

1st River City MC Regatta

June 9 - 10, 1990 Lake Manawa, Council Bluffs, IA

The first River City MC Regatta was held here on Lake Manawa and appears to have been a huge success.

Twenty boats participated from Big Creek Lake and Lake Davenport in Iowa, Lake Lotawana in Missouri and from Lexington, Lincoln, and Omaha, Nebraska.

Saturday morning the Race Committee had a difficult time setting a course due to variable breezes. Fortunately, lunch arrived and everybody got to eat and socialize. The afternoon breezes settled a bit, and after several general recalls, racing got underway.

Come Saturday evening we were all ready for a delicious pork loin B.B.Q. and nobody walked away ready for light-air racing.

Sunday morning the trees showed us signs of a breeze, but the lake was flat. The first race found many of us hiked out, but not a ripple on the water! As the wind built the last race got off and Andy Burdick continued to show us what fast is all about. Andy won the pro division with three of the five bullets. He was followed closely by Eric Hood. Mike Fiesler

and Tony Bruskas sailed consistently at the head of the fleet to win the amateur and masters divisions respectively. Cheryl Schwartz, a transplanted helmsman did very well until fluky winds found her parked on the left side of the course. She still took top woman honors. Jay Sawyer from Lexington did a nice job in the first race on Sunday leading from start to finish. Eric Hood took the gun in the second race on Saturday.

Although it was our first regatta, everyone had a good time, and we learned much about regatta management. Thanks again to all who attended. We're looking forward to seeing more of you here next year.

Submitted by Regatta Chairman Bob Hoffman.



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