

1st Annual IMCCSRA Junior Regatta

July 20-21, 1993, Grand Rapids YC, Michigan

Seven juniors (less than 21) turned out for this inaugural IMCCSRA Junior Regatta. Grand Rapids YC did a fine job of kicking off this event. Unfortunately dates which conflicted with the the Butterfly championships were chosen which drained off several juniors.

Melges Boat Works and North Sails for their contributions to the success of this regatta.

Results:

Pl	Skipper	Club	Boat	1	2	3	4	5	Pts
1	Peter Comfort	TLYC	1402	1	4	1	1	1	7
2	Mike Meyer	GRYC	1465	2	2	3	3	3	13
3	Chad Hough	SLYC	1044	DSQ	1	2	2	2	13.7
4	Dave Bandstra	GRYC	1377	3	3	5	4	4	19
5	Josh Davison	GRYC	547	4	5	4	6	6	25
6	Dan Daly	GRYC	73	DNS	6	7	5	5	31
7	Charlie Townsend	GRYC	111	5	7	6	DNS	DNS	34

A Great MC Story

I had an interesting conversation at the Masters Regatta with long-time MC sailor and 1976 Commodore of IMCCSRA, Bill Crum of the Lake Eustis Sailing Club in Florida. Seems he was not entirely content with sailing his Sunfish on Crooked Lake near his home in Bartow. Bill heard tell of a new 16' scow being built by Melges Boat Works. A call to Melges was shortly followed up by Smiley Freytag who showed up in Bill and Betty's front yard with a stack of M20s. Bill liked their looks and asked Smiley to unload one for him. However, Smiley was returning these boats to Zenda for updating from a regatta at Royal Palm Yacht Club in Fort Myers And besides, Smiley said what Bill really wanted was an MC. The year was 1971.

Smiley told him to get in touch with Carl Theiss at Lake Fairview near Orlando for a ride on his MC, there being a small fleet at that lake. On his way to a business meeting, dressed in suit and tie, Bill contacted Carl and met him at the lake. Bill remembers taking off his shoes, rolling up his pants, and wading out to the mooring for his first ride on an MC. That boat was #34 and named Slick Chick. He was so impressed that he contacted Smiley to order a boat. Smiley told him of MC #18 which had been sold on credit nearby, but that the owner was unable to pay. Bill managed to pay off Melges and acquire the boat which he sailed for some time. However, he felt it wasn't fast enough so he ordered and received a new MC, #72.

At the beginning of the 1972 Midwinters Bill offered the "slow" #18 to Scooter Kinsey, a young sailor on the sailing team at Tulane who promptly smoked the whole fleet including Bill in his new boat. Scooter's crew for that event was his mother Jody.

Incidentally, #72 is now on Lake Eustis being sailed by Dennis Oldham who won several club races last year using a used sail he purchased from Happy Fox.

Have you got a similar story about an early MC. We sure would like to hear from you and publish it for the enjoyment of the MC Newsletter readers. Please send me the notes, or call me, and I will put your story together.



1st Annual MC Junior Regatta Winners:
L-R: Peter Comfort, 1st Dave Bandstra, 4th;
Mike Meyer, 2nd; Chad Hough, 5th; Josh Davison, 5th

Peter Comfort pretty much dominated the regatta with four bullets. Second place finisher, Mike Meyer did a fine job of staying consistent to take the second place trophy. Chad Hough took the third place prize. Chad forgot to unwind himself from an improper first mark rounding in the first race to garner a costly DSQ.

Paul Richards, IMCCSRA Commodore-elect helped organize this regatta and had plenty of thanks for Chris Waring who acted as regatta chairman, Al Vorel and Jackie Zinn managed the races. A special thanks went to Curt Miller who provided the signs, trophies and chase boat with Grant Senner. Curt even flipped the hamburgers for the Saturday night dinner which featured corn on the cob roast over charcoal.

The Association invites any of our MC Fleets to put in a bid for the 1994 Junior Regatta. Hopefully a date which does not conflict with the Mackinac and Butterfly regattas should double or triple the turnout.

Paul Richards points out that the winner of this regatta will receive an invitation to the MC Blue Chip. We hope that will motivate plenty of young sailors to be on hand next year. We wish to extend our special thanks to Johnson Boat Works,