

The Board made two notable decisions during the Regatta. One, concerning racing, prevents a skipper from throwing out a race wherein he has been disqualified. The other made Ray Morency an honorary member. The Morencys donated a beautiful Perpetual Trophy in memory of their oldest son, an avid sailor. The trophy, to be given to the winner of the first race of the National Regatta, was won by Terry Bailey, Muskegon. No one anticipated this gift and no one can fully express our thanks.

Ms. MC for 1975 - a very lovely little seven year old, Kathy Grady, Shreveport, La., who wore her crown and robe with much grace during Saturday evening's party and added a new dimension to this regatta.

The Western Michigan Regatta, held one week before the Nationals, had 43 boats in the MC fleet, largest of the five scow fleets participating. Dave Starkey, Spring Lake, repeated his 1974 victory. Larry Price, Happy Fox, Carl Reuterdaahl, Jim Coffin, Tom Cassady, Bill Ruoff, Jim Bowen, Scott Caston and David Frye followed in that order. Two years ago seven MC's made up the fleet.

Lake Fenton's 2nd Invitational was sailed the week-end after the Nationals. 26 boats participated. Rain was the order of the two days - only three races were sailed. Charlie Harret, Jr. picked up where he left off in the Nationals, winning again. But he did by only 3/4 of a point from a newcomer, Trisha Keenan, skippering her first regatta. Larry Price, Hugh Walborn, Happy Fox, Bob Lewis, George Nickels, Pat O'Brien, Chris Tavener and Christi Price followed.

Spring Lake's 2nd Invitational, Sept. 13-14, blew hard as it did a year ago. When it was all over Paul Eggert, this year's "Holiday-in-Dixie" winner, won with 16 3/4 points. Hugh Walborn, second - 18 3/4 and Larry Price, third - 19 3/4. Paul Richards, Gary Verplank, Happy Fox, Glen Walborn, Dave Hough, Pat O'Brien and Scott Caston made up the remainder of the first ten in the 38 boat fleet.

Ft. Myers Fleet #11, Royal Palm Yacht Club, hosted an Invitational Regatta Oct. 11-12. Jim Kinsey, Ft. Myers, won - with 4 firsts! Karl Theiss, Orlando, was second, Wally Pack, Ft. Myers, third and Bill Crum, Orlando, fourth.

November 19 - the deadline for air bag flotation. Foam flotation will be required in all boats after this date.

Fleet Captains - review Article VIII -- Fleet Government, specifically sections 2 and 3 and take action as required.

Members - please forward any matters you feel of importance to the growth and continued success of this organization to the Secretary so action can be taken before next spring when we expect to reprint the by-laws.

MC SAILORS HAVE THE MOST FUN!

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