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REPORT ON 1979 MC MID-WINTERS

For those of you that stayed home, you missed a Regatta of excellent quality. The Royal Palm Yacht Club in Ft. Myers made all of us feel very welcome and at home. Tom Woods and Ray Fauquet had covered all the local arrangements, and Larry Price had all the association arrangements well in hand. The club powerboat fleet had laid on six powerboats with crews to act as stake and rescue boats. Harry Melges laid all the courses with radio direction from Head Race Judge, Charlie Harrett, Sr. The committee boat was a 34-foot Chris Craft, and the spectator boats were a 38-foot sloop and a 40-foot cruiser, both under power.

The first race on Friday was an Olympic course in eight to twelve knots of wind with fairly large shifts, (15° to 30°.) The Saturday morning race (Olympic course,) started in fifteen to twenty knots, increasing rapidly to twenty-five to thirty knots with gusts to thirty-five. Three boats decided not to start, and four capsized. The last boat was not righted and towed in until ninety minutes after the finish. The third race Saturday afternoon was postponed until 4:00 p.m. and then got off in fifteen to twenty knots of very shifty wind. The course was a 2-1/3 triangle.

Saturday night was a party for all participants and friends. We sure had a lot of sudden friends. The food and service at the Royal Palm are extremely good, and ample lubrication was available for everybody.

Sunday morning came early for many of us, (9:00 a.m. start.) The fourth race was a 2-1/3 triangle in gradually freshening fifteen-knot breeze. The fifth race, also a 2-1/3 triangle, went off in about twenty knots of wind. The river at Ft. Myers is three miles across at the club, but only about eight to ten feet deep everywhere except the channel which has ample depth. Due to the many high-rise buildings in the area and the presence of a sea breeze during the day, the wind is very shifty.

All in all, however, you could not ask for better sailing conditions or friendlier people. If you have never tried the Mid-Winters, you really don't know what you are missing.

Nationals, October 12-14

It is time to start making plans for the 1979 MC Nationals in Shreveport, Louisiana. The dates are October 12, 13, and 14. This is a fine club with excellent personnel to run races and the regatta. The winds at that time of the year are usually good, and the weather should be warm and comfortable. The Holiday in Dixie Regatta will serve to acquaint those of you that can make it with the lake and conditions. Holiday in Dixie dates are April 28 and 29. Mark your calendars for both.

1979 MC MID-WINTER RESULTS

SAIL #	NAME	(2:55)					TOTAL POINTS	FINISH
		1	2	3	4	5		
16	Strobel	19	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	111	22
45	Greene	3	15	11	13	18	60	12
51	Bradley	17	16	DNS	DNS	DNS	102	20
101 (263)	Courtney	12	13	15	10	17	67	14
165	Woods	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	125	23
188	Kinsey	DNS	9	9	1	4	45 3/4	8
201	Crum	18	12	13	15	16	74	16
237	Fauquet	16	DNS	DNS	17	15	94	18
246	D'Alessandro	DNF	11	12	12	11	66	13
285	DeWitt	15	DNF	7	3	6	51	11
288	Perry	14	14	17	18	7	70	15
297	Nickels	7	6	14	8	14	49	10
333	Knape	11	7	8	11	8	45	7
348	Edgerle	13	DNF	16	14	12	75	17
368	Hatton	1	5	2	2	1	10 1/2	①
388	Keenan	8	4	6	16	13	47	9
445	Metcalf	2	10	4	6	5	27	④
456	Raube	4	3	10	5	9	31	⑤
475	Huck	6	2	5	9	2	24	③
500	Fox	5	1	3	7	3	18 3/4	②
514	Smith	10	DNF	DNS	DNS	DNS	99	19
539	Eggert	9	8	1	4	10	31 3/4	⑥
264	Fuller	DNF	DNF	18	DNS	DNS	104	21

Trophies were given to first six places.