

Lake Lansing Tune-Up Regatta

Lansing Sailing Club, Lansing, MI

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The MI District has officially kicked off the 2018 season! The Lake Lansing Tune-Up Regatta may have been a chilly one, but it was still a great event! The cold and rain deterred a few travel teams, but we managed to have 7 boats on the line and got off 6 races! You can take a look at pictures from the event by following this link: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/lansingsailing/sets/72157696745909035>. Thanks to the Lansing Sailing Club for hosting a great event and keeping us as warm as possible with your hot chocolate bar and fire pit!

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1	Final Finish	Skipper	Sail number	Crew	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Total	After throwout	
2	1	Trey Rose	15513	Allison Frantz, Josh Hebron	5	3	1	1	1	4	15	10	Tie breaker
3	2	Merrick Hurlbutt	14746	Scott Watkins	1	1	4	3	2	3	14	10	
4	3	Matt Morin	313	Jim Thompson, Marcie Levy	2	4	3	2	3	1	15	11	
5	4	George Siegle	14760	Blaine Severin, Bob Miller	3	5	2	4	6	2	22	16	
6	5	Jo McGlew	14323	Mike Moody, Drew Kovalchick	4	2	6	5	7	5	29	22	
7	6	Gary Marx	14964	Peggy Menzies, Talena Monasmith	6	6	5	7	5	7	36	29	
8	7	Lars Peereboom	15	Keith Hayes, Alice Pellemoine, Talena Monasmith	7	7	7	6	4	6	37	30	LSC OHM
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And here's a recap from Spinnaker Ninja, who won the Tune-Up Regatta:

I woke up on Saturday ready for a fun day full of sailing, but my crew were challenged with the idea of sailing when it was thunder storming and only 45 degrees out at home. The Lansing Sailing Club did a great job of keeping spirits up by promising a fire pit and a hot chocolate bar, so we packed our warm gear, a set of dry clothes, and made our way to Lake Lansing regardless of the local weather!

Once we got on the water, we noticed that there was a really neat third dimension to see puffs since the lake was foggy. You could actually see puffs rolling in the fog better than on the water itself! It was blowing around 6kts or so, but the water was still warmer than the air, so this was a really cool addition to the race course. Race 1, we definitely shook off the racing spiderwebs as we took a 5th. But, we applied what we learned from the first race and ended up scoring three bullets later in the day. Major takeaways were: 1) Course-side right was a bad idea. Wind was filling in on the left side of the course, and was much steadier (relatively) than when it got to the right side. 2) Wind direction kept moving right, making gybe-sets imperative. We made sure to do a leeward take down with the kite to make for a quick and efficient hoist next windward mark rounding. By Race 3, we were feeling great--we were moving around on the boat more and were warm, we were figuring out the wind, and wind velocity was coming up from the 5-6kts at the start of the day to closer to 10 kts!

After a sub sandwich lunch and warm beverages, we got back on the water. The fog had lifted and wind velocity was still up--we even had all three of us on the rail at one point! We continued to see the same wind trend of filling in on the left and direction heading right. Race Committee did a great job of adjusting the course not once, but twice on Race 6 because the wind just kept shifting right. My crew, Josh Hebron and Allison Rose, did a really great job of figuring out when we needed to tack. The wind was shifty, but watching other boats and deciding to dig in to a few knocks was what helped us keep our streak.

Thank you to Lansing Sailing Club for another tune up regatta and for keeping the event going despite a dismal and dreary weather forecast. I look forward to coming back again next year to defend our title!

Trey Rose
15513, Spinnaker Ninja

