Sailors place third in NE's

Closing out their regular season action with the New England Championships at Cottage Park Yacht Club in Winthrop this weekend, the MIT men's varsity sailing team finished a disappointing third and failed to qualify for the Nationals. The regatta was won by Yale, with Tufts finishing second of the eight schools present.

Saturday's action was marked by very rough water, and ability to handle the waves played a large part in determining the results of the racing. Yale built up a large lead and hung on through Sunday to take the title, finishing ten points ahead of Tufts. The Tech marines came back strong in the last six races on Sunday, but wound up four points short of catching Tufts.

Alitt Spock '75, with Dean Krons '73 as crew, placed third in Division A and finished fifth. Steve Cucciaho '74, with Launey Thomas '74 as crew, and Larry Bacon '73 with Bob Long '73, combined to earn a third place finish in B Division.

The weekend's team placed first in a seven-school fleet on Sunday in a regatta at the Coast Guard Academy, finishing nine points ahead of second place Radcliffe. Jackson was third, twenty-four points back.

Marla Bortez '73, with Martha Donahue '75, crossing, captured low-point honors in A-Division, with twelve points in seven races, while Shirley Borsman '74 and Gail Baxter '74 co-skipped in Division B, placing second.

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