**2019 American M Region 1 Championship Regatta**

by Craig Speck

The regatta was very successful as we had 14 boats with 13 different designs of the Marblehead 50/800 boats participating. They were classified & placed in a division based on the year they were designed & by the configuration of their keel & rudder. I was RD and introduced participants at the skippers meeting to a narrower length offset mark at the Windward Mark & the use of a gate at the lower end. We had extensive discussion of the rules & that the distance between the offset would not allow for gaining an overlap that you didn't have at the first turning mark. The offset worked well as there were no crashes bumps yelling or screaming at the marks. Did this as with the expected wind & that the fleet would still be compressed at the first mark. We used the full length of the pond with the leeward mark having a gate as well which worked reasonably except when someone decided to round from outside of the gate. No big collisions in the first half of the day. For the second half of the day we started with a shorter course with no gate at the downwind mark because the wind had lightened. The contact sport arose quite quickly!!  The wind picked up & filled in after two races, went back to the morning course. Reasonable winds & conditions for majority of the day. 13 races run of two laps each race. At the end, Thom Mclaughlin won the VM with a new boat design, Herb Dreher beat out Cliff Martin for the High Flyer, Tom Hayden beat out Biff Martin for the Classic, & Jack Woods won the Modern Division

**Summary of the 2019 American M Region 1 Championship Regatta**

Date: August,10, 2019 Location: Redd’s Pond, Marblehead. Massachusetts Host Club: Marblehead Model Yacht Club (#41) Entries: 14 Winds: 8 to 14 for majority of the day. Races Completed: 13 with 2 throw-outs Race Committee: Craig Speck Lunch was served by Cheryl Emmons & appreciated by all.

**2019 American M Region 1 Championship Results**

**Division Place Skipper Sail # Design Pts**  **Vintage** 1st Tom McLaughlin 05 Sylvan 66 2nd Jim Linville 151 Madcap Retired 8 Races

**High Flyer** 1st Herb Dreher 96 Sunwind 59 2nd Cliff Martin 1040 Magic Dragon 60 3rd Alain Jousse 49 110 111

**Classic**  1st Tom Hayden 3043 Rolling Thunder 24 2nd Biff Martin 13 Pinter 2.0 29 3rd Chris Horning 87 Cumulus 47 4th Rick Laird 21 Pinter 2.5 49 5th Jerry Leach 2600 Spot 80 6th Bill Hall 2488 Rover 92 7th Rick Gates 2149 Pinter 2.5 95 8th Steve White 2606 Toad 140

**Modern** 1stJack Woods 14 Starkers Squared 49