

'93 Black Tie Regatta

Rush Creek YC, Lake Ray Hubbard, TX, Fleet 5

My thanks to Mark Christensen for the following report on this year's exciting Black Tie Regatta.

A total of 132 scows participated in the Black Tie with 54 MCs, 48 Cs, 19 Es and 11 M-20s.

First race: The late morning start scheduled for Friday was postponed until about 3:30 due to light air. This first race, on a windward-leeward course, was sailed in 5-8 mph spotty wind requiring close attention to staying in the best wind and keeping the boat speed up. Bill Draheim of Ullman Sails won this race with Scott Slocum in 2nd.

Race 2 was delayed to let a thunderstorm go through. The starting wind of 15-18 piped up to 18 with gusts to 25 according to Mark. This heavier air hit on the first downwind leg of the windward-leeward course and accounted for the 24 non-finishers. Dan Guidinger of North Sails took this hairy race followed by Mark. Tom Frentzel of Pewaukee YC took average points for stopping to help Scott Slocum who had been stunned by the boom. Tom actually helped get the sail down and towed Scott into the club where Scott was taken to the hospital. Paul Foerster, who was in 4th at the time, took average points for his act of helping the Reeses after they went over. The air moderated somewhat after that first rounding of the course.

The 3rd race, held on Sunday, saw one general recall and a black flag raised which caught eliminated two early starters. Winds were in the 12-15 mph range at the start. This final race was also sailed on a windward-leeward course. Foerster rounded the top pin 1st and Mark rounded in 4th which set the stage for a dual between these two. Paul and Mark rounded the final leeward mark in that order, with about 75 yards separation from the rest of the fleet. Mark counted about 40 tacks in a furious tacking dual going to the finish line where they finished in the same order but now only two boat lengths apart. Paul dropped his mainsheet on the last tack, but by then they were on the layline and too late for Mark to capitalize.

Mark remarked that despite the heavy air, it was a great regatta, good hosts, and fine facilities.

In the other fleets, Robbie Evans (Mark's Olympic tryout partner) won the Es, David Koch, North Sails, took the Cs with Andy Burdick, Melges Boat Works, 4th and Gordy Bowers 5th. I chatted a bit with Gordy to discover he hadn't been in a C for sometime, and some of his crew never, so he was pleased with their showing.

Pl	Skipper	Club	Boat No.	Races			Pts.
				1	2	3	
1	Mark Christensen	BSails	1342	3	2	2	11.7
2	Paul Foerster	TX	856	13	7*	1	32
3	Bill Draheim	USails	68	1	10	12	34
4	Eric Hood	MSails	1495	7	6	6	36.4
5	Tom Frentzel	PYC/WI	1470	12	8*	3	37.7
6	Rob Johnston	TX	64	14	8	4	42
7	Drew Mize	AYC/TX	937	11	7	14	50
8	Bob Sevey	LMYC/MN	1485	5	11	20	53
9	Scott Norby	LMYC/MN	1361	21	9	9	57
10	Greg Gearing	AYC/TX	590	15	20	8	61
11	Manning Grinnan	RCYC/TX	1479	24	4	17	61
12	Harvey Baker	WSC/OK	1268	38	5	5	64
13	Brian Tillema	MYC/MO	1224	9	18	33	78
14	Bob Bush	LMYC/MN	824	23	17	26	84
16	Jack Hattendorf	AYC/TX	907	16	19	35	88
17	Greg Gust	TX	1321	19	3	55	89.7
18	Chuck Anderson	AYC/TX	1491	22	22	29	91
19	Dave Gilliland	TX	544	25	14	34	91
20	Tim Fredman	PLYC/WI	1456	8	55	13	92
21	Scott Tillema	MYC/MO	943	40	13	21	92
22	Peter Comfort	TLYC/MI	1402	50	16	11	95
23	Dan Quiram	PYC/WI	1428	6	55	19	95.7
24	Peter Crawford	BSails	1379	10	55	15	96
25	Dan Guidinger	NSsails	1502	33	1	55	98
26	Bob Cantrell	MYC/mo	857	44	15	25	102
27	Gerry Jacobs	IL	1499	26	25	36	105
28	Jay Mize	AYC/TX	1226	30	24	38	110
29	Wayne Bonham	RCYC/TX	1235	36	26	31	111
30	Bill Freytag	LGYC/WI	1222	18	55	28	117
31	Kathleen Gardner	RCYC/TX	1435	32	28	42	120
32	Scott Slocum	RCYC/T	1468	2	55	55	121
33	Carl Pratt	CLYC/OH	626	41	23	39	121
34	Walter Schwarting	PYC/WI	1429	20	55	30	121
35	Bill Best	CLYC/WI	975	4	55	55	126
36	Steve Stock	CO	1350	17	55	41	129
37	Katie Reese	LGYC/WI	1219	46	55	16	133
38	Zack Troxel	RCYC/TX	1523	45	55	18	134
39	Jim Hatch	PnLYC/WI	1377	42	55	27	140
40	Hardy Will	LBYC/WI	1414	47	55	23	141
41	David Tillema	MYC/MO	1524	27	55	43	141
42	David Greene	RCYC/TX	1415	35	55	37	143
43	Charles Price	RCYC/TX	1128	48	55	24	143
44	Mike Hardick	TX	45	52	27	47	144
45	Jerry Grubbs	RCYC/TX	160	55	21	55	145
46	Herman vanBeek	RCYC/TX	1521	28	55	46	145
47	Bill Scott	RCYC/TX	1398	43	55	32	146
48	John Kerr	WSC/OK	585	29	55	55	153
49	Steve McCoy	AYC/TX	44	39	55	44	154
50	Nicholas Grunt	AYC/TX	1059	34	55	55	158
51	David Anderson	WSC/OK	593	48	55	40	159
52	Bob Lessman	IL	1445	51	55	45	167
53	Bob McGinnis	WSC/OK	531	49	55	55	173
54	Jack Marsee	WSC/OK	1069	55	55	55	177

* Average points given