

Burl Harmon Memorial Indiana Open Regatta  
Indianapolis Sailing Club – Fleet 270  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
May 6–7, 2017

Pos	Sail#	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Home	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Total
1	15172	James Taylor Carl Taylor, George Auel	303	COWAN, OH	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	8
2	15309	Brad Wagnon Bryon Bohler, John McCain	154	SYRACUSE, IN	5	2	5	2	1	2	4	4	20
3	11537	MikeThomas Bill Thomas, John O'Brien	303	COWAN, OH	4	6	2	4	5	6	2	1	24
4	15213	Jeff Schmahl Andrew Schmahl, Sam Russell	154	SYRACUSE, IN	2	3	6	6	3	3	6	6	29
5	15430	Amanda Hofmeister Maureen Ferries, John McCree	216	NASHVILLE, TN	8	4	7	3	4	5	3	3	29
6	13721	Pete McGinity Joe Lutz, Autumn Peirce	270	INDIANAPOLIS, IN	3	5	4	5	6	4	5	7	32
7	14359	Mike Franceschini Jay Levy, Mark Aronson	270	INDIANAPOLIS, IN	6	7	3	DNF	DNC	8	7	5	46
8	14020	Frank Wilder Jerry Sentman, Phil Buehler	270	INDIANAPOLIS, IN	7	8	8	7	7	7	8	8	52
9	14537	Steve Tinsley Chris Hayes, Zhi Zhu	270	INDIANAPOLIS, IN	DNF	9	DNF	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	69

### 55th Annual Burl Harmon Indiana Open Regatta

As the sailors gathered on Saturday morning at the Indianapolis Sailing Club, the weather seemed more like March than May. A week of rain had stopped but the skies were still very gray and very windy. Our relatively small Geist Lake is better known for shifty, light breezes but not this weeknd. On Saturday, the wind was from the northwest at 12-16 with gusts to 20 mph.

Race Chairman Paul White with two helpers set a windward- leeward course which was relatively short because of the narrow configuration of the Lake when winds are from the north. Although we had two capsizes during the afternoon among the nine competing boats, five races were completed before the jolly but cold sailors headed for the very close-by Clubhouse.

James Taylor, assisted by his son Carl and other regular crew George Auel, just tore the fleet apart with four wins and a second place on Saturday making it near impossible for any other crew to catch them on Sunday morning.

At the time of registration on Saturday morning, skippers & crews were offered a raffle slip with the name of one of the 20 horses running in the Derby at 6:45 p.m. with the sailor having the winning horse receiving a bottle of Kentucky bourbon. Rather unkindly, Pete McGinity, the IN District Commodore and a member of home Fleet 270 had the horse that won the race, giving him the bourbon! )

Once the boats were stored for the night after Saturday racing, all enjoyed a social hour and watching the Kentucky Derby before dinner prepared by a Fleet 270 member Steve Tinsley and his kitchen crew.

On Sunday morning, while the temperature was still cold for May, the breeze continued from the north but only blowing in the range of 8 to 15. By starting the first race on the same course at 9:25 a.m., the Race Committee was able to complete three more races by noon. However, no other boat & crew were able to catch James Taylor & his crew as they put together a 1-1-2 for a final score of 8 compared with Brad Wagnon, Byron Bohler & John McCain in 2nd place with 20. All the competitors were happy to get in eight races during a weekend regatta because it doesn't happen often and get sailing in the 2017 season.

After lunch and the award ceremony, all headed home following a surprisingly rigorous start for the 2017 racing season in the Midwest. Our thanks to all the competitors for coming on over to Central Indiana! All Lightning sailors are welcome to visit next year when the 56th Regatta will be held on May 5th & 6th 2018.

Ken McGinity