



CANDLER REGATTA WINNERS -- The Buccaneer Yacht Club combined two successive first place finishes on Saturday with a sixth place finish on Sunday to capture top honors in the 46th Annual Candler Regatta held this weekend at St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club. It was the second year in a row that the Buccaneer Club has won the Regatta. Pictured from left are: Charles E. Lytle Jr., commodore St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club, winning crew members Ken Kleinschrodt and Bill Davis, skipper Johnny Harrington and Regatta Chairman Bo Smith.

In Candler Regatta

Champs Repeat Feat

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The defending champion Buccaneer Yacht Club from Mobile, Ala., moved up from ninth position around the final marker to sixth at the finish and captured the Candler victory for the 46th Annual Candler Regatta on Sunday.

After winning the first two races on Saturday the Mobile crew needed a fourth place finish or a low finish by second place club St. Andrews Bay to capture the Regatta. Although the Buccaneer skipper John Harrington with crew of Bill Davis and Ken Kleinschrodt could only manage a sixth place in the final race, the crew of St. Andrews Bay finished back in seventh thus giving the win to the Club.

Pensacola Yacht Club won the third and final race from start to finish behind skipper John Oerting with crew George & Charlotte Black. The Pensacola crew got off the line first and held the position for the entire triangular windward leeward course to win six lengths ahead of Bay Waveland from Bay St. Louis, Miss.

In the third position in Sunday's race was the Gulfport Yacht Club followed by Mobile Yacht Club, Ft. Walton, Buccaneer, St. Andrews Bay, Southern and Pass Christian.

In the Open Scots, Rick Zern took the final race

and coupled with a second place finish and another first on Saturday captured the Open title for the Regatta.

Following Zern in the final race for the Open Scots were Charles Wesley (5th in Regatta), Newt Allen (3rd), Rhea Silvernail (2nd), Billy Mason (4th), Sue Thorpe (6th), Chris Covey (8th) and Ted McLane (7th).

The Buccaneer crew have now won the Candler Trophy for the second year in a row and plan to be back next year to defend their title.

The St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club, which has hosted the Candler Regatta annually since 1936 (except for three years during WWII), is still hoping to bring the trophy back home after failing at their attempt on Sunday. A first or second place finish by the home club skipper Dunkin McLane and crew Chuck Barnes and Mike Douglas would have meant victory for St. Andrews.

The final Regatta standings were Buccaneer Yacht Club, Pensacola Yacht Club, St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club, Ft. Walton Yacht Club, Southern Yacht Club, Bay Waveland Yacht Club, Gulfport Yacht Club, Pass Christian Yacht Club and Mobile Yacht Club.

The representing yacht clubs made up nine of the 14 members in the Gulf Yachting Association.