

2017 MC Masters National Championship
By Eric Hood

This past week 50 of our classes best made their way to Big Cedar Lake near West Bend , WI. Same immediate area of the recent U.S. Open Championship for Golf. Fantastic area with the famous Kettle Moraine glacier area nearby, clean water and Cedar Lake Yacht Club hospitality that was off the charts.

Probably the toughest assignment for all included the sailors, support teams, volunteers and race committee teams fell upon the race committee teams. PRO Chip Mann did a great job pulling a rabbit out of the hat and giving us a good but tough three race series. The schedule called for seven but we were very lucky to get three in with the crazy weather conditions.

Light air, crazy Ivans (huge wind shifts) from the unstable and moisture filled Wisconsin skies really made it tough to get in solid steady races. The races were good and fair though. Your first guess had to be the right guess though or you were shot out the back. Only three boats out of 50 had all top ten races . Yep, they finished 1,2 and 3. They also each had a race win. I would say positions 4-7 sailed very great as well. The rest of crowd all got caught somewhere with a dinger, a zinger of a race. That is the fun and sport of sailing though. We just never know what the conditions of the next race will bring.

In the end it was really exciting for the top three boats. First and second tied for first then third was only one point behind. Former National Champion Dan Guidinger won the tie-breaker with Dan Quiram. Right behind in third by one point was a rock solid performance as well by Bruce Rosenheimer. All three skippers were back on shore and not even sure who won till they saw the score sheets. Top Mega Master and seventh overall was Tim Fredman . Class President Richard Blake was top Grand Master and he also finished 8th overall. Top Woman putting in a solid performance was Karen Plunkett.

Thanks to Jeff, Paul and a cast of about 50 who put this regatta on for us. Cedar Lake Yacht Club A+ on all fronts.

The all new open cockpit MC Design was a huge hit with the sailors as it was in Dallas at the Nationals , Nagawicka , Lake Beulah and now this past week at Big Cedar. Come to Lake Geneva for the ILYA Champs and take it for spin. Just see Eric, Andy, Harry, Eddie and we will make it happen.

See you all the Inland Yachting Association Championships soon at Lake Geneva. For some of you the big Western Michigan Yachting Association Championships at Crystal Lake, Michigan. Check out www.mcscow.org for more details on other regional regattas coming your way soon.

All the best,
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