

GEORGE DORN REGATTA

September 7 – 8, 2013

This year's Dorn Regatta attracted 37 competitors representing nine lakes. Weather was a little unsettled as PRO Nan Norris announced starting with back to backs to beat a storm front expected to come through in the early afternoon. With assistance from her mark setting crew, led by Rob Clayton, she set a W7.

Race #1 was sailed in good 8 – 10 mph winds. Past Dorn champion Tim Fredman won Race #1, followed by Kent Haeger, Bill Biersach, Dan Fink and Andy Gehl.

Race #2 was sailed immediately afterwards with storm clouds building in the west and the wind starting to shift. The race was again a W7 in 8 – 10 mph winds. Race #2 saw Greg Simon win, followed by Stefan Schmidt, Andy Gehl, Jay Hiller and Kent Haeger. A couple lightning streaks at the end of the race hurried everyone back to the yacht club for lunch and to wait out the storm, which did not amount to anything.

After the weather settled down, the fleet was greeted with a new wind direction and breezes at 10 – 12 mph. Winner of Race #3, again a W7, was mega master Milt Haeger who has won this regatta several times in his "youth"!! He was followed by Paul Wood, Kent Haeger, Craig Thompson and Jay Hiller. At the end of the day, Lake Beulah C sailor Kent Haeger, who moved up in class for this regatta, led the pack. This was after a main sheet line break in Race #2 and a pre-race tip over!

In the evening, the food crew led by Mitzy Dorn and Kathy Will gave the sailors a fantastic beef tenderloin dinner. Some noted that it may have been the best dinner they ever had at the yacht club. Local produce from John Becker's farm fields helped make it superb.

For the final race on Sunday, the wind had shifted to give us the longest beat that Lake Beulah can produce. Some of the off lake sailors asked where the buoys were, only to find out that they were "around on the other side of the point." We had a W7 with 10 – 14 mph winds. This race was won by Andy Gehl followed by Bruce Gallagher, Al Haeger, Paul Wood and Mike Greeson.

Final top twelve:

1. Kent Haeger M 1891 LBYC
2. Andy Gehl O 1883 Beaver
3. Paul Wood M 1779 LGYC
4. Greg Simon O 2461 Mendota

5. Dan Fink M 2444 PNYC
6. Bruce Gallagher M 1881 PNYC
7. Bill Biersach GM 1904 PNYC
8. Stefan Schmidt GM 2229 MYC
9. Al Haeger GM 2015 LBYC
10. Craig Thompson GM 1720 Okauchee
11. Tim Fredman MM 2353 PNYC
12. Milt Haeger MM 2451 LBYC