

Fleet 59

Maxinkuckee YC

Culver, Indiana

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Maxinkuckee Yacht Club - A History

Social sailing began on Lake Maxinkuckee in the summer of 1896. The first prizes (three pennants) were offered for a race five years later in 1901. This race apparently awakened the yachting enthusiasm of all who had sailboats. In August, of that same summer - 1901 - a number of lake sailors met at Edwards Boathouse and organized the Aubbeenaubee Yacht Club. Henry C. Adams, Sr. was elected Commodore.

Competitive sailing continued and flourished together with The Aubbeenaubee Yacht Club until the beginning of World War I. Following the war, and for several years thereafter there was only occasional sailing, and enthusiasm for the Aubbeenaubee Yacht Club diminished. Near the end of the 1920s a new generation was growing restless and it became apparent they wanted a revitalized yacht club. Early in the summer of 1931 a group of young sailors met on Charles Barnaby's porch and reorganized the club, naming it

The Maxinkuckee Yacht Club. Walker W. Winslow was elected Commodore and the club joined the Inland Lake Yachting Association (ILYA). Only three boats raced that summer: Tommy Hendricks (Class B), Walker Winslow (Class E), and William C. Griffith, Sr. (Class C). Thirty-two club members were present at the First Annual Banquet held at the Maxinkuckee Inn. The following summer, 1932, the club boasted thirty-one boats in two classes only, Es and Cs. David Cooper won for the season in a C-Scow that cost \$175. But World War II was not far away; and, when it came, it brought many hardships. Our sailors went off to war, the Academy (Culver Military Academy) lost all of its sailing fleet in a fire, gas rationing was in effect, and transportation to and from the lake became difficult. Sailboat racing simply stopped.

After the war competitive sailing resumed. Particular attention was given to the younger sailors, and in 1948 John Brandon organized the club's first Junior Fleet. It survived only that summer, however, and not until 1953, five years later, did Oscar Perine establish it permanently. It has flourished to this day with approximately 20-25 junior fleeters each season.

By 1959 the club's E-Fleet numbered only five boats - all owned by the Academy - and after the summer of 1960, they did not race

again. In the summer of 1977, a group of young sailors met on Fred Wurster's porch in culmination of almost two years of planning there formed Hobie Fleet 216, introducing the new racing class to the lake. Fred Wurster was elected the first Fleet Captain. The Hobie Fleet was active in the Maxinkuckee Yacht Club for 19 years, but in 1996 this fleet was put into mothballs. However, a new fleet was born. MYC welcomed the MC Scows as a fleet in 1996 with much help, again, from Fred Wurster. MYC currently has ten MCs registered and it looks as though there will be more.

Present day sailing at MYC consists of five sailing series: Memorial Day Series (5 races), Saturday Series II, Saturday Series II, Sunday Series and the Labor Day Series (5 races). Two races are held each Saturday afternoon and one race is held on Sunday afternoon. A fall invitational regatta is held the weekend after Labor Day for C-Scows.

During the summer MYC hosts a social party each month, with the highlight being the annual family picnic. The social parties are hosted by club members and are held at members homes. The annual family picnic is held on the golf course grounds and includes games and activities for the younger crowd (ages 3 to 15).

14th Annual Michigan Championship

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Cassopolis, MI

Results from Jan Wurster

Pl	Skipper	Club	Boat	Races					Pts
				1	2	3	4	5	
1	Glen Walborn	SLYC/MI	1789	1	1	2	2	2	8
2	Josh Rotonda-J	SLYC/MI	1771	7	4	6	1	1	18
3	Thor Sorensen	GRYC/MI	1665	9	2	1	10	3	25
4	Curt Miller-M	GRYC/MI	1701	6	5	3	3	10	27
5	Mark White		1530	5	9	4	8	6	32
6	Jamie Kimball-J	GRYC/MI	1614	2	12	9	6	4	33
7	John Hans	ELYC/MI	1293	10	6	7	7	5	35
8	Bud Leonard-GM	DLYC/MI	1839	8	3	11	13	15	50
9	Chuck Nichols	LGYC/WI	1746	3	13	12	4	19	51
10	George Friend-M	DLYC/MI	1713	13	8	8	12	13	54
11	Chris Craig	LFYC/MI	1509	4	14	13	14	11	56
12	Bob Miller-GM	DLYC/MI	1840	18	11	5	16	9	59
13	Dick Booth-GM	ELYC/MI	1064	24	10	18	5	8	65
14	Reid Francis	DLYC/MI	1136	11	16	10	18	12	67
15	Tom Wurster-GM	DLYC/MI	1853	17	17	14	15	7	70
16	John Kimball-M	NY	912	14	15	16	11	14	70
17	Bob Beutter-GM	DLYC/MI	1403	15	7	15	17	18	72
18	Danielle Ralston-W	GRYC/MI	515	24	19	17	19	16	85
19	Sue Peterson-W/GM	DLYC/MI	1141	12	18	19	23	24	96
20	Fred Bedford-GM	CBYC/OR	1289	16	23	20	21	21	101
21	Lars Moller		1123	19	22	21	22	17	101
22	Bob Buddig	DLYC/MI	1640	21	20	22	19	20	102
23	Will Loux-J		1056	20	21	23	20	22	106