

26th Annual Black Tie Regatta, Lake Ray Hubbard, Dallas

This year's Black Tie saw winds from light to survival for fleets of 11 Es, 47 Cs, M20s(didn't get the count), and 29 MCs. The fleets raced once on Friday, April 14th in light air, twice on Saturday in light to very light winds, and twice on Sunday. The first race on Sunday saw 18 - 20 knot winds with the waves beginning to pile up. By the second race the winds were 20 - 25 with the waves growing bigger and bigger. Fred Stevens, who had a shot at first for the regatta until Ernie French edged him by less than a yard at the finish of this last race, reports that this was the first time he had submarined going upwind! He also related that the top E, C and M20 all flipped during this final race of the regatta.

We'd like to thank Marilyn Prowkop for spending one-half hour on the phone so we could get these results in this issue. If someone has photos of the trophy winners we'll try to get them in the next issue.

Pl. Name	Home	Points	Trophy
1 Ernie French	Lexington, NE	28.7	1st
2 Fred Stevens	Grand Rapids, MI	31.7	2nd
3 Manning Grinnan	Dallas, TX	32.0	3rd
4 Bill Best	West Bend, WI	67.4	4th
5 Mike Fieseler	Moline, IL	70.0	5th
6 Hardy Will	Kenilworth, TX	70.7	
7 Scott Ripke	Zenda, WI	76.0	
8 Jack Schindler	Lake Lotawana, MO	81.0	
9 Bob Cantrell	Lake Lotawana, MO	84.4	
10 Harvey Baker	Stillwater, OK	84.7	
11 Louis Murray	Grand Rapids, MI	84.7	
David Greene	Dallas, TX	91.0	
13 Paul Whitworth	Kingwood, TX	100.0	
14 Wayne Bonham	Dallas, TX	105.0	
15 Jim Stinson	Tulsa, OK	108.0	
16 Larry Smith	Dallas, TX	108.0	
17 Pamela Scribner	Lake Lotawana, MO	115.0	
18 Mike Crary	White Bear Lake, MN	117.0	
19 Joe Rappoport	Dallas, TX	121.0	
20 Bill French	Ord, NE	121.7	
21 Jack Marsee	Tulsa, OK	124.0	

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22 Jay Sawyer	Holdrege, NE	129.0	
23 Bob Hoffman	Omaha, NE	137.0	
24 Drew Mize	Arlington, TX	140.0	
25 C.P. Burke	Lewisville, TX	140.0	
26 Nick Grunt	Arlington, TX	160.5	
27 Joan King	Tulsa, OK	166.0	
28 Richard Melick	Aurora, CO	170.5	
29 Barbara Cooley	Lake Lotawana, MO	170.5	

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me to weather. My boat felt sluggish. After he got by, I discovered that I had left the boom vang on and it had made the mainsail leech way too tight. Now for the good news, one-third of the way up the beat I noticed a huge wind shift to the right. A short tack put me in it. Dave was the only other boat to see it, he rounded first with me right behind. Dave did a nice job covering and was first at the finish with me second.

The following race was back-to-back. The wind increased to 15 knots and I was tempted to go back to get Elizabeth, but I did not have enough time. I raked the mast back to 28'-1", raised the boards and hoped the wind would not build further. No such luck; I was overpowered, on the wrong side, and rounded the first mark in the tank. The next two legs went something like this: first reach, get in the passing lane to weather, pass six boats, overlap one boat at corner mark, second reach stay high, pass one boat, but more important, gain distance on the leaders. Second beat gain three more boats. At the end of the run, I spot a huge spectator boat wave, get on it, surf, pass boats, and round the leeward mark in 3rd. The wind is dropping rapidly. I tack left, pass two more boats. The leader covers but falls into a hole and I am able to work out from under him on port and finish first - a great comeback.

That evening a great party, complete with speeches, good friends and good food.

Sunday morning brought no wind. However, by 10:30 a steady 10 - 12 knot wind was building from the southwest. My game plan was (concluded on page 6)

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