



2013 MCSA Youth Championship Regatta

We had Chamber of Commerce weather for the Youth Championship, temperature in the mid 80s, low humidity, great wind both days. We had one competitor from out of town, Jake Erdman came all the way from Michigan. It was very disappointing that more kids didn't come, especially since there are a number of MC fleets within a couple hours driving distance. Needless to say, those who didn't come missed out on a great regatta.

Thursday

Five races were planned for the day. With the wind in the 8 to 13 range, there was no problem getting that done. Race committee set up the course to have 30 minute races. All boats sailed well in the high winds, no capsize at all. Race winners were: Jake Erdman first in races 1, 2, 4, and 5; Zach Rue in race 3. It became apparent early that the top two skippers were Jake and Zach.

Friday

Three races were completed. Winds were in the 8 to 10 range for race 6, 5 to 7 in race 7 and 3 to 8 in race 8. The wind was very shifty, going at least 30 degrees each way. Race winners

were: Zach Rue in race 6, Ben Connor in race 7, and Jake Erdman finished it off with a first in race 8.

Jake showed that he is a good sailor upwind and exceptionally good downwind by passing boats that were ahead of him at the windward mark.

All of the sailors displayed great character and sportsmanship on and off the course. The future of sailing is in good hands with these young people.

Best regards,

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