

'97 Cow-Town Classic

October 11-12, 1997 Fleet 54 Hoover YC, Westerville, OH

Submitted by Ted Keller

The weather gods delivered an absolutely spectacular fall weekend for the first annual Cow-Town Classic Regatta with sunny skies and unseasonably mild temperatures. The only area where the gods were a bit less than generous was with the wind.

We had a total of 18 MCs on the starting line with boats visiting from as far as Wisconsin and northern Michigan. Winds for the first race were out of the northeast at around 5-7 mph with some very strong shifts that jostled the positions on the course. Ted Keller of Hoover and Torch Lake Yacht Clubs won the first race with Greg Fisher of Hoover and North Sails, in second and Chad Hough of Spring Lake, MI in third.

Winds held their direction for the second race but were much less consistent with similar strength in the puffs but huge holes of almost no air that boats could easily get stuck in. Curt Miller of Grand Rapids kept his speed through the ups and downs and came out with the win, followed by Greg Fisher in second and Mark White a new-to-the-MC sailor from Hoover in third.

A third race was started in the diminishing breeze. Several boats made it to the top mark on one tack and then the drifter characteristics set in with all becalmed but one or two boats in their "personal puffs." The RC finally blew the abandonment to the cheer of the frazzled sailors. The remaining races were scratched and social-hour began early.

Nothin's Finer Regatta

October 17-19, 1997 Fleet 50 Lake Norman YC, NC

Submitted by Jim Houser

We expect a story and photo about the 1997 Nothin's Finer regatta to run in the January 1998 MC Newsletter

Pl	Skipper	Club	Boat No.	Races				Pts
				1	2	3	4	
1	Ken Dols	LNYC/NC	1261					31
2	Dvin Farley	LGYC/MI	1356					36
3	Dave Bedau	WLYC/MI	1805					40
4	Bill Gilmer	LLSC/GA	1365					40
5	Randy Mintken	LNYC/NC	646					41
6	Bob Miller	DLYC/MI	890					41
7	Sid Peterson		1702					42
8	Bill Freytag	LGYC/MI	1500					45
9	Jim Houser	LNYC/NC	1669					45
10	Jay Cullinan	LNYC/NC	488					48
11	Warren Nye	New Bern	485					48

The RC decided to move up Sunday's start time to 9:30 AM, but the winds continued to be uncooperative. At 10:30 the breeze filled in from the south at about 5 mph and the third race was begun... a windward-leeward two times around to finish downwind, allowing the fleet to quickly assemble and try to get in a fourth race. The race ended with Eric Hood of Melges Boat Works and North Sails in first, Greg Fisher in second and Ted Keller third.

The fourth race got started just before the 11:15 cut-off, with south southwest winds still about 5 mph. Fisher secured his lead with a first, with Ted second and Eric third.

Greg won the inaugural Cow-Town champion. Ted was second and top amateur. Curt Miller won top Master, Matt Cassady of Spring Lake top Junior and Judy Hearn of Cowan Lake top Woman.

Pl	Skipper	Club	Boat No.	Races				Pts
				1	2	3	4	
1	Greg Fisher-P	NSIs	1569	2	2	2	1	7
2	Ted Keller	TLYC/MI	1431	1	4	3	2	10
3	Eric Hood-P	MBW	11	5	13	1	3	22
4	Chad Hough	SLYC/MI	1796	3	9	5	5	22
5	Curt Miller-M	GRYC/MI	1701	8	1	10	10	29
6	Mark White	HYC/OH	1530	9	3	6	11	29
7	Kevin Watrous	TLYC/MI	1758	6	6	8	9	29
8	Pete Comfort	TLYC/MI	1732	7	16	4	4	31
9	Matt Cassady-J	SLYC/MI	1607	10	11	7	6	34
10	Mike Gassman	SLYC/MI	1770	4	15	15	7	41
11	Dan Gloeckner	HYC/OH	1101	12	7	14	8	41
12	Dave Bedau	WLYC/MI	1805	14	5	9	14	42
13	Tom Wurster-GM	DLYC/MI	1759	16	8	11	12	47
14	Joe Rotunda-J	SLYC/MI	1	13	10	13	18	54
15	Ron Stryker	HOY/OH	1800	11	17	16	13	57
16	Judy Hearn-W	CLSA/OH	1347	15	12	17	17	61
17	Mindy Miller-W	GRYC/MI	92	17	18	12	161	63
18	Doug Kiser	HYC/OH	1400	DNF	14	18	15	66



What's your guess? Will he or will he not port tack the fleet??