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77 Boats on the Line, 1990 MC Nationals. Photo courtesy Mason City Globe-Gazette

Regatta Schedule

- Aug 8-11 Western Michigan Yachting Assoc. Regatta (Member clubs only) Grand Rapids YC hosting at Macatawa Bay YC, Holland, MI. Charlie Harrett, Genl. Ch.; Curt Bradley, Commodore.
- Aug 19-20 ILYA MC Scow Championship, Oshkosh YC
- Sep 7-9 Orlando Webb Memorial Invitational Regatta, Lake Lotowana, MO, Fleet 14, Dayton Runkle, 816/578-4757
- Sep 15-16 Spring Lake YC Annual MC Fall Regatta, Spring Lake, MI Fleet 7
- Sep 15-16 2nd Annual MC Fall Classic, North Lake YC, WI Gail Wheeler 414/966-3499 (metro Milwaukee)
- Sep 22-23 5th ANNUAL MC BLUE CHIP REGATTA, Grand Rapids YC, MI, Fleet 10, Happy Fox 616/949-8545 or Carl Reuter dahl 616/842-2140
- Sep 22-23 Hoosier Classic, Cedar Lake, IN, Carl Johnson 708/672-8870
- Oct 6-7 Polar Bear Regatta, Lake Davenport, IA, Fleet 20 Mike Zmuda 309/234-5543

1990 MC Nationals

**1989 Champ, Andy Burdick, Repeats!!!
June 20 - 23, 1990 Clear Lake, Iowa**

Ed. note: This year's winner has provided this excellent account of the regatta with hints on handling heavy air. 77 boats from all over the country showed up for this year's MC National Championship.

The first day of the regatta brought a mixed bag as far as wind conditions. The first race was in light to increasing breeze. The windward mark was right of the starting line. This was reason enough for me (Andy) to start at the starboard end of the line. As we went up the first leg the majority of the fleet stayed on the starboard lifting tack. However, halfway up the beat a shift from the left came through. The boats from the middle of the line had the advantage. As the race progressed the wind continued to increase. Jeff Nicholas, Jim Gluek and I had a sprint to the finish. The breeze was now up to 18 mph. The three of us were single-handed. Jeff ended up third, Jim second and I got the win.

The key to keeping your boat moving in a medium to heavy breeze is to put on a lot of outhaul and cunningham. All wrinkles should be gone along the foot and luff. Then you should oversheet your main for a moment and bring in the vang as tight as you can. Then drop your traveler down 7" off center. Finally, you must work your mainsail. When a big puff hits, ease the sheet about a foot so the boat stays on her lines. Then through the middle of the puff sheet back in, hike (continued on the next page)

hard, and use your acceleration to point the boat. This is a continuous process all the way up the lake.

Race 2 started rather quickly with many boats still at the dock. And many did not have a chance to get crew aboard. The wind was now 15-20. I was without a crew. This put me in 27th place around the first mark. But, by sailing low on the reach I scrapped back to 7th at the reach mark. The majority of the fleet sailed high. Sailing low of the fleet paid off. I had sailed the shortest distance to the mark. During the race the breeze dropped to around 15. John Bates sailed a fantastic race to win going away. Katie Reese and her mom sailed a great race to get third. I just barely beat them at the finish.

The 3rd race brought more wind! Most of the fleet had crew by now. I even had one! Thank God, because Katie made me hike so hard at the finish of the 2nd race. Jim Gluek sailed a good race to win it. Byron Beasley was second until I got him into a tacking duel. On one tack Byron's crew (wife) fell overboard. Even so, the tack to get her aboard kept him in the lead. However, I just got him at the finish. Katie had another good race.

In heavy air with a crew, your traveler should be centered. If you need to drop it down do not exceed five inches. Then hike hard, apply vang and cunningham. Use your mainsheet trim to get around big waves. By easing the main you will put a twist in the sail which will power you through big chop.

Friday brought even more wind - gusts close to 25. The fleet really handled this wind well. Again, the key was to sail with your mainsheet in your hand, working it all the time so that the boat stays on a constant heel and so you can power through the waves. After that you need to hike hard, especially if you don't sail with a crew. Bill Nicholas from Clear Lake had a good day as did his brother, Jeff. Jamie Searles had a second in one race which moved him up in the standings. I had two bullets for the day.

The final day brought a steady 10-15 breeze. Crews and hiking hard were important. Eric Hood won the day with a 1st and 2nd. This moved him to 4th in the event. Martin Ford won the Masters and was third in the 7th race.

I sailed with my mast at 28'-2-1/2" the whole regatta. My sidestays were fairly tight. I kept my boards all the way down. Besides these tuning secrets I just worked the boat hard and used lots of vang to stabilize the boat. The traveler was never down more than 7". Working the main through the puffs and waves seemed very important for speed.

Clear Lake did an excellent job of running the regatta.

I hope I've helped you and that you have a successful season and I hope to see you at the 1991 Nationals at Lake Lanier in Georgia.

Pl. Name	YC	Boat	Races									Pts.*
1 Andy Burdick-P	MBW	1329	.75	2	2	.75	.75	4	7	10.25		
2 Jim Gluek-P	North Sails	1347	2	4	.75	4	12	7	5	22.75		
3 John Bates	WBYC	1239	10	.75	5	3	16	12	4	34.75		
4 Eric Hood-P	MBW	1318	7	6	6	18	15	.75	2	36.75		
5 Bill Nicholas	CLYC	1328	11	13	15	5	6	5	.75	40.75		
6 Jeff Nicholas	CLYC	1243	3	5	7	11	2	21	33	49		
7 Jamie Searles	WBYC	1101	16	12	13	2	20	6	9	58		
8 Gordy Bowers-P	B.Sails	1228	5	28	78	14	3	3	8	61		
9 Paul Richards	GRYC	1290	9	10	22	69	9	9	6	65		
10 Jason Brown-P	JBW	1294	6	7	12	9	4	34	37	72		
11 Ernie French	JLYC	1345	17	16	8	6	7	19	21	73		
12 B. Osmundson	CLYC	945	31	45	4	12	11	11	11	80		
13 Byron Beasley	CLYC	1118	13	44	3	78	5	2	17	84		
14 Harry Alcom	CLYC	1244	42	9	9	7	14	22	25	86		
15 Dan Guidinger-P	No.Sails	1008	23	14	19	10	78	14	24	104		
16 Harvey Baker	WSC	1268	29	11	16	23	61	8	20	107		
17 Pam Cantrell-W	MYC	1231	57	21	21	15	13	13	26	109		
18 Katie Reese-W-J	LGYC	1219	37	3	14	20	46	17	23	114		
19 Mike Fiesler	LDSC	1258	28	38	24	13	8	23	19	115		
20 Dan Quiram	LDSC	1308	20	15	25	16	10	35	42	121		
21 Lyn Walborn-W	SLYC	1051	33	18	28	24	25	15	22	132		
22 Randy Kotz	CLYC	1247	38	27	11	35	27	18	16	134		
23 Peter Crawford-P	B.Sails	1245	8	78	51	8	26	27	15	135		
24 J. Zevalkink	GRYC	1165	22	22	33	21	53	29	26	153		
25 Greg Nicholas	CLYC	1116	32	48	78	17	23	25	10	155		
26 Bob Leonard-J	GRYC	1153	12	17	32	29	78	20	45	155		
27 Dave Fox-J	SLYC	1099	14	20	34	19	36	36	34	157		
28 Martin Ford-M	LGYC	951	39	19	40	22	61	47	3	170		
29 M. Prochaska	LHYC	820	34	24	35	28	41	10	50	172		
30 Doug Stryker-M	PoYC	1296	21	78	27	39	22	33	32	174		
31 John Harkrader-M	SYC	1148	60	30	31	44	30	26	13	174		
32 Joe Novak-J	GRYC	1289	4	8	78	40	32	50	46	180		
33 John Hans	ELYC	964	44	46	18	26	33	28	31	182		
34 Mike Crary	WBYC	1067	78	78	10	33	19	31	14	185		
35 Curt Miller	GRYC	1301	15	34	78	31	29	42	35	186		
36 Hardy Will-M	LBVC	1234	47	33	39	46	21	16	39	194		
37 Jim Stinson-M	WSC	530	27	23	36	45	39	38	38	201		
38 Chad Hough-J	SLYC	1044	40	51	50	30	24	41	18	203		
39 Bill French-M	JLYC	922	43	29	29	37	61	39	29	206		
40 Dave Phillips	WBYC	804	26	31	37	36	78	30	47	207		
41 C.P.Burks	RCYC	824	48	39	55	43	17	24	40	211		
42 Scott Tillema	MYC	943	45	26	48	27	78	49	30	225		
43 Bud Toepfer-M	CLYC	1144	59	78	20	41	61	37	12	230		
44 Steve Wilmarth	CLYC	1158	19	78	42	48	61	32	28	230		
45 Tony Bruskas-M	LDSC	1260	41	40	38	38	31	46	48	234		
46 Jim Brust	SYC	1282	24	52	30	54	38	78	36	234		
47 Matt Curtis-J	CLYC	1007	69	35	23	34	28	78	49	238		
48 Bruce Smith-M	JLYC	525	52	32	41	50	18	62	51	244		
49 Tom Wurster-M	DLYC	1333	18	25	17	78	52	78	54	244		
50 Thor Sorenson	GRYC	1123	67	49	44	32	44	40	52	261		
51 Chuck Wilmarth-M	MCLYC	1326	57	78	26	25	61	44	53	266		
52 Curt Bradley-M	GRYC	879	30	42	57	51	61	45	43	268		
53 Sid Peterson-M	PeYC	1298	25	78	78	42	78	43	41	307		
54 Wally Johnson	WBYC	814	56	78	78	47	35	71	44	311		
55 Jeff David	SYC	1092	35	55	54	52	37	78	78	311		
56 Jay Mize	RCSC	1226	36	43	64	64	51	58	62	314		
57 Andrew Wittmack	SYC	1152	70	53	49	55	47	56	59	319		
58 Andrew Swift-J	CLYC	1227	54	58	43	56	45	63	67	319		
59 Charlie Busch-J	CLYC	1203	61	50	47	57	50	59	63	324		
60 Harrison Pratt	SYC	1147	46	54	63	59	48	60	58	325		
61 Tom Johnson	WBYC	1079	55	36	46	66	78	48	78	329		
62 Tom Marosz	ELYC	326	49	78	53	60	49	57	66	334		
63 D. Chametski	SYC	1182	51	47	56	63	43	78	78	338		
64 Steve Stock	CO	1151	50	41	61	67	78	55	65	339		
65 Greg Broghammer-J	CLYC	1197	78	78	58	53	40	54	61	344		
66 Bob Hoffman	ENSA	1191	65	78	62	62	42	53	60	344		
67 Roger Joys	MLYC	1267	78	78	45	49	78	52	55	357		
68 Riley George	JLYC	523	64	78	59	78	34	61	64	360		
69 Andy Carlson-M	LGYC	1013	53	78	60	58	78	78	57	384		
70 Jack Marsee-M	WSC	1069	62	37	78	78	78	78	78	411		
71 Robert DeYoung	SYC	1174	68	56	78	68	78	78	68	416		
72 Dick Booth-M	ELYC	1064	63	78	78	65	78	78	56	418		
73 Frank Vandall	LLSC	1190	78	78	52	61	78	78	78	425		
74 Art Tesar-M	CLYC	958	71	57	65	78	78	78	78	427		
75 Jack Way-M	NE	1264	66	78	78	78	78	78	78	456		
76 John Frank	SYC	971	78	78	78	78	78	78	78	468		
77 John Hans-M	ELYC	1025	78	78	78	78	78	78	78	468		

* After one throw-out.

P= Professional, W = Woman, M = Masters, J = Junior



IMCCSRA National
Championship
Perpetual Trophies
at the '90 Nationals

1990 MC National Champions L to R:
Andy Burdick, Overall and Professional;
Katie Reese, Juniors; Pam Cantrell,
Women; Martin Ford, Masters; John
Bates, Amateur



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