

DLYC Open Regatta
Fleet 28 - Diamond Lake YC, MI
July 30-31, 2016

The DLYC Open Regatta brought in 16 sailors this year from around the Midwest. The forecast for the weekend did not look very promising for the 3 races scheduled for Saturday and 2 for Sunday. Minimal to light winds were predicted with the occasional chance of precipitation. Bob Miller, our "PRO," and his crew set a course Saturday morning with winds of about 6-10 out of the NW, and a mist coming down. Half of the competitors were a little anxious on the first start that resulted in a general recall. The second start was successful and the winds maintained pace throughout the race with Richard Blake taking the win. As the day progressed, the rain stopped and the wind slowed. Thankfully, the decision was made to sail 3 races back to back before coming in for lunch. The second race was again won by Richard Blake. In the third race, we saw sailors really trying to find the pockets of wind and sail into them as it declined rapidly and became somewhat of a crapshoot at times. John Hans took quite a commanding lead as the rest of the competition tried to pick the right spots. The island played quite a factor on the day as it was easy to get sucked into its shadow if not careful. Overall, there was some great competition with the hope of getting 2 more races in on Sunday.

Dinner in the evening was enjoyed at the home of Bill and Georgy Ann Peluchiwski where we had some amazing food and drinks. They were great hosts and Bill is phenomenal at cooking!

Sunday, as somewhat predicted was winds of maybe 2-3 and extremely fluky. We sat around for a few hours in hopes that it would come up, but eventually called it a day around 11:15 a.m, as we were not planning to start any races after 12:00. Everyone packed up and then came into the club for lunch and a quick trophy presentation. In a regatta with 3 youth sailors, our top Junior/Youth was Leah Peluchiwski who finished 8th overall, top Master was Andy McDonald, top Grand Master was Jim Engels, and top Mega Master was Jack Sanderson. Top finishers went to John Hans 3rd, Andy McDonald 2nd, and the defending champion from 2015, Richard Blake, again took home 1st!

Thank you to all of the sailors that came and participated, Bob Miller and his crew, Georgy Ann Peluchiwski who put together all the meals, Jerry Van Dyke who did our trophy photos, and all of the other DLYC volunteers. Look forward to next year!