

# MC North Americans

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Fleet 38 Pewaukee Yacht Club, WI

Some of Andy Burdick's comments on this regatta follow.

Race 1: S-SW winds 10-20 mph

The course was W3 - downwind finish. I started in the middle so I could take advantage of the first shift. A left shift hit and I tacked to cross all the boats on the right. The boats to the left were hooked up good, but I was patient. A big right hit me and I crossed all the boats on left and rounded the top mark first. Zack Clayton followed. Down wind I sailed by the lee and was very fast.

Rounding the mark I cranked on vang and cunningham very hard and dropped my traveller 4". This was fast and I sailed the shifts. I only sailed a headed tack when I was headed for more wind. You really had to be in the lanes of breeze.

Race 2 was much the same as Race 1 but I took crew and our weight was 300 lbs. which is about maximum I like to sail with. With crew I could keep the traveller on center. Remember, never let the lee rail get wet. In a big breeze you must pull on the vang hard.

To eliminate nose diving, heel the boat to windward and increase vang tension. You can also trim the main. If the boat wants to death roll head up not down. And, in a big shot reach off for stability.

Race 3: More of the same except the breeze eased off and my crew was sitting in the middle of the boat. In these conditions the crew can help roll tack the boat.

Race 4: I mis-timed the start and had to re-start and found myself the only boat on port tack. Because of a big left shift I rounded the top mark in 2nd behind Pete Toumanoff. I got impatient and jibed into what turned out to be a lull and Toumanoff, Bob Burdick, Lieber and Fink beat me around the mark. Lesson: Stay with the leaders!

Pl	Skipper	Div	Club	Boat	Races					Pts
					1	2	3	4	5	
1	Andy Burdick	P	MBW	2003	1	1	1	4	2	10
2	Bill Lieber		CLYC/WI	1869	9	8	6	1	1	40.7
3	Brian Heimsch		CLYC/WI	1615	2	4	5	9	3	41.7
4	Dan Fink		LMYC/WI	1877	7	7	4	2	8	51
5	Rick Trester		CLYC/WI	1846	13	3	11	5	10	67.7
6	Zack Clayton		CLYC/WI	1995	3	11	8	8	11	67.7
7	Tim Fredman	M	BLYC/WI	1919	10	6	9	7	7	68.7
8	Bruce Rosenheimer		PNYC/WI	1659	5	14	7	11	6	71.7
9	Tobin Tornehl		PYC/WI	1865	DNF	5	3	10	4	74.7
10	Peter Toumanoff		PYC/WI	1273	6	12	13	6	17	83.4
11	Weber/Peterson		PYC/WI	1000	DNF	9	2	21	9	95
12	Jason Thompson		OYC/WI	1739	12	2	20	18	21	98
13	Mike Beikasity			1558	17	18	10	20	5	99
14	Bob Burdick	M	PYC/WI	1945	4	DNF	DNF	3	12	101.7
15	Chris Lieber		CLYC/WI	1638	16	13	16	14	16	105
16	Bruce Gallagher		PNYC/WI	1881	11	15	14	17	20	107
17	Terry Mestan		CLYC/WI	1980	DNF	10	12	16	13	110
18	Dave Niemann			1447	DNF	17	17	15	14	122
19	Peter Harken	GM	PYC/WI	1841	DNF	16	15	12	DNF	131
20	David Harriston			1404	20	DNF	19	13	23	134
21	Robin Dale		PYC/WI	1907	8	DNF	DNF	DNF	15	140
22	Barbie Salstrom	W	PYC/WI	1934	15	DNF	DNF	19	19	141
23	Charles Sutter	M	PYC/WI	1306	18	DNF	DNF	23	18	148
24	John Simms		LLSC/WI	1715	18	DNF	21	DNF	DNF	156
25	Glen Kulkoskis		PNYC/WI	1984	DNF	DNF	18	22	DNF	157
26	Shirley Klauser	W/M	PYC/WI	1911	14	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	160
27	Bill Beck	GM	PYC/WI	1964	DNF	DNF	DNF	24	22	163
28	Ward Douglas			1546	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	175

Race 5: Wind was at most 10 mph in the puffs and there were lots of holes.

With a minute to go the left was very favored so I raced down from the middle of the line to get under Bill Lieber. We were the two leeward-most boats. I nailed the pin with a great start. I forced Lieber to the right as I out-pointed him. However, he found the only port lift to the center of the course. Then a big right hit and most of the fleet was on top of me. I rounded about 16th.

Downwind I made big gains just by looking behind me for the wind and I jibed through puffs just to maximize my time in them. I moved up to 7th.

By sailing the shifts on the windward leg I moved up to 4th about 75 yards behind the leaders. With some nice lifts and always staying on the lifted tack and going towards the weather mark I managed to move into 4th.

On the downwind leg there were four boats ahead of me, Lieber and Heimsch sailed huge headers on starboard. I sailed a port lift with 1558 to take the lead over Heimsch

and Lieber and 1558. However we all hit a big hole in the middle of the course. We drifted for a few minutes until the wind hit Lieber first and he took the lead. At the finish Lieber and Burdick were in a dead heat with Lieber taking the win.

Notes: What was fast in this race? Being in the wind was everything. When I did get velocity I found that easing my main a touch and bearing off a bit, then hiking out very hard and trimming then pointing was fast. I was able to sail higher and faster eventually. That is how I went from 16th to 2nd in this last race. Many sailors would get a puff, trim and head up right away which is the normal tendency because you want to go fast and point to the moon with the new breeze you found. Try practicing the opposite. Ease a touch, this straightens the mast and makes your sail fuller (no vang at all). Bear off and then once up to speed hike, trim and point with the acceleration that you have. This works!

My mast was raked at 28'-3" and the sidestays were taut (not drum tight) the entire regatta.