

Whitecap Regatta
Pontiac Yacht Club – Fleet 54
Orchard Lake Village, Michigan
September 9–10, 2017

Whitecap Regatta Individual Race Results									Whitecap Overall Results			
		9/9/2017				9/10/2017						
Sail#	Skipper	R1	R2	R3	R4	R1	R2	Dropped Result	Races Sailed	Total Points	Average Finish	Overall Position
15513	Rose	2	2	3	4	6	21	21	6	18	3	1
14842	Klaban	1	8	6	1	3	21	21	6	19	3.17	2
313	Morin	10	1	5	3	1	21	21	6	20	3.33	3
15530	Mathers J	3	4	10	10	2	1	10	6	20	3.33	3
15048	Garrison	5	10	14	2	4	3	14	6	24	4	5
14690	Harris	6	11	7	8	5	4	11	6	30	5	6
15512	Allen	12	3	1	4	11	21	21	6	31	5.17	7
15346	Hecker	7	18	2	7	14	2	18	6	32	5.33	8
1	Humphrey	11	5	9	6	9	6	11	6	35	5.83	9
14439	Roualet	4	9	8	11	13	8	13	6	40	6.67	10
15222	Flack	17	6	13	9	4	9	17	6	44	7.33	11
15531	Welch	8	4	12	12	12	21	21	6	51	8.5	12
14515	Morely	13	16	11	13	8	11	16	6	56	9.33	13
14628	Monique	14	12	16	18	10	5	18	6	57	9.5	14
5222	Kjoller	9	20	4	15	16	21	21	6	64	10.67	15
14511	Warner	15	15	15	14	17	13	17	6	72	12	16
14457	LaPal me	16	17	17	16	15	10	17	6	74	12.33	17
15160	Peters	18	13	18	19	19	14	19	6	82	13.67	18
15230	Matora	20	14	21	21	20	8	21	6	83	13.83	19
14449	Kraelc	19	19	19	17	18	12	19	6	85	14.17	20

I don't mean to write a long report, but this win is an emotional and major accomplishment for our Spinnaker Ninja team. The three of us, Mikey Garza, Andrew Lockhart and I, started this team 6 years ago, all thanks to PYC. We had spent our New Year's Eve night in 2010 filling out the ILCA Boat Grant application, only to be rejected. However, we got a call from Charlie Hess not too long after, offering us up a boat that was less than desirable, but free if we wanted it! And thus, team Spinnaker Ninja began!

Moving on to this weekend though...We got the band back together and we rocked it out! We traveled to PYC on Saturday morning, and with the start being after noon, had plenty of time to actually do some rig tuning for the first time in a while. Turns out, our rig has been pretty out of whack this season, so we started off with a little more confidence knowing we should have slightly better performance. Thanks to Kevin Morin for helping us with that--we couldn't have beat you without your own help ;)

The first race was probably the best race we had all weekend, weather-wise. We had good wind, 8-10 knots, and we took a second place. Our spirits were up! For the second race, it was crucial to have a good start. We planned it well and didn't get the door shut on us, so we were able to make it up the course well and in front. However, our third race on Saturday was a tough one, but Andrew was able to help us tactically climb back up on the upwind leg after falling pretty far back in the fleet, with Mikey finishing the race just as solid with his downwind tactics. Finding where the puffs and shifts were was key. And then, the last race of the day on Saturday was probably one of the closes finishes I've ever experienced! Kudos to the Race Committee for watching closely. I think there were about four boats that finished within four feet or less of each other!

Day two, wind was lighter and way more shifty. Race Committee had a challenge finding the right time to set a course and get a race done, but we did end up getting two races in. We started our day out calling each other, making sure we were doing the exact same thing--"Mikey, what coffee did you get us from Tim Horton's? Grab those again!"--We knew we had a good lead, and we were going to try anything to keep it! But, to no avail, we almost really blew it. In the first race we started over early and fouled the Morins. We thought we lost the regatta on that start alone. BUT! There was a general recall due the course needing to be adjusted, so we got ourselves a second chance. Once the course was set again, it was the left side on our second upwind that changed a lot of boat finishing places. The shifts were something to really pay attention to. Win or lose if you could find or not find them. The final race of the day was pretty interesting as the 4 top boats ad more were DSQ'd after a black flag went up. The wind decided to die off during the race and most were struggling to keep their forward momentum. This when we decided to join the race to the club with the boats that were disqualified since we knew we had a throw out.

Thank you to the volunteers that put on the regatta--dinner, mojitos/craft beer and raffle, in addition to the racing. We always enjoy the dinner and some how walk away with some killer raffle items. Thanks!

Trey Rose
Spinnaker Ninja



Champions: Team Rose



Runner-Ups: Team Klaban



2nd Runner-Ups: Team Morin



4th Place: Team Mathers J



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