest wind conditions possible and the MC proved to be a very fast boat in light air. Happy Fox was second to Paul by $\frac{1}{4}$ point and Tom Woods, Royal Palm Y.C. was third.

WELCOME ABOARD FLEET #11 - ROYAL PALM YACHT CLUB, FORT MYERS, FLORIDA! The association presented a charter to Fleet Captain, Ray Fauquet at the Saturday evening Regatta Social. After the presentation Mr. J. K. Hiller, East Troy, Wisconsin, made known his intentions to have Fleet #12 domiciled in Wisconsin. Remember, sailors, it only takes a group of owners of three MC's to apply for a charter. (By-Laws, Article IV)

If your fleet has not provided the Fleet Captain's name to the secretary, please do so. Second request. Membership dues are past due. If you have not paid, please do so! Send your \$5.00 to the treasurer, Bob Lewis, 3260 S. Ottawa, Grandville, Michigan 49418. Work has already begun on the 1975 Yearbook. Members should review their yearbook and notify the secretary "pronto" of any changes needed; boat number, address, etc.; to correct or up-date the '74 issue.

Regatta Schedule
We hope your plans have been made to sail these events -

April 25, 26, 27. S.Y.C. Shreveport, La. 1975 HOLIDAY-IN-DIXIE

August 15, 16, 17 M.Y.C. Muskegon, Michigan. MC NATIONAL

CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA AND ANNUAL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

(an IMCCSRA sanctioned event open to association members only)

August 23, 24 (L.F.S.C.) Fenton, Michigan. 2nd MC INVITATIONAL

September

(S.L.Y.C.) Spring Lake Michigan

A reminder - members having boats equipped with air bags must install foam flotation by November 19, 1975. (By-Laws, Article IX, Section 23)

See you all "IN-DIXIE"