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# REGATTA RESULTS (continued)

## Mutineer National Championship 1975 Cass Lake, MI

This year's Mutineer Nationals got off to a rather shaky start on Friday, September 5th, with the prospect of a continuation of the previous week's rain. Twenty-one racers arrived in the midst of a typical Michigan summer shower. Boats were hurriedly set up and measured, and everyone retreated to a dry place to see if the scheduled "tune up" races would be held. A word of appreciation is in order for Vern Umstead who managed to get all boats measured despite pretty nasty conditions.

Around three in the afternoon the sky brightened and the rain stopped just long enough to sucker everyone out onto the lake. About the time the course was set the sky opened up and down it poured. All participants stayed in there, however; and one race was run with Hal Adams, first, Vern Umstead, second, and Stacy Eagle, third.

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Saturday the sun came out in the morning and stayed out the entire regatta, a pleasant surprise to the out of towners but a mild shock to the Michiganders.

The course decided on was a start and finish to windward with twice around the triangle, seven legs in all. It was an excellent course but a little long legged to allow six races in two days' sailing.

In the first race the starboard start was favored, and positions were changed on the windward leg as the boats split tacks seeking that shortest route to the first pin. The first four or five boats seemed to overstand the mark as Vern Umstead hit it right on the money rounding first. Al Smith tacked in the lee of a boat and didn't get around until sixth, but from then on he slowly ground down the leaders. While Smith was sailing to the front, Umstead seemed to be playing the puffs well and actually appeared to lengthen his lead. On the sixth leg Smith had moved up to challenge the leader, and the best battle of the regatta was on. After trying to break through Umstead's lee several times, Smith had to follow him around. They split at the mark and crossed tacks all the way up the weather leg with no real gain on either part. The results came right down to the wire when both boats approached the finish on opposite tacks. Umstead on port had to yield to Smith, allowing him to sail over the line for the win. Umstead took a second and Hal Adams a third.

After a quick lunch race two was held with the wind piping up to 15-18 knots. The start was beautifully executed by Adams and Mike Scott on a port tack to sail into an early lead they never relinquished. At the finish it was Scott first, Adams second, and Smith working his way from fifth up to third.

The third race saw another fine battle between Al Smith and Hal Adams. The good starts and boat speed were beginning to tell the tale. Smith won with Adams second and Scott third. It was fast becoming a two-boat race.

Sunday morning it was decided to sail only four legs in an attempt to shorten the course enough to get in a sixth race. The marks were changed to starboard. Again it was a port tack that won the start, not only for clear air but with the course to starboard it was just plain shorter. Adams was over first with Smith close behind. The change in course brought a change in tactics, and those going in shore on the weather leg seemed to make out. Al Smith was among those who sailed up the center of the triangle and finished fifth. Rob Tanick and Hal Adams went in shore and finished first and second with Jeff Gerwitz third.

Going into the last race there was one-half point between Smith and Adams. They both lined up at the leeward end for a port tack start, and for a minute it looked like the grand finale. This never materialized when Adams got a great start and slowly ground out a lead that was to hold up. Tanick came up to challenge Smith for second but was held off for third, and that is exactly how they finished in the regatta. Hal Adams was the new Mutineer National Champion with Al Smith second and Rob Tanick third.

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One of the reasons for the lack of spinnaker flying downwind (There was certainly a lack downwind (and get some great rides!) if for no other reason than to clear your air. It's when one boat in the fleet learns the technique, others will soon follow. No one has a secret for long in this sport.

A word of thanks must go to the Pontiac Yacht Club for their invaluable help in putting on a great regatta. We are looking forward to working with them in the future.

<b>RESULTS</b>	First Place	Hal Adams Crew: Dave Schoene
	Second Place	Al Smith Crew: Nikki Shelly
	Third Place	Rob Tanick Crew: Dave Hartwell
	Old Timer's Trophy	Ralph Holzhauser
	Best Junior Trophy	Rob Tanick
	Out-of-Town Trophy	Tom Gutzke; Stewart, Nebraska (Furthest distance traveled)

## Grand Fall Handicap Regatta by Your Editor

This regatta was open to all Chrysler sailboats, being the only requirement to race.

The regatta was under the Portsmouth Harbor System using the Langstone Tables for calculating the results. The numbers used were as follows:

Portsmouth Harbor Handicap	
Pirateer	110
Man O' War	103
C 22	100
Mutineer	94
Buccaneer	85
Musketeer	71



It is realized that Portsmouth numbers have been varied to suit local racing conditions but since we don't have any firm information on the above figures, which we have used for several years, we are using them again. The results prove them fair, which is what is required.

A warming up party was held on Friday night for all competitors in which approximately 60 to 80 people participated. It was a B.Y.O.B. party, with the dress of the day being "smart to smashing". Some of the hard floating around with regard to who was going to beat whom during the weekend proved that the rivalries between the different classes. The camera crew from Water World were the most professional and this indeed showed their professional approach to their work which continued throughout the weekend. It was much appreciated by all. Observant and demanding yet unobtrusive and effective. We look forward to the film they will be making.