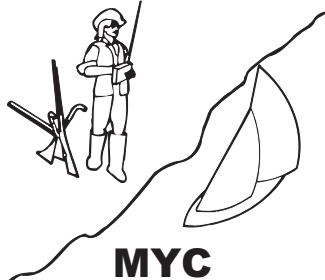


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About Minuteman Model Yacht Club

The Minuteman MYC is dedicated to the development of all aspects of model sailing. Dues for the year 2001 are \$15.00; checks should be made out to "Minuteman MYC" and sent to Jack Sullivan at the address above.

Formal trophy regattas are held regularly. From April to June informal sailing sessions are held on Tuesday evenings between 5:00 PM and Sunset, and on Sundays beginning at 1 PM at Needham Reservoir, and at Rosemary Lake in Needham until November. Indoor meetings are held monthly between January and March.

The club recommends that new members select the Soling One Meter class yacht as their first boat. The Soling One Meter is a low-cost, entry-level, one-design boat. It is available in kit form, and a complete, ready to sail yacht can be built for less than \$250, including radio.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to call any of the officers listed above. Or come and see us on Tuesday evening or at one of our regattas. Also, check out the AMYA web page on the Internet <www.amya.org>. Our club's web page can be reached at <www.amya.org/club/25/>

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First and Second Overall. Art Jacobsen (left) was the overall winner of this year's Columbus Day Open Regatta. Rich Ellis (right) was a close second. (Photo by Arline Jacobsen)

Columbus Day Regatta

By Jim Linville

Columbus Day 2002 was a typical New England day except for the gusty winds. In this case the wind came down from the North and split into hundreds of rivulets that turn and roll every which way as they made it to the surface of Rosemary Lake. The most positive spin I can put on it is that when the wind blows from the north at Rosemary Lake, sailing our tiny boats is a real challenge — and I do mean a real challenge. It was cool, but survivable, and Art Jacobsen seemed to have things under control. Art's heavy, old style Epic Marblehead was just the right boat for riding out the weird winds.

The day was, however, also a study in contrasts. Art with his heavy boat won six of the 13 heats but had a lot of fourth, fifth, and sixth place finishes to finish with 29 points. At the same time Cliff Martin was sailing his lightweight Minuteman Mistress (5-1/2 pounds) to two first place finishes with a string of seconds and thirds that also netted him 29 points for the day. Art, of course, won the tie breaker.

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Herb Dreher was first in the Soling One Meter Class, with Rich Ellis squeaking out mere 32 points to win in the International One Meter Class. Rich was awarded second overall. Special notice should be made that both Jon White and Jimmy O'Brien who did really well for beginners. I have a feeling that Ben and Bob better watch out.

Over all the results were:

COLUMBUS DAY OPEN

<i>Skipper</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Points</i>
Art Jacobsen	M	29
Cliff Martin	US1m	29
Rich Ellis	IOM	32
Jim Linville	US1m	34
Jon White	US1m	61
Herb Dreher	S1m	65
Jimmy O'Brien	S1m	77
Ed Childs	S1m	79

GHMYC ONE METER REGATTA

By Rich Ellis

Fortunately weathermen don't have many hurricanes to gain experience with. They predicted the winds to be 20 mph on race day. I even brought my #2 rig for the IOM. They were much weaker than the strong steady wind that we expected from *Lili*; the winds turned out to be like a confused child, full of tantrums and unpredictable actions. Otherwise, the day was beautiful at the lakeside.

Note, we did not discard any scores since each skipper only sailed nine races. When we employ the management system of shared RD duties, the races run better, but the number of races is limited to the number of skippers, that is we had ten skippers and ten races, with a different skipper acting as RD for each race.

I have noticed during this season that the general level of sailing has improved. When there are a few superior sailors, they raise the standard and it appears, bring others up, so now we don't have one boat running off and doing a horizon job on the

Martha's Vineyard Model Yacht Club Hosts InterClub #5

By Glenn F. Provost, Commodore

Herb Dreher, visiting from the Minute-man Model Yacht Club in Needham, took first place in the September 29th regatta. Seven sailors participated in the event with only Herb Dreher and Jim Linville coming from off-island. Unfortunately Jim's sail winch gave out in the first heat and he was unable to get it going again. The wind was a steady 8 to 10 knots in the morning, which diminished to near calm by early afternoon. The weeds floating in the harbor were a big factor in this event because the boats would almost come to a stop upon running into a patch of it. Many skippers had to bring their boats into shore to clean off the weeds before continuing. Roger Becker dropped out early on when he discovered his radio gear shorted out because of a leak in the hull. Many thanks to score keepers Sally Dunkley and Marcella Provost for a job well done.

The final race of the InterClub series will be held on Sunday, November 3, 2002 at Rosemary lake in Needham, MA. Skipper's Meeting at 10 AM. Contact Art Jacobsen at (508) 543-1321 or <aojrr@attbi.com> to reserve frequencies.

The results if Interclub #5 are as follows:

SOLING INTERCLUB #5

<i>Place</i>	<i>Skipper</i>	<i>Points</i>
1	Herb Dreher	19-3/4
2	Glenn Provost	21
3	Ted Thomas	23-1/4
4	Malcolm Dunkley	41
5	Rich Peia	49
6	Roger Becker	84
7	Jim Linville	98

rest of the fleet. Lately the finishes are often close and hard fought for. Congratulations everyone. This race was the next to last for the one meter series. The last race will be on November 2nd, where we will crown the season champion and throw him into the lake.

Sue Linville Memorial

By Jim Linville

It was a beautiful day. A bit chilly, but the wind was good, and Sue would have loved it. We raised \$144 for the club's Massachusetts Hospital School Sailing Program, and the only thing that might have made it better for her was if a Soling won the overall honors. Oh well, there's always next year.

Ben Pratt was the overall winner and gets to keep the coveted Susan Linville Perpetual Trophy for one more year. This year, however, trophies made from rubber duckies taken from Sue's private collection were presented to the top three finishers in the Soling One Meter class (Sue's favorite).

The run for the Ducks was really close. Herb Dreher finished first with 83 points, but both Jim Linville and Al Fearn were right on his transom at 84 points. Jim beat Al out with a third place tiebreaker.

The results are:

SUE LINVILLE MEMORIAL

<i>Skipper</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Points</i>
Ben Pratt	M	15
John Whelan	IOM	27
Fran Gowash	IOM	42
George Greenhalgh	EC-12m	51
Herb Dreher	S1m	83
Jim Linville	S1m	84
Al Fearn	S1m	84
Bob Francis	Us1M	87
Cliff Martin	S1m	92
Greg Hunter	S1m	95
Jon White	US1m	113
Ed Childs	S1m	131
Jim O'Brien	S1m	136

GHMYC ONE METER REGATTA

<i>Place</i>	<i>Skipper</i>	<i>Points</i>
1	Dan Crowley	17
2	Charlie Rutan	19
3	Rich Ellis	36
4	Ron Rhault	47
5	Pete Latournes	50
6	John Whalen	52
7	Jim Linville	55
8	Larry Clinton	59
9	Fran Gowash	664
10	Gio Rompato	72

November 2002

By Jack Sullivan

The final Region One Soling One Meter Interclub Regatta (#6) and the 25th annual sailing of the 4-Hour Enduro are the last two events of the year at Rosemary Lake. We have to warn you that the weather can play a big part in your enjoy-

ment and your boat's survival in these end of the year events. Remember to contact Art Jacobsen at (508) 543-1321 or <aojlr@attbi.com> to reserve frequencies.

Interclub 6

Interclub six, the final Region One Soling One Meter Interclub Regatta of the year will be sailed at Rosemary Lake on Sunday, November 3, 2002. The Minuteman MYC team holds a commanding lead, so about the only way we can lose is to not show up. Be there or be square!

Kudos are due to Herb Dreher who has been participating in all of the Interclub Regattas with Jim Linville. Herb, who is a world class International 110 big boat sailor, is working his way through the regional Soling One Meter pecking order, and has become a factor in any race he participates in. Way to go Herb!

Up-to-date standings for the series are shown above.

4-Hour Enduro

The 25th running of the 4-Hour Enduro will begin promptly at 11 AM on Sunday, November 10, 2002. The Enduro is our traditional end of the season regatta, and it has never been called off. It has been snowed, sleeted, rained, blown, basked, but never becalmed. Boats still sailing after 4 hours are scored ahead of others who might have more laps. The course is set as an extremely elaborate double zigzag (intended to extend the time per lap and reduce boredom). A small "gate" is used to count the boats as they pass. At the end of the day, the skipper with the largest number of laps wins. All classes of boats are

Soling One Meter InterClub Standings Through IC/5

	IC/1	IC/2	IC/3	IC/4	IC/5	Total
Minuteman	434	285	268.75	136	317.75	1441.50
Stowe	303	301	121.75	600	600.00	1925.75
Martha's Vineyard	270	600	467.75	600	85.25	2023.00
Laconia	600	252	499.00	141	600.00	2092.00
Portsmouth	459	352	498.00	380	600.00	2289.00
Penobscot	159	600	600.00	462	600.00	2423.00

welcomed.

True, there have been beautiful autumn days for us to sail these events in, but you have to be prepared for spitting snow on subfreezing days. We have sailed on some miserable days. We do not reschedule these events because of bad weather. We cancel the event if, in the eyes of the Race Director, it becomes unsafe for anyone to go out in the rescue boat. That still gives us a wide range of cold and wet before we reach unsafe.

If you want to be there for the end you'll have to prepare in advance.

The way the Enduro is scored is everyone starts at 11:00 AM. No delays. No holds. The fleet goes at 11. Each skipper sails as many laps as he or she can around a stretched, star-shaped course between 11 AM and 3 PM. For those Skippers who are on, the same lap at 3 PM, the committee determines who is further ahead on the course. Then the committee scores the finish of those skippers who were not still running at 3:00 PM. That is, boats on the water at 3 PM are scored ahead of those that have dropped out (for any reason). Yes, you can hold back and not start until 2:55, sail less than one lap, and be scored ahead of some poor stiff who started at 11 AM, sailed 38 laps, and broke down at 2:55 PM. Nobody's ever done it, but that's the way the rules read.

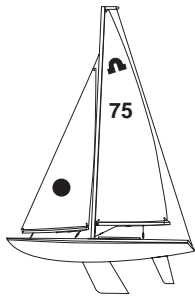
Rules of The Enduro

1. The Enduro is held at Rosemary Lake on the second Sunday in November.
2. It starts at 11:00 AM and finishes at 3:00 PM.

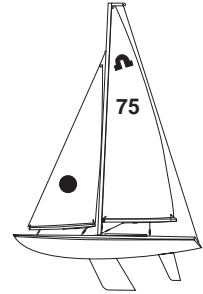
3. There are no holds.
4. The race is open to any radio controlled model sailing yacht.
5. The order of finish is determined by the number of laps sailed plus the position on the course at 3:00 PM as best the committee and any volunteers can determine and then the number of laps completed by yachts that are not sailing the course. (That is, boats sailing at 3 PM are scored before boats that have dropped out.)

6. All rules of right of way are in effect.
7. Hitting of buoys is permissible. Just get around them.
8. There will be a radio check at 10:45 AM. All contestants will turn on their radio to satisfy their concern about how much interference they can expect when all the boats are sailing. This is usually a large fleet.
9. All radios on 75 MHz are expected to be narrow banded.
10. Only one boat per frequency. No guarantee that frequency conflicts can be resolved. The committee will try to assist skippers to resolve frequency conflicts. First come first served.
11. A recovery boat must be present to allow the regatta to commence.
12. Prizes are ribbons. No trophy fee will be collected.
13. The race committee has the option of canceling the regatta if weather or other conditions appear to be unsafe. This race has been sailed on beautiful days and some horrible days. Protect yourself.
14. This is not an AMYA sanctioned event because of the peculiar format and the open classes of boats.
15. These rules are subject to change without notice.





NED LAKEMAN WINS SOLING ONE METER REGION ONE CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA



By Rich Ellis

Whoever coined the phrase, “the quiet before the storm” must have been thinking about our regatta on the North Atlantic Ocean in Mansfield State Park. My father-in-law was a meteorologist in the Air Force, and I, as a child, built a weather station outside my window, so I have more than a passing interest in the weather. It seems fitting then, that I now am in a hobby that is ruled by weather.

I watch the forecast for race day at Mansfield Hollow State Park for about a week before. Naturally the forecast changes as the time draws nearer to race day. On Saturday morning the forecast was for overcast, with winds from the SW climbing during the day to about 25 mph... rain sometime in the late afternoon. Unfortunately the forecast was spot on. Skippers registering in the morning were asking, “are we going to get some wind?”. At the time the air was still and heavy. At 11 AM flags hung straight down and no one bothered to put their boats in the water, since they would go nowhere. I promised the skippers that the “doctor” would arrive soon and cure everyone’s concerns about wind. In the back of my brain I had an ominous feeling that the delayed onset of wind would be overcompensated by mother nature soon enough.

At 11:14 AM, no wind at all, then suddenly it set in at a steady 10 MPH. It blanketed the whole lake and started to rough up the waves. We promptly put the little Solings into their element. Ten miles per hour is perfect for these heavy, but somewhat fragile boats. We know from experience that some people will have mechanical problems with their boats when the winds are brisk. It is an unfortunate part

S1m REGION ONE CHAMPIONSHIP

Place	Skipper	Points
1.	Ned Lakeman	24
2.	Bob Shluger	26
3.	Fran Gowash	37
4.	Jim Linville	46
5.	Rich Ellis	46
6.	Steve Zucchini	64
7.	Larry Clinton	90
8.	Marcel Zucchini	98
9.	Cliff Martin	109
10.	Don Cundy	117

FINAL STANDINGS OF THE 2002 GHMYC SOLING ONE METER POINTS REGATTA

Place	Skipper	Points
1.	Jim Linville	27
2.	Fran Gowash	25
3.	Bob Shluger	23
4.	Greg Vasileff	15
5.	Rich Ellis	15
6.	Larry Clinton	13
7.	John Whalen	6
8.	Ron Rhault	5
9.	S. Gowash	4
10.	Mike Haddock	1

of sailboat racing, big or small boats. It would be wonderful if all races were only determined by the driving skill of the skippers, but boat preparation is a requirement and an integral part of sailing. With this day’s punishing winds, only two boaters of the ten competitors (Ned Lakeman and Bob Shluger) had few mechanical or radio problems with their equipment. Not surprising, they finished first and second, partly due to the diligent preparation of

their boats. Ned, in fact brought two boats, one boat at ten pounds and his old steady heavyweight at over 11 pounds. Guess which one he sailed?

As the day went on the winds grew stronger and meaner. Wind gusts were so strong that they overpowered the boat’s rudders, and some boats were driven aground, while others were driven completely across the lake. It was a day of survival and the boaters who handled the difficult conditions must be envied for their skill and congratulated for their efforts.

This regatta was a combined event where the last race of the GHMYC season and the Region One Championships were run together. The event race director was Ron Rhault, who was a fair and consistent moderator and held a steady hand over the sometimes difficult racing. He was assisted by Gio Rampato who observed the buoy turns and Sharon Gowash who was the scorekeeper. The results are shown below:

Political Savvy from the 1st Annual “DUD” Awards

“I love California. I practically grew up in Phoenix.”

— Dan Quayle [days like this....I really miss Dan]

It’s no exaggeration to say that the undecideds could go one way or another”

— George Bush, US President

“If we don’t succeed, we run the risk of failure.”

— Bill Clinton, President

A Proposal

By Todd Brown

I spend a lot of time rollerblading and biking along the Charles river from Newton to the aquarium and back. The other day, I had the crazy idea that it would be fun to hold a model distance race along the Charles. There are miles upon miles of walkable path along the Charles from which skippers could sail a several mile course. There are two or three locations where there would be ample parking, and plenty of interesting sailing along the way, and I mean true distance racing (variable winds, currents, possible paths), the whole nine yards.

I thought we could run a race, from one of these parking havens to a mark set approximately one hour, to an hour and a half up or down the river. The race would be up to the mark, around it, and back. Ideally, the mark would be set by dropping it in the water from off of one of the bridges along the way.

We could have a designated person, the RD (not racing) in a kayak on the water with a cell phone. If people glitch, call the cell for a tow. RD could respond very quickly.

Important other rules:

- a) All skippers must be on shore, no one sailing from kayaks on the water.
- b) Battery changes can be made along course if need be, but boat must not be given any advantage when relaunched.

Problems to overcome:

- a) Other boating traffic, rowing shells, motor boats etc.
- b) Interclub event. Frequencies should be reserved in advance with RD
- c) Date to hold event?
- d) Divisions for scoring
 - over 40 in division (Marblehead, EC-12, AC, A, J)
 - under 40 in division (US1M, IOM, ODOM, 36/600)
 - one design (Laser, S1M, CR914)

Possible venues:

1) Parking along soldier's field RD

Course: from lot, to Harvard footbridge and back

Length: 1-2.5 miles (depending on what lot you put the start line at)

Advantages: Adjustable course length, sailing around the big bend will be interesting, Great parking!

Disadvantages: Variable winds, tricky with boat traffic coming around the bend

2) Parking at Boston University (permission would be needed)

Course: BU sailing pavilion to mark set 1 mile in either direction

Length: completely variable

Advantages: More consistent winds

Disadvantages: parking is a walk away (if available), possibly large waves

3) Parking at Moody St. Apts. in Waltham

Course: Moody St. Bridge to mark placed 1 mile west on Charles

Length: 2 miles

Advantages: good wind with small waves, very little boat traffic

Disadvantages: Parking is on the other side of a street

4) Parking at various spots near Storrow Lagoon

Course: Start in Lagoon, out onto river, around mark near Mass Ave bridge, finish in lagoon.

Length: 2 miles, variable

Advantages: Boat free starting area

Disadvantages: Parking is not so good, and if you find parking, you still have to walk.

Alternate course. If too windy and wavy on Charles, can run distance race in lagoon. with good consistent winds
Any thoughts? Interest?



HOW TO GET TO HAL'S

Take Route 128 to Route 2. East on Route 2 towards Boston for approximately 5 miles to Route 60 (Exit 59). Turn left on Route 60 for 1 mile to Massachusetts Avenue. Left on Mass Ave. 2 – 3 blocks to Mill Street (first light). Right on Mill Street 1-1/2 blocks to Summer Street (first light). Left on Summer St. 2 short blocks to Richfield Road. Up the hill half a block or so to an intersection. Sharp turn to the right onto Orlando Ave. #19 is at the top of the hill on the right.

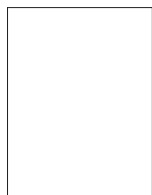
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Boat Nights at Hal's to Resume

Our fearless Commodore, Hal Robinson, reports that he is feeling a lot better, and while he isn't ready to come to the pond for sailing, he is chomping at the bit to talk

boats and get everything ready for next year. Therefore, beginning on Tuesday, November 12th he has once again agreed to open his home and shop from 5 to 8 PM on the second Tuesday evening of the month for those of us who have Tuesday night sailing withdrawal symptoms. Every-

one is invited, and some of us will send out for pizza or Chinese. Emphasis is on helping newcomers build and get their boats ready for the 2003 season, but you can bet there will plenty going on to interest any experienced skipper. This is a great chance to get together, talk boats, solve problems, and actually get something done.



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