

Flying Scot Midwinters March 21-26, 2010

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- 2010 Flying Scot Midwinter Championship was held at Southern Yacht Club (SYC) in New Orleans, LA March 23-26, 2010. 43 Scots registered for the event in two classes - Championship Division (26 boats) and Challenger Division (17 boats).

Eight races over four days were scheduled with two to three a day to be completed. Tuesday March 23, had light wind 3-4 knots from the North. The Scots sailed two races in light air. Then while getting set for the third race the wind shifted 180 degrees to the South. The R/C delayed the start of Race three until the breeze filled in solid at 8 knots from the south, then got race three off. At the end of the first day, Ryan Malmgren from Ephraim Yacht Club, WI lead the Championship Division with 14 points. Allan Terhune, Harry Carpenter, and Kelly Gough were tied for 2nd place.

In the Challenger Division after day one, Letty Eby from Oklahoma City Boat Club, OK had a solid lead with three 1st place finishes. Mike Bradshaw also from Oklahoma City Boat Club had 10 points, and Bill Robertson from Privateer Yacht Club, TN was in third with 12 points.

The 2nd day had a little more breeze at 8-10 knots from the south and flat water. The R/C got three more races off. At the end of the 2nd day, Allan Terhune from Eastport Yacht Club, MD lead the Championship Division with 21 points. Rob Dolittle out of Pontchartrain Yacht Club, LA was in 2nd with 27 points. And Kelly Gough from Corinthian Sailing Club, TX was in 3rd with 28 points. In the Challenger division, after day two, Letty Eby, from Oklahoma City Boat Club, OK had a solid lead with 9 points after five 1st place finishes and one 4th place. Mike Bradshaw also from Oklahoma City Boat Club, was in 2nd place with 24 points. And Bill Robertson from Privateer Yacht Club, TN was in 3rd with 28 points.

On Thursday, with an approaching squall line, the R/C gave the Scots a "bye" day so out-of-town competitors could get in a little sight seeing.

On Friday, the final day, the breeze was up at 15-20 out of the North with choppy waves. Weather predictions called for steadily moderating wind. Some competitors choose to forgo the chop and stayed on shore. 32 out of 43 braved the breeze and chop to finish up the final two races. At the end of the final race the breeze had dropped to 6 knots. Final results had Allan Terhune in 1st place with 24 points, Kelly Gough in 2nd place with 34 points, and Rob Dolittle in 3rd with 41 points. In the Challenger Division, Letty Eby continued the solid lead with 11 points. Mike Bradshaw got a 2nd place with 31 points, and Bill Robertson got 3rd with 36 points. George Hero (SYC) - Principal Race Officer & Larry Taggart (SYC) - Regatta Chair