

Saturday, Feb. 24, 1973

MC Regatta Under Way

The first mid-winter sailboat regatta for the 16-foot MC scow will get underway today at the Royal Palm Yacht Club. An expected 20 skippers, representing Wisconsin, Michigan, Louisiana, Georgia and Florida, will be attempting to outwit each other on the triangular course in the Caloosahatchee River.

The two day event will cast off today at 10 a.m. with one race. Two heats starting at 2 p.m. will follow. Two additional races on Sunday morning will conclude the five-race regatta.

The 16-foot MC scow is a one design class from the drawing board of Harry Melges Sr., a winter resident of Fort Myers. The boat carries a single 135 square feet sail and can be sailed either singled handed or with a two-man crew.

Local skippers who will command their ships in the event will be Dr. Robert Boudreau, Ray Fauquet and winter resident Buck Basinger.

Jim Kinsey and Fauquet will be acting as race officials.

Twelve skippers participated in a "tune-up" race Friday with Harry Protzeller of Shreveport, La., crossing the finish line first. Bill Freytag of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin placed second, Frank Keenan of Fenton, Mich., third and Steve Page representing Winter Park, Fla., fourth.

Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Press,

Sunday, February 25, 1973 :

Bill Freytag Leads MC's

Bill Freytag of Lake Geneva, Wisc., captured three first place finishes Saturday to dominate the MC Scow Mid-Winter Regatta sponsored by the Royal Palm Yacht Club in the Caloosahatchee River.

Nineteen skippers from Michigan, Wisconsin, Louisiana, Georgia and Florida participated in the event.

Harry Protzeller of Shreveport, La., is in second place with three second place finishes, Willie Lenkeit of Decatur, Ga., and Frank Keenan of Fenton, Mich., are tied for third place with finishes of 5-4-3 and 4-3-5 respectively.

In fourth place is John Sewell while Steve Page is fifth. Both Sewell and Page are representing Winter Park.

The results of the local contingent of MC skippers were unavailable.

The final two races will be sailed today to determine the Mid-Winter champ.

Fort Myers (Fla.) News- 5-C
Press, Monday, Feb. 26, 1973

Freytag Wins Sailing Event For MC Scows

Bill Freytag of Fontana, Wis. became the Midwinter Champion of the MC Scow sailors in the regatta concluded Sunday at the Royal Palm Yacht Club.

Second place went to Harry Protzeller of Shreveport, La., with Willi Lenkeit of Decatur, Ga. coming in third. Frank Keenan of Fenton, Mich. took fourth place laurels and rounding out the finishers that received trophies was Steve Page of Winter Park, Fla.

Other Florida sailors in the event included John Sewell of Winter Park with a sixth, Ralph Green of Orlando with a seventh, Karl Theiss of Orlando eighth, Ernest Wolfman of Maitland 10th, Malcolm Kerstein of Winter Park in 11th, Bill Crum of Bartow was 12th, Ray Judd of Winter Park in 13th, Ray Fauquet of Fort Myers in 14th and Bob Beaudreau of Fort Myers was 17th.

Nineteen skippers participated in the first Midwinter Championship Regatta sailed in the 16-foot MC scow sailboats. It was hosted by the Royal Palm Yacht Club and sanctioned by the International MC Class Sailboat Racing Association.

Ray J.

1973 MC MIDWINTER REGATTA

Feb 24-25 1973

Royal Palm Yacht Club

Skipper		Boat			Finishes					Total Points	Final Standing
		No.	Net* Wt.	Sailed Wt.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th		
1	H. Pretzler	10	447	447	2	2	2	4	1	10 3/4	2 nd
2	P. Strobel	16	459	459	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	93	18 th
3	Kirk Milam	35	395	420	15	6	7	9	9	46	9 th
4	W. Lenkeit	36	423	423	5	4	3	1	5	17 3/4	3 rd
5	Roy Judd	37	415	420	12	17	16	12	13	70	13 th
6	J. Sewell	38	415	420	3	8	6	7	4	28	6 th
7	R. Greene	44	425	425	9	9	4	8	7	37	7 th
8	R. Beaudreau	48	425	425	16	16	17	16	12	77	17 th
9	R. Fauquet	51	415	420	11	15	14	13	DNS	72	14 th
10	B. Basinger	55	410	420	DNF	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	94	19 th
11	P. Smith	60	410	420	DNF	12	15	14	14	73	15 th
12	S. Page	80	430	430	6	5	8	5	3	27	5 th
13	W. Freytag	84	429	429	1	1	1	2	2	6 1/4	1 st
14	W. Crum	72	430	430	14	13	12	15	10	64	12 th
15	F. Keenan	88	415	420	4	3	5	3	6	21	4 th
16	H. Bermant	119	508	508	13	11	13	DNF	DNS	75	16 th
17	K. Theiss	34	415	420	7	10	9	6	8	40	8 th
18	E. Wolfman	46	425	425	8	7	10	10	11	46	10 th
19	M. Kerstein	39	375	420	10	14	11	11	15	62 1/2	11 th
20	(Crum's old boat)	18	439								

*Note: Some boats were equipped with lead before arrival, so true net weight was less than shown above.

FIRST MC MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

February 24-25, 1973

SANCTIONED by: International MC Class Sailboat Racing Association

HOST: Royal Palm Yacht Club, Fort Myers, Florida

S A I L I N G I N S T R U C T I O N S

SCHEDULE:

Friday, February 23, 1973

Registration and Weigh-In

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Skippers Meeting

3:00 PM

Tune-Up Race

3:45 PM Warning Gun

Saturday, February 24, 1973

Registration and Weigh-IN

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Skippers Meeting

9:15 AM

First Race 9:30 Half Hour Gun

10:00 AM Warning Gun

Second Race 1:30 PM Half Hour Gun

2:00 PM Warning Gun

Third Race

Immediately after Second Race

Sunday, February 25, 1973

Skippers Meeting

9:15 AM

Fourth Race 9:30 AM Half Hour Gun

10:00 AM Warning Gun

Fifth Race

Immediately after Fourth Race

The Race Committee may alter this schedule as it thinks desirable.

RULES:

All races will be sailed in accordance with these instructions, the current rules of the North American Yacht Racing Union, and the Rules of Racing of the IMCCSRA.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY - MEASUREMENT AND WEIGHING:

Yachts of MC Racing Association members may be entered by completing entry formalities at the Regatta Registration table in the R.P.Y.C. clubhouse. Hulls and sails will not be measured; however, boats will be weighed. The Board of Governors of the IMCCSRA has authorized this regatta to be conducted using 420 pounds as the minimum weight to evaluate the merits of this weight, which most consider to be more suitable than the present 440-pound minimum.

COURSES AND COURSE SIGNALS - TIME LIMIT

The preferred course will be a triangle followed by windward, leeward, and windward legs, leaving all marks to port. The triangle will be either equilateral, or isosceles with 45, 90, 45 degree angles. When conditions make these courses impractical, an all-triangular or a windward-leeward course may be substituted-- either course to finish with a windward leg. Either the preferred course or a triangular course may be modified by specifying that marks be left to starboard, in which case code flag "R" will be displayed in advance.

One of the following letters will be displayed before the Warning Gun (black letter on white board) to announce course shape:

"O" Either of the preferred courses

"T" Triangles plus windward leg

"W" Windward-leeward-windward

The course may not be shortened after the start. Time limit - 2½ hours.

MARKS:

A sample mark and description will be at the skippers' meeting.




ONE-HALF-HOUR GUN:

One gun will be fired and the "RC" flag erected, near the club dock from the Race Committee flagship approximately 1/2 hour before each Warning Signal, except for those races sailed back to back.








STARTS; STARTING AND FINISH LINES:

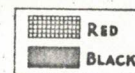
The Warning, Preparatory, and Starting Signals will be made at five-minute intervals, and each lowered 30 seconds before the next. However, for any start following a general recall, the Warning Signal will be omitted. Starting and finish lines will be between the "RC" flag on the flagship and the nearby mark.

OTHER VISUAL SIGNALS AND GUNS:

	<u>Signal</u>	<u>Guns</u>
White Flag	Warning Signal	1
Blue Flag	Preparatory signal (also the finishing signal at the finish line)	1
Red Flag	Starting Signal	1
Code Flag "C" 	Change of Mark Location	1
Code Flag "D" 	Life Jackets	1
Code Flag "F" 	Individual Recall	1 <u>Horn blast per boat</u>

The following may also be used: see NAYRU rule 4.1 for complete definitions:

Answering Pennant 	Postponement	2
	When lowered,	1
First Repeater 	General Recall	2
Code Flag "L" 	Come within hail or Follow Me	1
Code Flag "M" 	Mark	
Code Flag "N" 	Abandonment	3
Code Flag "N" over "X" 	Abandonment and Resail	3
Code Flag "R" 	Reverse Course (leave marks to stbd.)	No guns



CHANGE OF MARK LOCATION:

If necessary after the start to provide a true beat to windward or dead run to leeward, either the windward or the leeward mark will be repositioned. Before any yacht has rounded the preceeding mark, a race committee boat located near that mark will hoist code flag "C" and fire 1 GUN. The committee boat will remain in position until most of the fleet has passed.

LIFE JACKETS:

When code flag "D" is hoisted and one gun fired all sailors shall don life jackets and continue to wear them so long as flag "D" remains hoisted. (Contestants are responsible for their personal safety whether or not code flag "D" has been hoisted.) The USCG requires all boats to carry at least one Coast Guard approved life saving device for each person aboard.

INDIVIDUAL RECALLS:

Individual premature starters will be notified by the flying of code flag "F" and one horn blast for each yacht. The Race Committee will attempt to hail each yacht, and also will attempt to inform her when she has returned for a proper start.

WITHDRAWALS:

Any boat withdrawing from a race must immediately inform the race committee.

SCORING:

1. Each yacht which finishes in a race shall score points as follows:

- a. First place $3/4$ point
- b. Second place and after Place number

At least three races must be completed to complete the Regatta.
There will be no throw out.

2. Each yacht which starts a race but does not finish, including yachts which infringe rules and retire from the race course within a reasonable time, shall score the points for a last place finish based upon the total number of yachts which started that race.
3. Each yacht which infringes rules but does not retire from the race course within a reasonable time, or which is disqualified with or without protest, shall score the points for a last place finish, based on the number of yachts which started that race, plus ten per cent of the number of yachts which started that race. If this formula shall result in a score containing a fractional point, it shall be raised to the next higher whole point.
4. A yacht which fails to start a race shall, for that race, receive the points for a last place finish, based upon the total number of yachts which registered to compete in the series less the number of yachts registered which fail to start at least one race in the series.
5. Should the Protest Committee determine that a yacht has been materially prejudiced by rules infringement by another yacht, the committee may score the prejudiced yacht by averaging its points in all other races of the series, to the nearest tenth of a point, and awarding the result as the prejudiced yacht's score for the race in which it was materially prejudiced.
6. The yacht (or skipper, where applicable) having the lowest total score after the last race of the series shall be deemed the victor.

7. In the event that there shall be two or more yachts having the same score, the tie shall be broken in favor of the yacht having the greater number of first place finishes. If a tie shall remain, the greater number of second place finishes shall control, and so on, until the tie shall be broken. If this method shall fail to resolve the tie, the tie shall stand as the final placings of the series.

PROTESTS:

A yacht intending to protest shall display a red flag, attempt to notify the Race Committee at the finish line of her intention, and meet all other requirements of NAYRU rule 68. The written protest must be filed in the clubhouse with the Race Chairman or his designee with one hour of the landing of the flagship. Normally protests will be heard after the day's racing is completed, in a designated area at the Yacht Club.

CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Any such changes will be posted before the one-half-hour gun for the next scheduled race.

TROPHIES:

Trophies for permanent possession will be awarded for places one through five.

WEATHER:

For information on current weather conditions and forecast, call 936-2057.

SOCIAL SCHEDULE

Friday - Lunch and Dinner at the Club. Order from Menu.

Saturday - 8:00 AM - Free hot muffins, juices, coffee.

Lunch - Hamburger Buffet, following first race.

7:00 PM - Free cocktail party at Club.

8:00 PM - Regatta Dinner:

Chef Salad

Roast Beef

Peas & Mushrooms

Duchess Potatoes

Hot Rolls

Ice Cream with Toasted Coconut

Coffee

Sunday - 8:00 AM - Free juices, blueberry muffins, coffee.

Noon - Brunch Buffet, or order from menu.

1:30 PM - Trophy Presentation by Judge Wally Pack,
Commodore of Royal Palm Yacht Club.