

Polar Bear Regatta

October 1-2, 1994 Fleet 20 Lake Davenport SC, IA

Submitted by David Staub

The Mississippi's current was stronger than usual for this time of the year, creating an extra challenge for the 27 MC sailors. The river runs west past Davenport and the winds were from the east. This is a good direction for "Lake Davenport" in that it allowed for extra long windward legs. The sailors had to work against the breeze and the current. Winds were in the 12-18 mph range, making for extra hard hiking for the single-handed sailors.

Eric Hood won the event. Jeff Doubek finished 2nd. Junior sailor, Justin Hood aged 14, finished 3rd, actually tied with Jeff. Thus the tie-breaker prevented a father-son sweep.

The Masters division was won by Tim Fredman, followed by Hardy Will and Tom Getz.

The strong winds, strong current, and cool autumn air were fitting for this, the 34th Annual Polar Bear Regatta.

Eric Hood added the following comments: He is very enthused about this regatta and the plans for next year's 35th Celebration of the Polar Bear. Tom Getz and Dick Duley, both Masters, have sailed in all 34 Polar Bear Regattas, first in Cs and now in MCs. He went on to praise the work of Chuck Nelson, Chief Judge, Betty Turner (her 13 year old son crewed for Justin Hood) for the on-time race results. LDSC is providing a strong junior program with four Optimist dinghies. With the Mississippi up 5' the current was running 2-3 mph and the winds

were in 15-20 mph range, which made for a great regatta. Eric recommends this regatta to everyone. He especially enjoyed the tour of the Rock Island Arsenal. LDSC has certainly made a great comeback from the floods of '93.

Pl	Skipper	Div	Club	Boat No.	Races				Pts
					1	2	3	4	
1	Eric Hood	P	MSIs	11	1	1	2	2	5.5
2	Jeff Doubek	P	WBYC/MN		2	3	3	8	16
3	Justin Hood	J	LGYC/WI	1621	5	4	4	3	16
4	Brian McMurray		WLYC/MI	1492	4	15	1	1	20.5
5	Dan Guidinger	P	JBW	1619	7	2	6	6	21
6	Scott Tillema		MYC/MO	943	6	5	8	7	26
7	Mike Fieseler		LDSC/IA	1258	9	12	7	4	32
8	Tim Fredman	M	PnYC/WI	1456	3	7	15	10	35
9	Peter Crawford	P	JBW	1379	11	6	5	13	35
10	Tim Regan	P	JBW	1558	14	14	9	5	42
11	Jim Hatch		PnYC/WI	1	8	20	10	11	49
12	Gary Reab		LDSC/IA	1581	13	10	11	21	55
13	Hardy Will	M	LBYC/WI	1616	19	8	22	9	58
14	Tom Getz	M	WLYC/MI	1311	20	9	16	14	59
15	Markus Ritter	M	PYC/WI	1371	17	17	12	16	62
16	Dick Duley	M	LDSC/IA	1076	10	21	19	15	65
17	Bill Wrase		LDSC/IA	1050	22	18	13	12	65
18	Tony Bruskas	M	LDSC/IA	1260	23	11	14	18	66
19	Sid Peterson	M	PLYC/WI	1617	15	13	23	20	71
20	David Staub		LDSC/IA	1594	12	24	16	17	71
21	Mike Zmuda		LDSC/IA	1072	16	22	20	19	77
22	Cowles Mallory	M	LDSC/IA	1122	18	19	21	23	81
23	David Tillema	M	MYC/MO	1524	27	23	17	22	89
24	Jim Brust	M	LMSC/IA	1282	21	16	28	28	93
25	Bill Axup	M	LDSC/IA	1317	25	25	24	28	102
26	Paul Huizenga		LDSC/IA	1127	24	28	28	28	108
27	Tim Mulvaney		LMSC/IA	1562	27	28	28	28	111



1994 Polar Bear Winners: L to R: Don McNeil, Jeff Doubek, Eric Hood and crew Susie Fredman, Dan Guidinger, Justin Hood and in front his crew Derek Turner