

# 1999 MC Midwinter

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Fleet 4 Lake Eustis SC, Florida

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The 1999 MC Scow sailing season got off to great start with the years first event, the Midwinter Championship held at the Lake Eustis Sailing Club, Florida.

30 boats attended the event at the all-new Fleet 4 facility. Here are some highlights from the event.

Regatta Chairman Bob DeWitt and his team that included Frank Keenan, Greg Murphy and many others really put on a fine regatta. This year's event was sailed out of the clubs's new facility which was a pleasant change from years passed. The new property has over 500' of shoreline and on about 3 acres. New blacktop paving and new docks were ready and waiting for us upon arrival. 40 buoys with 40# cement anchors, Vectran line and Styrofoam buoys were also in place. The new hoist for this year Jack Kerns K-Mart purchased block and tackle which worked just fine on one of the local live oak trees. Next year we will see their new electric hoist up and running. There is 200' of pier already installed with more planned.

There were a number of alligators around but they were more scared of us than we were of them. Gators are only really dangerous when you feed them or have small pets near the waters edge. They do not hang out in the lake offshore which makes everyone feel much better.

Our Saturday night dinner was supposedly gator (according to the local leg pulling hosts) but we are pretty sure it was roast beef and pork.

Seven races were held in conditions from zero to the low 20s (MPH) with three races on Friday, three on Saturday and one on Sunday. The first race was in light air followed by two races in medium air with huge velocity swings but somewhat steady in direction. Temperatures were in the 70s. Day two races were a bit more windy and colder with huge swings in direction and velocity. The final day of

racing was cold and windy. All seven races were 4.5 mile in length with half-mile legs on W 2-1/2 courses.

Racing was tough with a couple of lead changes during the event and lots of swings in point standings. Races winners included Race 1 Eric Hood, Race 2 and 3 Greg Gust, Race 4 and 5 Jack Kern, Race 6 Kelly Reese, and Race 7 Ted Keller.

Going into the last race several sailors could still win the regatta. Kern had a 3-point lead over Gust, who had a 1-point lead over Krawcheck. When the dust settled Greg Gust with a 3rd took the regatta honors.

Mark your calendars for March 10-12 for 2000. Greg Murphy, regatta cochairman for next year tells us you will be able to attend the Sarasota E/MC Regatta the following weekend. This has been worked out by both clubs. See you there.

Again, job well done to the group at the Eustis Sailing Club for hosting such a great event. We all know the consensus is to be back at Eustis for the 28th Annual Midwinter Championship next year. Hopefully the weather channel will not scare everyone off. This year it was false alarm and surely some sailors cancelled missing one of the best MC Midwinters ever held.

Pl	Skipper	Div	Club	Boat	Races							Pts
					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	Greg Gust		RCYC/TX	1750	4	1	1	6	6	7	3	28
2	Jack Kern	GM	RCYC/TX	1895	10	3	3	4	1	1	7	29
3	Lenny Krawcheck	M	JYIC/SC	1838	6	5	2	4	4	5	8	34
4	Eric Hood	P	NSIs	1903	1	6	4	12	2	9	2	36
5	Kelly Reese	W	LGYC/MI	1828	7	2	10	1	7	4	5	36
6	Ted Keller		HYC/OH	1898	3	10	5	2	8	17	1	46
7	Jeff Nicholas		CLYC/IA	1910	15	14	6	3	3	10	4	55
8	Tim Fredman, Sr.	M	BLYC/MI	1774	2	4	13	9	9	14	11	62
9	Winn Story	M	LLSC/GA	1684	8	9	8	7	10	12	13	67
10	Eric Protzman		RCYC/TX	1831	17	7	9	5	11	8	12	69
11	Stuart Oltrogge		CLYC/IA	1591	14	11	26	13	5	3	6	78
12	Randy Kotz		CLYC/IA	1764	19	17	19	10	12	2	9	88
13	Tim Fredman, Jr.		BLYC/MI	1325	11	16	11	11	14	16	10	89
14	Charlie Laffitte	M	CYC/SC	1856	22	20	12	8	16	6	14	98
15	Jim Stinson	GM	WSC/OK	1304	13	22	14	16	15	15	18	113
16	Lathrop Keller		TLYC/MI	1431	5	19	20	17	20	DNF	19	121
17	Charlie Lind	GM	RCYC/TX	1855	20	8	25	DSQ	DNS	11	15	131
18	Herman van Beek	M	RCYC/TX	1521	25	3	24	14	16	13	16	132
19	Duane Pierson	MM	WLYC/MI	1605	16	15	189	15	18	DNF	DNS	133
20	Bill Freytag	GM	LGYC/MI	1728	12	12	17	DNS	13	DNS	DNS	144
21	Tony Bruskas	GM	LESC/FL	1484	18	24	22	DNF	DNS	19	17	150
22	Bill Gilmer	GM	LLSC/GA	1365	21	21	16	DNS	19	18	DNS	155
23	Greg Murphy	M	LESC/FL	1531	9	13	15	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	157
24	Doug Kiser	M	HYC/OH	1400	23	25	23	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNF	181
25	Bill Crum	MM	LESC/FL	1773	24	18	21	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	183
26	Suzi Reese	W/M	LGYC/MI	1788	DNS	DNS	7	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	187
27	Bob DeWitt	MM	LESC/FL	1775	DNF	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	206
28	Frank Keenan	MM	LESC/FL	1372	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	210
29	Roy Knowles	MM	LESC/FL	881	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	210
30	Bill Robinson		LESC/FL	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	210

## Announcing:

### 1999 MC Juniors Championship Regatta

July 14-16, 1999

Spring Lake Yacht Club, Spring Lake, Michigan

- Even bigger and better than last year
- Nominal registration fee with excellent meals and private accommodations
- *Please encourage and help your Junior sailors attend this important event*
- Mid-week dates mean no power boat interference

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