

1973 MUTINEER NATIONALS -- ORCHARD LAKE, MICHIGAN

(SEPT. 8-9)

Three tune-up races Saturday and a four-race series Sunday captivated the energies and skills of 23 skippers from a number of states as they challenged "character building" light airs and clear skies.

The first race saw John Strawbridge of Brooklyn, Mich., and Jerry Meach of the newly-formed Pine Lake, Mich. fleet, fight it out in light spotty air for the lead with Strawbridge leading until the last leg, where Meach nosed him out for a first. Ed Pawick of Gibraltar, Mich., finished third by 33 seconds. The backfield 15 boats managed to bomb the finish line in a pack, finishing well within 60 seconds, for a committee nightmare.

Matthew Milton of Detroit, in his first regatta ever, managed starting line honors for a second time with the able assistance of Doug Slade, his crew for the day. Jerry Meach and Mick Gillbanks, from Milwaukee, by way of Great Britain, worked into a close lead up the weather leg. Strawbridge joined in, making it a three-boat close battle with Gillbanks pulling out a first place, Strawbridge second, and Meach third.

The third race saw Meach win again with Robert Schroeder of Portage, Mich. taking second and Strawbridge third. Strawbridge came through again in the final race for a first, with neophyte Milton earning a second and Bill Harris of the Portage Lake fleet taking third.

FINAL RESULTS:

1. John Strawbridge	Brooklyn, Mich.	2-2-3-1
2. Jerry Meach	Pine Lake, Mich.	1-3-1-7
3. Alan Smith	Westland, Mich.	5-4-5-8

1973 MAN O' WAR NATIONALS -- KENT LAKE, MICHIGAN

(JULY 8)

Weather conditions were clear, with winds of 15-20 knots gusting and variable for the '73 Man o' War Nationals at Kensington Metro Park, northwest of Detroit.

The first race of the series found Gene Treuter, last year's national champion, trailing Mike Scott to the finish line only to pass as Scott fouled up a gybe. Third place went to Roy Bacon.

The second race saw Treuter win again, as Bacon was forced over the start line early and had to work through the fleet for his second place. Philip Tompkinson finished third. In the third, fourth, and fifth races, Bacon recorded firsts, ahead of Treuter and Scott, who earned seconds and thirds in each race.

FINAL RESULTS:

1. Roy Bacon	Bloomfield Hills, Mich.	3-2-1-1-1
2. Gene Treuter	Orchard Lake, Mich.	1-1-2-2-2
3. Mike Scott	Detroit, Mich.	2-6-3-3-3
4. Philip Tompkinson	West Bloomfield, Mich.	6-3-4-4-DSQ
5. Karl Kirstein	Madison Heights, Mich.	4-4-6-8-4