***21st US Vintage Model Yachting National Regatta***

*by John Snow*

Date: September 17-20, 2015

Location: Redd’s Pond, Marblehead, Massachusetts

Host Club: Marblehead MYC; Sponsor: US VMYG

Entries: 27 (six V36 models + 21 VM models)

Weather: SW 4-6 knots upper 80s / NE 3-5 knots mid-70s

Heats: 52 (44 scored with throw-outs)

Scoring: Low Point System

Regatta Committee with Assistants: John Snow RD

Paul Boulay, John Collins, Rick Gates, Stan Goodwin, Susan Martin Scorekeepers / Observers; Cherly Emmons, Biff Martin Lunches

*Racing Summary* - Two days each for V36 and VM racing, with 32 and 20 heats conducted respectively before throw-outs. Steady 4-6 knot winds for first three days; final day had variable 3-5 knot NE-SW winds. For VM models, there were separate design fleets for 1930–1945 Traditional boats (13) and 1946-1970 High Flyer boats (8). Top-four skippers in VM fleets got awards; top-three for V36 fleet. Ivor Walton and his 1930s *Madcap* was Traditional VM winner; Stan Goodwin with 1960s *Warrior II* was High Flyer VM champion with ten firsts. Harry Mote with own designed 1930s V36 model was virtually unbeatable after first V36 day of racing by winning 14 of 15 heats. Weekend lunches were provided for skippers, guests and regatta staff. One interesting incident had local VM skipper entwining sail rig with mark for entire heat; thus, it has been named “Gates” mark for future VM racing.

**V36 Design Points Results (All) - 32 heats / 5 throw-outs**

*Place Skipper Sail # Points*

 1 Harry Mote 5 31

 2 Herb Dreher 50 66

 3 Thom McLaughlin 317 75

 4 Nick Mortgu 00 75

 5 Jim Linville 51 99

 6 Bill Sysyn 133 154

**VM Traditional Design Points Results (Top Six) – 20 heats / 4 throw-outs**

*Place Skipper Sail # Points*

1 Ivor Walton 240 40

 2 Harry Mote 25 44

 3 Eddie Wolfe 2377 54

 4 Nick Mortgu 00 93

 5 Thom McLaughlin 5 94

 6 Rick Laird 32 96

Remaining finishers in order – Alain Jousse, John Stoudt, Jim Linville, John Storrow, Cliff Martin, Bruce Richter and Bill Sysyn.

**VM High Flyer Design Points Results (Top Six) – 20 heats / 4 throw-outs**

*Place Skipper Sail # Points*

1 Stan Goodwin 2281 26

 2 Herb Dreher 96 34

 3 Craig Speck 214 49

 4 Andy Abrahamson 84 68

 5 Rick Gates 6 76

 6 Earl Boebert 1 78

Remaining finishers in order - David Thibodeau and Paul Thibodeau.