

MC Scow Southwest Regional Championship and KISS 93

October 2-3, 1993, Windycrest SC, Tulsa, OK

Submitted by Jack Marsee

As is now the custom, the MC Scow SW Regional Championship is sailed in conjunction with the Keystone Interclass Single-Handed Sailaway (KISS) and hosted each year by the Windycrest Thistle Fleet.

Good weather and moderate wind was forecast for the weekend but the fast-moving front out of the northwest that was supposed to clear Tulsa on Friday, slowed down in Western Kansas, leaving Tulsa in a low-pressure area on Saturday. This meant cool temperatures, cloudy skies and 20-25 mph wind out of the northeast. As start time neared, it appeared that wind speed was slowing. After a one-hour postponement wind speed was down to MC maximums, so the races began.

No special skill was necessary to find the wind on Saturday. Being out of the northeast, it blew straight down Barker Cover from Windycrest and made a broad channel across the lake. Tiller skill and good boat handling were the main skills required and Manning Grinnan and wife/crew Sherry demonstrated proficiency by winning the first race. Drew Mize, forsaking his usual single-handed role, was second and Harvey Baker, also with crew, was third. Scott Slocum, last year's winner, sailed without crew and was fourth.

With wind speed continuing to fall, Harvey Baker put his crew ashore and won the next two races. This made him MC leader by the end of the day. Scott Slocum was the KISS winner by virtue of sailing single-handed each race.

As start time approached on Sunday there was no wind but the RC went ahead with preparation to sail and the chase boats towed the fleet to the race area. At start time the wind began to fill in from the south and racing began in 7-10 mph winds. "find-the-best-wind" was the order of the day and "Ted Birmingham, the Thistle Fleet Chapion in a borrowed boat, proved best at his skill by winning the first race. Scott Slocum was second and Drew Mize third. Drew won the fifth race and this, with consistent low scores in the other races, gave him the championship.

Karey Low, Windycrest Finn Fleet champion, was a strong competitor in a borrowed MC. But other commitments prevented his finishing the third race on Saturday and the Sunday races.

The MC Fleet missed the opportunity to have an outstanding sailor compete when a boat couldn't be found for Michael Lenkeit. Michael recently moved to the area and is the son of 1974 MC Champion Willi Lenkeit of Georgia. Michael, sailed a laser and finished each race with the MCs after starting five minutes later. He's a helluva sailor!

The weather on Sunday, Oct. 3 was representative of Oklahoma's finest. This, with lots of good food, good

fellowship, and good racing, was enough to make one want to live forever!! You MC sailors from Lotawana and Johnson Lake, and other clubs around Tulsa, missed a really great outing and we hope you will resolve not to let that happen again next year.

Pl.	Skipper	Club	Boat	1	2	3	4	5	Pts.
			No.						
1	Drew Mize	AYC/TX	937	2	2	4	3	1	11.75
2	Harvey Baker	RCYC/TX	1268	3	1	1	6	2	12.5
3	Scott Slocum	RCYC/TX	1468	4	4	2	2	3	15
4	Manning Grinnan	RCYC/TX	1479	1	10	6	4	5	25.75
5	Ted Birmingham		268	13	6	5	1	4	28.75
6	Greg Barnett	RCYC/TX	1559	5	13	8	7	8	41
7	Gene Kehr	WSC/OK	548	8	12	11	5	6	42
8	John Kerr	WSC/OK	585	7	11	3	11	10	42
9	Zach Troxel	RCYC/TX	1523	6	9	7	13	11	46
10	Danny Ziegler	WSC/OK	620	14	5	9	8	14	50
11	Jim Stinson	WSC/OK	1304	12	15	13	9	7	56
12	Jack Marsee	WSC/OK	1069	15	8	14	12	9	58
13	Jay Mize	AYC/TX	1226	10	14	15	15	12	66
14	Karey Low		655	9	3	18	19	18	67
15	Dave Anderson	WSC/OK	593	17	7	12	14	18	68

News Release

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"We are pleased to announce that we have joined a "Dream Team" of sailmakers to enable us to give you the most advanced sail products in the industry.

"Over the last 25 years, we at Melges Sails have provided our customers with the latest in sail design and construction, backed by a service record next to none. In keeping with our quest to be the best sailmaker in the world, we are proud to announce that on November 1st, 1993 our loft will become Melges-Sobstad Sailmakers.

"As a team, our common goal is to associate ourselves with a progressive company that will push sailmaking to the next level. We know that through teamwork and technology, we can chart the course that will revolutionize the sailmaking industry. Our new Sobstad organization is the team of people which will accomplish this goal.

"Our logo and advanced designs may be new, but you can expect to see the familiar faces of Buddy, Hans, Andy Burdick, Eric Hood, Bill Allen, Pete Keck, Eric Wilson and myself.

"We are also very excited about the new addition to our team. Jim Gluek will be joining us to extend our service and product one step beyond. We are always pleased to answer any questions regarding sails as well as our new Sobstad commitment."