

WELCOME ABOARD! Two new fleets have joined us, and we're pleased to welcome these sailors:

- #18 - Indian Lake Yacht Club, Dowagiac, Michigan
*Tom Tucker, #568, Dr. George Schuster, Thomas M. Taylor #270, Richard T. Williams #575 and Richard B. Gibbs, #576.
- #19 - Eagle Lake Yacht Club, Edwardsburg, Michigan
*Tom Marosz, #326, Norman Booth, #222, Michael Miller, #254, Jolly & Jodie Booth #178, Charles & George Carlin #379, Tom Cassady #221, Al Flack #365, John Hans #249, George Karras #252, Ed Lantz #248, and Robert Pfaff #566.

Glad to have you with us; we'll look forward to meeting you, and anticipate news of your activities.

PLAN AHEAD - The dates aren't far off - Fleet #14, Lake Lotawana, Mo., has scheduled its first Invitational Regatta September 12-14th. This will be at the Missouri Yacht Club, one of the oldest west of the Mississippi, 20 miles east of Kansas City, on a private residential lake. This is a growing, well-organized fleet, and we're sure this regatta is one you won't want to miss. Please contact Ron DeWitte, H-29, Rt. 4, Lake Lotawana, Mo. 64063 or Orlando Webb, F-12, Route 4, Lake Lotawana, phone 816-578-4347 for specifics, and pleasant information on arrangements possible to be guests in members' homes! (No pets, camping or trailers on grounds, but arrangements may be made nearby.)

NATIONAL REGATTA - October 2nd - 5th MEMPHIS, TENN. FLEET #13 will be our hosts. Invitations aren't out yet, but if you need any advance scoop, it's suggested you contact Henry F. Tipton, Jr., 3929 Twinmont, Memphis, Tn. 38128.

OTHER REGATTA DATES - Spring Lake, Michigan, Fleet 7, September 13-14th. No other information is available at this time. You might contact Carl Reuterdaahl, 17695 Oakwood Dr., Spring Lake, Mi. 49456 if you would like information.

SPRING ACTIVITIES - April 12-13th, Fleet #3, Lake Lanier, Ga. Rebel Rouser. Folks, this was a "wash-out"! The weather was awful, and the less said about it the better. As a matter of fact, the winner was Willi Lenkeit #536, and the rest of the placing sailors' names are lost.

May 17-18, Fleet #10, Grand Rapids, Mich., hosted their 5th Annual MC regatta. With not the best of weather, moderate 8-12 winds, three races were sailed as scheduled with 31 boats. We're told this was a great show for the spectators, and the six trophy winners were Brett Hatton, 1st, Happy Fox 2nd, Paul Eggert 3rd, Andy Terzes 4th, Larry Price 5th and Glenn Walborn 6th.

And then there was the Michelob Open, at Lake Lanier, Ga. Ten MC's participated in this melee, and Willi Lenkeit (yes, again) took 1st, Bill Nolan 2nd, Bob DeWitte of Tampa was 3rd, Pete Smith 4th, Bill Crum of Bartow, Fla. was 5th, and Bob Kwasha 6th. However, this is only part of the story. WOULD YOU BELIEVE 310 BOATS??? They came from far and near, and it was GORGEOUS. The first race (and only, as it turned out) started after about a 2-hour wait for wind, in 3 auxiliary divisions, 1 multi-hull and 1 monohull. Things went along fine on the small boat Olympic course till "that squall" hit. Capsizes were many, some damage, and not a few DNF's. Sunday's race was aborted--lake absolutely flat--until half-an-hour after the boats were all hauled. Michelob's largesse was greatly appreciated, and it was a fine weekend. The Race and Planning Committees performed well coping with the large attendance, and for the MC's especially we thank them, one and all. We'll never forget July 26-27th, 1980.

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NEWS - The paddling is upstream! Let's hear from you! What information would you like to see in YOUR NEWSLETTER? What good hints would you like to share with other MC skippers?