

## 2008 Megabyte North American Championship

The regatta was held on August 2nd and 3rd at the Manchester Yacht Club in Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts. The host club and race committee did a fabulous job of running 5 practice races/starts and 9 full races over 2 days. The weather was quite nice, with warm winds from the E at 3-5 mph on Saturday, and SE at 4-10 mph on Sunday. A very strong local fleet fronted by fleet captain Schuyler Glidden hosted competitors from as far away as Canada and Florida.

For those who have not been lucky enough to sail at MYC yet, this yacht club is set in a small cove right on the North Atlantic. The coastline is dotted with fabulous homes set atop beautiful granite cliffs with several small islands, some inhabited, some not, that surround the remainder of the racing area. It is truly a beautiful place.

The regatta got started on Friday night with a Tennessee BBQ at Schuyler's home with Bartender/MB Sailor extraordinaire Holly providing some tasty Dark and Stormys for her competitors. Rumor has it that she was trying to get us a little tipsy so she would have a slight advantage over us the following morning.

As Saturday morning arrived, we were presented with light winds and an opportunity to get in several practice races and starts. This session proved to be pretty intense and really set the stage for some of the best Megabyte racing to date on the east coast. When the sea breeze finally kicked in at 1pm, it was game on as the fleet took to the perfectly set course. The starts were all very competitive and put a premium on getting off the line on time and in clear air.



At the end of the day, it looked like Holly's Dark and Stormy tactic may have worked as she jumped out to an early lead with four firsts, a ninth (she got a little "tipsy") and a second. Marc Poirier, Leland Wallace, John Rouse and the rest of the fleet were close behind and ready for payback on Sunday.

Little did we know, Fleet Captain Schuyler Glidden pulled out all the stops and topped his lunch performance of tasty sandwiches made of toasted bread rubbed with garlic, organic tomatoes, ham, American cheese and a sprinkling of Tuscan herbs with a terrific lobster bake at The Landing restaurant that evening. This fleet really knows how to put on a first class regatta!

As Sunday morning arrived, the fleet found a little more wind out of the Southeast from 4-10 mph. The courses were again set to perfection and the fleet was ready to rock. The starts were more competitive than the previous day and the racing was just as intense. Everybody had a shot at a good finish here, which made the racing that much better.

When the dust settled and the fleet was flushed from the race course due to an incoming thunderstorm, Holly Fayban w third, John Rouse fourth and Roland Glidden in fifth place.

In closing, I personally would like to again thank the MYC Megabyte fleet and all of the competitors for a first class weekend of Megabyte racing. Thanks to Ian and his crew at Performance Sailcraft for giving us such a great boat to race and for providing that great sailing outfit for Holly! I hope that I will see some of you at the Megabyte Midwinters in February.

By John Rouse  
Megabyte Class Southeast Fleet Captain



Congratulations Holly!

Date:	8/2	8/3
Starting Line:	Inside	Inside
Wind Direction:	E	SE
Wind Speed:	3-5 Kts, light & variable	4-10 w/ Thunder Storms

MEGABYTES						Boats:						12	12	12	12	12	12	12	13	13		
F Name	L Name	Class	Boat	Color	Sail #	#1-1	#1-2	#1-3	#1-4	#1-5	#1-6	#2-1	#2-2	#2-3	Pts	Through-out	Series Total	Place				
Holly	Fabyan	MB	<i>Hollin'</i>	White	178	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	9.00	2.00	0.75	3.00	2.00	19.75	9.00	10.75	1				
Marc	Poirier	MB	<i>Life is Good</i>	Gray	227	2.00	3.00	2.00	4.00	0.75	0.75	3.00	7.00	5.00	27.50	7.00	20.50	2				
Leland	Wallace	MB	<i>Engage</i>	White	132	6.00	2.00	6.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	2.00	2.00	9.00	38.00	9.00	29.00	3				
John	Rouse	MB	<i>Touch of Grey</i>	Blue	107	7.00	5.00	3.00	2.00	6.00	3.00	5.00	4.00	6.00	41.00	7.00	34.00	4				
Roland	Glidden	MB	<i>Joint Venture</i>	Blue	105	4.00	7.00	4.00	5.00	7.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	11.00	56.00	11.00	45.00	5				
Sandy	McIntyre	MB	<i>One Big Gulp</i>	Blue	84	5.00	9.00	5.00	6.00	5.00	9.00	8.00	8.00	0.75	55.75	9.00	46.75	6				
Emmett	Holt	MB	<i>Byte Sized</i>	Grey	99	3.00	6.00	7.00	9.00	2.00	11.00	10.00	9.00	4.00	61.00	11.00	50.00	7				
Schuyler	Glidden	MB	<i>Witchcraft</i>	Blue	180	8.00	4.00	11.00	7.00	4.00	4.00	7.00	11.00	13.00	69.00	13.00	56.00	8				
James	Hogg	MB*		White	346	9.00	8.00	9.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	4.00	10.00	8.00	74.00	10.00	64.00	9				
Tad	Goltra	MB	<i>Cosmic Shambles</i>	Gray	196	12.00	10.00	10.00	12.00	10.00	8.00	9.00	5.00	12.00	88.00	12.00	76.00	10				
Ledyard	McFadden	MB	<i>Gigs</i>	White	362	10.00	12.00	8.00	10.00	11.00	7.00	11.00	12.00	10.00	91.00	12.00	79.00	11				
George	Putnam	MB	<i>Midlife Crisis</i>	White	26	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	0.75	3.00	94.75	13.00	81.75	12				
Jeff	Federson	MB	<i>Extortion</i>	White	139	11.00	11.00	12.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.00	7.00	101.00	13.00	88.00	13				

Throughout race if six (6) races are sailed  
MB\* - sailed with the new rig