

GRYC MC Spring Regatta

May 19 - 20, 1990, Grand Rapids, MI

There was a big run on hot tubs, hot showers and hot toddies after this year's GRYC MC regatta. Mother Nature did not smile! Cold, rainy weather with heavy winds on Saturday and drizzle with moderate winds on Sunday chilled the fleet. But, hey, it was better than 80° and no wind. Fleet Captain Ted Maitland's promises better weather next year.

A record number of MCs (53) showed up this year and got in some serious-type racing and it came down to the last race with Charlie Harrett 1-1/4 points ahead of Jim Gluek of North Sails. Coming up the last leg it looked like it was Jim's third straight regatta title this year (Mid-Winters and Black Tie) as he had put five boats between himself and Charlie.

I asked Charlie Harrett to give me a run-down not only of the crucial last race but the total regatta. Boiled down, here's what he had to say. "With the heavy winds on Saturday I kept the traveler off to the cockpit edge (Ed. And he says there is no need to pull it in downwind), used lots of vang, and eased the main sheet in the shots. I played the left side of the course all day long as it was favored, except during the last race when the wind moved a bit more to the north. The winds were east 12-18 Saturday and slightly less on Sunday. I had good starts Saturday by looking for holes where the boat above or below was not too big a threat. The main thing during this regatta was to read the wind and get on the lifts. Boat speed meant nothing(!)."

By the end of the three races on Saturday, Jim was one point ahead of Charlie and four ahead of Brian McMurray.

In the first race Sunday morning Charlie had what he figured was his worst start having to flop over on port and take about ten transoms. But as sometimes happens, he got a huge lift up the right side and headed the fleet at the windward mark. Paul Richards caught him on the downwind leg but Charlie regained the lead to win this race. Paul was second and Jim finished third.

Going into the final race, Charlie now had a 1-1/2 point lead on Jim. The two boats were overlapped at the first windward mark and before long Jim had put five boats between himself and Charlie. Charlie figure he was dead. However, on the final beat Charlie tried to drag Jim over to the rightside of the course which was less favored, hoping some of the boats between them would get ahead of Jim and drag Jim back to him. And that was what happened, although near the finish line it looked like Bret Hatton, roaring in from the left, might get between them and it would be Jim's regatta. But at the last minute Bret hit a header and Charlie slid over the line just after Jim to win by 1/4 point!



GRYC Trophy Winners: Back L to R: Dave Kistler, Ted Maitland, Paul Richards, Jim Gluek, Eric Hood, Porter and Charlie Harrett, Brett Hatton. Front L to R: Dave Hough, Tom Wurster, Curt Bradley, Skip Johnson

Sailor	Boat	Fleet	Races	Points	Trophy
Charlie Harrett	1123	GRYC	1-4-7-1-10	22-1/2	1st
Jim Gluek	1292	North Sails	7-3-1-3-9	22-3/4	2nd
Brian McMurray	888	WLYC	11-1-3-7-6	27-3/4	3rd
Dave Kistler	812	GRYC	12-2-9-10-15	48	4th
Eric Hood	1318	MBW	4-5-19-13-16	57	5th
Paul Richards	1163	GRYC	16-17-21-2-3	59	6th
Brett Hatton	986	SLYC	6-13-13-19-11	62	7th
Skip Johnson	1293	JBW	18-7-14-11-12	62	8th
Glen Walborn	1273	SLYC	3-8-4-25-14	64	9th
Ted Maitland	509	GRYC	5-28-12-9-13	67	10th
Amy Eggert	955	SLYC	15-18-2-12-22	69	
Brian Fox	1320	SLYC	8-11-6-DNF-2	74	
Curt Miller	1301	GRYC	10-12-DNF-5-7	79	
Dan Guidinger	1008	PeYC	13-16-17-28-5	79	
Peter Fox	1045	SLYC	19-6-10-22-24	81	
Brian Wrase	1050	SLYC	40-12-8-15-8	83	
Jim Zevalkink	1165	GRYC	17-25-DNS-6-1	84-3/4	
Todd Bosgraff	1183	SLYC	27-32-16-18-4	97	
Bob Leonard	1153	GRYC	21-29-DNS-4-18	108	
David Fox	1099	SLYC	DNF-14-18-8-17	108	
Lynn Walborn	1051	SLYC	2-31-31-14-32	110	
Doug VerMuelen	627	GRYC	20-24-11-29-33	117	
Happy Fox	950	SLYC	28-15-20-27-27	117	
Doug McNeil	1113	SLYC	9-10-5-DNF-DNS	119	
Chad Hough	1077	SLYC	2-31-31-14-32	124	
Reid Francis	505	DLYC	38-26-22-20-20	126	
Tom Wurster*	1333	DLYC	22-33-30-21-21	127	1st M
Scott Luce	1288	GRYC	14-14-24-32-DNS	132	
Doug Johnson	1255	CLYC	30-20-DNS-16-31	133	
Dave Hough*	1044	SLYC	23-34-15-31-36	139	2nd M
Bill Veit	1180	SLYC	29-22-26-36-29	142	
Joe Novak	1289	GRYC	26-35-25-24-34	144	
Bob Kopec	1136	GRYC	34-37-27-23-25	146	
Jeff Cometet	988	SLYC	32-39-DNS-33-19	159	
Ted Kellar	1082	TLYC	31-30-DNS-DNS-23	168	
Curt Bradley*	879	GRYC	36-DNF-29-38-26	177	3rd M
Fred Stevens	972	GRYC	24-23-DNS-DNS-DNS	179	
Hugh Headrick*	1115	GRYC	42-43-DNS-26-35	182	
Sid Peterson*	1298	PiYC	37-36-DNS-35-38	182	
Tim Howell	266	GRYC	43-44-DNS-30-37	190	
Dave Bloye	1303	GRYC	33-42-32-44-41	192	
Chris Eggert	1080	SLYC	DNF-9-DNS-DNS-DNS	192	
Dave Cramer	1241	GRYC	41-DNS-DNS-39-28	192	
L. & J Pinckney	1042	GRYC	47-38-28-37-43	193	
Randy Rogoski	1139	SLYC	46-41-DNS-40-30	193	
Phil Schneider	568	GRYC	39-DNS-DNS-34-42	200	

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Brian Murray	1271	GRYC	35-DNS-DNS-46-39	205(GRYC MC
Mindy Miller & Loren Kopec	92	GRYC	44-45-DNS-43-44	212
Mark Boyce	117	GRYC	45-46-DNS-41-45	213
Rob Pew	1102	GRYC	DNF-40-33-45-DNS	217
Doug Meyer	1236	GRYC	49-47-34-42-46	218
Jim Dunakin	111	GRYC	48-DNS-DNS-DNS-DNS	229
Riste Cisler	526	GRYC	50-DNS-DNS-DNS-DNS	231

*Masters

Rebel Rouser

May 5 - 6, 1990 Lake Lanier Sailing Club, GA, Fleet #3

The 1990 Rebel Rouser Regatta hosted by the Lake Lanier Sailing Club put 16 boats on the line for this annual regatta. Five boats from Florida made their annual challenge of the Atlanta fleet for bragging rights for the coming year, and name recognition on the perpetual trophies.

Winds averaging 18 knots with gusts to 28 on Saturday made it prudent to postpone races until Sunday. Medium to light winds on Sunday allowed three races. Winn Story's three second-place finishes were too much for all other competitors and he took top overall and masters trophies. (Ed: Let's hear it for the over fifty gang!). Former national champion Willi Lenkeit was second with a sixth and two first place finishes. Dave Cleaver, last year's Rebel Rouser winner, was the top Florida sailor with a third place.

Also in attendance at the regatta were five potential MC sailors who were checking out the MC and looking for boats to purchase for starting a new fleet in Birmingham, Alabama (see story on page 9).

Ed. We understand they bought at least two boats at the regatta.

Sailor	Boat	Fleet	Races	Points	Place
Winn Story	487	LLSC	2-2-2	6	1
Willi Lenkeit	536	LLSC	1-8-1	9-1/2	2
Dave Cleaver	985	LESC	4-1-8	12-3/4	3
Roger Hammons	840R	LLSC	6-5-5	16	4
Bill Gilmer	840G	LLSC	7-3-7	17	5
Frank Keenan	1088	LESC	9-4-4	17	6
Michael Lenkeit	1536?	LLSC	8-6-6	20	7
Bill Nolan	1125	LLSC	5-7-10	22	8
Jim Gray	602	LLSC	3-12-13	27	9
Burt Lacey	938	LESC	11-10-9	30	10
Bill Crum	1068	LESC	10-11-11	32	11
Frank Vandall	40	LLSC	15-15-3	33	12
Sam Pollock	1238	LLSC	12-9-12	33	13
Doug Rogers	617		13-13-14	40	14
Caesar Bruschi	839	LLSC	14-14-15	43	15
Horst Biernath	89		16-16-DNS	48	1

Central Iowa MC Regatta

May 19 - 20, 1990 Big Creek Lake, Iowa

The weather was stormy in Iowa on June 19th, but 28 boats braved ominous thunderclouds and torrential rains to rig and launch on Big Creek Lake for the 1990 Central Iowa Spring MC Regatta. Temperatures were in the 50s and winds built throughout the morning to near 20 knots, increasing during the lunch break to mid-20s with gusts to 35 knots. Two races were completed Saturday morning, flavored with general recalls, DSQs (premature starts), and capsizes. The committee wisely cancelled the afternoon races due to high winds and cold temperatures, but two boats treated the crowd ashore to close-up views of high speed reaches and a dramatic mast failure!

The Jacuzzi and buffet dinner at the Executive Inn were welcome warm-ups after a cold day on the water -- several of the more enthusiastic sailors spent the rest of the evening at Flirt's, a local singles bar, which didn't seem to slow them down at all the next morning!

Sunday morning the winds and temperatures were moderate and two good races were sailed to complete the regatta. Yacht-chair trophies decorated with the regatta logo were awarded to winners in Professional, Masters and Amateurs divisions.

		Races				
Pl.	Skipper	Sail	1	2	3	4 Points
1	Jamie Searles	1101	2	4	2	.75 8.75
2	Jason Brown-P	1290	.75	9	5	2 16.75
3	Ernie French	1345	6	5	.75	9 20.75
4	Scott Tillema	1224	7	2	9	3 21
5	Jack Schwindler	1266	4	3	12	10 29
6	Brad Osmundson	945	11	8	7	6 32
7	Mike Fieseler	1258	31	.75	3	4 38.75
8	Bob Cantrell	857	17	13	6	8 44
9	Tony Bruskas-M	1260	14	14	13	5 46
10	Harrison Pratt	1147	13	11	11	12 47
11	Richard Duley-M	1076	9	15	10	14 48
12	Greg Nicholas	1116	31	7	4	7 49
13	Peter Crawford-P	602	3	6	14	29 52
14	Pamela Cantrell	1231	10	20	15	18 63
15	Don Charnetski	1187	30	10	8	17 65
16	Bud Toepfer-M	1144	12	18	22	16 68
17	Robert Hoffman	1191	18	23	19	13 73
18	Don Hadwiger-M	1257	20	17	16	20 73
19	Randy Strunk	1251	22	22	17	15 76
20	Art Wittmack	1152	29	16	21	11 77
21	John Harkrader-M	1148	29	12	18	21 80
22	Rush Shortly	967	15	19	23	24 81
23	Jeff David	1092	16	24	20	22 82
24	Bob DeYoung	1174	21	25	25	23 94
25	John Frank	971	31	21	24	19 95
26	Jim Brust	1282	5	30	30	30 95
27	Jeff Land	1181	8	30	30	30 98
28	Jack Way-M	1264	19	30	30	30 109