

1995 "Nothing's Finer" MC Regatta

October 27-29, 1995, Fleet 50 Lake Norman YC, NC

Submitted by Fleet Captain Jim Houser.

LNYS's MC Scow Fleet #50 hosted its first annual "Nothing's Finer" MC Scow Regatta on October 27-29. Six skippers from Wisconsin, Michigan and Georgia joined Ken Dols, Jerry Holleman, Jay Cullinan and Jim Houser from LNYC to enjoy LNYC hospitality and zesty winds for the weekend. Scott Harestad of Lake Lanier Sailing Club, Atlanta, Georgia assisted by his wife Linda, won the overall regatta. Bill Freytag of Lake Geneva Yacht Club, Fontana, Wisconsin, retired Melges Boat Works Vice President and frequent crew of Buddy Melges over the years, won second place overall. Randy Mintken newly relocated from Wisconsin to Charlotte finished third overall.

Single-handed trophies were awarded to Bill Freytag, Randy Mintken and Tom Schmidt. The single-handed sailors deserve special recognition as the winds on Saturday were 22 knots steady, gusting to 28 knots.

Three races were sailed on Saturday and two on Sunday. Jay Cullinan provided wonderful food at the Friday night supper and hearty breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday. Ken Dols suggested the regatta be named "Nothing's Finer . . ." Several people liked the sound of that. Let's use that in the future.

Sailing results:

| Place | Skipper | Club | Boat No. |
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| 1 | Scott Harestad | LLSC/GA | 1119 |
| 2 | Bill Freytag* | LGYC/WI | 1222 |
| 3 | Randy Mintken* | LNYS/NC | 485 |
| 4 | Dave Bedau | WLYC/MI | 1455 |
| 5 | Tom Schmidt* | LGYC/WI | 1278 |
| 6 | Mike Sherin* | LGYC/WI | 1500 |
| 7 | Ken Dols* | LNYS/NC | 1261 |
| 8 | Jay Cullinan* | LNYS/NC | 488 |
| 9 | Jim Houser* | LNYS/NC | 1669 |
| 10 | Jerry Holleman* | LNYS/NC | 524 |

* Single-handed



Lake Norman Skippers and Crews Left to Right:
 Ken Dols, Tom Schmidt, Scott Harestad, Bill Freytag,
 Barb Bedau, Dave Bedau, Randy Mintken, Mike Sherin,
 Linda Harestad, Jay Cullinan, Jim Houser