Sailing teams look good for first races Saturday

As the MIT sailing teams begin practice this week, the outlook for the upcoming fall season looks promising. Both the men's and women's varsity squads have been strengthened by the return of their top skippers. Both teams, as well as the Tech freshman squad, open their seasons this weekend.

The men's varsity, led by captain Alan Spoon '73 and Steve Cucciauro '74, will compete in invitational regattas this weekend at Tufts and Boston University, in addition to an elimination heat at the Coast Guard Academy for the New England Sloop Championship. Other skippers returning from last year's squad include Frank Keil '73, Dean Cross '73, Bob Longard '73, Walter Frank '74, Assenio Nuerez '74, Joe Kelly '74, Rich Zippel '74, Guy Consolmagno '74, and Randy Young '74, as well as newcomers hopefuls Chuck Tucker and Dave Aldrich.

Highlights of the men's fall season include the Danish Trophy, won last year by MIT, the Fowle and Stokes team racing competitions, and the Scholl Trophy Regatta.

MIT's highly successful women's varsity finished out their fall season by placing second in the national championships in June. Two top skippers from that team are captain Maria Boszujo '73 and Shelley Beggarme '74, both of whom will be back this year.

Following the opening regatta this weekend, the women will compete in the New England Singlehanded to be held at MIT next weekend. Other major regattas include the Manh Trong Trophy at MIT, the Victorian Urn Trophy at Radcliffe, and the Boston University President's Trophy.

The Tech trio, also beginning practice this week, open competition on Sunday at Tufts. Their fall's ten-game season looks promising. Both teams are picked by the New England Single Crew Championships (Fiddly Trophy) to sail in Harvard for November.

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