

THE 1980 NATIONAL REGATTA was a huge success! Sponsored by Fleet 13 of Delta Sailing Ass'n of Memphis, at Lake Arkabutla October 3-4-5, this was a memorable event. Henry Tipton and the fleet did a fine job on the arrangements and we thank each and everyone for their hospitality and opportunities to see old friends and make new ones. There's no doubt Fleet #13 tithes to the wind god, and not just "nickle and dime stuff!" If the wind slacked off in three days, we must have slept through it! Crews were drafted, everyone soaked, then back out for the next trip around the course, still soggy and cold. Some of the crews don't climb aboard too often, and we had to hand it to them--they hung on and hiked out like pros!

AND THE WINNERS ARE - Happy Fox and young son Peter, 1st place trophy as well as winners of the Morency trophy for winners of the 1st race. Happy, Gary Verplank 2nd and Tad Welch, 4th well represented Spring Lake, Mi., Fleet #7. Bill Freytag, 3rd, from Wisconsin, carried Melges' banner; Fleet #3, Lake Lanier, Ga., is proud of Willi Lenkeit, 5th and Jim Moss, 6th. Mike Huck (formerly of Michigan) 7th, Herm Nickels 8th and Frank Keenan 10th of Fenton, Mi. Fleet #6, took home trophies, while Jake Kopp in 9th took one for the home Fleet #13. Congratulations! On the light side, a special award went to Carl Reuterdahl for being a terrific sport after taking a swim and breaking his mast at the dock---another trophy to Spring Lake! Would you believe with engraved plaque and a hand-painted scene of Lake Arkabutla--on a lid for the loo???

A special thank you to Sunny and Fred Reutlinger, formerly of Charter Fleet #1, Shreveport, for joining us and providing a spectator boat, rescuing a Hobie (what's that?), and Sunny's medicine bag for the "wounded." (Fred's "medicine" was pretty good too!)

THE ANNUAL MEETING was held Saturday evening, October 4, in Hernando, Miss., chaired by Rear Commodore Dave Greene. Pete Smith has resigned effective October 3 as Commodore due to the press of business. The minutes of the meeting are excerpted as follows:

Cotton scale for boat weighing at National Regattas will be purchased. The Board's suggested minor changes to Constitution and By-laws were approved by the voting membership; changes to be incorporated in reprinted By-laws book, due for circulation about January 1st. All boats now in existence to be grandfathered with respect to any By-law changes approved. Voting membership authorized Board to license additional builders of MC, strictly in conformance with Ass'n By-laws, and subject to inspection/approval of boats so produced for continuing conformance. (Two interested prospective builders have been notified of Ass'n action as well as Melges.) Ass'n has joined U. S. Yacht Racing Union and obtained insurance through USYRU to cover Ass'n sponsored National and Mid-winter Regattas. Fleet 11, Ft. Myers, Fla., has become inactive and cannot sponsor future Mid-winters at Royal Palm Yacht Club. (New location being investigated; announcement of place and date due 12-1-80 prox.) 1981 National Regatta invitation from Tulsa Fleet 13 voted for acceptance, tentatively for first weekend in October. Following election, new Board of Governors' members, or those continuing terms are:

Commodore Henry Tipton - 4678 Kitty Cove, Memphis, Tn. 38128 (Eff. 10-4-80 through 1981)
Larry Price - 1706 Ruddiman, Muskegon, Mi. 49441 (Term exp. 1981)
Dr. J. B. "Bill" Crum - PO Box 566, Bartow, Fl. 33830 (Term exp. 1983)
Larry Campbell - 1302 North Ash, Broken Arrow, Ok. 74012 (Term exp. 1983)
Mike Huck - 255 Madrid Court, Satellite Beach, Fl. 33937 (Term exp. 1982)
Dr. Dave Greene - 2837 W. Illinois, Dallas, Tx. 75233 (Term exp. 1981)
Frank Keenan, Resident Agent, 922 Worchester Dr., Fenton, Mi. 48430

FLEET #14 - LAKE LOTAWANA - Held it's 1st annual MC Regatta September 13-14, at the Missouri Yacht Club. Ron DeWitte reports 17 boats participated in a very successful event. Two races sailed Saturday, one Sunday. Of the 5 boats single-handed, 4 placed in the top 6. Wind was 10-15, with one race a real "barn-burner." Winner was John Taylor, Tulsa, followed by Dave Greene, Dallas; Orlando Webb, Lotawana; Larry Campbell, Tulsa; Tom Willis, Lotawana.

1981 MIDWINTERS - Mike Huck has been appointed Regatta Chairman, and reports location in the process of being firmed up, about 100 mi. so. of Daytona, Fl. Tentative dates, March 6-7-8.