

SW Regional Championship

September 30-October 1, 1995, Fleet 32 Windycrest SC, OK

Submitted by Jack Marsee

Unsettled weather has prevailed in Oklahoma this year and during the week before the MC SW Regionals it was more of the same. On Friday it blew 25 mph, gusting to over 30. Saturday's forecast was about the same, causing a few sailors to stay home. But at race time it was 14-16, gusting to 18-20, and fairly steady at 200°. Scott Slocum, sailing a borrowed boat without crew, was the winner of the first race, with Harvey Baker 2nd and Kenny Baggett 3rd.

Wind speed diminished during the first race so the second race was started in 10-14 mph. As the race progressed, wind speed continued to drop and holes developed in which there was hardly any wind. Again, Slocum was the winner.

Between races a major wind change occurred from 2000 to 3000 and blowing in huffs and puffs to 15-18. The course was re-set to make the windward leg cross the short dimension of Lake Keystone. Consequently the fleet arrived at the windward mark en masse. Slocum appeared in real trouble as he approached the mark far to the left, but a sudden veer let him tack and be the first to round. The lead was never relinquished so he was again the winner and in the lead with three bullets.

Sunday's forecast was light and variable wind but by race time a nice breeze of 3-5 was blowing out of the northwest. Barnett led at the first mark, followed closely by Bob McGinnis. They held these positions around the jibe mark and on to the leeward mark. There the race came to a near halt for the leaders because of no wind. Meanwhile the fleet began to catch up. Those who tacked and went left were eventually lifted to the mark while those who went right barely moved. This was disastrous for Slocum who finished 13th. Baggett won the race followed by Kehr who had led the move to the left.

While the stragglers were finishing, the wind began a westward shift and continued to shift, finally settling at 180°. The course was re-set and the 5th race started after two general recalls. While the first beat was being sailed the wind veered to about 270°, causing the leeward mark to be re-set at 90° from the original windward mark and the finish to be re-set at 270° from the new leeward mark position.

Barnett won the 5th race and Baggett's 3rd in this race lifted him to the championship. This win by Kenny Baggett, along with his win at the Junior Nationals, and top Junior at the Nationals, indicates that this young sailor must be dealt with as a real threat in future regattas.

Pl	Skipper	Club	Boat		Races					Pts
			No.		1	2	3	4	5	
1	Kenny Baggett	WSC/OK	611		3	4	3	1	3	13.7
2	Harvey Baker	WSC/OK	1268		2	3	2	3	5	15
3	Scott Slocum	RCYC/TX	1655		1	1	1	13	2	17.2
4	Greg Barnett	RCYC/TX	1674		7	2	4	8	1	21.7
5	Preston Doege	RCYC/TX	1619		11	6	5	4	4	30
6	Bob McGinnis	WSC/OK	531		4	5	6	9	DNS	41
7	John Kerr	WSC/OK	1285		8	10	7	12	6	43
8	John Kerr Jr	WSC/OK	549		12	12	10	5	8	47
9	Claude Kirk	WSC/OK	527		6	8	DNS	6	10	47
10	Jack Marsee	WSC/OK	1069		10	7	11	11	9	48

11	Chris Siemens	WSC/OK	530	9	13	9	7	12	50
12	Steve Wyneken	TLGYC/OK	595	5	9	8	DNS	DNS	56
13	Rick Martin	WSC/OK	578	13	11	12	10	11	57
14	Gene Kehr	WSC/OK	548	DNS	DNS	DNS	2	7	60
15	Doug Parker	WSC/OK	585	DNS	14	13	DNS	DNS	74
16	Pat Lovely	WSC/OK	877	14	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	74
17	James Lovely	WSC/OK	257	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	83

MC Junior Regatta

July 15-16, 1995, Fleet 14 Missouri Yacht Club, MO

Results submitted by Phil Reicher. Story by Pam Cantrell.

The 1995 Junior Nationals were held at Lake Lotawana on July 15th and 16th. Twelve skippers and seven crew members, all under the age of 21 competed for the national title. The competition was extremely close, with the first place finisher only 1/2 point ahead of second place. Winds varied from 5 to 12 mph over the two days, but the enthusiasm was constant. All sailors received participation awards, regatta T-shirts, Johnson Boat Works gifts, all meals and on-the-lake housing for their \$25 entry fee. Lake Lotawana is issuing a challenge to all other clubs interested in hosting future Jr. Nationals to give young MC sailors as much or MORE for their minimal entry fee. Lotawana feels strongly that junior sailors should be encouraged in every way to compete nationally and keeping costs to a minimum should be a priority.

Pl	Skipper	Club	Boat No.	Races				Pts
				1	2	3	4	
1	Kenny Baggett	WSC/OK	611	1	1	3	3	7.5
2	Sarah Cooley	MYC/MO	1507	2	2	2	2	8
3	Jon Martin	MYC/MO	1504	4	3	4	1	11.7
4	Brent Daily	TYLC/MI	1309	3	5	1	4	12.7
5	Nelson Runkle	MYC/MO	847	6	4	6	7	23
6	Jiffer Harriman	MYC/MO	884	5	7	7	5	24
7	Terry Gammil	MYC/MO	1004	11	6	5	8	30
8	Noah French	JLYC/NE	525	8	8	8	6	30
9	Katie Aholt	MYC/MO	199	7	9	9	9	34
10	Austin Chamberlain	MYC/MO	828	10	10	10	13	43
11	Brennan Garvey	MYC/MO	495	9	11	11	13	44
12	Jordan Gutweiler	MYC/MO		11	12	11	13	47



Juniors Regatta: Back row L to R: David Pizzuro, Nelson Runkle, Brent Daily, Laurie Runkle, Katie Aholt, Terry Gammel, Austin Chamberlain, Jiffer Harriman
Front row L to R: Jon Martin (3rd), Kenny Baggett (1st), Sarah Cooley (2nd), Brennan Garvey