

# 2006 CR 914 Region 1 Championship Regatta Report

At Redd's Pond, Marblehead, MA

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Fourteen boats raced 19 heats in beautiful Spring weather. The ~NE wind made for good sailing, though it was variable in strength and direction enough to try the patience of all the skippers except Biff Martin. Actually it bothered him too but he handled it the best.

The recurring challenges of the day were the 14 boat starts and most mark roundings. The wind often managed to bunch the boats up at mark rounding with the overtaking boats coming into the boats ahead at the mark. Skippers were heard to exchange commentary about overlaps and things like that. In addition the foot traffic along the walk was challenging too. Fourteen skippers, spectators and fishermen make it somewhat congested.

Mark Maiese, when advised his boat seemed a little low in the water, responded, "No, it's ok". However it almost sank before he got it ashore. He had been holed in a collision and had not noticed it. It is surprising because all boats had bow-bumpers. This may be the first boat holed since the class started using bow-bumpers.

The same two-lap course was used all day except the initial race was one lap. The wind was good enough to lengthen the course. (It is interesting to note that some skippers had trouble counting to two and would not know whether to round the windward mark or to finish. 😊)

## REDD'S POND

Redd's was treated with an algaecide on Wednesday before the regatta. There were no boats fouled with grass or algae. Club members have generously donated to the pond fund to make the treatment possible. In addition a \$5 surcharge on all regatta entry fees goes to the pond fund. Thanks to all of you who support this \$1450 expense every other year.

## LUNCH AND BEVERAGES

Cheryl Emmons, continuing the tradition, supplied the excellent lunch. The sandwiches were delicious turkey and cheese roll-ups. The sinfully good cookies and brownie cakes were perfect dessert. Biff Martin supplied the selection of iced water and soft drinks to assure we remained hydrated.

## RACE OFFICIALS

Hatch Brown, sporting a new knee and a new eye lens after cataract removal, was the Race Director. Judy Wilkins his able assistant produced the final results of the 19 races with 14 boats. That's a lot of data to process. We still hope in future to do this job by computer.

## REGISTRATION

Jackie Winder registered the boats, happily taking money from the skippers.

## RADIO PROBLEMS

No radio "glitching" problems were reported. There were no 23-channel combinations. A few skippers had to replace depleted batteries. Five boats used Spektrum radios, which made channel assignments easy.

## Toilets

Again this year Marblehead MYC members donated the funds to pay for a portable toilet. It is probably healthy because it relaxes the normal reluctance to maintain good hydration knowing that there is someplace to drain the result.

## REGATTA RESULTS

The table shows the final standings. Also shown are how many firsts each boat managed. The top four boats were awarded plaques; the top three received AMYA red chevrons.

Biff Martin (with 9 firsts!) and Kevin Wilkins battled all day long for the top spot and lost it by only 4 points. Kevin would have won had he not been fouled several times, losing lost him several places. We will never know if the difference was that Biff better anticipated and avoided problem situations. Or was it luck? If it was luck Biff has lot of it since he won all four races of MMYC's first summer series.

	SKIPPER	Total <i>Three Discards</i>	FIRSTS
1	Biff Martin	32	9!
2	Kevin Wilkins	36	4
3	Bob Twombly	48	2
4	Stan Horan	61	3
5	Chuck Winder	97	
6	John Storrow	103	
7	Stuart Feinberg	103	
8	Stewart Neff	105	1
9	Bill David	112	
10	Bill O'Connor	121	
11	Mark Maiese	142	
12	Alan Kew	163	
13	Taylor Kew	195	
14	Diana Weidenbacker	220	

## It Was a Long Day, but FUN

The *away* skippers all arrived early at ~9 am after a ~3 hour drive, though the Stan and Kathy Horan's cheated by driving

up the night before. The first race was at ~10 am; the last race ended ~3 pm. Each race skipper probably walked about 3 miles following their boats. Yep, we were tired at the end of the day.

*See you all at Redd's for the New England Championships on Sunday, September 23 and at the 2007 CR 914 Nationals, October 12-15.*