

Western Michigan Annual Regatta

August 7-10, 1996

Lake Cadillac, MI

Hosted by the Grand Rapids
Yacht Club, Grand Rapids, MI

For the first time in a number of years every race on the busy schedule of the WMYA Annual Regatta was completed. It helped that there wasn't a shore-side activity on Thursday, so that Chuck Harrett could postpone for an hour or so the back-to-back races of the MC fleet.

This year's event featured 66 MCs, 26 Junior Butterflies, 21 Cs, 14 Es, 12 M20s, and 5 Open Butterflies. This was the first appearance of the M-20s at the WMYA. Scott Luce claimed first place. Cameron McNeil of White Lake won the Junior Butterfly title; Duane Pierson of the same lake won the Open Butterfly class; Tom Keenan of Lake Fenton placed first in the Cs; Brian McMurray of White Lake sailed to the E-boat title.

Eric Hood of Spring Lake Yacht Club and North Sails sailed a consistent regatta to top the MC fleet. He was closely followed by David Fox of Spring Lake, and Bob Terry of Crystal Lake.

Kyle Verplank of Spring Lake was the top junior and he finished 4th overall. Paul Eggert in 12 overall won the top masters (50 to 64) spot and Bill Freytag of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin finished 18th overall and won the Grand Master (65 or over) trophies. Lynn James of Spring Lake won the women's division finishing in 24th overall.

The Grand Rapids Yacht Club led by Regatta Chairman Bob Ward did an outstanding job of holding this large regatta off their lake. Lake Cadillac was chosen for its ability to house the many sailing families and the Cadillac Sands Motel proved a perfect spot for regatta headquarters. The Cadillac Chamber of Commerce sold the committee on its commitment to support this annual event.

At the conclusion of the trophy presentations, next year's Regatta Chairman Art Brereton invited all the sailors to Torch Lake in 1997 for the 68th Anniversary of this most popular event.

PL	SKIPPER	CLUB	BOAT	RACES					PTS
				1	2	3	4	5	
1	Eric Hood-P	NSIs	1737	14	8	1	1	2	37
2	David Fox	SLYC/MI	1614	9	5	3	14	5	60.7
3	Robert Terry	CLYC/MI	1463	30	3	7	7	4	75.7
4	Kyle Verplank-J	SLYC/MI	1530	3	29	9	16	11	94.7
5	Chris Craig`	LFYC/MI	1509	15	6	17	17	15	99.7
6	John Bolling	SLYC/MI	1041	23	24	8	8	12	106
7	Thor Sorensen	GRYC/MI	1665	27	14	24	9	13	117
8	Chris Eggert	SLYC/MI	1580	1	1	PMS	23	14	118
9	Brien Fox	SLYC/MI	1672	10	DNS	2	6	22	119.7
10	Chad Hough-P	JBW	1742	45	13	4	4	29	121
11	Dale Purdy	CLYC/IN	1501	18	20	34	13	8	123
12	Paul Eggert-M	SLYC/MI	1605	26	15	11	25	17	124
13	Jerry Gill II	WLYC/MI	1643	5	12	18	32	31	127
14	Kevin Watrous	TLYC/MI	1237	20	27	19	3	34	129.7
15	Dave Bandstra	GRYC/MI	1441	12	48	15	30	3	134.7
16	Don Condit	SLYC/MI	1600	39	19	25	12	10	135
17	Chris Waring	SLYC/MI	1361	47	7	20	27	6	136.7
18	Bill Freytag-GM	LGYCWI	1728	17	16	10	29	36	138
19	Peter Fox	SLYC/MI	1704	2	44	PMS	2	9	140
20	Brian Wrase	GRYC/MI	1542	29	23	28	10	20	140
21	Todd Bosgraaf	SLYC/MI	1733	6	17	PMS	11	18	144.7
22	Ed Schindler	CLYC/MI	1731	34	21	35	20	7	147
23	Steven Fox-J	SLYC/MI	1292	44	35	6	19	16	149.7
24	Lynn James-W	SLYC/MI	1452	28	10	13	42	27	150
25	Dave Bedau-M	WLYC/MI	1455	21	36	29	15	26	157
26	Duane Pierson-GM	WLYC/MI	500	11	25	31	35	30	162
27	Art Debruyn	GRYC/MI	1676	36	40	23	18	28	175
28	Tye Nordberg	TLYC/MI	1246	32	18	42	36	19	177
29	Katie Reese-W	LGYCWI	1527	4	46	40	21	39	178
30	Mike Gassmann	SLYC/MI	1207	8	37	12	49	47	183
31	Doug McNeil	WLYC/MI	1466	33	2	PMS	DNS	1	184
32	Tom Wurster-M	DLYC/MI	1719	16	28	33	26	51	184
33	Kelly Reese-W/J	LGYCWI	1219	24	49	5	55	24	186
34	Jeff Cornetet	SLYC/MI	1286	49	34	22	33	21	189
35	Brad LaPlatt	TLYC/MI	1402	37	4	39	47	49	204
36	Gary Verplank-M	SLYC/MI	1666	13	22	44	52	46	207
37	Brad Wynkoop	CLYC/MI	1396	51	26	41	28	32	208
38	Curt Bradley-GM	GRYC/MI	1405	35	55	26	22	41	209
39	Matt Cassady-J	SLYC/MI	1705	7	38	38	31	DNS	211
40	Steve Field	GRYC/MI	1378	38	11	DNF	44	25	211
41	Dave Hough-M	SLYC/MI	1691	25	41	46	38	38	218
42	Brent Daily	TLYC/MI	1309	22	52	14	46	55	219
43	Andy Molesta-J	GRYC/MI	539	41	9	PMS	34	43	220
44	Curt Miller	GRYC/MI	1701	19	DNS	DNS	24	23	230
45	Grant Senner	GRYC/MI	489	40	31	45	43	42	231
46	Rob Kimball-J	GRYC/MI	1111	43	39	21	61	60	254
47	Ed DeTar	TLYC/MI	968	52	33	PMS	40	37	255
48	Tom Getz-GM	WLYC/MI	1311	DSQ	32	PMS	5	DNF	258
49	Nils Reuterdaahl-J	SLYC/MI	950	DSQ	43	47	37	35	258
50	Ryan Nordberg	TLYC/MI	1082	60	30	27	51	DNF	261
51	Stu Soule-M	CLYC/MI	1255	42	45	36	59	50	262
52	Margo Burian-W	GRYC/MI	812	58	59	37	39	45	268
53	John Rotonda	SLYC/MI	1555	61	50	16	60	56	273
54	Pete Sjoberg	SLYC/MI	901	55	47	48	45	48	273
55	Suzi Molesta-W/J	GRYC/MI	860	53	54	30	54	53	274
56	Scott Hand	SLYC/MI	1551	57	57	32	50	57	283
57	Mindy Miller-W	GRYC/MI	92	50	53	50	56	44	283
58	Steve Schaub	Maxinkuckee	883	46	DNF	PMS	48	40	289
59	Steve Bylenga-J	SLYC/MI	1003	54	42	51	57	59	293
60	Herb Knappe-GM	SLYC/MI	1351	48	DNS	43	53	52	293
61	Jean Pinckney-W	GRYC/MI	1042	56	DNS	DNS	41	33	294
62	Randy Rogoski	SLYC/MI	1139	31	51	PMS	DNS	54	296
63	Warren Davy	SLYC/MI	1016	59	56	52	58	58	313
64	John Gretzinger	GRYC/MI	898	63	58	49	62	DNS	329
65	Karel Vorel-W	GRYC/MI	1030	62	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	360
66	Bob Ward-M	GRYC/MI	1533	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	365