

Rebel Rouser

Lake Eustis, FL, March 4 - 5, 1991

Story by Jim Gray

The annual Rebel Rouser Regatta at Lake Lanier Sailing Club brought sailors from Florida, Alabama and Georgia together to test sailing and foul-weather endurance skills and to tune up for the Nationals here in September. Since March, every weekend at Lake Lanier has been cloudy and rainy and this regatta weekend was no exception. But, with spirits undampened, and little else, two races were sailed Saturday and two Sunday in 5 - 10 knot breezes from the east. The regatta was immediately followed with sunny skies!

Joe Merkel, RC leader, set good Olympic courses but with the wind shifting as much as 69° the committee was busy resetting the marks three times before the final race.

Winn Story and Willi Lenkeit were once again the prime contenders for the right to have their name engraved on the Rebel Rouser Perpetual trophy. Picking up where he left off after last years regatta, Winn Story came from behind to win the first race over Jim Gray by four feet with Willi's son Michael third. Willi, Bill Nolan and Winn mastered the rain and shifting wind to finish the second race in that order. The third race turned into a dash for the dock as lightning showed up to spoil the fun.

Sunday's racing began at 9:00 am with a heavy cloud cover. Winn led the way in the third race, catching wind which he kept all to himself to finish with a comfortable lead. The youngest sailor, Gregg Chinik, showed his skill by finishing 4th in this race. Burl Murphy from the newly formed Dixie Sailing Club (Montgomery, AL) had a great 5th place. Michael Lenkeit led father Willi across the line in the last race Sunday.

Hats off to Frank Keenen who, despite not feeling well, finished 5th overall and won the Grand Masters trophy.

Sailor	Affil.	Boat No.	Race				Points
			1	2	3	4	
1 Winn Story	LLSC	487	1	3	1	4	8.5
2 Willi Lenkeit	LLSC	1211	7	1	2	2	11.75
3 Jim Gray	LLSC	602	2	4	3	5	14
4 Michael Lenkeit	LLSC	536	3	6	12	1	21.75
5 Frank Keenan-M	LESC	1088	6	8	6	6	26
6 Bill Gilmer	LLSC	840	5	5	9	9	28
7 Bill Nolan	LLSC	1261	8	2	7	12	29
8 Bill Crum	LESC	1068	9	7	8	7	31
9 Roger Hammons	LLSC	494	4	10	10	11	35
10 Bob Kwasha	LLSC	816	13	9	17	3	42
11 Burl Murphy	DSC	583	14	11	5	13	43
12 Doug Rogers	LLSC	617	10	12	13	8	43
13 Gregg Chinik	LLSC	485	15	15	4	10	44
14 Caesar Bruschi-M	LLSC	839	12	14	11	14	51
15 Frank Vandall	LLSC	1190	11	13	14	15	53
16 Charlie French	DSC	1322	11	13	14	15	53
17 Pete Smith-M	LLSC	524	DNF	DNF	16	DNF	67

GRYC Spring Regatta

Reeds Lake, Grand Rapids, MI
May 18 - 19, 1991

Story by Paul Richards

I very seldom go to regattas with a crew and this was no different. On Friday night the wind blew 12-28 all through the night. I hoped it would blow itself out. Saturday morning it was still windy with a forecast of 10 to 20 mph. I had a decision to make right away. After conferring with Jim Gluek I decided it would be wise to go with a heavy air sail (good choice). Just about everyone had crew on board at the starting line of the first race, even the 180 to 210 pound sailors. I'm 170+. The temperature was down around 55° and everyone was in foul-weather gear.

Shortly before the first start I discovered two things right away. First, it was a very gusty and shifty wind and second, it was going to be tough to hang with the boats with crew. My strategy was going to be to stay away from the pack and react to the shifts.

On the first leg I was in good shape as we approached the windward pin, although I had felt out of control most of the leg. I was fiddling with the controls when I got hit by a blast and couldn't get the sheet uncleated. Rather too quickly I found myself with one arm and one leg on the hull and the other arm and leg clinging to the edge of the cockpit, praying I could save it. I did, only to come about and do it all over again on the other side! Fortunately I saved it, and didn't get wet. Tom Wurster sailed by to see if all was alright, asking, "Was I having a stroke!" Well, needless to say I lost a few boats. We all know the feeling of being out of control. I salvaged a 14th that race and attributed it to lack of control due to the conditions.



Back-L to R-Brian McMurray, Hugh Headrick, Andy Terzes, Emily Dunning, Glueks, Paul Richards, Tom Wurster, Bunny Milne. Front-Dave Kistler, Eric Hood, Jason Hood, Chad Hough, Scott Luce, Curt Bradley, Amy Eggert.

After that race I decided the key to sailing in these conditions (they persisted into the three races Sunday morning) was to gain control of the boat. I had to get my head out of the boat and watch the puffs and shifts, and be able to handle them when they hit. I (continued on page 3)

kept the same strategy of staying away from the pack, particularly at the start. Each race I had very good starts, on the line with good boat speed. I let the traveler out to within 2 or 3 inches of the cockpit edge shortly after the start. I sacrificed pointing for control and boat speed. This move proved to be the best decision I made the whole regatta. By laying off the traveler I found I could control the boat much better and could really power through the puffs without being blown out of control. Upwind, I set the vang, cunningham and outhaul and stopped worrying about them and began concentrating on the wind and getting to the pin as fast as possible.

Sunday was much the same wind (east all weekend). I used the same strategy and was very successful. I probably didn't have the boat speed of those with crew, nor the pointing ability, but I felt under control and if I paid attention and made good decisions and clean tacks I was competitive. (Paul's 2nd place finish speaks for itself.)

<u>Skipper</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Boat No.</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
1 Eric Hood-P	MSails	1394	2	6	1	1	7	21.75
2 Paul Richards	GRYC	1365	14	4	10	2	3	33
3 Brian McMurray	WLYC	1345	1	1	24	6	2	33.5
4 Jim Gluek	NSails	137	8	3	6	5	13	35
5 Amy Eggert	SLYC	955	5	2	30	3	5	45
6 Dave Kistler	GRYC	855	3	14	2	13	19	51
7 Andy Terses	GRYC	1318	24	20	8	4	1	56.75
8 Chad Hough	SLYC	1044	16	7	12	8	16	59
9 Scott Luce	GRYC	1288	9	12	9	18	11	59
10 Brett Hatton	SLYC	1329	4	16	4	1	DNS	61.75
11 Glen Walborn	SLYC	824	18	13	3	19	10	63
12 Jim Zevelink	GRYC	1347	17	5	16	12	14	64

13 Jay Dunwell	SLYC	1117	6	19	18	11	15	69
14 Jim Flood	GRYC	1293	13	15	15	10	17	70
15 Pick Keenan	WLYC	883	19	21	5	24	4	73
16 Ted Maitland	GRYC	509	12	11	34	9	9	75
17 Todd Bosgraaf	SLYC	1183	15	8	14	35	7	79
18 Tim Reagan	MnYC	1372	22	9	11	27	24	93
19 Ted Keller	TLYC	526	10	23	17	22	21	93
20 Fred Stevens	GRYC	972	26	18	19	21	28	112
21 Joe Novak	GRYC	1289	25	22	DNF	14	12	116
22 Mike Riolo	SLYC	1027	29	25	23	16	26	119
23 Lynn Walborn	SLYC	1051	23	12	29	25	33	120
24 Curt Miller	GRYC	1301	20	28	7	29	DNS	121
25 Curt Bradley-M	GRYC	1405	21	30	32	32	8	123
26 Andy Rundquist	GRYC	1136	27	32	21	23	20	123
27 Tom Calvey	LAYC	1346	40	27	26	15	18	126
28 Brian Wrase	SLYC	105	7	17	25	DNS	DNS	129
29 Tom Wurster-M	DLYC	1333	23	24	33	31	22	138
30 Brian Murray	GRYC	1271	34	34	22	17	DNS	146
31 Ross Reuter Dahl	SLYC	1016	32	DNS	13	33	31	150
32 Hugh Headrick-M	GRYC	1284	35	29	36	26	29	155
33 Thor Sorensen	GRYC	1123	30	31	28	39	30	158
34 Bill Ruoff	MuYC	206	33	DNF	35	28	23	159
35 Jeff Cornetet	SLYC	988	11	26	DNS	DNS	DNS	160
36 Tim Howell	GRYC	266	31	DNS	31	20	DNS	160
37 Steve Field	GRYC	492	39	35	27	36	25	162
38 Rob Pew	GRYC	1102	38	33	37	30	27	165
39 Dave Bloye-M	GRYC	1303	36	34	38	34	34	176
40 Chris Riolo	SLYC	700	DNF	DNS	20	40	DNS	181
41 M Miller/L Kopec	GRYC	92	37	39	39	37	32	184
42 J & L Pinckney	GRYC	1042	41	38	40	38	DNF	193
43 Mike Meneau	GRYC	1124	42	37	41	41	35	196
44 Josh Eggert	SLYC	1080	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	208
45 Dave Jarrett	GRYC	547	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	208
46 N&C Reteur Dahl	SLYC	547	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	208

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