Tech mariners score high in weekend action

By Randy Young

MIT's sailing squads found their busiest weekend of competition this past week as they competed in a total of five regattas. The mariners fared extremely well, coming away with three firsts, a second, and a fourth for their efforts.

The prime event on the schedule was the 41st New England Intercollegiate Spring Intersectional Regatta. Held on the Charles River at Tufts University for the Boston Dinghy Club, the event was held on Saturday and Sunday. Sailing in a thirteen boat format, MIT skippers Pete Nesbeda '73 and John Lacy '73 as crews, sailed to an overall second place finish. Individually Nesbeda placed third in his division, only five points back of the leader, while John Lacy sailed to a fifth place finish, sixth, recovering admirably from an early lead mishandled sixth, ninth, recovering admirably from several boats with bad luck.

The regatta was won by the University of Rhode Island, Harvard taking third in the two races, and MIT placing in the top five. However, the event set the stage for an exciting and competitive weekend. Another regatta was held on Saturday at Emerson College, and a third, the New England Invitational at Emerson, was held on Sunday. The teams competed in an invitational format, with each team sailing against MIT in each division.

The MIT sailing team fared extremely well, finishing in the top three in all three events. The team's strong performance was attributed to their consistent efforts, both on and off the water. The crew's ability to adapt to changing conditions and their ability to work together as a team were key factors in their success.

Overall, the weekend was a success for the MIT sailing team, with a total of three firsts, two seconds, and a third place finish in the three events. The team's strong performance bodes well for their upcoming season, and they look forward to continuing their success in the future.