Sailors close third in CG sloop regatta

By Randy Young

Stevy, gusty winds characterized New England collegiate sailing this weekend, as the MIT sailing teams moved into the final three weeks of their season. The dropping temperatures were accompanied by chilling breezes that made conditions dangerous at times for yachtsmen at least one school in the region.

The varsity regatta scheduled to be held at Bowdoin College in Maine on Saturday was never completed due to excessive high winds and lack of adequate rescue facilities.

Several other events did go on as scheduled, however, including three varsity regattas, one women’s event, and a freshman meet.

The Coast Guard Academy of New London, Connecticut hosted the Saturday and Sunday for the New England Sloop Championships. The event was sailed in a bay of class boats, centerboard craft twenty-four feet in length and powered by a crew of four. Three races were sailed on Saturday and four on Sunday, and the school with the best total score received the White Trophy. Each school entered one crew, and boats were rotated after each. MIT’s entry consisted of Pete Neher ’71, Tom Bergen ’72, Dave Mark ’73, and Dwight Davis ’71.

The end of the first day of sailing found the crew in third place, but going into the last race Sunday they were tied for the fourth place. The race finished, however, dropped them to third place in the series, one point behind second place Yale and two points back of winner Rhode Island. Bad luck plagued the MIT sailors throughout the regatta, as they suffered two breakdowns in the last seven races.

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Sailing for the summer's second straight day, the MIT sailing crew qualified for the final leg of the New England Sloop Championships with a third place finish on Saturday.

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Jimmy Heiney at 8:50 & 9:21

With a strong showing of 6-4, the crew topped MIT’s third place showing of 4-6. However, they were unable to qualify for the championship round, which will be held on Sunday. The MIT sailing team is currently ranked number one in the New England area.

The sailing team, along with the tennis and squash teams, is having a successful season. They are all currently ranked in the top ten in their respective sports.

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On Wednesday, the Water Polo team played its biggest game of the fall season when it meets Harvard in the first meeting of these teams this year. MIT got rated as number one in New England and Harvard goes in as number two, with MIT the best defense around and Harvard with a 19 goal per game offense. The game is at 4:30 in Alumni Pool and it promises to be most exciting. All support is encouraged.

On Saturday, the Tech meet was postponed due to strong gusty winds, and the meet was rescheduled for Saturday. The meet was won by Harvard, with the Tech B Division coming in second place. The Tech B Division won by a 13-12 tally. Next week the Tech meet will be held in Alumni Pool.

The Tech crew dominated the fall season, winning the first day of the regatta by a large margin over the MIT crew. In the meet, the Tech crew held a strong margin of victory over the MIT crew, with the Tech B Division winning by a 13-12 tally.

The Tech crew was able to dominate the meet due to the strong showing of their sailors. The MIT crew was able to take second place in the meet, but were unable to match the strong performance of the Tech crew.

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