

## 2019 – GRYC Spring Shakedown

For those of you who were unable to make it down this last weekend, you missed a very exciting 3 days of MC action on and off the water at GRYC!

We had 23 Sailors, 10 of these were from outside of GRYC (including the infamous Eric Hood)!

The weather co-operated nicely to allow for us to start the weekend off with some warm weather practice races on Friday afternoon, followed by a great mini-seminar by Eric Hood with some help from our own Jamie Kimball in the Clubhouse while we enjoyed some Brats 'n Beers (thanks to the Kimballs and Gates for taking care of the food)! I'm sure everyone who was there was able to take-away a couple of things to improve their own sailing this season and beyond.

Saturday morning saw a mix of high winds for Race #1 with Jamie Kimball taking the win, and then once the temps warmed up and the clouds moved out the morning breeze died out during Race #2 making for long second half, with Rick Busch taking the win.

We took a break for lunch to refuel (thanks Mindy), some of us remembered to apply sunscreen, and waited for the wind to stop shifting and build back up before going out for #3 and #4 in the afternoon. Rick Busch edged out Eric Hood to take the bullet again for race #3 and then Jeff Towner was able to stay ahead of Jeff Minore for the win in race #4. We put the boats away, enjoyed a couple cold ones over some stories at the clubhouse, then went home to freshen up for an amazing dinner party at the Williams' house Saturday night. Thanks again to Steve & Linda Williams for hosting such a great event.

The forecast for Sunday wasn't looking too promising for sailing in the morning, as 3 sailors went home. There were showers off and on until a gap in the weather opened up around 10am, just enough for our great Race Committee to set up 2 race courses for us. Race #5 had Andy Molesta with crew Charlie taking the bullet over Jamie Kimball. There was a small rain cell building over the horizon off to the southwest which scared a few boats back to shore, but our Race Committee verified that the nearest lightning was still out over southern lake Michigan and no risk to us, and then sounded the 5min warning, and they shortened up the course for the final race just to be on the safe side. Race #6 saw an entire fleet recall on the 1<sup>st</sup> start, and then some gusts over 15 along with shifty winds which made for an interesting race with the fleet splitting across the lake to get over to the weather mark on the southern shore near the point. A quick downwind and back upwind for the finish had Jamie Kimball staying ahead of Bob Heathcote and Rick Busch for Jamie to take the bullet in Race #6.

Congrats to the Trophy Winners (thanks to Curt Miller for the great trophies):

1. Jamie Kimball (GRYC)
2. Rick Busch (GRYC) (Top Master)
3. Jeff Minor (GRYC)
4. Eric Hood (LESC) (Top Grand Master)
5. Andy & Charlie Molesta (SLYC) (Top Junior - Charlie)
7. Curt Miller (GRYC) (Top Mega Master)
13. Suzie McInerney (no club given) (Top Women's)

A huge thank you to Otto Mueller for organizing a fantastic Race Committee (Andy Rundquist, Ed Cox, Matt Feyen, George Cargar, Mary and Aaron Reif) along with the large cast of Volunteers at the GRYC who helped make this a great event.

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