

# 1996 Black Tie

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Regatta report from Herman van Beek

The 1996 Black Tie Regatta was a re-sounding success with five races over three days. MCs had a separate race course where the 30 participants competed in typical Texas spring weather -- temperatures that ranged from 82° to 90° F and winds from 0 to 35 mph. The 7 E scows, 14 M-20s and 43 C scows duelled it out on the other course with its own race management and chase boats.

The start of Friday races for MCs was delayed due to high winds, while the other fleets went out. We waited onshore while three Cs were towed in with broken masts, plus an E and a couple of M-20s capsized. Finally the winds subsided enough and we went out. Most took crew in the 15-20 mph north winds. Andy Burdick, Greg Gust and Eric Hood took top honors.

It was still blowing strong on Saturday morning and again the start was delayed. However, when we did go out we ran two races back-to-back in dying winds. Greg

PL	SKIPPER	CLUB	BOAT	Races					PTS
				1	2	3	4	5	
1	Greg Gust	RCYC/TX	1559	2	1	2	1	6	17.7
2	Andy Burdick	MBW	1717	1	2	9	4	1	26
3	Paul Foerster	Dallas	1128	4	4	4	3	4	37.7
4	Eric Hood	MSsls	1704	3	3	6	5	3	38.8
5	Scott Slocum	RCYC/TX	1685	DNS	5	1	2	2	48
6	Bob Cantrell	MYC/MO	1507	12	12	5	7	8	73
7	Skip Johnson	JBW	1693	5	9	17	16	5	80
8	Greg Barnett	RCYC/TX	1674	8	10	12	13	7	80
9	Manning Grinnan	RCYC/TX	1479	11	13	3	19	12	84.7
10	Jack Kern	RCYC/TX	1694	6	7	13	21	9	85.7
11	Pam Cantrell	MYC/MO	1231	7	8	24	11	11	91
12	Drew Mize	AYC/TX	937	13	21	11	6	14	94.7
13	Jack Hattendorf	AYC/TX	907	17	11	14	8	16	96
14	Jason Bradley	RCYC/TX	1353	9	15	10	17	DNF	98
15	Jim Alman	Dallas	1468	14	6	18	23	10	100.7
16	Howard Will	LBYC/WI	1616	15	18	7	15	DNF	102
17	Tim Fredman	BLYC/WI	1456	16	14	15	12	DNF	104
18	Glenn Foulke	MYC/MO	818	10	20	19	20	13	112
19	Bill Cantrell	RCYC/TX	1539	19	22	20	9	DNF	117
20	Greg Gearing	AYC/TX	590	DNS	17	16	18	15	122
21	Adam Mize	AYC/TX	856	22	24	22	10	DNF	125
22	Brian Tillema	MYC/MO	1224	18	19	27	14	DNS	125
23	Charles Price	RCYC/TX	1540	DNS	16	8	DNF	DNS	126
24	Herman van Beek	RCYC/TX	1521	DNS	23	23	22	DNS	141
25	Steve Stock	FRYC/CO	1350	23	27	21	24	DNS	142
26	Preston Doege	RCYC/TX	1619	21	26	25	27	DNS	146
27	Gerry Dorsey	Colorado	871	24	25	28	25	DNS	149
28	David Tillema	MYC/MO	1524	20	28	29	28	DNF	152
29	Tom Courtney	FRYC/CO	1201	25	29	26	26	DNF	153
30	Ralph Kelley	RCYC/TX	1554	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	162

Gust won the first and Scott Slocum won the second of these races. After lunch everyone dropped crew and put on their APs and Big Boys. With winds oscillating from north to west to south, the committee had trouble setting a course that would last more than five minutes. Finally, a strong northerly breeze came in and stayed for the duration of the afternoon. Once again Gust won by barely edging Slocum at the finish line.

Sunday morning it was blowing strong, but the RC was on station and so were 23 MCs. Sixteen finished with the others dropping out or capsizing -- only one bent mast for MCs while the Cs scored another broken mast. Andy Burdick got Scott Slocum on the last downwind leg to win this race. Eric Hood took third.

In the end, Greg Gust prevailed to win the series. Andy Burdick earned second place honors, Paul Foerster third, Eric Hood Fourth and Scott Slocum fifth.

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