

## **2014 Windycrest Regatta**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Windycrest Invitational Regatta was held May 17-18, 2014. It is an open regatta which there is no fee to enter. This "free" model has revived the regatta with its best turnout in a number of years. We had 23 boats overall registered, 11 of them MC's. We did lose a few MC skippers to the keelboats. The Chamber of Commerce weather was perfect all weekend, partly cloudy, high 72 degrees, east wind 6 to 10 both days with just enough shifts and puffs to challenge the fleet.

Brian Wutzke, Blane Sampson, and Dan Kirkpatrick are fairly new to MC sailing. It was great have new skippers out enthusiastically enjoying the boat. While every competitor had some good races, Grant Gerondale, Roger Adams, and Harvey Baker dominated the regatta. Danny Ziegler sailed well on Sunday, winning 2 races, but he wasn't in the hunt for winning it all. He worked on Saturday putting on an awesome Cook Your Own Ribeye Dinner that topped off a great day of racing.

After 7 races Harvey won with 10 points. Grant and Roger tied with 14 points for 2nd, but Roger won the tie breaker. Congratulations to Roger for having his best regatta ever. Grant also had a good regatta, but I'm sure he's thinking about what could have been, if he hadn't tipped over twice. This is something that he very rarely does. John Kerr and Jim Stinson were neck and neck fighting for 4th, but John prevailed and beat Jim by only 2 points. Matt Gillis sailed well Saturday. He earned 2 fourth place finishes, but dropped in the standings when he missed Sunday's races. Reid Barcus had some very good races. He finished 2nd in Race six. He most certainly would have gotten another 2nd in the first, had he not turned over on the last leg. The RC work was stellar with PRO Gil Greenwood and the rest of the crew running the races flawlessly. Thank you for your hard work Race Committee. It made for a great weekend overall.

Fleet 32 is looking forward to hosting the MC Scow Southwest Championship this fall. Mark your calendar, the dates are October 4 & 5, 2014. Last year we had 22 competitors on the line. With your help we hope to beat that number in 2014!

See ya out sailing,

Danny Ziegler