

Polar Bear

October 3-4, 1998

Fleet 20 Lake Davenport SC, Iowa

Report from Tony Bruskas

This year's Polar Bear Regatta was highlighted by the weather - in keeping with it's name sake, cold, wet and windy. This is in contrast with last year's event which was beautiful, sunny warm and perfect for single-handers. You never know about the weather in October but this didn't stop the enthusiasm of 29 C scows and 11 MCs from sailing 5 races in mostly "crew weather." Average wind speed was 15 mph, with few lulls and some puffs in excess of 25 mph.

Competition was pretty keen as Eric Hood and Jim Gluek played the puffs and shifts. Hardy Will didn't leave them much room, maintaining his amateur dominance from the MC Nationals held in Lake Geneva. Local sailor Gary Reab and Lake MacBride sailor Jim Brust were in the thick of the pack in most of the races. Young John McNeil held

his own and won LDSC's first-ever Junior title. Thanks were offered to both the Melges and Inland Sail people for the great raffle prizes, i.e. MC and C-boat covers, boom covers and other paraphernalia. Commodore Don Wagner presented bottles of "Polarbear" wine to the winners of each class along with the traditional Polar Bear figurine trophies. Cedar Lake, Indiana sailors presented LDSC with a 3-foot stuffed Polar

Bear called Peter, a male companion to "Mercedes" a female Polar Bear float normally used as a mark on the course.

The beer tap, located on the wall outside the clubhouse never ran dry - even during Saturday night's rousing party. A live band kept over 100 people entertained while the wood-burning fireplace blazed on during the fun filled evening.

Pl	Skipper	Div	Club	Boat	Races					Pts
					1	2	3	4	5	
1	Eric Hood		NSIs	1864	3	3	1	1	3	11
2	Jim Gluek		ISIs	1865	1	5	3	2	1	12
3	Hardy Will	M	LBVC/WI	1818	2	1	7	4	2	16
4	Gary Reab		LDSC/IA	1866	4	2	4	6	5	21
5	Jim Brust	M	LMSC/IA	1761	6	4	5	8	6	29
6	J Gill			1311	7	7	2	5	11	32
7	John McNeil	J	LDSC/IA	1643	8	6	6	3	11	34
8	Bill Wrase		LDSC/IA	1050	5	10	10	7	4	36
9	Dick Duley	GM	LDSC/IA	1305	9	8	8	9	7	41
10	Markus Ritter	M	PYC/WI	1371	10	9	9	10	8	46
11	Tony Bruskas	GM	LDSC/IA	1484	11	12	11	11	11	56

Reporter's note: It appears that new boats are faster than older boats. The same can be said about skippers.

Nothin's Finer

October 16-17, 1998

Fleet 50 Lake Norman YC, NC

Results from Jim Houser

The sailors were treated to a lasagna supper Friday evening.

One race was held in 5-10 knots Saturday morning before the wind died. That evening the competitors broiled their own steaks.

Sunday saw enough wind for three races in 8-10 knots.

Generally the weather was in the 80s with clean air and unlimited visibility.

Pl	Sailor	Div	Club	Pl	Sailor	Div	Club
1	Lenny Krawcheck	M/SH	CYC/SC	9	Ed Durant		Augusta,SC
2	Randy Mintken		LNVC/NC	10	Russell Lafitte		CYC/SC
3	John Adams	M	LLSC/GA	11	Ken Dols		LNVC/NC
4	Charlie Harrett	Pro	MBW	12	Dave Hammill		CYC/SC
5	Tim Fredman	M	BLYC/WI	13	Jim Houser		LNVC/NC
6	Knox Rodgers		LLSC/GA	14	Warren Nye		New Bern
7	Charlie Lafitte		CYC/SC	15	Nelson McRae		LNVC/NC
8	Devin Farley	M	LGYC/WI	16	Tommy Harken		CYC/SC
				17	Richard Mintken		LNVC/NC

Cowan Scowin'

October 3-4, 1998

Fleet 45 Cowan Lake SA, Ohio

Results from Marie Pratt

Pl	Skipper	Club	Boat	Races							Pts
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	Ted Keller	HVC/OH	1431	1	1	1	2	4	4	7	13
2	Curt Miller-M	GRYC/MI	1701	5	3	5	1	5	2	1	17
3	Mark White	HVC/OH	1530	4	4	3	7	2	3	3	19
4	Ed Detar	TLYC/MI	968	3	2	8	3	7	1	6	22
5	Carl Pratt-M	CLSA/OH	1176	6	7	2	4	3	5	2	22
6	Bob Bellafronto-M	CLSA/OH	902	2	6	4	9	1	8	4	25
7	Steve Glawitsch-M	CLSA/OH	1797	9	4	6	5	10	7	5	42
8	Mark Schoenberger-GM	CLSA/OH	1169	8	5	7	6	6	4	10	42
9	Phil Weiler	CLSA/OH	894	7	10	9	8	9	6	4	49
10	Adrian Boie-GM	CLSA/OH	1695	10	8	11	11	11	9	8	57
11	Jack Buttermore-M	CLSA/OH	910	11	9	12	10	8	4	9	59
12	Judy Hearn	CLSA/OH	1347	12	12	10	12	12	10	4	68
13	Jenifer Ray	CLSA/OH	1432	13	13	DNS	DNS	DNS	13	13	78