

Maxinkuckee Yacht Club
Fall Regatta
September 6-8, 2013
MC Scow Recap

The Maxinkuckee Yacht Club Fall regatta was a great one. Really nice breezes both days made it easy to get in the five races. PRO Gene Benedict and his team did a great job running the races. Chip Smitson and the MYC shore team made sure that the shore activities ran smoothly, and as always the food was excellent. Thank you to all that helped run the show. Of course one of the very special things about Max is that the locals take all the sailors into their homes, which gives this event a very special feeling.

The racing in the small but competitive MC fleet was very close. Going into the last day seven of the eight boats were still very much in the fight. The outcome would not be decided till the very last race.

Race One: SW 6 to 12 mph: Jack Sanderson got a great start and led this one wire to wire. Chris Craig did make it interesting at the end actually getting Jack on starboard at the finish, but Jack was able to keep his nose out front and win the race. Geoff Moehl who has been really coming on strong the second half of the season was third. The fleet broke for lunch to resume the battle in the afternoon.

Race Two: SW 8 to 14 mph: Geoff Moehl jumped to the front in this one. He was leading going into the last leg covering Chris in second. Both boats headed left around the gate, Chris took a take back right and Geoff tacked to cover. Chris was able to get his nose out as a lull came through. Chris worked out in the lull, and Geoff took a big bite back to the left. He went too far and ended up losing Matt Grant and Bill Becker who finished second and third behind Chris.

Race Three: SW 8 to 14: Geoff Moehl again jumped to the front. Geoff was coming off of his Portage lake victory, where he won his first ever regatta race, and then proceeded to win the next three to win his first regatta with four bullets. He would prove tough again this weekend. Downwind he lost the lead in a lull to Chris and the hard charging Max boys Bill Becker and Steve Schaub. Becker and Schaub carried through Chris and Bill rounded with the lead. Chris and Steve went to the right, but that proved to be the wrong side. Steve did a better job of battling off the bad side and finished third. Jim Grant battled back in this one to tack second, while Geoff proved that hard work does pay off coming off the left to win the race.

This left the regatta very tight going into Sunday, Chris and Geoff were tied with 8 points, followed by Bill Becker with 11 points. There was a huge log jam after that with Jack Sanderson, Matt Grant, and Steve Schaub all tied with 14 points, and Jim Grant right behind with 15 points.

Sunday the breeze was beautiful, NE and building 8 to 16 mph, puffy and very shifty. The fourth race was battle, with several lead changes among the top boats. Jack Sanderson sailed a great race using his downwind speed to get into the lead and win the race. Bill Becker got within a point of first overall with a very nice second, with Matt Grant finishing third.

This left the regatta wide open. Chris Craig led with 12 points, followed by Bill with 13 points, Jack Sanderson and Geoff Moehl with 15 points. The last race would decide the regatta. Geoff battled into the lead in this one and despite several challenges

would win this one. Chris rallied from deep to finish second and win the regatta by two points over Geoff. Steve Schaub a C boat regular, keep tuning and improving all weekend finished third. Bill Becker battle all race but slipped to fifth to end up third overall. It was a small but very fun fleet to race with. Let's get some more MC's down here next year.