



# Paderewski Model Yacht Club

## 2016 Footy Class Annual

# Scott Spacie Memorial Regatta

## *Regatta Report*

The weather was clear and bright but unfortunately there was very little wind for the 2016 Scott Spacie Memorial Footy Regatta at the Paderewski Park pond in Plainville CT on June 4. Twelve skippers from Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, and New Jersey came to engage in friendly competition and honor the memory of our departed friend and Footy Class mentor, Scott Spacie. Bill Hagerup brought his usual collection of proven and prototype Footy hulls, and of all of the boats that made up the fleet there were only one or two that were not Hagerup original designs.

The racing was slow due to an almost complete lack of wind and the field also had to contend with an unusual bloom of weeds that were floating around the course waiting to capture any boat that dared try to sail past. The weeds affected just about everybody at some point and it became clear very quickly that this was not going to be a prime day for model yachting. Racing commenced at 10:00am, there was a half hour lunch break at Noon, and the sailing ended as scheduled at 2:00pm. Because of the lack of wind and difficult course conditions caused by the weeds, the fleet was only able to get in a total of eight heats before calling it a day. Most of the “action” came not from racing but from the constant boat recovery operations as the yachts picked up weeds and stopped dead out on the course. Hans Berger, Commodore of the Paderewski Model Yacht Club, voluntarily dropped out of the competition after two heats to man the canoe and perform the never-ending retrieval duties.

When the Connecticut Footy event first started years ago, we scheduled it for much earlier in the year. We gradually moved it to later in the year to try to avoid the typical high wind and cold conditions that we tend to encounter early in the season on our pond. Because of the weed problem this year, however, we have decided to move the regatta back to an earlier date and the 2017 event will most likely be held on the first or second Saturday in May. We will follow up with the exact date once we poll the skippers to determine everyone’s availability. Our boats can handle the higher winds a lot better than the weeds.

The fleet consisted of twelve skippers:

Hans Berger	Connecticut
Steve Gromko	Connecticut
Dan Iarrapino	Connecticut
Herb Dreher	Massachusetts
Jim Linville	Massachusetts
Cliff Martin	Massachusetts
Bob Pacini	Massachusetts
Bill Hagerup	New Hampshire
Paul McBride	New Hampshire
Walt Hollinger	New Jersey
Hank Buchanan	New York
Al Gordon	New York

The winners were:

		<i>Score</i>
Herb Dreher	First Place	18
Jim Linville	Second Place	22
Cliff Martin	Third Place	23
Hank Buchanan	Fourth Place	24
Paul McBride	Commodore’s Cup (Last Place)	65

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Class: Footy

Date: 6/4/2016

Scorekeeper: \_\_\_\_\_

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