Sailing At MIT Provides Diversion And Competition

MIT Represented In Olympics Olsen '41 And Marvin '49 To Sail

C. Eric Olsen '41, a plastic engineer, was a member of the first great sailing team at MIT which consisted of Olsen, Herman Hanson, Ruykes Cole, and Zebulan Powser. This quartet dominated the new sport of sailing and won the first collegiate dinghy championships in 1937, setting the pattern for the years to follow. Olsen has continued to make a name for himself in yachting through the years both here, and in Bermuda and Europe. As captain of the 505 class in England last year, with Alain de Bert '65, J. Nicholas Newman '56, and William Stiles '73 as teammates, he lost only the last race to the British team. He has in late years sailed successfully in the 16-foot international dinghy class which is the nearest host to the sharpie class found in this country.

John Marvin '49 has spent three of the years since his graduation in officer's training and in Korea with the Navy. He presently sails five-year dinghies at Marblehead and is vice president of the Balloon Clam Chowder Company.

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