

61st Annual Western Michigan Yachting Association Regatta

August 8 - 11, 1990 Lake Macatawa, Holland, MI

By Andy Burdick

Four races in four days with a steady and light west wind, 85 degrees, sunshine and lots of spectators. A Margarita Fest with a fantastic steel band, and a first-class trophy presentation at the Saturday night Commodore's Ball. Not only did we have all this, but we also had 68 competitive MCs on the starting line.

You can find all of this only at a Western Michigan Regatta. The sailors who were there experienced a fun, well-run event with a good test of sailing skills.

Lake Macatawa provided the MC sailors with a long narrow windward beat for all four races.

Race number one brought a light westerly wind with very little chop. As the 70 boat fleet lined up it was clear to see that the middle to left side of the course was favored. The easiest way to determine the favored end is head the boat into the wind. Whichever direction the bow points to is the favored end. You should keep checking this until two minutes before the start.

Doug McNeil sailed a great beat to get to the weather mark first. Doug used a solid covering technique to keep myself, Christ Eggert, and Brett Hatton from getting too close. Doug stayed ahead and to windward of all of us. This made it impossible for any of us to catch him.

Race two started out in the same fashion with the same conditions. Jim Gluck had a nice start and sailed a flawless first beat to keep him in the lead. He won the race and Brett Hatton sailed well again to get second.

It was clear to see after two races that getting a good start and sailing a good first beat in clear air would put you up in the front. Once you were in the bad air and wake of the other boats it was hard to find a clean way out.

Race number three was sailed right after race two. It was hot. We had light air and we had the Margarita Fest the night before. The 68 boat fleet was worn out, suffering, and a bit dehydrated.

However, the superb head judge, Chuck Harrett, started us right away. If you stood up on your deck or even in the bottom of your boat it was clear to see that the breeze had shifted more right. The majority of the fleet again stayed left. The right side payed-off big. Dan Guidinger sailed a good

windward beat, along with Ty Nordberg. They rounded one and two respectively. Many of the previous leaders found themselves struggling to get back up into the teens.

On the last windward beat, Guidinger broke away from Burdick. This left Burdick the right side all to himself. This proved costly for Guidinger who went from first to 11th and Burdick won the race closely followed by Jim Zevalkink.

Race four brought a bit more breeze. We could now hike out and stretch our legs. Chris Eggert of Spring Lake lead the entire race until the last 200 yards. Again, not covering cost him the race. Burdick got fifty yards to the left of Eggert. This was enough to allow Burdick to sneak in front of Eggert. Chris had sailed a flawless race until then. The key to covering in any sailboat race is to stay to windward and in front of your competition. This will preserve your lead every time.

The scheduled fifth race was cancelled due to fog and a lack of wind.

The Grand Rapids Yacht Club, WMYA Commodore Curt Bradley, General Chairman Charlie Harrett, Social Chairman Claire Zevalkink, and their committees put together a new level of regatta organization, participation and social activities. They should be congratulated along with every MC sailor who participated.

Don't miss this one next year. See you all at Torch Lake.

Ed. Note: Jim Gluck of North Sails won the E-boat series with a 4th, 2nd and three bullets. C-boat winner Doug McNeil of White Lake had three bullets to go with a 7th and 2nd. Ross Reuterdaahl of Spring Lake won the Junior Butterfly event with a 2nd, 3rd and two 1sts. Steven Fox of Spring Lake put together a 2nd and three 1sts to win the Open Butterfly top trophy.

Pl.	Skipper	YC	Boat	R1	R2	R3	R4	Points
1	Andy Burdick	MBW	1334	2	3	1	1	8.7
2	Chris Eggert	SLYC	1080	3	5	10	2	34.7
3	Brett Hatton	SLYC	1329	4	1	13	7	40.0
4	Doug McNeil	WLYC	665	1	4	9	18	47
5	Larry Brand	WLYC	1285	9	16	5	6	58.7
6	Amy Eggert	SLYC	955	14	7	16	4	65
7	Todd Bosgraaf	SLYC	1183	6	19	7	11	66.7
8	Jim Zevalkink	GRYC	1347	27	9	2	10	67
9	Peter Fox	SLYC	986	19	15	6	16	79.7
10	Joe Novak	GRYC	1289	10	24	3	30	87.7
11	Jerry Gill	WLYC	973	7	17	18	22	88
12	Andy Terzes	GRYC	1212	5	22	31	8	89
13	Bob Leonard	GRYC	1153	16	27	8	15	90
14	Dan Guidinger	NSails	1008	18	20	11	21	94
15	Ted Maitland	GRYC	509	22	8	17	31	102
16	Jeff Cornetet	SLYC	988	12	32	14	23	105
17	David Fox	SLYC	1292	39	14	25	5	106
18	Scott Harestad	SLYC	1119	47	12	21	13	117
19	Scott Luce	GRYC	1288	15	34	27	17	117
20	Ryan Nordberg	TLYC	1082	26	32	43	3	118.7
21	Paul Richards	GRYC	1290	8	6	12	DNS	118.7

22 Lisa Fox	SLYC	950	34	23	15	25	121
23 Lynn Walborn	SLYC	1051	43	18	28	9	122
24 Brian Fox	SLYC	1320	38	29	20	14	124
25 Curt Miller	GRYC	1301	11	38	29	29	131
26 Jim Gluek	N.Sails	1346	17	2	30	DNS	137
27 John Bolling	SLYC	1041	23	21	37	36	141
28 Tye Nordberg	TLYC	1188	46	46	4	33	151
29 Tom Getz M	WLYC	1311	36	33	22	39	154
30 Brian Hutchinson	PIYC	1186	64	31	24	12	155
31 Gary Verplank	M SLYC	1070	30	11	23	DNS	157
32 Thor Sorensen	GRYC	1123	20	42	34	37	157
33 Dan Novak	GRYC	1222	37	13	19	DNS	162
34 Tony Bruskas	M LDSC	1260	41	30	26	42	163
35 Phil Schneider	GRYC	568	13	40	51	35	164
36 Herb Knapc	M SLYC	1351	25	44	53	20	166
37 Steve Field	GRYC	492	21	25	39	DNS	172
38 Tom Wurster	M DLYC	1333	42	43	32	34	175
39 Tim Howell	SLYC	266	33	36	36	50	179
40 Sid Peterson	M PIYC	1298	29	48	38	43	182
41 George Friend	M DLYC	1331	28	39	55	40	186
42 Chris Riolo	SLYC	700	45	47	47	24	187
43 Frank Keenan	M LFSC	1088	40	35	66	26	191
44 Chad Hough	SLYC	1077	60	41	39	27	191
45 Al Jacobson	M SLYC	442	44	49	46	28	191

46 Doug VerMeulen	GRYC	627	35	29	50	DNF	196
47 John Schindler	CLYC	1275	31	62	35	46	198
48 David Hough	M SLYC	1044	32	37	41	DNS	203
49 Mike Riolo	SLYC	1027	48	52	61	19	204
50 Stuart Soule	CLYC	1255	24	53	59	47	207
51 Corb Bergsma	SLYC	1071	51	45	63	38	221
52 Bill Lowry	M MBYC	1163	DNF	10	52	DNS	223
53 Rob Fuller	SLYC	1206	55	51	64	32	226
54 Jean Pinckney	GRYC	1042	58	59	48	41	230
55 Bob Kopec	GRYC	1136	49	55	57	45	230
56 Hugh Headrick	M GRYC	1273	57	61	45	44	231
57 Mike Klimpl	WLYC	837	63	56	44	48	235
58 Ray Dull	M SLYC	1107	62	54	40	55	235
59 Doug Houtstra	GRYC	812	50	60	58	49	241
60 Katie Reese	LGYC	1219	53	50	49	DNS	245
61 Don Wagner	M LDSC	961	54	57	42	DNS	246
62 Larry Pinckney	GRYC	1042	52	64	54	57	251
63 Sue Peterson	M DLYC	1141	65	63	56	54	262
64 Lauren Kopec	GRYC	92	56	67	60	56	263
65 Riste Cisler	GRYC	822	61	66	65	52	268
66 Randy Rogoski	SLYC	1139	DNF	65	62	51	271
67 Peter Sherwood	M SLYC	643	66	68	67	53	278
68 Mark Boyce	GRYC	117	59	58	68	DNS	278



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