

1995 Rebel Rouser Regatta

April 29-30, 1995, Fleet 3 Lake Lanier Sailing Club, GA

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Winter-weary Sailors Flock to Atlanta

Bright sunshine and temperatures in the high 70s rewarded MC sailors who traveled from Colorado, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Florida, Texas, and North Carolina for the 1995 Rebel Rouser/Southeastern Championship at Lake Lanier. A total of 29 MC skippers vied for the regional title.

Because most people traveling to the regatta usually arrive sometime on Friday, we decided to offer a full afternoon and evening of activities on that day. In fact, three practice races were sailed Friday in perfect conditions. That evening everyone enjoyed a free cookout and a seminar conducted by Andy Burdick and Greg Fisher. The focal points for the seminar were two brand new boats (one Melges and one Johnson) set up on trailers right at the clubhouse. Greg concentrated on the fine points of sail adjustment and trim using a new North "Big Boy" set on the Johnson boat. Andy dealt predominately with rig tension and boat handling. Andy even explained in detail how he tacks -- where he plants his feet, where and when he moves his body, and how he exchanges the tiller and the sheet from one hand to the other.

For the first race on Saturday morning, winds were 8-10 and very shifty. Tim Fredman won and then placed second in Saturday afternoon's shortened race. Andy Burdick placed third and first to finish the day in second behind Fredman. On Sunday morning Lake Lanier was glassy calm, but after a short wait, a relatively steady 8-12 mph wind appeared which allowed two more races before lunch time. Andy Burdick won both. Scott Slocum and Greg Fisher duelled for second place and ended the series in a tie. Slocum's second place finish in Saturday's first race put him ahead of Fisher whose best finish was third.

Fleet 3 would especially like to thank North, Melges, and Johnson for providing favors and door prizes. North provided T-shirts for every skipper as well as several door prizes. Melges and Johnson also provided door prizes which made for a lively give-away session after Saturday night's steak dinner.

One of the more unique aspects of this year's regatta was something new called "secret teams." Sailors were randomly paired, and then the total scores of the pairs were tabulated. The lowest team score won. What made it interesting was that no one knew the identity of their team-

mate, until trophy presentation. Throughout the regatta you always had to wonder if the skipper you just tacked on and gassed might actually be your partner. Everyone thought it was great fun and the winning team turned out to be Scott Slocum and Knox Rogers.

We are pleased that so many sailors like to come to Lake Lanier in April. Believe it or not, we have already begun planning for next year. We anticipate a mid- to late-April date. We will again plan to have activities on Friday, and most importantly, we are planning perfect weather. See you in Atlanta in '96.

Pl	Name	Club	Boat No.	Races				Pts
				1	2	3	4	
1	Andy Burdick	MBW	1645	3	1	1	1	5.25
2	Scott Slocum	RCYC/TX	1655	2	7	2	3	14
3	Greg Fisher	NSIs	1569	4	3	3	4	14
4	Tim Fredman-M	PnYC/WI	1456	1	2	7	6	15.75
5	Jim Flood	GRYC/MI	1293	5	10	4	7	26
6	John Adams	LLSC/GA	1648	13	4	11	2	30
7	David Beatson	LESC/FL	657	6	15	6	5	32
8	Ted Keller	TLYC/MI	1431	14	9	5	8	36
9	Jim Hatch-M	PnYC/WI	1532	11	6	10	13	40
10	Knox Rogers	LLSC/GA	1416	9	12	8	12	41
11	Winn Story-M	LLSC/GA	1190	17	11	9	10	47
12	Curt Bradley-GM	GRYC/MI	1405	8	13	16	14	51
13	Greg Barnett	RCYC/TX	1619	10	5	18	21	54
14	Willi Lenkeit-M	LLSC/GA	1211	7	19	13	16	55
15	Bill Gilmer-M	LLSC/GA	1365	18	8	14	15	55
16	Devin Farley-M	LGYC/WI	1356	15	26	12	9	62
17	Bill Crum-GM	LESC/FL	1068	22	14	17	17	70
18	Jim Houser-M	LNYC/NC	1669	12	23	19	20	74
19	Frank Vandall-M	LLSC/GA	1568	19	21	15	22	77
20	Sam Pollock-M	LLSC/GA	1238	16	30	20	11	77
21	Bob DeWitt-GM	LESC/FL	1325	21	18	22	18	79
22	Victor Silva	LLSC/GA	617	20	16	26	27	89
23	Jim Gray-M	LLSC/GA	1088	25	22	23	19	89
24	Gene Sublett-M	LLSC/GA	1649	24	17	24	26	91
25	Bill Nolan-M	LLSC/GA	1647	23	20	30	30	103
26	John Burke-M	FRYC/CO	1345	30	24	27	23	104
27	Justus Baird	LLSC/GA	1461	30	30	21	24	105
28	Caesar Bruschi-GM	LLSC/GA	839	27	30	25	25	107
29	Dale Holasek-M	LESC/FL	851	26	25	30	30	111



Rebel Rouser/Southeast Winners:
L to R: Jim Flood, Andy Burdick,
Greg Fisher, Tim Fredman, Curt
Bradley, Scott Slocum, Knox Rogers