12th Annual MC Blue Chip Regatta

September 26-27,1998 Fleet 7 Spring Lake YC, Spring Lake, MI

Results from Matt Young, Official Scorer. Photo courtesy of Gary Verplank

Unfortunately, especially for one University of Michigan fan*, the weatherman didn't tell us in advance that there would be no racing on Saturday. Very much too much wind. It was honking. It was a stinking heavy south wind.

Anyway, the Regatta Chairman announced at the banquet Saturday evening that racing would commence at 8:30 AM Sunday morning. And it did with great winds out of the northwest giving us four back-to-back windward-leeward 2-1/2 races with one 10 minute potty break (at least for the leaders, tough luck to the late finishers).

The wind for the first two races had most of us sailing single-handed. By the yellow flag for the 3rd race most everyone had taken on crew and were thankful because it blew pretty hard.

You would think that anyone who got three firsts would have won the regatta. Tough luck to Justin Hood for his great effort. Jimmy Gluek put together four consistent finishes to nose out Justin for the championship.

Top amateur honors went to Dave Bandstra in 3rd place. Katie Reese in 4th place took top honors for the women. Top Junior was Cam McNeil in 8th overall. Paul Eggert in 12th, took not only the trophy for top Grand Master, but also the top Master Trophy. The coveted(?) Gutter Ball Trophy went to the 38th place finisher.

All of us who participated and spectated owe a big round of thanks to Happy and Kathy Fox, Glen Walborn, and Chuck and Betty Harrett for another fine Blue Chip event. The dinner Saturday evening was superb, the lunches tasty, the refreshments mighty satisfying, and the racing excellent. There were no recalls!

*He could have reclaimed his ticket for the M-MSU game and been back in time for Sunday's racing.

					Races				
PI	Skipper	Div	Club	Boat	1	2	3	4	Pts
1	Jim Gluek	P	ISIs	1865	7	3	4	4	18
2	Justin Hood	P	MBW	2	1	1	18	1	21
3	Dave Bandstra		SLYC/MI	1440	5	2	3	13	23
4	Katie Reese	W	LGYC/WI	1827	8	13	1	5	27
5	Chad Hough		SLYC/MI	1796	4	5	15	7	31
6	Chris Eggert		SLYC/MI	1737	9	26	6	2	43
7	Tom Hubbell		HYC/OH	?	10	10	20	6	46
8	Cam McNeil	J	WLYC/MI	1643	3	4	22	22	51
9	Brian McMurray		WLYC/MI	1802	26	21	2	3	52
10	Brien Fox		SLYC/MI	1852	25	14	5	11	55
11	Brett Hatton		SLYC/MI	1	12	6	14	23	55
12	Paul Eggert	GM	SLYC/MI	1806	33	7	7	9	56
13	Ted Keller		TLYC/MI	1431	16	19	8	15	58
14	Eric Hood	P	MBW	1864	11	28	13	10	62
15	Kevin Watrous		TLYC/MI	1758	14	16	11	21	62
16	Todd Bosgraaf		SLYC/MI	1733	6	17	31	12	66
17	Tad Welch	M	SLYC/MI	1822	22	11	17	20	70
18	John Murphy		OLYC/WI	1782	2	9	21	DNF	72
19	Rick Trester		CLYC/WI	1846	21	18	16	17	72
20	Kelly Reese	W	LGYC/WI	1828	27	8	DNF	8	83
21	Glen Walborn		SLYC/MI	1859	13	35	12	28	88
22	Jamie Kimball	J	SLYC/MI	1614	19	32	23	14	88
23	Matt Cassady	J	SLYC/MI	1607	30	23	19	16	88
24	Hardy Will	M	LBYC/WI	1818	17	12	26	346	91
25	Happy Fox	M	SLYC/MI	1777	20	15	30	26	91
26	Bob Cantrell		MYC/MO	1507	23	30	10	29	92
27	Tim Fredman	M	BLYC/WI	1774	15	31	24	25	95
28	Jack Schwindler	M	MYC/MO	1752	37	22	9	30	98
29	Curt Miller	M	GRYC/MI	1701	28	29	29	19	105
30	Dan Fink		LMYC/WI	1510	34	20	28	24	106
31	Bill Freytag	GM	GYC/WI	1728	24	34	25	35	118
32	Rob Kimball	J	SLYC/MI	1611	36	33	32	18	119
33	Suzi Reese	W/M	LGYC/WI	1788	29	24	33	33	119
34	Ron Stryker	M	HYC/OH	1800	32	25	27	37	121
35	Josh Rotonda	J	SLYC/MI	1771	18	37	DNF	27	122
36	Stuart Oltrogge		CLYC/IA	1591	35	27	34	31	127
37	Tom Wurster	GM	DLYC/MI	1853	31	39	36	32	138
38	Curt Bradley	GM	GRYC/MI	1842	39	38	35	34	146
39	Bud Leonard	GM	DLYC/MI	1839	38	36	37	DNF	151

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Blue Chip Winners

Rear L to R: Dave Bandstra, Cam McNeil, Katle Reese, Jim Gluek, Suzi Reese
Front L to R: Curt Bradley, Paul Eggert