

Hot Dog Regatta

Sunday, September 8, 1996
Fleet 43 Lake MacBride SC,
Solon, Iowa

Report from Regatta Chairman, Jim Brust.

The morning opened with a cloud cover and 12 skippers wondering if they should launch due to the light, almost nonexistent wind. The first race was started at 10:00 AM in a light and shifty (that is all we get at Lake MacBride) breeze. Twelve boats divided into two fleets in this race as the shifts had no apparent schedule or meaning. The race concluded with the boats within the 'two fleets' finishing reasonable close together. Tim Mulvaney took 1st; Arnold Small, 2nd; Jim Brust, 3rd; Dick Duley, 4th; Stu Oltrogge, 5th; and Tony Bruskas, 6th.

A second race was 'started' following the first. Seemingly, everyone recognized the absolute importance of clean (any) air. The race was started but never finished due to the dying non-breeze.

The delectable 'Hot Dog' buffet was enjoyed; the rains came and lightning came, and then more rain, and finally a break in the rain to get the boats out and trailered and the day was over. Trophies were awarded (how else does one use 1996 trophies, the last event of the year?) to the top 6 place finishers of the one-race regatta.

The remainder of the fleet finished in this order: 7th Jack McCoy, 8th Mike Hunstad, 9th John Frank, 10th Lindsay Brust, 11th Ed Quin, 12th Pat Johnson.

Does local knowledge, luck, or good sailing influence the placings: the first 3 skippers were "locals," the next three "visitors," and the rest of the fleet mixed.

See you next year: Saturday, September 13, 1997.

Bits and Pieces

We did a survey of the 912 current boat owners on our data base and found a number of interesting facts.

First of all, with about 1750 boats built since 1971 we know of the whereabouts of just over half that number. We sure wish we could account for more of these boats, especially those still actively sailed. If you know of boats being sailed but not raced, please contact Curt.

According to our records the following facts emerge:

Of the remaining 22 states there are 90 known boats with 17 owners members of IMCCSRA (19%).

Two boats are owned in British Columbia. One boat is owned by a resident of Belgium, and one is owned by a resident of Great Britain.

Cowan Scowin' Regatta

Sept. 28-29, 1996
Fleet 45 Cowan Lake SA, OH

Report from Gene Freund

We put the cow in scowin' at Cowan Lake, in Wilmington, OH (home of mad-scow disease - see the wonderful Claudia Denton

T-shirt for details). On Saturday morning, 8-10 mph winds, clouds and drizzle (left over from Friday night's torrential downpours) greeted 16 sailors. But the rain was gone by race time; the skies continued to clear, and the wind built to 10-15 mph.

Curt Miller, Grand Rapids YC, MI, sailed consistently well, bringing home the first place trophy. Bruce Moore came out of sailing "retirement", taking all of one race (and a slight capsized) to get back into the swing of things. Chris Craig, Lake Fenton YC, MI, sloshed into the parking lot around 2:00 AM Saturday and, after a brief nap, proceeded to nail third place. A great start and picking the best side of the course in Sunday's lighter (5-8 mph) air race netted CLSA sailor Carl Pratt a bullet and fourth place trophy. Our final, fifth place trophy went to Dave Bedau, White Lake YC, MI.

Greg Fisher, North Sails One Design Central, scored major family-values points: missing race #1 while driving halfway back to Columbus to return a reluctant young crew member, and missing Sunday's race for a baptism in the family. A true pro: keeping both the competition and the family in perspective (and, mind you, finishing *first* in all races sailed).

Thanks to our friends from out of town (5 boats) for adding to the fun, Lightning Fleet #303 for excellent race management, and the members of MC Fleet 45 for pulling it off. The great weather didn't hurt either!

PL	SKIPPER	CLUB	BOAT	RACES					PTS
				1	2	3	4	5	
1	Curt Miller	GRYC/MI	1701	1	3	3	5	2	13.75
2	Bruce Moore		1222	6	2	2	3	3	16
3	Chris Craig	LFYC/MI	1509	2	4	5	2	5	18
4	Carl Pratt-M	CLSA/OH	1176	3	5	4	8	1	20.75
5	Dave Bedau-M	WLYC/MI	1455	8	6	7	6	9	36
6	Greg Fisher-P	NSIs	1569	DNS	1	1	1	DNS	36.25
7	Mark Schoenberger-GM	CLYSA/OH	1169	5	7	DNS	7	4	40
8	Mark Hardenbergh	CLYSA/OH	836	4	DNF	13	4	6	42
9	Adrian Boyie-M	CLSA/OH	1695	7	9	8	13	8	45
10	Gene Freund	CLSA/OH	1288	9	11	6	11	11	48
11	Herman vanBeek-M	RCYC/TX	1521	11	8	10	14	12	55
12	Phil & Terry Weiler	CLSA/OH	894	10	14	11	10	10	55
13	Judy Hearn-W	CLSA/OH	1347	12	10	9	12	13	56
14	Jack Buttermore-M	CLSA/OH	910	13	13	12	9	15	62
15	Robert Japiske	CLSA/OH	951	14	12	DNF	DNS	14	72
16	Steve Glawitsch	CLSA/OH	1636	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	7	75
17	Steve Weeber	CLSA/OH	1611	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	85