

Spring Shakedown

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Fleet 10 Grand Rapids YC, Michigan

Report from Art DeBruyn

Like Yoda of Star Wars, Paul Eggert confirmed that he is still the Grand Master of the scow class. Eggert, who has been winning regattas since the 1950s, demonstrated that he can still brandish a tiller extension with anyone in the universe. The legend grew at this year's GRYC Spring Shakedown. Upon learning of the impending conflict at Reeds Lake, Yoda...Eggert left his home planet and navigated his ship to the site of the upcoming battle. O. K. in reality he decided to cut his vacation in South Carolina short and drove his motor home to GR. In subtle Jedi fashion, he conquered the fleet without ever winning any of the five races. Instead, Paul quietly and effectively posted top 10 finishes to prevail over the 57 boats that put their bows on the line.

The saga began on Saturday, which dawned with clouds and a NE wind. The RC led by Chuck Harrett posted W3-1/2 courses. The left side paid dividends, and Katie Reese bested the fleet. After lunch the sky brightened and the wind shifted to the north accompanied by wild oscillations. Bill Babel, who had just purchased his first MC sailed a flawless race to lap nearly half the field to win. The wind failed and the fleet retired to shore with Katie Reese in the lead with Brien Fox a close second. Paul's strategy was not to draw attention to himself and quietly posted 10th and 11th finishes.

Saturday night the sailors were treated to a gourmet meal of pork tenderloin prepared by GRYC's master chef, Margaret Green. The "Woofers" led by MC sailor Andy Rundquist raised the roof until midnight. Eggert danced all night until he was beamed back to his motor home.

Sunday's weather presented clear skies and 5-10 knots out of the south. Harrett set an Olympic course for the final three races (back-to-back). As the third race was started the regatta was up for grabs. Truly "the force" was with Paul (the resemblance to a Jedi master is uncanny) as he compiled two 5ths and a 4th to win the regatta.

Pl	Skipper	Div	Club	Boat	Races					Pts
					1	2	3	4	5	
1	Paul Eggert	GM	SLYC/MI	1806	11	10	5	5	4	35
2	Brien Fox		SLYC/MI	1928	6	2	6	6	18	38
3	Peter Fox		SLYC/MI	1903	231	13	4	2	2	42
4	Cam McNeil	J	WLYC/MI	1643	3	12	2	22	7	46
5	Pete Comfort		TLYC/MI	1918	10	24	9	1	3	47
6	Todd Bosgraaf		SLYC/MI	1	2	15	14	8	8	47
7	Katie Reese	W	SLYC/MI	1827	1	4	12	16	23	56
8	Curt Miller	M	GRYC/MI	1701	12	11	8	7	21	59
9	Scott Caston		GRYC/MI	1754	20	3	7	13	22	65
10	Ted Keller		TLYC/MI	1898	4	14	26	24	1	69
11	Jamie Kimball	J	SLYC/MI	1614	7	8	11	28	20	74
12	Dave Bandstra		SLYC/MI	18	22	5	1	34	13	75
13	Gary Verplank	M	SLYC/MI	1777	13	23	17	10	16	79
14	Rob Kimball	J	SLYC/MI	1611	8	35	23	3	11	80
15	Josh Rotonda	J	SLYC/MI	1771	25	6	34	11	6	82
16	Thor Sorensen		GRYC/MI	1665	15	16	15	18	19	83
17	Art DeBruyn		GRYC/MI	1676	14	20	13	32	10	89
18	Kevin Watrous		TLYC/MI	1758	16	21	18	12	28	95
19	Dave Bedau	M	WLYC/MI	1805	17	29	28	14	12	100
20	Fred Stevens	M	GRYC/MI	1434	19	19	21	20	29	108
21	Chris Craig		LFYC/MI	1509	5	36	10	21	38	110
22	Glen Walborn		SLYC/MI	1856	23	7	33	19	33	115
23	Tom James		SLYC/MI	8	29	26	25	27	9	116
24	Brian Wrase		GRYC/MI	1542	30	32	3	29	27	121
25	Matt Cassady	J	SLYC/MI	1607	9	40	24	25	24	122
26	Tom Wurster	GM	DLYC/MI	1921	26	48	37	4	14	129
27	John Knappe		SLYC/MI	941	33	28	22	42	5	130
28	Bill Babel		GRYC/MI	1377	DNF	1	20	47	15	136
29	Andy Rundquist		GRYC/MI	972	36	34	19	15	37	141
30	Mary Vorel	W/J	GRYC/MI	515	27	50	31	9	35	152
31	Dan Chappell		GRYC/MI	133	46	27	27	26	26	152
32	Scott Cioe		SLYC/MI	1361	32	22	42	30	30	156
33	Curt Bradley	MM	GRYC/MI	1842	37	17	30	31	42	157
34	Bud Leonard	GM	DLYC/MI	1899	42	18	44	17	46	167
35	Lathrop Keller		TLYC/MI	1431	24	44	43	38	25	174
36	Alan Hickman		SLYC/MI	1242	31	37	38	33	40	179
37	Danielle Ralston	W	GRYC/MI	1529	44	53	41	23	24	185
38	Ken Bandstra	M	GRYC/MI	1770	40	45	29	43	32	189
39	Ray Dull	GM	SLYC/MI	1807	43	33	40	40	34	190
40	Jim Zevalkink		GRYC/MI	1168	28	9	53	52	51	193
41	Chris Eggert		SLYC/MI	1737	18	47	16	DNF	DNF	193
42	Terry Schieber			1091	34	30	50	44	36	194
43	Brent Bedau		WLYC/MI	984	39	31	36	45	43	194
44	Julie Rathsack	W	LFYC/MI	1533	45	25	35	50	41	196
45	Scott Hand			1551	DSQ	46	32	36	31	203
46	Jeff Minore		GRYC/MI	458	51	39	39	37	49	215
47	Dave Bloye	M	GRYC/MI	1303	38	38	49	49	47	221
48	Jim Engels			1430	35	43	45	46	DNS	227
49	Pete Sjoberg	M	SLYC/MI	901	49	41	46	35	DNS	229
50	Mindy Miller	W	GRYC/MI	92	DSQ	52	48	41	39	238
51	Karel Vorel	W	GRYC/MI	1030	DSQ	55	47	39	45	244
52	Judy Hearn	W	CLSA/OH	1347	48	49	51	48	50	246
53	Bill Green		GRYC/MI	1541	47	57	52	51	48	255
54	Bob Kopec	M	GRYC/MI	1357	41	42	DNS	DNS	DNS	257
55	Jeff Stowe		GRYC/MI	1278	50	51	DNS	DNS	44	260
56	John Potter		GRYC/MI	1405	DNS	54	DNS	53	52	273
57	Richard Moritz		GRYC/MI	1301	52	56	DNS	DNS	DNS	281