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## Commodore's Corner



After a long winter, the sailing season is finally upon us. In less than two weeks the Masters National Championship will be sailed, sponsored by one of our newest fleets at the Indianapolis Sailing Club on Geist Reservoir. Then, we will be off and running as we head into our summer racing schedule. Additionally, I can report that the National Championship is ready to go and registration is open on our website. We expect a great Nationals at the Pewaukee Yacht Club in Wisconsin. I wonder if this is the year that we have over 100 boats? At the Nationals, I expect you all will see many old friends, renew old rivalries, and enjoy lots of wonderful sailing and onshore activities. Also, please don't forget to support and enjoy our many regional regattas as part of a warm up to our sanctioned events.

I am pleased to announce that our sanctioned events are set through the next three years. Financially, our Class is strong and we continue to maintain our membership levels at over 600 members. Our builder, Melges Boat Works, has been selling many new boats, and the used boat market is on fire. We are lucky to sail in fun venues with great people. I hope to see you on the water, and wish you all good luck and fair winds this year.

Regards, Richard Blake Commodore

## **Editor's Note**



We are so looking forward to this sailing season. The Masters is coming to Indy and we're back at beautiful Pewaukee for Nationals. The Touch of Class will cover all of that in detail in coming issues. For this edition, we are a little late in our production due to coordination of everyon'e work and travel schedules. You do know, we don't do this for a living, right? None the less, we have some great on the water shots and a new face on the cover. I think our Commodore holds the

record for past appearances on the cover, or possibly that guy from New Jersey, so they're both restricted to interior shots until further notice. That said, we need all of you to help send us photos of your events so we can show off your club and racing activity.

Sail fast, Bob Wynkoop Editor

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Meet the Board of Governors



Richard Blake lives in Galloway, Ohio, a suburb of Columbus, Ohio, and Sails out of Hoover Sailing Club. Richard is married to Tracy, and is a father to three girls and a grandfather to two grandchildren. Richard is a Director in the Legal Department of the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation.

Richard currently sails MC # 2161.



**David Helmick** is a MC sailor since 2009, and a longtime Florida one design and off shore sailor. He's the current Commodore of Lake Eustis Sailing Club and often accompanied by his lovely wife Nancy.



Joe Fricton is married to Jenny, and has two boys, Lucas and Charlie. Joe lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and sails on Lake Harriet, He is currently working on growing team racing in the MC fleet. Joe learned to race at the University of Iowa, and is now teaching his love of sailing to his boys. Off

the lake, Joe is an attorney representing dental practices and other small health care businesses.



Mike Keenan started sailing in 1958 with his brother Tom on Spring Lake in a pram with an oarlock on the transom and a skate sail. In the early 1960's we crewed for our Dad on his C Scow and soon thereafter Dad found himself off the boat. In the early 1970's Dad hopped into an MC and Dad and Mom became founding members of the MCSA. Following a career as a carrier-based Naval

Aviator, President of a lighting company, husband to Carol, and father of four.....I purchased my first sailboat, MC 2010. I regained my sea legs as a member of the Hoover Sailing Club and have been active on the regatta circuit for the past seven years. I truly enjoy the friendships, comradery, and competitive spirit found in the MCSA, and I look forward to the opportunities of promoting and enhancing MCSA membership.



Andy McDonald grew up sailing at the Indianapolis Sailing Club. After participating in a few different classes, he decided to campaign a Thistle for many years all around the country. In 2000 he was fortunate enough to win the Highlander Class National Championships. As an empty

nester with three sons out in the world, Andy discovered sailing again through the MC Scow. His first MC Scow race was Race #1 at the 2015 Nationals and he has made several MC regattas since and is a driving force in the new fleet in Indy.



Stefan Schmidt originally from Shorewood (Milwaukee), WI. I started sailing as an X boat crew for renowned M-16, MC racer and ILYA/national race officer, Bill Best on Big Cedar Lake, WI around 1960. Many years later (mid 80s) I started skippering, getting hooked on Badger Tech racing at Hoofers Sailing Club in Madison, WI where

I now live with Kristi Betts (often seen with her bright green kayak at regattas on the circuit). I have owned and raced Lasers, Windsurfers, M-20s, I-20s, E scows and served as Mendota Y.C Commodore in 2001. The MC fleet (since around 2010) is my primary home for racing now. I am so impressed by the joyful and generous spirit of this class and am thankful to all who have helped me try to improve. Where else can someone compete in large venues in all regions of the country against all levels of racing ability?



**Pete Comfort** grew up sailing the Butterfly on Beautiful Torch Lake Michigan and crewing on my dad's E–Scow. In addition to the MC I have also raced the Butterfly, Laser, C–Scow, M–20 and E–Scows. I have been sailing the MC for almost 25 years and love the family feeling the class provides. I have been all over the country sailing and

there is something about MC sailors that are just so welcoming and friendly. My wife Julie is an avid runner and also a great crew for the windy days. I have two daughters 2 and 4 years old that love to watch me sail and jump in the boat whenever they get the chance.



Dan Fink aka "Squad Car."

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## **Pacific Coast Championship**

### Fleet 98 - Mission Bay YC, CA, February

Rank	SailNo	Club	HelmName	R1	R2	R3	R4	<b>R5</b>	R6	<b>R7</b>	R8	Total
1st	1970	MBYC	Keith Sternal	1	1	2	1	1	(8 DNC)		14	6
2nd	1235	MBYC	Howard Macken	2	2	1	2	(3)	1		11	8
3rd	2465	MBYC	Brian Anderson	(3)	3	3	3	2	2		16	13
4th	1684	DLYC	Rod Anliker	(7)	4	4	4	5	3		27	20
5th	2080	PLYC	Jim Magnuson	5	5	6	5	(7)	4		32	25
6th	106	PLYC	Jim Alleg	4	6	5	(8 DNC)	6 )	5		34	26
7th	46	LAYC	Bill Cohen	6	(8 DNC)	7	6	4	8 DNC		39	31

## **Spring Shakedown**

#### Fleet 10 - Grand Rapids YC, MI, May 19-20

lace First Nam	¿Last Name	Class	Club/St	Sail #	R1	pts	R2	pts	R3	pts	R4	pts	Total Award / Trophy
1 Jamie	Kimball	О	010-GRYC/MI Grand Rapids YC, MI	2478	1	1	2	2	4	4	3	3	10 1st Overall
2 Robert	Kimball	О	010-GRYC/MI Grand Rapids YC, MI	2421	7	7	1	1	1	1	4	4	13 2nd Overall
3 Cam	McNeil	О	024-WLYC/MI White Lake YC, MI	2102	9	9	5	5	2	2	1	1	17 3rd Overall
4 Thor	Sorensen	M	010-GRYC/MI Grand Rapids YC, MI	1665	8	8	3	3	5	5	6	6	22 4th Overall, 1st Mas
5 Rick	Busch	M	010-GRYC/MI Grand Rapids YC, MI	2208	2	2	8	8	9	9	5	5	24 5th Overall
6 Daniel	Chappell	M	010-GRYC/MI Grand Rapids YC, MI	1959	12	12	4	4	3	3	8	8	27
7 Curt	Miller	MM	010-GRYC/MI Grand Rapids YC, MI	1701	3	3	7	7	11	11	7	7	28 1st Mega Master
8 Eric	Hood	GM	004-LESC/FL Lake Eustis SC, FL	2700	ocs	17	6	6	6	6	2	2	31 1st Grand Master
9 Robert	Heathcote	GM	018-ILYC/MI Indian Lake YC, MI	2646	5	5	10	10	8	8	11	11	34
10 Austin	Francis	0	028-DLYC/MI Diamond Lake YC, MI	2017	4	4	12	12	7	7	12	12	35
11 Stephen	Novak	GM	024-WLYC/MI White Lake YC, MI	2550	11	11	9	9	10	10	10	10	40
12 Ryan	Gates	0	010-GRYC/MI Grand Rapids YC, MI	2090	6	6	13	13	12	12	13	13	44
13 Vasiliy	Gagin	О	010-GRYC/MI Grand Rapids YC, MI	2395	10	10	14	14	13	13	9	9	46
14 Doug	Brown	0	000-Not member of an MC Fleet	1983	14	14	11	11	15	15	16	16	56
15 Jason	Pursell	О	010-GRYC/MI Grand Rapids YC, MI	1042	13	13	16	16	14	14	14	14	57
16 Otto	Muller	М	010-GRYC/MI Grand Rapids YC, MI	941	15	15	15	15	16	16	15	15	61
17 Lee	Begrow	М	010-GRYC/MI Grand Rapids YC, MI	2498	16	16	17	17	DNC	20	17	17	70
18 Andrew	Rundquist	GM	010-GRYC/MI Grand Rapids YC, MI	1842	DNC	20	DNC	20	DNC	20	DNC	20	80
19 Richard	Meyer	М	010-GRYC/MI Grand Rapids YC, MI	1835	DNC	20	DNC	20	DNC	20	DNC	20	80

## **Scowabunga**

#### Fleet 82 - Privateer YC, TN, May

BOAT NO	SKIPPER	AGE	RACE1	RACE2	RACE3	RACE4	RACE5	TOTAL	PLACE
1863	STEVE SHERMAN	MM	4	1	2			7	1
1977	ROBERT COLE	GM	3	2	3			8	2
1699	JEAN-PIERRE	U50	5	5	1			11	3
1860	FRED HERR	GM	1	6	6			13	4
1922	STEVE NORTH	U50	6	4	7			17	5
1292	MARK WHITE	GM	2	15	5			22	6
2557	CHRIS BROOKS	M	15	3	4			22	7
801/214	PAUL HINZE	GM	7	10	8			25	8
2353	WILLIAM NORTH	M	10	7	9			26	9
1341	DAVID LINN	GM	8	8	15			31	10
2303	DAVID VARNELL	MM	9	9	15			33	11
1159	JOSH SNIEDEMAN	U50	12	12	10			34	12
1893	JIM WARD	GM	11	11	15			37	13
892	JOHN HELMAN	MM	15	15	15	·	·	45	14



From day one our sails have proven to be fast out of the bag and caught the eye of top sailors in the MC Class. With continued involvement in the class and fine tuning of our designs they are now at the top of every regatta. The results speak for themselves.

Mari Johnson, Regatta Girl Photograp

Check our website and see the victory list or inquire about our fast sails with John Porter, Ryan Grosch, Mike Considine or our East Coast representative Bob Wynkoop. Make 2018 your year to shine!

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#### **Sarasota Bay Cup**

Fleet 97 - Sarasota Sailing Squadron, FL, March 2-4



The annual Sarasota Sailing Squadron MC Sarasota Bay Cup was held on the blue-green waters of Sarasota Bay March 2 through March 4, 2018. The Melges 14 MidWinter championship was held simultaneously.

14 MC boats plied the warm waters in search for glory, having ventured into the balmy weather from Iowa, New York, Michigan, Wisconsin, and of course Florida.

The MC Cup is scheduled each year on the weekend preceding the MC MidWinters, and offers MC sailors opportunity to bask and to clear months of cobwebs in preparation for the MidWinters. Sarasota offers a wide array of activities for the entire family including Lido Beach less than a mile away from the Squadron. A short drive across the Ringling Bridge brings within reach all Sarasota offers – eateries, galleries, cinema, performances, and museums including the famous Ringling Circus exhibit. MC sailors offer housing upon request and camping on the grounds of

the Squadron is a comfortable alternative with a hot shower readily available.

Friday March 2 – Day One – dawned partly cloudy with temperatures in the lower 70's, and NO SNOW. A front was approaching and as the day progressed the clouds gathered. Nonetheless temperatures moderated into the 80's before starting down for day two. As usual the Sarasota "Doctor" arrived and presented a nice and useful breeze backing through the north toward the west. Race 1 top honors went to Bob Cole, Bob Heathcote, Devon Howe, Ron Hull and Geoff Moehl. As the day progressed and wind somewhat increased, waves were added to the challenges. Race 2 order of finish was Bob Cole, Devon, with new faces Liam Nolte, Richard Elsishans and Chris Gannon. Temperatures began to sink as the afternoon continued. Race 3 top five were Bob Cole, Bob Heathcote, Ron breaking into the top three, then Liam Nolte and Ted Weihe rounded out the group. Even though there was a later start to the sailing, following the registration and meeting, nonetheless good use was

made of the day and a fourth race ensued. Race 4 produced a bit of a shakeup as Devon battled back from an unfortunate race three OCS to take top honors, followed by Bob Cole, Ron, then came David Atkinson and Andy Hodgson making appearances in the top five. Day 1 ended with four races and a good mix of the group in the top 5 at one time or another, showing a large group of contenders

Saturday March 3 – Day Two – started cooler but with bright sun after the cold front had passed through. Wind direction at the outset was just east of north, but a with some added velocity and additional waves. Race 5 proved a battle was brewing as Devon continued his return into the overall top 5, and the finish order was Devon, Bob Cole with Marie McKee aboard for the day, Geoff with this best to date, David, and Chris. Race 6 threw away Devon's OCS and things tightened up a bit with order of finish Bob Cole, Devon, then other familiar faces Bob Heathcote, Ron and Liam. The point difference between Devon and Bob Cole



was reduced to just one. Now the wind backed a bit and built into the low teens, of course with higher waves. Race 7 the seesaw continued for top honors overall, this time Bob Cole carried the race followed by Devon, Ron, Bob Heathcote and Liam. Race 8 the leaders began to concentrate on each other and in so doing they fell back to follow Ron Hull achieving his first regatta win, then Liam and Bob Heathcote, followed by Devon and Bob Cole once again just one overall point apart.

How many regattas finish 8 races with the third day's racing yet to come? It's one of the delights of Sarasota Bay that the wind is sailable far more often than not, and with moderate air and water temperatures for March sailing. Saturday evening included the banquet dinner for sailors and guests, a must-do event.

That being said, Sunday March 4 - Day Three – dawned with the lowest low temperature of the three days, in the high forties. Maybe this low made northern sailors feel more at home. This was another bright sunny day, temperatures rebounded as usual, and the wind direction continued just east of north with more moderate velocity. Race 9 top finishers were Bob Cole, Ron, Richard, Geoff, and Bob Heathcote. In Race 9 disaster struck Devon who had used his throwout to chuck an OCS and now was saddled with a seventh. In Race 10 the ranks were thinner as Andy Hodgson, Lynn Scott, Randy Scott and Andrew Grootendorst

all elected to take the day off. Ted Weihe retired after the first race of the day. So, in Race 10, from the remaining six racers, Devon was not outdone and took top honors, followed by Bob Cole, Bob Heathcote, Richard and David. Finally Race 11 – Race 11(!) – saw Ron Hull have his second regatta win, followed by Devon, David, Richard and Chris.

The final top five order was Bob Cole, Devon Howe, Ron Hull, Bob Heathcote and Richard Elsishans.

Oh, and Harry Melges IV won the M14 regatta, throwing out a second.

And a good time was had by all.

Please join the MC fleet of Sarasota Sailing Squadron for the MC Cup the weekend before Midwinters in 2019.

Pos	Sail	Skipper	Yacht Club	1	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>z</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	Total	Pos
1	1871	Robert Cole	Sarasota Sailing Squadron	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	5	1	2	[6]	17	1
2	2219	DEVON HOWE	Sarasota Sailing Squadron	3	2	[18/OCS]	1	1	2	2	4	7	1	2	25	2
3	2335	Ron Hull	Lake Monona Sailing Club	4	9	3	3	[10]	4	3	1	2	8	1	38	3
4	2646	Bob Heathcote	Indian Lake Yacht Club	2	7	2	7	[8]	3	4	3	5	3	7	43	4
5	2483	Richard Elsishans	Sarasota Sailing Squadron	6	4	6	6	6	[9]	6	6	3	4	5	52	5
6	2622	Christopher Gannon	Lake Geneva	7	5	[10]	9	5	6	7	8	6	7	4	64	6
7	2576	david atkinson	clyc	9	[11]	8	4	4	8	9	7	9	5	3	66	7
8	2553	Liam Nolte	оус	8	3	4	10	9	5	5	2	8	[18/DNC]	18/DNC	72	8
9	2412	Geoffrey Moehl	Lake Eustis Sailing Club	5	10	9	12	3	7	8	10	4	6	[18/DNC]	74	9
10	2581	Ted Weihe	Sarasota Sailing Squadron	13	6	5	11	13	11	11	13	10	[18/DNC]	18/DNC	111	10
11	2610	Andy Hodgson	Sarasota Sailing Squadron	14	13	7	5	7	10	12	9	[18/DNC]	18/DNC	18/DNC	113	11
12	2315	Randy Scott	Sarasota Sailing Squadron	11	8	11	8	12	13	13	12	[18/DNC]	18/DNC	18/DNC	124	12
13	576	Andrew Grootendorst	Indian Lake Yacht Club	10	12	12	13	11	12	10	11	[18/DNC]	18/DNC	18/DNC	127	13
14	2308	Lynn Scott	Sarasota Sailing Squadron	12	14	13	14	[18/DNC]	18/DNC	18/DNC	18/DNC	18/DNC	18/DNC	18/DNC	161	14
15	2223	Burke Wasserman	Pettipaug Fleet 99	[18/DNC]	18/DNC	18/DNC	180T	15								
15	2400	John Tarrant	SSS	[18/DNC]	18/DNC	18/DNC	180T	15								
15	2528	kevin neal	None	[18/DNC]	18/DNC	18/DNC	180T	15								

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## **Midwinter Championship**

Fleet 04 - Lake Eustis SC, FL, March



#### By Bill Draheim

The 2018 MC Midwinters held at Lake Eustis Sailing Club is a wrap. The MC class has been a strong national class for many years and this year's participation was no exception with 57 boats on the line. The fleet enjoyed the entire spectrum of wind conditions from the bottom end all the way to the top (steady 20 mph or gusts at 23 mph).

Lake Eustis is similar to other Scow venues. It is about 4 miles in diameter and more or less a round lake. These venues, not being particularly large, always provide good wind shift conditions.

The first day was the 'breeze' day. The key to the first day was the ability to be

comfortable in the boat at the high end of the wind range and having the fitness to tack, gybe, and change gears.

The best way to get comfortable with the boat in those breezy conditions is to spend time on the water when conditions are at, or better yet, above the class maximums. We are fortunate in TX that we get chances to sail in big breeze as strong winds blow down from the plains quite often. Our year-round calendar also gives many opportunities to sail in these breeze-on conditions. The fitness part is self-explanatory. You don't need me to tell you how to be fit but if you don't work on fitness, you will not be able to sail at your full potential when the breeze is on. To be fair, in the MC class you can add crew when the breeze comes on and I always

have my steady and accomplished crew (Mary Anne) when the wind is up. Our combined weight of around 280 lbs gives us an advantage over a lot of the other teams. A good number of the MC sailors take advantage of the ability to take on crew. Additionally, there are a lot of 230 lb-plus single-handed sailors in the class and they have the ability to sail well in a breeze. If you're a smaller single-handed sailor, you might consider taking on a crew for the higher wind ranges.

Mary Anne and I stretched out a pretty good lead after the first day with a 1st and 2nd. I attribute a lot of that to the fact that we were comfortable in the boat and were able to focus our efforts on being sharp tactically. In race 2, a number of competitors tacked on the downwind

leg instead of gybing. I don't blame them because the wind really kicked up. Again, spending time in max conditions back at home will get you comfortable gybing in those conditions.

Day 2 was the absolute other end of the spectrum. The first race was 6-7 at the start but died to the point where it had to be abandoned. The second race got off and was 5-6 and it was obvious the breeze was dying so the RC smartly shortened at the second weather mark. At the low end of the wind velocity the wind pressure becomes super, super important. Certainly, shifts still matter but what's most important is the velocity. It's really not hard to figure out where the velocity is but it is hard to have the discipline to look for it. While sailing upwind, you're crunched down on the low side of the boat but you have to take the time to stand up in your boat and look way upwind beyond the weather mark to look for the dark water. I try to look a mile beyond the weather or towards the weather shore, whichever is comes first. If you do that enough, you will have a pretty predictable roadmap of where you want to go upwind. Most people do not stand up and look around enough to develop that roadmap.

Finding velocity downwind is even easier. It demands the same discipline in that you have to turn around and look at the boats and wind velocity behind you. It should be quite obvious to anyone which boats are moving faster or slower. Those telltales (i.e. other boats) will show where the wind is in relation to other boats. The combo of the dark water and other boats will help you find the best velocity for your downwind roadmap.

On the downwind leg, there were 10-12 of us in close proximity but 2/3 down the leg, only 4 were left because we successfully managed connecting the velocity dots downwind. That turned the race into a 4-boat race. I was third that race and by

the end of the day we had a 16-point lead on the second-place boat.

Winds were predicted to be light for the final day of the regatta but actually built throughout the day. I sailed by myself the first race and was way overpowered more than half the race. I made a serious mistake at the start of the first race. The winds were predicted to be SE and had been for most of the hour or so before the start. About 6 minutes before the start the breeze shifted about 40 degrees to the right. I kept gazing upwind and saw more pressure from the right-hand side of the course for the entire pre-race. The mistake I made was being over-confident about that side of the course and setting myself up for a huge potential problem if the wind went back left. In addition to starting right near the boat end, I tacked on the first small starboard header and ducked the boats right next to me. About a minute into the race, the wind went 20 degrees left. That left shift remained for at least 3/4 of the first beat. I got nervous and made the second huge mistake. I tacked off of a port lift to get to the left side where I thought the left pressure and port lift were going to hold. By the time I got to the left, the boats I crossed behind on the big port lift to get there were now on the right side of the course and enjoying a huge starboard lift. I rounded the weather mark in the 30s, eventually finished 19th and gave up the lead we had in the regatta.

An even bigger than missing the first two shifts was making myself vulnerable by tacking away from the fleet and putting myself in the position of a port lift putting me so far behind. To win races, a lot of the time you have to be confident and have conviction of where you want to go on the race course and sometimes I am confident to a fault in heading in a direction that I think will work out. That mindset contributed to us building a

substantial lead after 3 races but with a 16 point lead I didn't need to win races, I just needed to not let a big number happen. If I had sailed more conservatively that big number would have been less likely.

Mary Anne and I sailed the last race and that turned out to be the right call. The breeze was on and we had the sense it was going to be a good race for us. We didn't know the exact points of the top finishers and thought we were a point or two behind Rob Seidelmann and weren't sure where others were in the regatta. The right side was way up and this time we were confident in starting next to the boat and sailing on the starboard lift off the line taking advantage of sailing on the lifted tack towards the center of the race course. Our tactical plan changed when we saw Rob take our transom on port tack so we decided to tack over to port to make sure we stayed ahead of him. We were first for most of the race and Rob was in second. Although we didn't know the exact points, our tactical decision was to go where Rob went. Up the final beat, the wind shut off where Rob and we were and the left side came in. We were 3rd, Rob was 5th. Scott Herestad won the race but we didn't know who it was until we got to the dock (he was that far ahead). When we pulled into the dock, our thought was Scott might be ahead of us now. After the scores were posted, there was a three-way tie between us, Scott, and Rob. We won the tiebreaker, Scott was second, and Rob third. A nail biter for sure!

The Nationals will be at Pewaukee Yacht Club August 23-26. There's plenty of time to sail in max conditions to build comfort, work on fitness, and practice looking for the velocity. Rumor has it there will be upwards of 120 boats so hopefully you are one of them – see you there!

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2018 MCSA Midwinter Championship Regatta Lake Eustis Sailing Club, Eustis FL										
HelmName	Club	Class	SailNo	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total	Ranl
Bill Draheim	005-RCYC/TX	М	2005	1	2	3	19	3	28	
Scott Harestad	007-SLYC/MI	M	2702	10	10	2	5	1	28	
Robert Seidelmann	No Fleet	0	2078	3	7	12	1	5	28	
Ted Keller, III	033-TLYC/MI	M	2598	15	3	11	4	4	37	
David Helmick	004-LESC/FL	GM	2543	4	4	24	8	10	50	
Matt Fisher	054-HSC/OH	GM	2437	21	6	6	9	8	50	
	•		2001	9	20		14	9	53	
Andy McDonald	103-ISC/IN	M				1				
Chris Andert	004-LESC/FL	0	2299	13	19	4	16	2	54	
Devon Howe	092-SLSC/NY	M	2407	22	18	5	3	12	60	
Robert Cole, Jr.	097-SSS/FL	GM	1977	8	11	8	6	27	60	1
Eddie Cox	031-LGYC/WI	0	2693	14	1	30	11	11	67	1
Craig Eaton	004-LESC/FL	0	2331	23	13	9	21	16	82	1
Dan Fink	058-LMYC/WI	M	1742	2	22	15	15	31	85	1
David Moring	004-LESC/FL	0	2188	6	56.0 DNF	7	2	15	86	1
Scott Slocum	005-RCYC/TX	M	2699	18	12	26	7	26	89	1
Bob Wynkoop	099-PYC/CT	GM	2175	17	8	32	22	21	100	1
Ryan Grosch	042-LHYC/MN	0	2169	25	9	13	23	30	100	1
Robert Heathcote	018-ILYC/MI	GM	2646	19	5	19	35	28	106	1
ean-Pierre Bordes	004-LESC/FL	0	1699	32	17	34	17	13	113	1
Allan Haeger	015-LBYC/WI	MM	2015	5	56.0 DNC	14	24	20	119	2
Tim McMahon	032-WSC/OK	GM	2349	26	23	31	26	14	120	2
William Hendershot	094-VDM/QC	GM	1712	34	56.0 DNC	21	10	18	139	2
Mike Keenan	054-HSC/OH	MM	2010	11	14	50	37	29	141	2
Keven Briggs	004-LESC/FL	M	2692	20	56.0 DNC	29	12	24	141	2
iam Nolte	•						18	7		2
	064-OYC/IA	M		56.0 DNF	56.0 DNC	10			147	
David Moorhouse	No Fleet	M	207	24	56.0 DNC	36	27	6	149	2
Tom Keenan	006-LFSC/MI	GM	88	33	56.0 DNC	17	20	23	149	2
Ron Hull	No Fleet	0	2335	28	56.0 DNF	18	28	19	149	2
Dale Katzfey	103-ISC/IN	GM		56.0 DNF	26	25	29	22	158	2
Kevin Neal	No Fleet	0	2528	12	15	22	56.0 DNF	56.0 DNC	161	3
Trisha End	No Fleet	W	2270	35	56.0 DNC	20	30	25	166	3
oshua Vink	007-SLYC/MI	0	2676	16	16	23	56.0 DNC	56.0 DNC	167	3
Geoffrey Moehl, Sr.	004-LESC/FL	MM	2412	40	56.0 DNF	16	36	34	182	3
Chris Brooks	004-LESC/FL	GM	1790	56.0 DNF	56.0 DNC	41	13	17	183	3
Charles Kaska	Santa Barbara SC	GM	2538	39	28	37	43	40	187	3
Mike Brown	005-RCYC/TX	M	2645	56.0 DNF	21	35	34	44	190	3
Burke Wasserman	099-PYC/CT	М	2223	30	56.0 OCS	38	32	38	194	3
Phil Ecklund	004-LESC/FL	MM		56.0 DNF	25	40	40	42	203	3
Steven Boho	031-LGYC/WI	M	2614	27	56.0 DNC	50	39	37	209	3
Craig Popp	004-LESC/FL	M	2237	38	27	44	56.0 DNC	45	210	2
Steve Andersen	No Fleet	M		56.0 DNF	56.0 DNC	28	33	36	210	_
Timothy Fredman	044-PNYC/WI	MM		56.0 DNF	56.0 DNC	39	25	35	210	2
lim Ward	068-BYSC/SC	GM	1893	36		59 50	31	39	212	2
	•				56.0 DNC					
Christopher Gannon	031-LGYC/WI	M	2622	37	24	46 27	56.0 DNC	56.0 DNC	219	2
Dennis Fisher	No Fleet	GM		56.0 DNF	56.0 DNC	27	45	43	227	4
ules Parmentier	004-LESC/FL	MM		56.0 DNF	56.0 DNF	33	42	41	228	4
Andrew Grootendorst	018-ILYC/MI	GM		56.0 DNF	56.0 DNC	45	41	32	230	2
eremy Pape	003-LLSC/GA	M	2568	7		56.0 DNC	56.0 DNC	56.0 DNC	231	4
Ronald Reeves	004-LESC/FL	OS		56.0 DNF	56.0 DNC	48	38	33	231	4
lack Stenger Jr	081-CYC/IN	MM	2634	56.0 DNF	56.0 DNC	47	46	46	251	5
leffrey Camiel	005-RCYC/TX	M	2008	29	56.0 DNC	56.0 DNC	56.0 DNC	56.0 DNC	253	5
Ken Felis	No Fleet	GM	2683	56.0 DNF	56.0 DNC	42	44	56.0 DNC	254	5
Clark Wade	054-HSC/OH	M	1796	31	56.0 DNC	56.0 DNC	56.0 DNC	56.0 DNC	255	5
Sara Floyd-Jones	050-LNYC/NC	W	2084	56.0 DNC	56.0 DNC	43		56.0 DNC	267	5
George Benisek	004-LESC/FL	GM		56.0 DNF					280	5

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#### **Train Wreck**

#### Fleet 04 - Lake Eustis SC, FL, February

Train Wreck Reflections by Rob Seidelmann & Becky Ratcliff

Lake Eustis Sailing Club (LESC) is the destination regatta that everyone needs on their bucket list. Sailing is just the beginning of the experience. It's a melting pot for Scow sailors from around the country that come together during the winter months. Upon arrival you'll likely be met by the holler, "Margaritaaaaas" from Mari Johnson of Regatta Girl Photography (RGP) along with many hearty handshakes and hugs. It's a warm welcome.

Train Wreck started Thursday when many trailers began to trickle into the club's lot kicking up dust from all the commotion of arriving competitors. Afternoon practice drew many folks onto the lake with freshly buffed boat bottoms to shake out any unused winter muscles. Sailing back in, tents and motorhomes began to sprinkle the sandy shore, in time to enjoy a cold beer and one of their guaranteed breathtaking sunsets. Following the sunset, sailors began to meander down to the Oyster Troff for some lightly steamed oysters and smoked fish dip (my two personal favorites).

Many people love the Friday races beginning at 1:00 p.m., which allows latecomers to have plenty of time to rig and race. The real regatta excitement fired up as Friday afternoon's racing got underway. MCs splashed the lake and stand-by crew on spectator boats charged out to relish

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in the sporting event. RGP captured the action-packed mark-roundings while onlooker boats cheered on racers. We flew up and down the race course as fast as we could, trying to out maneuver one another. Two races were sailed followed by a pizza social at the club shared with the Wayfair competitor's fleet.

Saturday's four races were sailed with powerful winds, to the delight of the sailors, LOL. The afternoon clouds came in and the wind steadily built throughout the day. Typical lake sailing, with large 30 degree shifts from both edges of the course. The mid-day lunch break, on the water, offered everyone relief from hardcore hiking. It seemed like you had to sail the lifts and get lucky to stay in phase to work up the windward legs. It was nice getting off the water to stretch and recharge our batteries.

We were greeted Saturday night for the annual feast, prepared by Monty Stamper, chef extraordinaire. You are guaranteed soulfully smoked brisket that melts in your mouth should you visit Eustis. Afterwards there's always a good bonfire on the beach to warm up and share the many stories that start out, "if I just went left instead of right..." and "what was I thinking?"

Sunday morning, race seven (the last race), started in a building breeze with crewed boats taking off towards the front of the pack. Jeremy Pape and Dave

Helmick sailed hard while staying up with the crewed boats. During leg four the wind built upwards of 22 knots with lots of capsizes, to the point where more boats were over than there were rescue boats. The leaders rounded the last leeward mark to hear the dreaded three horns from the race committee to abandon the race and go to shore, with the regatta ending right there.

After sailing, tents one-by-one began to disappear and the dust began to settle. We broke down and stowed our boats, ate lunch and awards were announced, but the goodbyes weren't as sweet as the elated "hellos." It's the more somber part of the trip to LESC. Lake Eustis is not just lake sailing, it's a hotspot for MC lovers and welcomes the visiting sailors as their own, with proper hospitality. Saying "goodbye" while knowing there are only about six weeks until their MC Scow Midwinters Regatta made the drive home just a little sweeter.

Rob's Keys to Winning Lake Eustis:

- 1. Get a good start but you don't have to win the start
- 2. Always, always sail on the lifted tack
- 3. Constant angle of heal is critical in all wind conditions
- 4. When in doubt follow Dave Moring
- 5. When you can't follow Dave Moring go left

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Skipper	Club	Division			R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total	Nett	Rank
Rob Seidelmann	No Fleet	U-50		(13.0)	2.0	3.0	1.0	4.0	3.0	26.0	13.0	1st
Ronald Baerwitz	No Fleet	М	2	2.0	5.0	4.0	(9.0)	3.0	1.0	24.0	15.0	2nd
Matt Fisher	0	GM	2437	6.0	(15.0)	6.0	8.0	1.0	2.0	38.0	23.0	3rd
John Porter	015-LBYC/WI	U-50	2538	5.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	(14.0)	10.0	37.0	23.0	4th
Jeremy Pape	003-LLSC/GA	М	2568	(10.0)	1.0	1.0	4.0	9.0	9.0	34.0	24.0	5th
Mike Considine	No Fleet	М	2585	1.0	8.0	8.0	(23.0)	6.0	4.0	50.0	27.0	6th
Mark Schneider	No Fleet	М	2166	(11.0)	10.0	10.0	5.0	2.0	7.0	45.0	34.0	7th
Zack Clayton	004-LESC/FL	U-50	17	3.0	11.0	5.0	10.0	7.0	(44.0 DNC)	80.0	36.0	8th
Devon Howe	097-SSS/FL	М	2219	(16.0)	4.0	9.0	13.0	11.0	8.0	61.0	45.0	9th
Kevin Neal	No Fleet	U-50	2528	(30.0)	20.0	12.0	7.0	5.0	5.0	79.0	49.0	10th
Craig Eaton	004-LESC/FL	U-50	2331	(17.0)	7.0	7.0	15.0	13.0	12.0	71.0	54.0	11th
Ryan Grosch	042-LHYC/MN	U-50	2169	4.0	9.0	15.0	11.0	18.0	(25.0)	82.0	57.0	12th
Chris Brooks		GM	1790	20.0	6.0	19.0	2.0	12.0	(22.0)	81.0	59.0	13th
Clark Wade	054-HSC/OH	М	1796	(21.0)	18.0	17.0	17.0	8.0	6.0	87.0	66.0	14th
Chris Andert	004-LESC/FL	U-50	2299	18.0	14.0	(21.0)	6.0	15.0	14.0	88.0	67.0	15th
David Helmick	004-LESC/FL	GM	2543	(29.0)	16.0	13.0	27.0	10.0	15.0	110.0	81.0	16th
Jean-Pierre Bordes	004-LESC/FL	U-50	1699	8.0	13.0	23.0	26.0	23.0	(44.0 DNC)	137.0	93.0	17th
Bruce Moore	No Fleet	GM	2512	9.0	12.0	16.0	12.0	(44.0 DNC)	44.0 DNC	137.0	93.0	18th
Mark White	054-HSC/OH	GM	1292	12.0	24.0	(26.0)	24.0	17.0	16.0	119.0	93.0	19th
Allan Haeger	015-LBYC/WI	GM	2015	25.0	(29.0)	11.0	25.0	22.0	11.0	123.0	94.0	20th
Don Brush	0	GM	268	24.0	(33.0)	14.0	20.0	20.0	18.0	129.0	96.0	21st
Ron Hull	No Fleet	U-50	2335	26.0	19.0	20.0	21.0	(44.0 DNC)	13.0	143.0	99.0	22nd
Timothy Fredman	044-PNYC/WI	MM	2456	14.0	21.0	24.0	22.0	19.0	(44.0 OCS)	144.0	100.0	23rd
Trisha End	No Fleet	W	2270	(40.0)	32.0	22.0	18.0	16.0	19.0	147.0	107.0	24th
Mike Keenan	054-HSC/OH	MM	88	7.0	27.0	28.0	(33.0)	26.0	23.0	144.0	111.0	25th
Tim McMahon	032-WSC/OK	GM	2349	(35.0)	34.0	25.0	16.0	21.0	17.0	148.0	113.0	26th
Geoffrey Moehl, Sr.	004-LESC/FL	MM	2412	23.0	26.0	27.0	19.0	(33.0)	21.0	149.0	116.0	27th
Keven Briggs	004-LESC/FL	М	2692	38.0	31.0	29.0	14.0	24.0	(44.0 DNC)	180.0	136.0	28th
Jonathan Few	050-LNYC/NC	U-50	1767	22.0	25.0	18.0	35.0	(44.0 DNC)	44.0 DNC	188.0	144.0	29th
Robert Cole	004-LESC/FL	GM	1372	32.0	(36.0)	31.0	34.0	27.0	20.0		144.0	
Caffee Hollis	004-LESC/FL	MM	2677	(39.0)	30.0	33.0	32.0	28.0	26.0	188.0	149.0	31st
Jim Ward	068-BYSC/SC		1893	34.0	22.0	36.0	29.0	31.0	(44.0 OCS)			
Ronald Reeves	004-LESC/FL	os	1949	27.0	(39.0)	37.0	38.0	30.0	24.0		156.0	
Philip Ecklund	004-LESC/FL	MM	2384	31.0	28.0	35.0	36.0	32.0	(44.0 DNC)	100 or 507 or	ATTURNATURE BEIN	500 EV 100
Jules Parmentier	004-LESC/FL	MM	1273	15.0	35.0	32.0	37.0	(44.0 DNC)			163.0	
Burke Wasserman		M	2223	(44.0 DSQ)		44.0 DNC	28.0	25.0	44.0 OCS		164.0	
Craig Popp	004-LESC/FL	M	2237	(44.0 DNC)		34.0	31.0	29.0	27.0		165.0	
Robert Wynkoop	099-PYC/CT	GM	2175	19.0	17.0	(44.0 DNC)			44.0 DNC		168.0	
Gerard Beck	004-LESC/FL	GM	2076	33.0	37.0	30.0	30.0	(44.0 DNC)	100 00 00 00 00 00000		174.0	
Jack Jones	No Fleet	MM	1977	28.0	(44.0 DNC)	W AND AND MINISTERNAL	44.0 DNC	, ,	44.0 DNC		204.0	
Greg Kassar	.10 1 1000	M	239	(44.0 DNS)	, ,	44.0 DNC	39.0	34.0	44.0 DNC		205.0	
June Howells	004-LESC/FL	W	2307	36.0	38.0	(44.0 DNC)			44.0 DNC		206.0	
Ken Felis	No Fleet	GM	2683	37.0	(44.0 DNC)	,	44.0 DNC		44.0 DNC		207.0	
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#### **Cowtown Classic**

### Fleet 54 - Hoover SC, OH, May 5-6

The sailors put it all on the line and left it all on the water at the 2018 Cowtown Classic at Hoover Sailing Club. The first weekend in May brings the annual MC regatta to Hoover, a reservoir on the northeast corner of Columbus, OH. The sailing club is active with multiple one design fleets, and MC Fleet 54. Sailors from Michigan, Indiana, and Wisconsin made the trip to join the strong fleet of Hoover MC sailors to total 21 boats vying for the Cowtown title.

The forecast was for light air both Saturday and Sunday, with some periods of no air, and the group was wondering how many races they realistically could get in. The Race Committee, led by PRO Steve Lavender of the Hoover Thistle fleet made it clear that they would get races in. There could be some delays waiting for breeze, but the fleet should be ready to go, because if there was breeze, they'd be racing.

Racing started Saturday in a light SE breeze. Courses were W 1 1/2 for the most part. Where the breeze seemed to be up, an extra lap was added to the course board. In a fleet of 21 boats on the short track race course, a premium was put on getting off the line clean and staying in a lane of clear air. The first windward mark often had some traffic congestion with several boats arriving at the same time. Navigating your way through the traffic with clear air and good boatspeed was also a high priority. Staying in the pressure was also of top importance since in light air the difference of two miles an hour of breeze can mean twice the boatspeed. It was also important to have patience and keep your head on straight, because with the unstable, often random shifts and the ups and downs in the wind velocity, the setbacks would come. Everyone got a turn to get the lead, then

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lose the lead, or pass bunches of boats and then lose bunches of boats on what often seemed to be the roll of the dice.

Andy McDonald of Indianapolis Sailing Club came out of the gates fast and was most consistent through the morning session with a 1- 1-5. Ted Keller started to put a string together in race 3 and was consistent through the afternoon with a 2-2-3. Other Race winners on Day 1 were Steve Callison and Matt Fisher both from Hoover, and Dan 'Squad Car' Fink from Little Muskego, WI. The wind shut off in the afternoon with five races on the scorecard.

Saturday night was 'cook your own steak' dinner around the grill and relaxing in the clubhouse. The Hoover fleet delivered again and the sailors enjoyed great food, drink and comradery. The story telling was a highlight as everyone had a 'lottery ticket' tale of getting to the front or a 'hero to zero' tale of helplessly watching boats sail by. Clinks of glasses followed by "I know how that feels."

Sunday morning saw breeze out of the North at 5-6 mph and the fleet was ready for more. Would we get in two more races? maybe three? There'd be a Sunday Showdown between Andy McDonald and Ted Keller who were a couple of points apart in the lead.

Race 6 got started with Ted Keller jumping out to a lead followed by Hoover's Richard Blake. As they turned back upwind for lap 2 the breeze began to drop once again. Ted and Richard worked the pressure on the left while boats on the right had a new breeze to sail them up into the lead. Andy McDonald was in this passing lane and right back in the mix. Ted and Andy watched each other closely downwind and split gates at the bottom of the course. Andy found some

pressure and a nice right rotation on his side of the course and patiently worked his way into the lead, making his third race win in the 6 races.

The fleet then reassembled to see about another heat. But the wind shut off entirely and racing was called for the day.

Andy McDonald is your 2018 Cowtown Champion. Congratulations Andy!

There was a lot of fun had by this group both on the water and on shore. Every time the fleet was waiting for wind, the frisbees came out and flew from boat to boat, even an inflatable alligator patrolled the fleet and boarded a few boats. It reminded me of a junior regatta. That was the maximum amount of racing that could be squeezed out of a light air weekend. Thanks to Steve Lavender and his Race Committee team, to fleet captain Jim Bingham, and all the Hoover volunteers for making this great event happen.

Final results after 5 races:

- 1) Andy McDonald Indianapolis
- 2) Ted Keller Hoover / Torch
- 3) Matt Fisher Hoover
- 4) Dan Fink Little Muskego, WI
- 5) Steve Callison Hoover

Top Grand Master: Matt Fisher

Top Mega Master: Mike Keenan

With an active and energized local fleet and a great group of visiting sailors making the trip, Hoover Sailing Club really puts on a not-tobe- missed regatta. Mark your calendars for the first weekend of May 2019 for the Cowtown Classic. Those finishing in the top 5, or top of their age division, have earned a half or full point for their 2018 Blue Chip qualification.



Skipper	Sail #	Clas	Fleet	rank	TOTAL	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6
Andy McDonald	2001	M	ISC 103	1	20	1	1	5	5	7	1
Ted Keller	2598	М	HSC 54	2	22	4	6	2	2	3	5
Matt Fisher	2437	GM	HSC 54	3	36	10	11	6	1	6	2
Dan Fink	1742	М	LMYC 58	4	38	8	4	4	8	1	13
Steve Callison	2220	М	HSC 54	5	45	3	5	1	11	BFD	3
Clark Wade	1796	М	HSC 54	6	45	15	2	8	6	5	9
Richard Blake	2161	GM	HSC 54	7	48	2	8	3	4	9	22
Mark White	1292	GM	HSC 54	8	48	5	12	10	7	10	4
Mike Keenan	2010	ММ		9	52	12	10	11	9	2	8
Bruce Moore	2512	GM	Atwood	10	54	7	3	16	13	8	7
Mark Schneider	2166	М		11	55	6	13	12	14	4	6
Don Wilson	1934	М	ISC 103	12	62	9	7	9	10	17	10
Jeff Clark	1569	GM	HSC 54	13	77	16	9	15	3	BFD	12
Charles Vasulka	1080	М	HSC 54	14	79	13	18	7	14	16	11
James Bingham	2218	М	HSC 54	15	82	11	14	14	15	11	17
Michael Casler	2355	U50	LFSC 6	16	90	20	16	13	13	14	14
David Lonsdale	221	GM	HSC 54	17	96	18	19	19	12	12	16
Steven Rendina	1695	GM	HSC 54	18	99	14	15	17	12	BFD	19
Christopher Fogle	2065	GM	HSC 54	19	109	17	21	18	16	BFD	15
Mark Wolf	1592	GM	HSC 54	20	113	19	20	20	21	15	18
Ted Thomas	1541	ММ	HSC 54	21	115	DNF	17	21	20	13	DNC

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## **Rebel Rouser**

Fleet 03 - Lake Lanier SC, GA, April



Yacht	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Total
Ron Baerwitz	3	5	3	1	2	14
Fred Herr	4	2	2	8	1	17
Kurt Stadele	2	4	7	2	3	18
J.P. Bordes	5	6	6	5	4	26
Lee Estes	8	1	10	4	8	31
Jeremy Pape	1	7	1	6	18/DNC	33
Kevin Briggs	9	3	8	10	7	37
Stefan Schulze	7	8	5	9	9	38
Steve North	11	13	4	11	6	45
Adrian Perera	10	14	12	7	10	53
Dimitriy Yakovenko	12	10	14	13	5	54
Devon Howe	6	9	9	18/DNC	18/DNC	60
Ken Felis	13	15	11	12	11	62
Chris Brooks	16	12	18/DNF	3	18/DNC	67
Bill North	14	11	15	18/DNC	18/DNC	76
Jonathan Patterson	15	16	13	18/DNC	18/DNC	80
Amy Larkin	18/DNC	18/DNC	18/DNC	18/DNC	18/DNC	90





















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MCSA Treasurer W257 S10550 Horseshoe Ln Mukwonago WI 53149



NAME			BOAT #	-
ADDRESS				-
CITY, STATE, ZIP				-
HOME PHONE				-
US SAILING #		E-MAIL		-
Sustaining Member			Regular Member	
For the 2016 sailing season, Sustaining Membership funds will be earmarked	☐ 1 year	\$55.00	☐ 1 year	\$35.00
to introduce MC sailing to the future	☐ 2 years	\$110.00	☐ 2 years	\$70.00
of our class by subsidizing youth oriented regattas, racing clinics, and MCSA memberships.	☐ 3 years	\$165.00	☐ 3 years	\$105.00
-		☐ Donation for good	works \$	



# Come look us up on the MC Web site at www.MCscow.org



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



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