

Spring Lake Invitational

Sept. 14-15, 1996

Fleet 7 Spring Lake YC, Michigan

After the 10 AM Skippers' Meeting, we sat around telling sea stories while waiting for the mist hanging over the lake to disappear. The cold west wind flowing across the warm water presented a fairly thick fog, probably too dangerous for sailing.

Finally, after a good lunch, Chuck Harrett the PRO took us unto the lake for back-to-back races. The mist was still there but not quite as thick until the last leg or two of the second race in which visibility got very limited especially to those wearing glasses. The 'everyone must wear glasses' rule was not in effect despite the efforts of several skippers.

For those of you who haven't attended this regatta please read carefully: the truly great part of this regatta is Kyle's (Verplank) pancake and sausage breakfast. Nothing quite hits the spot better than hot cakes on a chilly autumn morning.

Sunday's two races were sailed in beautiful fall conditions. Winds were in the 12-15 mph range out of the north-northwest.

As you can see from the results, the battle for top honors ended up in Doug McNeil's efforts. Only one point separated the top three sailors -- Doug, Justin Hood and Chad Hough. An amateur, a junior and a pro!

PL	SKIPPER	CLUB	BOAT	RACES				PTS
				1	2	3	4	
1	Doug McNeil	WLYC/MI	1466	1	4	2	4	10.75
2	Justin Hood-J	SLYC/MI	1729	6	1	4	1	11.5
3	Chad Hough-P	SLYC/MI	1721	7	2	1	2	11.75
4	David Fox	SLYC/MI	1614	3	3	3	8	17
5	Kelly Reese-W/J	LGYC/WI	1219	10	6	6	9	35
6	Eric Hood-P	SLYC/MI	1736	15	7	8	5	35
7	Brian McMurray	WLYC/MI	1492	2	11	12	11	36
8	Scott Ripkey	LGYC/WI	1522	11	8	17	3	39
9	Dave Bandstra	GRYC/MI	1441	5	10	10	14	39
10	Scott Harestad	LLSC/GA	1555	4	5	21	10	40
11	Todd Bosgraaf	SLYC/MI	1733	8	9	11	13	41
12	John Bolling	SLYC/MI	1041	18	12	7	7	44
13	Happy Fox-M	SLYC/MI	1704	9	19	5	16	49
14	Kyle Verplank-J	SLYC/MI	1530	12	13	14	12	51
15	Dave Hough-M	SLYC/MI	1691	16	15	13	17	61
16	Mike Gassmann	SLYC/MI	1207	14	21	24	15	74
17	Andy Molesta-J	GRYC/MI	860	29	22	19	6	76
18	Charlie Frutig-M	SLYC/MI	1329	28	17	9	27	81
19	Ross Reuterdahl-J	SLYC/MI	950	13	14	22	35	84
20	Jamie Kimball-J	SLYC/MI	1462	19	24	20	22	85
21	Curt Miller	GRYC/MI	92	23	20	15	29	87
22	Dan Fink	Muskego	1510	27	25	18	19	89
23	Mindy Miller-W	GRYC/MI	1701	26	27	16	25	94
24	Holly O'Brian-W	SLYC/MI	643	30	16	28	21	95
25	Lynn James-W	SLYC/MI	1452	21	29	27	18	95
26	Jiill Frutig-W	SLYC/MI	1621	32	18	25	23	98
27	Curt Bradley-GM	GRYC/MI	1405	22	26	31	24	103
28	Rob Kimball-J	SLYC/MI	1111	20	23	30	31	104
29	Dave Bedau-M	WLYC/MI	1455	24	28	25	20	107
30	Dave Bloye-M	GRYC/MI	1303	25	32	23	28	108
31	Josh Rotunda-J	SLYC/MI	1043	33	33	32	26	124
32	Brent Bedau-J	WLYC/MI	984	31	30	34	33	128
33	Karl Lanka	SLYC/MI	901	34	34	29	34	131
34	Scott Hand	SLYC/MI	1551	35	31	33	32	131
35	Bill Knape	SLYC/MI	1351	17	35	DNS	DNS	132
36	Tom James	SLYC/MI	1662	DNS	DNS	26	30	136
37	Ted Vanderveen	SLYC/MI	1708	36	36	DNS	DNS	152
38	Bob Ward-M	GRYC/MI	1533	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	160
39	John McNeil-J	WLYC/MI	720	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	160

SLYC Winners

Back L to R: Charlie Frutig, Curt Bradley, Happy Fox, Kelly Reese, Dave Hough
Front L to R: David Fox, Chad Hough, Eric Hood, Doug McNeil, Brian McMurray, Justin Hood

