Sailors strong in fall regattas

By Chris Donnelly

The varsity sailing team opened its season early this fall, competing in several regattas before Registration Day. As usual, most of the team sharpened their sailing skills in competition throughout the summer. Results from the first two weekends indicate the varsity will have a good chance of ranking among the top schools in the country this year.

The men placed fourth in the major varsity event last weekend, the Harry Anderson Trophy at Yale. Competition among the twelve schools was extremely tight. Gary Smith '77 and crew John Arrison '78 finished fifth in A-Division, while Lee Dolhert '79 and crew Diana Healy '78 finished third in B-Division, less than ten points out of first. Overall MIT was one point behind Harvard and nine points short of second place Yale. Perennial power Tufts took the trophy in the two day event.

On Saturday eliminations were held for the White Trophy, the New England Intercollegiate Sailing Association (NEISA) Sleep Championship, at Coast Guard. The event was sailed in Shields, 27-foot ketches. Team captain Bill Critch '77 topped the five school fleet on the strength of three straight wins in the afternoon. Chris Berg '77, Chris Donnelly '77, and Eric Greene '78 supplied the winning crew work. The team will sail in the finals of the White Trophy in early October.

Two Lark Invitational were also held last weekend. MIT placed third out of five schools at Tufts on Saturday. Bows McKee '79 and John Shair '78 skippered with crews Spaar Webb '78 and Beth Bloom '78. In the other event, sailed in Larks on Sunday, MIT topped a six boat fleet on the crowded Charles River. Both MIT teams will sail in the finals of the White Trophy in early October.

The sailors competed against the best schools in the east in the bicentennial Regatta during Labor Day weekend. The team finished a strong fourth in the eleven-school field. Balanced sailing from Critch (A) and Dolhert (B) with crews Steve Ryan '77, Healy, and Husted, enabled the team to beat several schools that had been rated above MIT last spring.

The freshmen opened at MIT in Tech Dinghies last Sunday. Dave Nelson, Roberto Lopez, John York, Bob Wasserman, and Mahmood Farouqui sailed in the regatta, placing fourth as a team. The varsity travels to Kings Point tomorrow where they will face a strong Eastern field for the Nivins Trophy. The women open their season with the New England Single-handed Championships at home in the new Tech Dinghies.

The IM soccer season begins tomorrow, with competition taking hold in A, B, C, and D leagues. Last year's AIm shown here in action against Duke, won the A league title by defeating LCA 6-0.