

Indiana District Championship
Indianapolis Sailing Club – Fleet 270
Indianapolis, Indiana
July 9–10, 2016

Pos	Boat#	Skipper	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	13721	Pete McGinity	2	1	1	1	1	6
2	14359	Mike Franceschini	1	4	2	2	3	12
3	13851	Stuart Webster	3	2	4	3	2	14
4	14020	Frank Wilder	4	3	3	4	4	18
5	15309	Brian Bahler	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	30

This has been a rocky season for the Lightning skippers in our two Fleets; #154 at Lake Wawasee up north and #270 at the Indianapolis Sailing Club.

After two changes in the scheduled District Regatta dates, competition went forward on Saturday, June 9 on Geist Lake at Indianapolis. But with the changing dates went the opportunity to have an even medium size fleet to commit. However, we made the most of it by hitching a ride with the annual ISC Summer Regatta involving Thistles, Melges 17s, Snipes, Y-Flyers Interlakes and J-24 Keel Boats.

The Race Committee did a herculean job of completing five races back to back and juggling the starting times from 5 minutes required for the Lightnings to the normal 3 minutes for the other six fleets. Race Committee Chairman Paul White aided by ARO Carol Gebhardt showed great foresight in crowding so many races into one afternoon because they had observed and acted upon a weather forecast of no wind on the following Sunday, which turned out to be the case.

The races went off without a hitch in sunny weather and a northwesterly breeze of 10-15 mph. A windward-leeward one mile course held for the entire afternoon. District Commodore Pete McGinity assisted by his Dad Ken and Josie Forbes dominated with a 2nd place followed by 4 firsts to win the regatta. He was followed by Mike Franceschini and crew Mark Aronson and Ben Smith in 2nd, Stuart Webster with his two sons Trent (14) and Freddie (11) in 3rd and Frank Wilder with Jerry Sentman and Dan Claxton in 4th. This was the first away regatta for Freddie Webster and both boys did their jobs well and enjoyed the racing. Oh, how we need more such teams if we want to keep our Class going!

The Y-Flyer Fleet was responsible for the Saturday evening barbeque, musical entertainment and a very popular cornhole tournament with 32 teams and 64 players. Their Fleet members did a grand job and set a high bar for the other fleets responsible for regatta weekends to follow.

Now, it's on to the North Americans in Rochester NY for Bryan Bahler and the Masters Championship for Pete McGinity!