MC Blue Chip

Sept. 20-22, 1996 Spring Lake Yacht Club, Michigan

It is difficult to report on this regatta considering the collapse of Western Michigan Yachting Association's Commodore and one of Grand Rapids Yacht Club's most popular MC skippers, Bob Ward. Please see elsewhere for more information.

The Happy Foxs, the Chuck Harretts and Glen Walborn did another outstanding job of hosting this 10th Annual MC Blue Chip. Our thanks go to all of them and their various helpers.

Our 'Mystery Guest' Colin Park of Midland, MI showed us why he quickly adapted to our blunt-nose scows. He is a Collegiate All-American, Sears Cup winner, representative of Canada in the 470s, past NA Lightning Champion and is still the biggest winner on the Lightning Michigan Circuit.

Friday saw three practice races followed by the traditional brats and beer refreshments. Saturday's four races took place in light air from the east-southeast on windward 2-1/2 courses. David Fox of Spring Lake led by the end of the day with finishes of 2, 6, 3 and 2. Tied behind Fox were Chad Hough and Greg Fisher.

Sunday morning found the 2-1/2 wind-ward-leeward course set in a 15-18 mph west-northwest wind, this race and the regatta belonged to Chad Hough.

MC Blue Chip Winners
Back L to R: Chris Eggert, Dave Bloye,
Suzi Reese, David Fox, Eric Hood,
Gary Verplank, Justin Hood
Front L to R: Milt Haeger, Colin Park,
Greg Fixher, Chad Hough

			RACES						
PL		CLUB	BOAT	1	2	3	4	5	PTS
1	Chad Hough-P	JBW	1721	4	3	8	5	1	20.75
2	David Fox	SLYC/MI	1685	2	6	3	2	9	22
3	Greg Fisher-P	NSIs	1569	9	2	5	4	4	24
4	Chris Eggert	SLYC/MI	1737	11	17	2	1	7	37.75
5	Eric Hood-P	NSIs	1736	7	4	15	10	2	38
6	Justin Hood-J	LGYCMI	1729	3	10	7	8	11	39
7	Todd Bosgraaf	SLYC/MI	1733	1	9	6	12	21	48.75
8	Doug McNeil	WLYC/MI	1466	5	14	10	13	8	50
9	Colin Park-M	Midland, MI	?	10	1	17	6	18	51.75
10	Charlie Harrett	GRYC/MI	1320	6	16	4	14	13	53
11	Scott Harstad	LLSC/GA	1708	17	7	12	16	5	57
12	Dave Bandstra	GRYC/MI	1441	8	8	9	26	6	57
13	Gary Verplank-M	SLYC/MI	1666	23	13	14	7	14	71
14	Brien Fox	SLYC/MI	1672	12	19	13	21	12	77
15	Milt Haeger-GM	LBYCMI	1560	13	21	20	9	22	85
16	Andy Molesta-J	GRYC/MI	860	29	11	21	3	33	97
17	Peter Comfort	TLYC/MI	1732	15	22	11	24	28	100
18	Paul Eggert-GM	SLYC/MI	1605	35	29	1	22	16	102.7
19	Bill Freytag-GM	LGYCMI	1728	14	33	19	34	3	103
20	Tim Fredman-M	BLYCMI	1595	22	5	22	29	30	108
21	Glen Walborn	SLYC/MI	167	19	12	35	23	20	109
22	Duane Pierson-GM	WLYC/MI	500	31	15	18	18	31	113
23	Rick Wilfert-J	OLYCMI	1638	21	24	31	20	17	113
24	Tom Keenan	LFYC/MI	1676	27	28	29	25	10	119
25	Thor Sorensen	GRYC/MI	1665	16	32	28	15	29	120
26	Kyle Verplank-J	SLYC/MI	1530	24	31	16	30	19	120
27	Tom Wurster-GM	DLYC/MI	1719	25	18	25	33	25	126
28	Bob Sevey-GM	LMYC/MN	1342	33	25	36	11	26	131
29	Todd Faulkner	PYCWI	1590	20	37	23	17	DNS	137
30	Happy Fox-M	SLYC/MI	1704	32	34	30	19	24	139
31	Bob Ward-M	GRYC/MI	1533	26	30	34	27	23	140
32	Devin Farley-M	LGYCWI	1356	30	27	24	32	27	140
33	Suzi Reese-W	LGYCMI	1219	34	36	33	28	15	146
34	Curt Bradley-GM	GRYC/MI	1405	28	20	27	36	35	146
35	Brett Hatton	SLYC/MI	1555	18	35	37	31	34	155
36	Herman vanBeek-M	RCYC/TX	1521	38	23	32	39	36	168
37	Mindy Miller-W	GRYC/MI	1701	36	DNF	26	37	32	171
38	Dave Bedau-M	WLYC/MI	1455	37	26	38	38	37	176
39	Dave Bloye-M	GRYC/MI	1303	39	38	39	35	38	189

