

## Seminar at Diamond Lake

June 23, 1995, Fleet 28 Diamond Lake YC, Michigan

Tom Wurster arranged for Andy Burdick to attend this regatta and to conduct a seminar on Friday before the racing commenced on the next day. Here are the highlights of this seminar from Curt's notes.

With a boat set up on its trailer and the sail up, Andy was able to demonstrate many of the following principles on various points of sailing.

He sets the mast rake at 28'-3" and leaves it in all conditions. He has the side stays quite taut on windy days and looser on lighter days. Adjust the outhaul so as to form a shelf along the boom according to the race conditions. Andy made a point that posture in the boat is extremely important. Sit athwartships tight to the traveler, arms close to sides and with the tiller held in a thumbs-up position. From this position it is easy to check the bow wave, heel and approaching puffs. He sits on the mainsheet cleat because he never cleats the main, but uses his tiller hand to "cleat" the sheet. This gives him a free hand to lift the board and make trim adjustments.

Tacking technique: Trim up to flatten boat, feather into the wind, move back foot across boat, face forward and spin body to windward side, switch helm and sheet behind back. Takes practice.

Light air trim: Cunningham off.

As wind progressively increases: 1. Hike max, snug vang (maintains height of boom), 2. Hike harder, pull another foot of vang, keep boat on lines, 3. Ease the traveler maybe 5". 4. Pull on Cunningham, One technique is to over-hike the boat as a puff approaches.

Downwind: Ease the outhaul. Steer up in lulls, down in puffs. Trim main when heading up by pulling on leads rather than through the ratchet block. This is faster and doesn't alert competitor of tactics. Keep boat heeled to leeward until pressure on the helm dictates hiking to windward. Just low side board down 1/4. He noted that an MC can be sailed by the lee as much as 10 to 15 degrees. In very light air it is faster to sail on a broad reach.

Starting: Must have absolute maneuverability, able to stop and accelerate the boat. Practice at a buoy or dock. Pick your spot 2 to 3 boat lengths from line and stop, never head-to-wind. Boom way out, and spin the tiller. To start, head off and trim in with just a bit of vang. Amount of vang limits pointing ability.

At 10 minute gun stand up and look up the lake to determine where puffs are coming from. At 5 minute gun re-check the wind direction. Check wind direction by going head to wind. He divides the course down the middle. Keep on lifted tack sailing towards the mark. Don't sail in bad air! Get into clear air at all costs.

Practice: Jibes, tacks and stopping and starting. Good practice is to find two rafts or marks fairly close together and race around them five or six times.

## 10th Annual George Dorn Memorial Regatta

June 17-18, 1995, Fleet 15 Lake Beulah YC, Wisconsin

Results furnished by Hardy Will

Pl	Skipper-Cl	Club	Boat		Race				Pts
			No.		1	2	3	4	
1	John Murphy	OLYC/WI	1596	0	17	0	0	17	
2	Jeff Lippert-S	LBYC/WI	1577	5.7	13	10	12	40.7	
3	Jason Brown	JBW	1477	17	5.7	3	15	40.7	
4	Milt Haeger-M	LBYC/WI	1560	40	0	5.7	8	53.7	
5	Tim Fredman-M/S	PnYC/WI	1456	19	3	23	14	59	
6	Doug Dorn-S	LBYC/WI	1404	13	21	21	5.7	60.7	
7	Joe Skotarezak-S	LBYC/WI	1341	11.7	25	8	22	66.7	
8	Andy Gehl-S	PnLYC/WI	1426	26	8	17	16	67	
9	Dick Duley-G/S	LDSC/IA	1305	21	14	11.7	21	67.7	
10	Doug Stryker-M	PLYC/WI	1515	15	33	22	3	73	
11	Jim Berman	LBYC/WI	1519	25	10	14	24	73	
12	Scott Sindelar	PIYC/WI	1240	16	15	24	20	75	
13	Dave Porter	LBYC/WI	1323	3	23	26	26	78	
14	Bill Anderson-S	Muskego	1316	24	19	13	23	79	
15	Dale Purdy	CLYC/IN	1501	10	24	30	17	81	
16	Hardy Will-M	LBYC/WI	1616	32	29	25	10	96	
17	David Treis	PnLYC/WI	1518	50	26	15	13	104	
18	Scott Hetzeler	Delevan	1383	8	32	29	37	106	
19	Bill Biersach-M	PnLYC/WI	1656	28	11.7	18	50	108	
20	Ron Clayton-S	LBYC/WI	908	30	35	27	18	110	
21	David Staub	LDSC/IA	1594	38	20	20	32	110	
22	Sid Peterson-G/S	PLYC/WI	1617	29	16	32	35	112	
23	Brian Hutchinson	LGYC/WI	1627	34	31	28	19	112	
24	Mike Atkinson-S	LBYC/WI	1358	37	27	19	30	113	
25	Rob Ritter	OLYC/WI	1602	18	40	31	28	117	
26	Jim Hatch-M	PnLYC/WI	1532	50	30	16	25	121	
27	Dan Fink-S	Muskego	1510	27	22	34	39	122	
28	Ray Olson-G	LBYC/WI	1131	36	18	37	33	124	
29	Roger Kendall-M	NLYC/WI	1517	23	37	36	31	127	
30	Susan Bro	LBYC/WI	1348	14	38	38	38	128	
31	Tony Bruskas-G	LDSC/IA	1484	31	41	33	27	132	
32	Duane Lehnert-M	LBYC/WI	1300	20	39	50	29	138	
33	Keith Beren	LBYC/WI	1307	22	36	39	50	147	
34	Paul Riedl-M	LBYC/WI	1453	33	42	40	34	149	
35	Michael Greeson-SL	LBYC/WI	1538	35	28	50	50	163	
36	Dick Wise-G	LBYC/WI	1033	41	48	41	36	166	
37	Robert Oster-G/S	LBYC/WI	1448	50	34	43	43	170	
38	Frank Hoffmann-GL	LBYC/WI	1183	44	43	44	40	171	
39	Bill Kent-G/S	LBYC/WI	1164	43	46	42	41	172	
40	Bill Kercher-M	LBYC/WI	1557	42	47	35	50	174	
41	Fred Bedford-G/SS	Sequin Bay	1289	45	49	45	44	183	
42	Roy Gerloff-M/S	LBYC/WI	556	39	45	50	50	184	
43	Tom Derse-G/S	LBYC/WI	628	50	44	50	42	186	