GRYC Spring Shakedown

May 19-21, 2000 Fleet 10 Grand Rapids Yacht Club, MI

After a bit of a cold spell, Saturday proved to be a great day for sailing, although we had to wait out the wind shifting from Southwest to finally coming out of the West. This gave the RC just time enough for one race on Saturday.

Sunday morning found a bit more wind, say 8-12 mph depending where you were on the lake. We got in two windward-leeward races to complete the regatta.

I talked with winner Charlie Harrett who walked me through the three races with the following account.

"In the first race I (Charlie) had a good start near the lower end of the line and I knew that on Reeds Lake in a West or Southwest wind you must go left for the most pressure. On the last downwind leg the wind brought Dave Bandstra and Cam McNeil down into contention and I had to split tacks to cover them to the finish line.

"In Race 2 Kelly Reese got a super start and sailed great to win the race going away. I stayed in 2nd until I got out of phase and finished 4th.

"The winds in the 2nd and 3rd races really required finding and staying in the pressure. I started near the top half of the fleet and was 8th or 9th at the top mark. At the second windward mark the leaders stayed on starboard and I jibed and I beat them to the leeward gate to take the lead. Downwind i found that heeling to windward and sailing by the lee to stay in the puffs was most important for speed. Upwind, in this up and down, sort of fluky winds, I felt it important to not over trim so as to keep the top batten open. It is also, of course, very important to maintain an even heel, keeping water off the leeward deck.

"Katie Reese challenged me as she came up from the left side to take 2nd."

	1 2	Skipper Charlie Harrett	<u>Div</u> P	Club	Boat	<u>1</u>	2	<u>3</u>	Pt
	2		P					-	A C
			1	MBW	1920	1	4	1	6
	3	Dave Bandstra		SLYC/MI	1852	2	10	9	21
		Brien Fox		SLYC/MI	1928	5	11	5	21
		Ted K*eller		TLYC/MI	1898	6	8	10	24
		Carl Pratt	M	CLSA/OH	1887	90	3	14	26
		Katie Reese	W	SLYC/MI	1827	26	2	2	30
		Todd Bosgraaf		SLYC/MI	1733	13	22	3	38
		Brian Wrase		GRYC/MI	1542	18	14	6	38
	9	Peter Fox		SLYC/MI	1903	19	5	17	41
	10	Cam McNeil	J	WLYC/MI	1643	3	6	36	45
	11	Lath Keller		TLYC/MI	1859	21	23	4	48
	12	Glen Walborn		SLYC/MI	1859	11	29	8	48
	13	Rob Kimball		SLYC/MI	1611	8	7	34	49
	14	Kelly Reese	W	LGYC/WI	1828	42	1	7	50
	15	Phil Weiler		CLSA/OH	1755	4	30	16	50
1	16	David Fox		SLYC/MI	1593	14	13	23	50
1	17	Frank Hart		SLYC/MI	1025	7	15	31	53
1	18	Pete Comfort		TLYC/MI	1918	24	17	13	54
1	19	Matt Cassady		SLYC/MI	1607	27	18	15	60
2	20	Chris Eggert		SLYC/MI	1737	17	19	24	60
2	21	Kyle Verplank		SLYC/MI	1777	23	12	30	65
2	22	Ross Reuterdahl		SLYC/MI	1796	20	16	29	65
2	23	Steve Field		GRYC/MI	1378	12	21	33	66
2	24	Art DeBruyn		GRYC/MI	1676	28	28	11	67
2	25	Jamie Kimball	J	SLYC/MI	1614	37	9	22	68
2	26	Dan Chappell		GRYC/MI	133	33	20	19	72
		Curtiss Miller	M	GRYC/MI	92	15	27	37	79
2	28	Chris Pinckney	J	GRYC/MI	1434	36	36	12	84
		Alan Hickman		TLYC/MI	1998	25	32	28	85
3	30	Scott Caston		GRYC/MI	1754	39	25	26	90
3	31	Ken Bandstra	M	GRYC/MI	1770	34	35	25	94
3	32	Bob Currier		SLYC/MI	1413	16	39	40	95
		Tom Wurster	GM	DLYC/MI	1921	10	43	44	97
3	34	Bob Bellafronto		CLSA/OH	1797	32	45	21	98
3	35	Gary Verplank	M	SLYC/MI	1999	29	36	32	98
		Jeff Minore		GRYC/MI	1509	40	42	18	100
3	37	Dave Bedau	M	WLYC/MI	1805	31	34	35	100
3	38	Bill Babel		GRYC/MI	1377	DNS	24	27	103
3		Andy Rundquist		GRYC/MI	972	30	41	33	104
		Lynn James	W	SLYC/MI	1857	22	44	39	105
		Curt Bradley	AM	GRYC/MI	1842	46	40	20	106
		Mary Vorel	W/J	GRYC/MI	515	41	26	42	109
		John McNeil	J	WLYC/MI	1466	48	31	41	120
		Danielle Ralston	W	GRYC/MI	1529	44	33	43	120
		Paul Eggert	GM	SLYC/MI	1806	38	46	38	122
		Sid Peterson	GM	PLYC/WI	1912	DNS	38	45	135
		Karl Lanka	O.I.I	SLYC/MI	1666	43	47	46	136
		Paul Wood		LGYC/WI	1799	38	DNS	DNS	138
		Karel Vorel	W	GRYC/MI	1030	49	50	48	147
		Blair Murphy	1	GRYC/MI	1526	45	DSQ	DNS	148
		Jim Engels		DLYC/MI	1430	DNS	49	47	148
		Bob Kopec		GRYC/MI	1357	DNS	48	49	149
		Suzi Molesta	W/J	GRYC/MI	1701	47	DNS	DNS	151
			11/3	Indiana	1889	50	DNS	DNS	153
		Gregory Sutton						DNS	160
		Bill Green		GRYC/MI	1541	DNS	DNS	DNS	160
		Richard Moritz Chris Craig		GRYC/MI LFYC/MI	1301	DNS DNS	DNS DNS	DNS	160