Sailors sweep Geiger, Bostons, Open

MIT’s men’s varsity sailor flotilla established themselves as one of the top teams in the nation this past weekend, as they scored victories in every event they entered. The sailors returned winners in the MIT Open Regatta, the Geiger Cup, and the Oberg Trophy (Greater Boston Championships) in both the Geiger and Oberg Regattas. Tech defeated several nationally-ranked schools, including repeated Tufts.

In Saturday’s sixteen-team Open, both Frank Keil ’73, with Bob Long, ’73 as crew, and the co-skippers team of Walter Frank ’74 and Richard Young ’74 won low-point honors in “A” and “B” Divisions, respectively. Keil, Frank, and Young combined to win six of the eight races sailed. Also in that regatta, another hastily-assembled MIT squad placed fourth, led by the fine sailing of Chuck Tucker ’75 and Amnon Wernow ’74, with Guy Compernot ’74 and Joe Kelly ’74 as crew. Tucker narrowly missed winning the Finn class in Division A, losing to Keil to a point.

Results of the regatta were: MIT 18, MIT ’82, Harvard ’95, Harvard ’81, MITF, Coast Guard ’72, Boston College ’27, Coast Guard ’84, William ’84, Boston State ’54, WP1 ’107, Merrimack ’105, and Yale 11.

The MIT squad edged out a two-point victory over Tufts in the Geiger Cup competition, sailed at MIT on Sunday. The final standings are based on total scores compiled in divisions of dinghies, Finn, and Cape Cod Keel boats.

Tailgging Tech’s ‘A’ dinghy entry, Alan Soren ’73, with Don Kollisch ’73 crowning, placed second in his division and second overall, behind Tufts’ Merton Scott, while Steve Coschigl ’72, sailing ‘B’ with Lawrence Thomas ’74 crowing, took his divisional honors and finished third overall.

Larry Besame ’73 represented MIT in a highly-competitive hopefully-contented film class, where only six points separated first and fifth places. Keil, with Frank Miller ’72 and Young crowing, won three of five races on the way to winning low-point honors in the keel boats.

Final results of the event were: MIT 68, Tufts 70, U. Rhode Island 85, Harvard 98, and Coast Guard 103.

On Monday, MIT completed its three-regatta setup by running the Oberg Trophy, emblematic of the Greater Boston Championships. The final standings finished ten points ahead of second-place Tufts in the overall standings. The MITF, with Kollisch as crew, finished second in ‘A’ Division, and Donnie Delong (low-point for the regatta) and Beccuzo, with Thomas and Longair crowing, won in Divisions ‘B’ and ‘C’, respectively.

The final results were: MIT 24, Tufts 24, Boston University 19, Harvard 56, and Northeastern 67.

MIT’s freshman team won the Greater Boston Winter Championships (Gibb Trophy) at Tufts on Monday, as both Tucker, with Dave Aldrich crowing, and Rob Puker (Bert Halstead, crew) won their divisions, scoring twelve and thirteen points in ‘A’ and ‘B’ Divisions, respectively.

The results were: MIT 25, Tufts 29, Harvard 31, and Boston University 43.

In a regatta sailed also at Tufts on Sunday, the frosh qualified for the New England Freshman Championships, to be held in two weeks at Yale.

The MIT’s women’s varsity squad placed third in a six-school regatta at the University of Rhode Island on Saturday, finishing behind New- ton College and Connecticut College. Maria Bernstein ’73 and Shelley Bernstein ’74 co-skipped the Tech entry.

On Sunday, the women narrowly missed winning the Boston University President’s Trophy Regatta, losing by two points to the host school. Bernstein, with Martha Donahan ’73 crowning, took low-point honors in ‘A’ Division, while Bernstein and Gail Baxner ’74 co-skipped the Tech entry.

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