

'97 Polar Bear Regatta

October 4-5, 1997 Fleet 20 Lake Davenport SC, Iowa

Story by Tom Getz



The 1997 Polar Bear Regatta was sailed on Lake Davenport, the pool in the Mississippi River just above Lock and Dam #15 in the Quad Cities of Illinois and Iowa. While this traditional season-ending regatta for many Midwestern sailors can be a blustery affair, the 1997 version was sailed in midsummer-like conditions with daytime temperatures in the 80's and winds from light to medium.

Saturday saw Lake Beulah veteran Hardy Will lead the fourteen-boat fleet at the finish in moderate southwest winds. Following the lunch break two races were scheduled for the afternoon racing, but light and variable winds allowed for the completion of only one race. The wind came and went throughout, resulting in the MC fleet being thoroughly interspersed among the 29 boat

C fleet which had started five minutes earlier. Jason Brown of White Bear and JBW came out of the pack in this challenging situation to finish first, followed by White Lake's Tom Getz. After the first day Getz led with 6 points followed by Brown with 8 points. (Editor's note: The new rules call for *one point* first place in the low-point scoring system)

Sunday dawned bright and warm with a good west wind predicted to rise to 20 mph. Some of the fleet took crew as the breeze increased just prior to the start. Conditions changed from moderate to brisk and back again as the RC scheduled on long course rather than attempt two shorter ones. Jason Brown jumped off to an early lead and kept his cover to take a second win and the regatta. He was followed across the line by Hardy Will and Mike Fieseler from Clear Lake. Tom Getz took a fifth to finish second overall and win the Masters and Grand Masters trophies.

Results from David Staub

Pl	Skipper	Club	No.	Races			Pts
				1	2	3	
1	Jason Brown	JBW	1799	7	1	1	9
2	Tom Getz-GM	WLYC/MI	1311	4	2	5	11
3	Hardy Will-M	LBYC/MI	1616	1	10	2	13
4	Mike Fieseler	LDSC/A	1258	6	4	3	13
5	Dick Duley-GM	LDSC/A	1305	8	5	4	17
6	Tony Bruskas-GM	LDSC/A	1484	5	3	11	19
7	David Staub	LDSC/A	1594	3	9	9	21
8	Bill Wrase	LDSC/A	1050	9	6	8	23
9	Debbie Ziegler	PYC/WI	1707	2	12	10	24
10	Sid Peterson-GM	PYC/IL	1702	DNF	8	6	28
11	Tom Wurster-GM	DLYC/MI	1759	13	11	7	31
12	Jim Brust-M	LMSC/A	1282	11	7	DNF	32
13	Bill Axup-GM	LDSC/A	1317	10	13	13	36
14	Jim Davis	LDSC/A	1216	12	14	12	38

1997 IceMaker Regatta

September 6-7, 1997

Fleet 35 Cedar Lake YC, Indiana

Pl	Skipper	Club	Boat No.	Races				
				1	2	3	4	Pts
1	Pete Comfort	TLYC/MI	1732	2	3	2	2	14.7
2	Todd Bosgraaf	SLYC/MI	1733	4	1	6	1	19.7
3	Glen Walborn	SLYC/MI	1789	1	2	3	8	22.7
4	Dave Bandstra	GRYC/MI	1441	16	7	1	5	45
5	Rick Wilfert	OLYC/WI	1596	7	16	4	3	48.7
6	Curt Miller-M	GRYC/MI	1701	6	4	8	10	49.7
7	Dick Duley-GM	LDSC/A	1305	12	6	9	4	52.7
8	Fred Stevens	GRYC/MI	1434	5	5	11	12	55
9	Mike Gassmann	SLYC/MI	1770	3	14	10	14	61.7
10	Rob Kimball-J	GRYC/MI	1111	8	9	7	18	66
11	Scott Hetzler	Illinois	1383	9	12	5	19	68
12	Dan Fink	Muskego	1510	11	11	13	13	72
13	Markham Chatterton	Onalaska	1250	13	19	12	11	79
14	Mindy Miller-W	GRYC/MI	92	18	17	15	7	81
15	Ross Reuterdahl	GRYC/MI	1085	17	8	16	20	85
16	Tad Dudley	CLYC/IN	1476	21	10	14	16	85
17	Tom Wilfert	OLYC/WI	1529	10	18	DNF	15	90
18	Sid Peterson-GM	PLYC/WI	1702	DNF	15	DNF	6	90.7
19	Tom James	SLYC/MI	789	14	13	DNF	21	95
20	Danielle Ralston-W	GRYC/MI	515	20	DNF	DNF	9	99
21	Ken Bandstra	GRYC/MI	1377	19	DNF	DNF	17	106
22	Ben Carstens		1370	DNF	20	17	22	106
23	Joe Waterstraat	CLYC/IN	1475	15	DNF	DNF	DNF	108

Strictly Sail Show

January 29 - February 1, 1998, Chicago, Illinois

IMCCSRA Promotional Chairman Tom Wurster is working on arrangements for a booth at this show at the end of January. The plan is to have a brand new MC on display, show the video, answer questions about the boat and the activities/regattas of the MC Sailing Association.

He needs volunteers to help man the booth - anywhere from several hours to the full time - take your pick. You will probably receive a free pass to the show.

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