**Varsity, frosh mariners win**

By Randy Young

MIT’s sailing team opened its season this weekend with a busy schedule that included the New England Women’s Singlehanded championships, a dinghy invitational, two varsity sloop regattas, and the first freshman event of the year. The weather was extremely variable, as were the breaks that came the sailors’ way, and the Tech mariners’ finishers ranged from good to bad.

On Saturday the winds were virtually nonexistent, and a dinghy invitational at Tufts was canceled, but the qualification trials in the women’s single-handed were held in very light air conditions here on the Charles River. Lynn Roylance ’72, Shelley Bernstein ’74, Gail Baxter ’74, and Martha Donahue ’72 represented MIT’s women, and Lynn and Gail both qualified for Sunday’s finals. The pair finished seventh and eighth respectively in Sunday’s heavier breezes, as the event was won by Candy Curtin of Newton College of the Sacred Heart, followed by Kathy Boynton of Connecticut College and Barb Grant of Radcliffe. Maria Rozauso ’73, MIT’s top woman skipper and a prime contender for the singlehanded title, was unable to sail in the trials on Saturday and therefore could not compete on Sunday.

On Sunday, coach Hatch Brown and eight members of the men’s varsity squad traveled to the Maine Maritime Academy in Castine, Maine, to compete in two dinghy events, one in Shields and the other in Mercury.

Tom Bergan ’72, Frank Miller ’74, Al Spoon ’73, and Larry Bacon ’73 co-skipped the Tech entry in the Shields regatta, and won easily over the other three schools, which included the Coast Guard Academy, Maine Maritime, and Bowdoin. Good upwind work and fine spinnaker handling were major factors in the MIT victory.

Steve Cucchiaro ’74 with Randy Young ’74 as crew, and the co-skippers team of seniors Bob Hart and John Lacy represented MIT in the Mercury event, sailing against a field composed of entries from Maine Maritime, Coast Guard and the University of Maine/Portland. Cucchiaro won his division, and John Lacy from putting the regatta under wraps for Tech, Coast Guard won the event, with the other three schools tied for second place.

A dinghy invitational at Boston University on Sunday rounded out the weekend’s varsity action, and the MIT skippers fell victim to some rough going, as they finished back in the pack. Steve Shantzis ’72, with Kim McCoy ’74 crewing, sailed in one division, while Steve Shantzis ’72 skipped in the other.

MIT’s freshman squad won its first regattas of the year, as the Tech Frosh took top honors in an invitational event at Harvard, finishing ahead of Coast Guard and Tufts.

Next weekend features another full slate, as the varsity will compete in two dinghy invitational and the season’s first trophy meet, the Danmark Trophy, to be held at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut.

The women’s team will sail in the Captain’s Cup regatta at Jackson and a novice regatta at MIT. The freshmen are slated to compete in an invitational at Tufts.

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**SPORTS**

Shown below, the fleet maneuvers prior to a start in one of the races of the New England Women’s Singlehanded finals at MIT on Sunday. Above, Lynn Roylance ’72 heads for the dock after finishing the race. Photos by Brad Biletdeaux

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One of the things that characterizes fall at the Institute is boatloads of freshmen crew coming into the early stages of their sport. As the team gets organized, the coach can sit beside each man and closely supervise his technique. Below, frosh light coach Fraser Walsh explains the basics of blade control to one of his candidates working on the rowing simulator.

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