

"MC's and Finns meet for the Horserace".

By Tony Massa and Mike Crowe.

Five MC Scow sailors were joined by seven sailors from the Finn Class for a new format Horserace this year. The MC's and Finns had separate starts and raced the same course. PRO Ann and Peter Seidman did a great job setting and maintaining an I2 course on Saturday. We finished five races in strong and constantly shifting 11mph winds with gusts to 20mph. The excellent safety crew of Lenny Lerner, Greg Cuda, Terry and Joanne Fraser, were kept busy with several capsized boats over the course of the day. There was no racing on Sunday because the wind turned off, but maybe some of us were happy for the reprieve.

Canadian Dana Nelson from Club de voile Deux Montagnes, Canada, won the 12th Annual MC Horserace. Dana dominated with four bullets out of the five races. Last year's Horserace winner, Andrew Murnan, placed second this year. New MC Fleet 92 member Mike Crowe placed third, just one point behind Andrew.

The Finn fleet racing was just as competitive. Stephen Smeulders from Armstrong Hill Sailing Club won the 1st Annual Finn Horserace. Rodion Mazin placed second, just one point behind. Peter Van Rossem placed third.

It was great fun to see the mix of MC and Finn sailors. There was a good deal of mutual admiration for each other's boat. Perhaps the star boat of the weekend was David Hemenway's meticulously restored Finn, 60 years old and hull number 160. David generously sent a burgee to us from his club, the Royal

Thames Yacht Club, located on the Thames River in New London, Ct. The burgee is flying on our clubhouse porch on the far left as you look toward the lake.

Both fleets were unanimous on making this joint regatta an annual event.