

# Bayview One-Design Regatta

August 15-16, 2020

Lightnings sailing out of: Crescent Sail Yacht Club, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI

| Place | Sail      | Boat            | Skipper        | Race 1 | Race 2 | Race 3 | Race 4 | Total |
|-------|-----------|-----------------|----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| 1     | USA 14842 | Cyber 9-1-1     | Tom Klaban     | 2      | 2      | 2      | 3      | 9     |
| 2     | USA 15512 | Red Solo Cup    | Mark Allen     | 3      | 1      | 5      | 1      | 10    |
| 3     | USA 313   | 313             | Kevin Morin    | 4      | 4      | 1      | 2      | 11    |
| 4     | USA 14061 | Flying Circus   | Eric Villadsen | 6      | 3      | 6      | 6      | 21    |
| 5     | USA 15513 | Spinnaker Ninja | Trey Rose      | 7      | 7      | 4      | 4      | 22    |
| 6     | USA 15474 | Spicy Ice       | Meghan Linden  | 1      | 8      | 10     | 5      | 24    |
| 7     | USA 14508 | Money Grabber   | Jody Kjoller   | 8      | 5      | 3      | 8      | 24    |
| 8     | USA 14515 | Bikini Bottom   | John Morley    | 5      | 6      | 8      | 7      | 26    |
| 9     | USA 14860 | 14860           | Jack Mueller   | 14/DNC | 9      | 7      | 9      | 39    |
| 10    | 15230     | Go Daddy Go     | Chris Matora   | 9      | 10     | 9      | 14/RET | 42    |
| 11    | USA 14476 | Envy            | John Hreno Jr  | 14/DNC | 14/DNC | 14/DNC | 14/DNC | 56    |

Due to COVID-19 the annual Bayview one design (BOD) regatta had to be postponed until August 14, 15 & 16. This annual event brings together hundreds of one-design boats from all over the US and Canada, except our friends from Canada couldn't participate this year because of the border between the US and Canada being closed.

The lightning class sailed on course 3 with the C&C 35, Star and Sunfish, making some of the mark rounding's and downwind strategy much more interesting and stressful. There is nothing like having a C&C 35 round in front of you around the windward mark or driving over you with its massive spinnaker.

The Lightning schedule called for 4 races on Saturday and 2 on Sunday which made for easy traveling. I have been coming to Bayview for the one-design regatta for over 20 years with my best finish a 5th in 2013. My objective for this year's regatta was clean starts and consistency. The 1st race started late with winds in the 7 to 8 mph range and some chop. We had a good start on the boat end of the starting line and quickly realized that the pin was favored. While the left side of the course was favored, there were opportunities to cross in the middle of the race course, which is what we did and gained boats to round in the top five, and then kept our position downwind. Our second upwind leg was almost perfect as we hit the left side of the course hard and passed all but Meghan Linden's boat to the windward mark. We tried to pass Meghan downwind but she did an outstanding job keeping us at bay for a second-place finish. After waiting for the C&C 35 and Star classes to start we decided to start the 2nd race closer to the pin-end of the starting line, but Mark Allen who started right at the pin-end, just nipped us at the windward mark. We might have had a chance to catch him but a C&C 35 tacked right in front of us at the windward mark and basically stopped all of our forward momentum, making us tack twice to get around the mark as we watched Mark Allen extend his lead to what proved to be an insurmountable lead. We finished second again and tied for the lead with Mark. For the 3rd race the wind started to diminish and became very shifty, and while we started near the pin-end our boat speed through the waves was not up to par with some of the other boats. We made some adjustments to power up the rig and started to make our comeback. We rounded in fifth but caught up with the leaders down wind. All of the leaders went to the right side of the course, so we decided to take a chance on the left side even though the building Seabreeze looked like it could come in from the right at any time. Luckily, the Seabreeze never materialized and we started to look pretty good until we got closer to the windward mark and observed the Star and C&C 35 classes go around a new windward mark. None of us could understand what the race committee was saying about the Lightning mark so we decided to go towards the new C&C 35 and Star mark instead, but then we noticed that Kevin Morin, a local sailor went around the old windward mark so we followed him. Unfortunately, we couldn't catch Kevin as he took first with us taking another second. We then watched as Mark Allen, who at one time was leading the race, dropped back to fifth giving us the lead for the moment.

Race 4 started in a drifter and the wind never recovered making it very difficult to go through the motorboat chop that occurs on Lake St Clair on Saturday afternoon. We had a terrible start and rounded the windward mark sixth or seventh. We jibed around the offset and bubbled on top of the waves as the spinnaker barely stayed full. When we jibed we caught a nice little gust that took us right down to the gate and forced us to the left side of the course. The two leaders Mark Allen and Kevin Morin were pretty far in front so we decided to race for third, but with three boats still ahead of us it seemed like a pretty tall order. Nonetheless, we kept going left until we got to the lay line and tacked. It was very slow going and about halfway up the windward leg the race was shortened and the two leaders finished. We got a nice lift from the left side and climbed above the fourth and fifth boats. As we were approaching the finish Trey Rose crossed us on starboard and decided to get leverage on us which proved to be the wrong tactic as we made the finish without having to tack and solidified our third-place finish. I guess three 2nd place and one 3rd place finishes is pretty consistent, but I never would have thought that it would be good enough to win.

On Sunday morning a huge thunderstorm came through and while the wind was great at first it turned completely calm and racing was cancelled. It is rare for me to be glad that racing is canceled, but I was relieved that we finally won, at what some locals call lake stupid, and for good reason. I for one felt stupid most of the time, but somehow with my fantastic and longtime crew Beth Groesbeck (princess) and our junior crew Julia Matora we prevailed. Many thanks to Bayview for hosting this event under these trying times, and we look forward to next year.

Tom Klaban  
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Left - Champions, Tom Klaban, Beth Groesbeck, Julia Matora.  
Right - Trey Rose