

1998 MC Masters

June 24-26, 1998

Fleet 54 Hoover Yacht Club, Ohio

The 6th Annual MC Masters Nationals was hosted by Hoover Yacht Club in Westerville, Ohio, June 24th thru the 26th. A fleet of 26 boats assembled to challenge Tim Fredman's title. The week was unseasonably hot, a preview of the sweltering summer to come, but there was wind and a total of 6 races were completed.

Also participating in the regatta was HYC sailor, George Fisher. George Fisher is a champion sailor in many one-design classes, but was quite new to the MC, sailing his son Greg's boat for roughly three weeks before the regatta.

In the first race, George demonstrated what a quick study he is by finishing in 1st place. Second was Bud Leonard of Diamond Lake YC, and third place was Jack Kern of Rush Creek Yacht Club, Texas. The afternoon race saw the winds diminish and become a bit more erratic. Kern finished 1st, Jim Hatch 2nd, and Leonard 3rd.

After the day's racing there were massages set up in the club house to provide free massages for all the sore-backed sailors. The surprise entertainment at dinner was a visit from a 14-member ensemble of the Ohio State University marching band. They played all the local favorites along with a unique rendition of the Michigan fight song (just a bit out of time and tune!).

Thursday's races saw more hot weather, but a bit more breeze. The first race was

Pl	Skipper	Club	Boat	Races						Pts
				1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	Jack Kern-GM	RCYC/TX	1831	3	1	3	1	1	DNF	9
2	George Fisher-MM	HYC/OH	1569	1	6	1	4	8	2	14
3	Paul Eggert-GM	SLYC/MI	1806	4	10	2	19	3	4	23
4	Jim Hatch	BLYC/WI	1720	5	2	5	6	19	7	25
5	Hardy Will	LBYC/WI	1818	10	22	7	2	2	5	26
6	Ron Stryker	HYC/OH	1800	7	23	4	8	6	3	28
7	Bud Leonard-GM	DLYC/MI	1839	2	3	17	7	11	12	35
8	Tim Fredman	BLYC/WI	1774	14	7	18	10	5	1	37
9	Duane Pierson-GM	WLYC/MI	500	17	4	15	3	4	17	43
10	Dick Duley-GM	LDSC/IA	1305	16	5	8	9	16	10	48
11	Tom Wurster-GM	DLYC/MI	1853	6	11	13	11	10	18	51
12	Tony Bruskas-GM	LDSC/IA	1484	19	9	6	5	14	20	53
13	Devin Farley	LGYC/WI	1356	8	17	14	13	9	9	53
14	Bob Bellafronto	CLSA/OH	902	15	12	9	21	12	8	56
15	Bob Miller-GM	DLYC/MI	1840	13	8	10	15	DNF	11	57
16	Curt Bradley-MM	GRYC/MI	1842	12	14	16	12	7	16	61
17	Sid Peterson	PLYC/WI	1702	9	20	22	14	13	6	62
18	Dick Booth-GM	ELSC/MI	1064	11	16	11	18	15	13	66
19	Mike Sherin-GM	LGYC/WI	1829	23	13	20	17	17	15	82
20	Carl Pratt	CLSA/OH	1176	20	21	12	16	18	19	85
21	Dan Gloeckner	HYC/OH	1101	22	15	21	20	20	14	90
22	Doug Kiser	HYC/OH	1400	21	19	23	24	22	22	107
23	John Kimball	NY	912	18	18	19	DNC	DNC	DNF	109
24	Fred Bedford-MM	WA	1289	26	25	25	23	21	21	115
25	Tom Callis	PA	1016	24	24	24	22	DNC	DNF	121
26	Michael Kindred	HYC/OH	1286	25	DNF	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNF	133

won by Fisher followed by Paul Eggert and Kern. The second race was won by Kern as he began to distance himself from Fisher and the rest of the pack. Hardy Will finished 2nd, and Duane Pierson in #500 finished 3rd.

The sailors were awarded with a tapped keg, more massages and a prime rib dinner at the yacht club.

Friday brought some overcast skies to ease the heat and even more gusty breezes sending some sailors looking for crew. Kern finished 1st followed by Will and Eggert.

In the last race of the regatta, defending champion Tim Fredman found his speed and the lead. He was followed by Fisher and Ron Stryker of HYC.

Overall it was Jack Kern in 1st place and Top Grand Master. 2nd overall and top Mega Master honors went to George Fisher followed by Curt Bradley and Fred Bedford. Paul Eggert took 3rd overall and 2nd Grand Masters. Top Master in 4th overall was Jim Hatch. Hardy Will took 5th overall.

It was a great regatta with fun sailing and entertaining shore-side activities as well. Hoover YC thanks all the Masters for coming.

Note: The Board of Governors of IMCCSRA thanks PRO Kate Goes; Regatta Chairmen Ted Keller, Ron Stryker, and Greg Fisher; and the Hoover YC for an outstanding good time. The unique trophies are courtesy of Charlotte Fisher (Greg's wife).

MC in a Pointy-bow World

I finally met IMCCSRA member Tom Callis who lives in the Philadelphia area at the 1998 Masters regatta and asked him about his sailing near Philadelphia. Here is his response.

"I race my MC Scow in the pointy-bow world. I am the only scow sailor in my

sailing club, the Nockamixon Sail Club. We have several active one-design fleets (Thistles, Lightnings, Flying Scots) and a strong Portsmouth handicap fleet that includes these boats as well as an assortment of small keel boats like J-22, Impulse, etc. While it is clear that the best racing is against other MC Scows, in the few years that I have been sailing my boat I have done quite well against these other boats. In light air particularly, the MC is an excellent performer. Only the Thistle moves more quickly in those

conditions, but I have beaten them. Last year, in our club championship race, with each fleet represented and in very shifty conditions, I won two out of three races, and thus became our club champion. So if you happen to belong to a club without other MC sailors, all is not lost. In fact much can happen that makes other boat owners sit up and take notice of these flat-bottom, blunt-nose designs.

Regards, Tom Callis, MC 1016."