

Hot Dog Regatta

September 13, 1997, Fleet 43 Lake MacBride SC, IA

Report from Jim Brust, LMSC/IA

Twelve MCs appeared on the morning of Saturday, September 13th for the 4th Annual one-day, five-race Hot Dog Regatta at Lake MacBride, near Solon, Iowa. The morning started with a heavy mist and no air. By the time boats were rigged, launched and the skippers meeting was over, a light breeze had settled over the lake creating a consistent ripple; the mist had stopped.

The breeze continued to increase (not build!) during the morning, thus allowing two races before lunch. Due to the "fantastic" wind shifts, the fleet was really scrambled as to results after the two races. Lunch was the standard grilled hot dogs with trimmings, thus the regatta name. After lunch the breeze had built to 7-8 mph and had become more consistent. Two more races were run. Just before the end of the last race, the air vanished, and the regatta was called complete. Results were as follows:

Pl	Skipper	Club	Boat No.
1	Stu Oltrogge	CLYC/IA	1591
2	Dick Duley-GM	LDSC/IA	1305
3	David Staub	LDSC/IA	1594
4	Jim Brust-M	LMSC/IA	1761
5	Tony Bruskus-GM	LDSC/IA	1484
6	Mike Hoffman	LMSC/IA	1432
7	Chuck Nelson-GM	LDSC/IA	662
8	Mike Hunstad	LMSC/IA	889
9	Mike Zmuda	LDSC/IA	1581
10	Jack McCoy	LMSC/IA	971
11	Rob Moser-M	LDSC/IA	1629
12	Ed Quin-M	CLYC/IA	1375

Southeast Championship

December 6-7, 1997 Fleet 4 Lake Eustis SC, FL

Report from Bob DeWitt

Thirteen boats registered for this annual regatta, but only eight were able to compete.

Winds were 15-20 mph out of the northwest on Saturday and on Sunday they had switched to the northeast at 7-10 mph.

One throwout was given.

Pl.	Skipper	Club	Boat	Races					Pts
				1	2	3	4	5	
1	Alex Schaefer	LESC/FL	1372	1	1	DNF	1	1	3.0
2	Mike Kelly-M	MD	1651	2	1	2	4	4	8.75
3	David Beatson	LESC/FL	657	3	4	3	2	2	10
4	Tony Bruskas-GM	LDSC/IA	1484	DNF	3	4	3	5	15
5	Greg Murphy		1775	4	2	DNF	DNF	DNF	22
6	Dennis Oldham	LESC/FL	72	DNF	DNF	DNF	5	3	23
7	Warren Nye	NC	485	6	5	5	DNF	DNF	24
8	Tiny Knowle-M	LESC/FL	881	5	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	28
9	Peter Holland		830						
10	Dale Holosack-GM	LESC/FL	851						
11	Rod Nystul	LLSC/WI	978						
12	Don Penlod		1038						
13	John Schneider-GMLLSC/WI		1654						

Letter from the East Coast

November 9, 1997

Letter from Mike Kelly of Berlin, MD

"Enclosed are my MC dues for 1998. I have been a member of the Association on and off for about 12 years. Anyway, the purpose of this letter is to give you some race results from Maryland. Apparently, I have the only MC in Maryland, or at least the only one who races one. Due to the nature of my business and the fact that we own a 33-footer we race (those races seem to conflict with MC races in NC) I am unable to get to many MC regattas. However, we made an exception this year and I thought you might be interested in the results and, not to be too egotistical, include them in the MC Newsletter.

In February of 1997 I raced in the Washington Birthday Regatta in Eustis, Florida and placed second. This unfortunately was the only MC regatta I was able to sail in. However, the Southern Mary Sailing Association held a series of three small boat regattas. The handicapping system used was the Portsmouth

Yardstick. I was able to place first in all three regattas, winning nine of eleven races and placing second in the other two. The conditions varied from drifters to 25 knots. The sizes of the fleets varied from as low as 15 boats to as high as 26. The other classes that were represented were: 505s, Lightnings, Frontrunners, Hamptons, Lasers, Interlakes, Force Fives, 420s, Mobjacks, Fireballs. There was even an old M-16. Not only did the MC win corrected, but we were able to finish first-in-fleet in all but four races.

There was a lot of interest in the boat both at the regattas and at the Tred Avon Yacht Club, where I am a member. Hopefully I will be able to get a fleet going there soon and we can begin reporting fleet news from Maryland."

Editor: Mike also sailed in the SE Championship where he took 2nd. With fleets at Lake Norman, NC and a fleet being chartered at James Island, South Carolina, it would be great to have another fleet on the East Coast in Tred Avon YC, Maryland.