

Fall Dinghy Classic

August 28-29, 1993, Fleet 5, Rush Creek YC, TX

Submitted by Herman van Beek

The Fall Dinghyfest is an annual event sponsored by MC Fleet #5. We had excellent participation with 62 boats (MC, Laser, Snipe, Coronado 15, Thistle, Lightning, JY15, International 14) representing 8 fleets. In addition to RCYC members we saw sailors from Arlington YC, and the Fort Worth Boat Club.

Jim Anderson and Tom Whipple did an excellent job of managing 7 races.

Some were concerned that racing at the end of August would mean two days of chasing zephyrs. Well, only one day. Saturday was slow with the wind dying down just as the first gun was about to sound. After a short wait the wind filled back in from the left and off we went. Those that had listened to the weather forecast knew that the right side would get the prevailing wind. Scott Slocum and a few others took off for that side and came out winners in the first race. The second race was similar, except Scott was the only one to go right and garnered another win. Two more

races were sailed in the afternoon. Sunday morning saw stronger winds and three races were completed.

Greg Barnett and Dave Greene spent hours building beautiful sailboat trophies and Scott Slocum designed the classy T shirts.

The enthusiasm of the MC fleet is contagious. William Cantree, Vice Commodore of Racing at RCYC and a member of the J24 fleet is now the proud owner of MC 1539. Bill Draheim, National Thistle Champion has also acquired an MC so we expect the competition to get even tougher as the year progresses. Word that the 1995 MC Nationals could be hosted by RCYC is also adding to the rush to get into an MC. Let's face it, it is just a great sailboat!

Pl	Skipper	Boat No.	Races							Pts
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	Scott Slocum	1468	1	1	2	1	1	1	DNS	5.7
2	Manning Grinnan	1479	3	2	1	7	3	2	4	14.7
3	Greg Barnett	1523	5	3	3	2	2	6	1	15.7
4	Herman van Beek	1521	2	6	5	3	5	7	6	27
5	Kathleen Gardner	1435	6	5	6	6	4	3	7	30
6	Wayne Bonham	1235	7	4	4	5	7	DNF	DNS	36
7	Burt Scott	1398	8	10	10	4	6	4	5	37
8	William Cantrell	1539	9	7	9	9	8	5	3	41
9	Charlie Price	1128	10	9	7	9	DNS	8	2	44
10	Dave Greene	1415	4	8	8	10	9	DNF	DNF	46

Note: All sailors from Rush Creek YC, TX

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