

POLAR BEAR REGATTA

Fleet 20 - Lake Davenport Sailing Club, IA.

September 29-30, 2012

Report by Tony Bruskas

Lake Davenport Sailing Club held its 51st Polar Bear Regatta in a memorial to Don Wagner. Don was a C-Scow sailor who promoted this annual event at the many regattas he attended throughout the country. He passed away this year.

The regatta started for both MC and C fleets in medium to heavy winds in contrast to last year's very light air. Despite low attendance in the MC fleet, competition was keen- but only for second place. Peter Dobbeck drubbed the rest of the fleet with first place finishes in all five races. (Peter's third place finish last year appeared to be a fluke). Second place went to Tony Bruskas, recently widowed at 82 years of age. He held on through Saturday's 10-20 mph winds and then eased in behind Peter on Sunday under lighter air.

Devin Farley, the PRO, set great windward-leeward courses; longer than most Davenport sailors were used to. Four races on Saturday were a real grind and seemed to have been set on the Mississippi between Minneapolis and St. Louis. Maybe it seemed that way due to age.

Sailing...

*A way to travel,
a way to make great friends,
A great way of life!*



*"Sail on
my
friends!"*

The Don Wagner "Sailing Ambassador" Award is presented annually to the Lake Davenport member who does the most to promote the Polar Bear Regatta.
