Sailors battle gusts, take fourth at Yale

By Audrey Greenhill

Fighting strong, gusty winds which forced the cancellation of four of last weekend's nine scheduled regattas, the MIT sailing teams continued to perform well. The varsity finished fourth in an invitational at Yale while the freshmen and women each placed third in their regattas.

At Yale, consistent sailing, despite variable wind conditions, earned the varsity team a fourth in the 16-school field. They would have finished second, but a disqualification dropped them back.

Elliot Rossen '79 and crew Steve Dalton '81 placed sixth in A-division. Freshmen Ed Marcus and Keith Robine co-skippered in B-division finishing fourth.

At Coast Guard in the New England Sloop Championships MIT, URI, and Tufts were the chief contenders in the seven-school field. MIT finished third in regatta and the White Trophy, although competition for first was close between the 3 schools.

The freshmen team continued to sail strongly, finishing third out of a field of ten schools in a Lark regatta held at Tufts on Sunday. The winds which forced the cancellation of other regattas did not discourage the sailors at Tufts, although only four races in both divisions were held because of numerous capsizes. Keith Robine and crew Chris Brown finished fifth in A-division where the difference between first and third place was only six points. In B-division Ed Marcus with crew Paul Blatch placed third.

Saturday and Sunday the women hosted the Emily Wich Trophy in Larks. The wind on Saturday cooperated well as sip of the required eight races in each division were held. By the end of the day MIT was in second place not far behind Radcliffe. MIT was still in striking range of first after each of the division's seventh races Sunday, but a capsize in the eighth set lost the opportunity. The team finished third out of eight, close behind Radcliffe and Tufts.

In A-division, Debbie Meyerson '79 with crew Audrey Greenhill '79 placed second while Sally Huested '78 and crew Marianne Salomone '79 tied for third in B-division.

There will be an Athletic Chairmen's Workshop Sun., Oct. 16 at 7:30pm and Mon., Oct. 17 at 8pm in the T-Club Lounge. Attendance by athletic chairmen at one of these meetings is mandatory.

Entry forms for intramural hockey are due 3pm Fri., Oct. 21. Player's athletic card numbers must be included on the team rosters. Team entries will not be accepted from any group having unpaid fines. Contact Phil Zylberman at 247-7775 for more information.

The IM Cross-Country meet will be held Sun., Nov. 6, at Fresh Pond. Registration of teams will begin at 10am. Team rosters are due in the IM Cross-Country manager's mailbox by Wed., Nov. 2, at 5pm. Team rosters must contain at least four names. For more information, contact John Hayashi at 536-4833.

The eleventh annual Head of the Charles regatta will be held Sun., Oct. 17.