

MC Junior National Regatta

Diamond Lake Michigan

Although the regatta was national competition, the turnout was low. There were only 7 teams that raced for the Junior National Championship. However, on the upside, we had 4 teams from Diamond Lake who had their first opportunity to compete at this level. There were three other 3 teams, two were from WhiteLake and one was from Spring Lake near Grand Haven. Both White Lake and Spring Lake have strong sailing traditions and excellent youth programs, Registration took place on Wednesday evening. The first race was scheduled on Thursday morning with three races on Thursday and two on Friday. Unfortunately, sailing is dependent on wind and we could not get the wind above 3 MPH. Racing was cancelled for the day. Michael Scharger, DLYC Rear Commodore took the kids and went tubing

Thursday the winds were started to fill in early and the warning signal was hoisted at 9:30 with light wind at 5-7mph.

Race one was closely contended with Frank Reeg winning from start to finish with Chris Lopez second and Lane Francis third. The wind stayed light for the second race and the sailors who kept their boat moving and looked for the pressure continued to lead the fleet around the course. Frank, Chris and Jake had a good race with Frank getting the win by a boat length. Chris Lopez got the win in race three and there was going to be a battle for the regatta with race four deciding the final results. Frank and Chris both had a great race but Frank led the way leading all the way to the finish to win the regatta. There were three different third place race winners, Jake Erdman, Lane Francis and Leah Peluchiwski.

Many of the sailors are planning to go to White Lake later this summer to compete in the West Michigan Yachting Association (WYMA) regatta, gaining more valuable experience. They will also have an opportunity to see their new friends again and continue to build friendships with other sailors.