

# 25th Midwinter Championship

March 17-20, 1997 at Lake Harris, hosted by Fleet 4 Lake Eustis SC, FL

This was the 25th Anniversary of the IMCCSRA Midwinter Championship Regatta. The weather man cooperated with absolutely great sailing weather, plenty of sun for peaked Northerners. Winds were 10-12 mph for the first race and 5-10 for Race 2 & 3 on Tuesday. Wednesday and Saturday the winds were 5-7 mph. One throwout was allowed.

Social activities included snacks and beer Monday and Wednesday, continental breakfasts at Lake Harris, and one of the finest banquets ever Tuesday evening at the Pine Meadows Country Club. For starters there was a huge mound of shrimp and oysters on the half shell.

## Geo. Washington Regatta

February 22-23, 1997  
Fleet 4 Lake Eustis SC, Florida

By Bob DeWitt

43 boats in 6 classes, including 8 MCs, participated in this years regatta.

One of three scheduled races were completed Saturday afternoon before winds of 40-50 mph and rain hit the area. Only two boats, a Hobie Cat and a Lightning had to be helped ashore. Free beer lightened spirits after this scary ending of the day's racing.

Sunday was a beautiful day in the 80s with 10-12 mph winds out of the southwest. David Beatson got his second 1st place with an 8 second victory over Mike Kelly from Berlin, Maryland. In the last race, Roy Knowles stopped Beatson's clean sweep with a thrilling come from behind 5 second victory, nipping Beatson at the finish line.

Bill Crum, sailing for the first time since his '96 heart attack, completed a consistent 3,3,4 regatta to tie Kelly in points with 10. The tiebreaker gave Bill a 3rd place finish. All in all it was a great regatta and everyone had a good time. Final standings were mailed to all participants. (Ed: That's a great idea)

Racing featured six windward-leeward courses on huge Lake Harris ably managed by PRO Sandy Sundberg and his crew. There were no alligator sightings although we noticed Frank Vandall lost no time righting his boat! Andy Burdick found all conditions to his liking and posted SIX BULLETS. He was followed

by Dan Guidinger and Gordy Bowers. The top amateur and top Master honors went to Wynn Story in third overall. Bill Gilmer won the Grand Masters and Curt Bradley the Mega Masters divisions. Lake Eustis donated handsome perpetual trophies to the three Masters divisions.

### '97 Midwinters Regatta Results

Pl	Skipper	Div	Boat		Races						Pts	
			Club	No.	1	2	3	4	5	6		
1	Andy Burdick	P	MBW	1779	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3.0
2	Dan Guidinger	P	JBW	1751	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	10
3	Gordy Bowers	P	ISIs	1675	3	6	6	3	3	3	3	18
4	Winn Story	M	LLSC/GA	1684	4	8	7	5	4	5	5	25
5	John Adams		LLSC/GA	1648	9	5	3	4	5	DNF	26	
6	Ted Keller		TYC/MI	1431	10	7	8	6	10	6	37	
7	Katie Reese	W	LYC/WI	1527	16	10	13	8	6	4	41	
8	Tim Fredman Sr	M	BLYC/WI	1595	6	12	9	17	7	7	41	
9	Jack Kern	M	RCYC/TX	1694	5	3	4	15	17	16	43	
10	Jim Hatch	M	BLYC/WI	1720	13	4	15	10	12	9	48	
11	Tom Wurster	GM	DLYC/MI	1667	7	9	5	23	19	13	53	
12	Tim Fredman Jr		BLYC/WI	823	11	16	19	11	8	15	61	
13	Curt Bradley	MM	GRYC/MI	1405	15	14	20	9	11	12	61	
14	Knox Rodgers		LLSC/GA	1416	12	22	17	7	18	11	65	
15	Devin Farley	M	LYC/WI	1356	8	21	14	16	14	14	66	
16	Willi Lenkeit	M	LLSC/GA	1649	14	19	18	14	15	8	69	
17	Dick Duley	GM	LDSC/A	1305	18	23	10	21	13	10	72	
18	Bill Gilmer	GM	LLSC/FL	1365	20	13	16	13	16	20	78	
19	Frank Vandall	M	LLSC/GA	1568	24	20	22	12	9	18	81	
20	Tony Bruskas	GM	LDSC/A	801	22	15	11	18	21	19	84	
21	Mike Sherin	GM	LYC/WI	1500	21	17	12	19	20	21	89	
22	Bill Crum	MM	LESC/FL	1068	17	18	23	20	22	17	94	
23	Bob DeWitt	MM	LESC/FL	1775	19	11	DNF	22	DNF	DNF	102	
24	Lew Sacks	M	LLSC/GA	1325	23	24	21	25	DNF	DNF	116	
25	Mark Hardenbergh		CLSA/OH	836	25	25	DNF	24	23	22	119	



'97 Midwinters Trophy Winners: Back L to R: Winn Story, Jack Kern, Tom Wurster, Katie Reese, Dick Duley, John Adams, Bill Gilmer  
Front: Jim Hatch, Ted Keller, Andy Burdick, Curt Bradley, Tim Fredman Sr.

### George Washington's Birthday Festival Regatta Results

Pl	Skipper	Club	No.	Races			Pts
				1	2	3	
1	David Beatson	LESC/FL	657	1	1	2	3.5
2	Mike Kelly	MD	1651	2	2	6	10
3	Bill Crum	LESC/FL	1068	3	3	4	10
4	John Schneider	LESC/FL	1654	4	4	3	11
5	Roy Knowles	LESC/FL	881	6	6	1	12.75
6	Peter Hylen	LESC/FL	830	DNF	5	5	18
7	Dennis Oldham	LESC/FL	72	5	DNF	DNF	21
8	Frank Keenan	LESC/FL	1372	DNF	DNF	DNF	24