

## MC ADIRONDACK REGATTA 2015

The 2015 MC Adirondack Regatta was a great week-end with a LOT of sailing (7 races) under some shifty conditions and sunny but seasonable fall temperatures. The professional RC Staff did a great job keeping up with the changes of wind direction and velocity. Race one was a light breeze from the North East and Brent Penwarden found a slot on the right side of the course on the last upwind leg which put him ahead for good. Race two saw the fading winds which resulting in very shifty conditions. Chris Norman found the best shifts and easily won this one. We decided to go in for lunch due to the dying winds. While we had planned on organizing some Team Racing after lunch, this plan was scrapped after some of the fleet wanted to earn redemption from the battle earlier in the morning. The wind was supposed to shut-off, but it did the opposite - giving us a 5-8 knot breeze coming from the South. Chris Norman earned his second bullet after finding some steady wind on the right side of the course. In race 4 and 5, Will Hendershot was rolling downwind like he was "shot out of a cannon" - and he easily got a bullet in each race. Race 5 concluded after 5pm at which time the sun gets very low in the Northeast in Mid-October. We get the last boats off the water in mid-dusk. The RC did a great job providing 5 well-run races on Saturday...giving all sailors a thorough workout. Sunday was a bit more windy with 10-12 knots coming out of the South. Chris Norman was able to weave his way on the upwind legs to find victory in Race 6. Will Hendershot was a "longshot" to win the regatta if he won Race 7 and if Chris Norman got 6th place or worse. Will did win Race 7, but Chris Norman eeked-out a 4th place finish to win the regatta. Once again, Chris showed that he knows how to get those blue "Chuck Taylors" under the hiking straps and get his body out over the side. Devon Howe was in third place overall heading into Race 7 and was winning Race 7 on the second-to-last upwind leg, but Brent Penwarden and his friends found some nice lifts on the left and Brent took 2nd in Race 7 and 3rd place overall in the regatta. Devon Howe was 4th and Philippe Keroak was 5th. Saratoga Lake Sailing Club is somewhat central to 4 Newer MC fleets in the Northeastern US and Canada. The club is 30 minutes from Adirondack Park, a year-round paradise for outdoor enthusiasts. The clubhouse is a large older home that has a lovely view of the lake from the front porch. Many out-of-town sailors choose to sleep at the clubhouse with its many rooms. Meals are made in the large informal kitchen that sailors often make for others. Special thanks to early-riser Steve Dix who made coffee, eggs, bacon, blueberry pancakes, etc. at our last few regattas!

