



MCSA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to 2013 Champs Upper Minnetonka!

We had another wonderful MCSA CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM REGATTA at Clear Lake, IA September 7-8, 2013.

*WHY I LOVE TEAM SAILING IN MC's...*from the competitors.

Noel Neuman, Upper Minnetonka...“it makes you think ALL the time. You have to sail fast, AND think two or three steps ahead. "what kind of move can I make, and what is their counter-move, how do I foil that" The intensity multiplies the fun factor.

Joe Friction, Lake Harriet...”because of the team camaraderie”

Gary Riter, Lake Harriet “it's tribal sailboat racing with the opportunities of half court basketball, arena soccer, pond hockey, and your own motorcycle gang.”

Keith Morical, Upper Minnetonka... “it is electrifying. It amplifies all of the skills needed to sail well (watching the wind, heel, sail trim, and more then fleet racing, boat handling, tactics and strategy). And the team aspect allows everyone to contribute to the win.

John Grzybek, Upper Minnetonka... “it is or is becoming a tradition, where friend becomes foe for a few minutes and friend again immediately after crossing the finish line. It tests the self and the other. It creates instantaneous situations for brilliance or pure luck. More importantly, it is an excuse to be on the water, to sail fast, to learn from others, to laugh, and to enjoy the peace of the whisper of the winds across your brow. (or bow).

Darin Newman, Lake Harriet...“because it levels the playing field.”

Dave Abramson, Upper Minnetonka...“ the close boat on boat engagements are exciting, encouraged, and unpredictable.”

David Kelloway, Upper Minnetonka...“its FAST and VERY exciting.”

Clear Lake Yacht Club hosted the Fourth annual MCSA Team Racing Championship on September 7 and 8, and this regatta is getting better and better. This year, the regatta hosted 6 teams, 2 each from Clear Lake, Lake Harriet and National Champion, Upper Minnetonka.

As a refresher team sailing consists of three boat teams racing 2 teams at a time. You score 1 or 0 points in each match. A combined score for your three team members of 10 or fewer points is a “winning combination” and your team is awarded a point.

So for example a team score of 1,3,6 (10 pts) v. their competitor with 2,4,5 (11 pts) wins a point in the competition.

A team scoring 1,4,6 (11 pts) loses to their competitor with 2,3,5 (10 pts). Note having a team mate cross the finish line 1st does not assure victory. So that boat would strategically not finish, and they would go back and tactically maneuver themselves with their competitors to allow

other boats to move positions and change the order to a winning combination.

On to the racing! On Saturday the wind was light with temps in the mid-90s, but PRO Mark Tesar was able to get 5 or 6 races in by lunch. That morning both Harriet teams won races, with Harriet(Team#2) beating Harriet(Team#5) with fast sailing by Darrin Newman. Harriet(Team#5) knocking off Upper Minnetonka(Team#6) with an excellent start and maintaining a winning combination throughout the race. After lunch, the wind was virtually non-existent and we spent the early afternoon watching the first Americas Cup races. Then at 4:00, Mark got us out racing in 8 to 10 mph wind, and we were able to sail another 4 races. By the end of the day, Upper Minnetonka(Team#4) was in first followed by Clear Lake.

That night, we were treated to our traditional steak dinner at the Outing Club with many discussions of rules, boat handling, and team racing tactics.

On Sunday, the sky was overcast with 12-15 mph winds, and the PRO had us racing by 8:30. Harriet(Team#5) had more success on Sunday. With excellent starts, Harriet(Team#5) was able to beat Clear Lake Team(Team#1). At the end Upper Minnetonka Team(Team#4) took the championship by knocking off defending champ Clear Lake(Team#1).

A big thanks to the Clear Lake Yacht Club for loaning boats to both the Upper Minnetonka and Lake Harriet, which made attending the regatta very easy.

Joe "I Love Team Sailing" Friction, Lake Harriet

RESULTS:

A record 6 teams competed in the event.

1st	Team#4	Upper Minnetonka	9 points
2nd	Team#1	Clear Lake	7 points
3rd	Team#3	Clear Lake	6 points
4th	Team#5	Lake Harriet	4 points
5th	Team#2	Lake Harriet	2 points (TIE)
6th	Team#6	Upper Minnetonka	2 points (TIE)

The competitors:

Clear Lake Team #1:
Stuart Oltrogge
Todd Tesar
Eric Protzman

Harriet Team#2
Gary Reiter
Jim Marquardt
Darin Newman

Clear Lake Team #3
Nathan Kotz
David Atkinson
Jeff Nicholas

UMYC Team #4:
Noel Neuman
Dave & Duffy Abramson
Keith Morical

Harriet Team#5
Joe Friction
Andy Crowe
Stuart and Ann MacPhail

UMYC Team #6
David Kelloway
Scott Colesworthy
John Grzybek