



The Harpoon News

a great start



and maintain...
Safety — Because of its family appeal, the boat would have to meet the high safety standards of Boston Whaler. This would mean utilizing our foam sandwich technique along with a foam-filled mast and down in...
Self-coring — Unlike most boats for sale, the Harpoon 5.2 would be self-coring at rest as well as underway.
Once we had agreed on a design, a wooden prototype was built in the winter of 1976 to be ready for...
Testing trials initially, we spent 10... sailing the boat... The

...some of the sport's very finest sailors.
In spite of the heavy weather, none of the boats suffered any gear damage whatsoever. Don Wakeman, Vice President in charge of Harpoon sailboats, Boston Whaler, Inc., who sailed into a solid third place at the end of the weekend's racing, said, "These races prove that the boat can handle rough conditions with ease. I'm glad to see all the work we've put into the boat is paying off."

On the second day, things died down a bit — but only a bit. Average winds were between 15 to 20, with gusts to 25. Not exactly survival conditions, but not exactly leisurely ones either. Again, the heavy weather skills of the leaders showed through with Gordon Wallace and crew winning.

Mr. Wallace, organizer of the first Harpoon 5.2 races, and Sales Manager for Inland Sailboats of Dallas was enthusiastic about the regatta's success: "We had Harpoon 5.2 owners come down from Arkansas and Oklahoma to race, and it seemed our class had the most fun. I know everyone enjoyed themselves

Dallas Hosts Inaugural Harpoon 5.2 Regatta.

DALLAS, TX. A lot of us don't realize it, but Texans have a lot more going for them than just oil wells, beef steers and the Astrodome. They've also got some of the positively finest sailing conditions in the world. And on an absolutely perfect weekend last September, Dallas was certainly no exception.

For Chandler's Landing Yacht Club, it was the Third Annual Indian Summer Regatta with classes for Lightnings, 470's, Sunfish, Hobies, Catalinas and San Juans, among others. But for the helmsmen and

crew who attended, it was the very first ever, official Harpoon 5.2 regatta.

The two-day event attracted sailors from as far away as Arkansas and Massachusetts and, according to the participants, couldn't have been more successful, with winds never falling below 15 knots. As the fleet drove for the start of the first race, everyone had their hands full keeping their boats up on their feet and moving in the 30 knot gusts.

With the strong winds and heavy chop, the fastest boats to the weather mark were the ones that drove off, powering through the waves rather than pointing high. Off the wind, it paid to get the boat surfing as quickly as possible.



a great deal and that they all plan to be back again next year." Other top finishers were Dave Ortmyer of Dallas, Texas; Ed Carrington of Little Rock, Arkansas; and Pete Perwolf of Heber Springs, Arkansas.

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