

Michigan District Championship
North Cape YC - Fleet 42
Lasalle, Michigan
June 20-21, 2015

Pos	Sail#	Skipper	Crew #1	Crew #2	District	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOTAL
1	15470	Skip Dieball	Laurie Dieball	Mike Stark	MI	1	4	2	2	3	2	10
2	15511	Jim Allen	Jane Allen	Abby Allen/Tyler Allen (su)	MI	6	3	6	1	2	3	15
3	15200	Tom Klaban	Matt Whatley	Gaspard Mosquet	MI	4	6	3	8	1	5	19
4	15474	Robert Linden	Ryan Lashaway	Meghan Linden	MI	2	8	4	4	25	10	28
5	14249	George Sipel	Dan Synowiec	Kelsey Hewett	MI	11	5	5	7	20	4	32
6	15430	John McCree	Christophe Marche	Payton	MI	8	7	11	OCS (36)	10	9	45
7	313	Matt Morin	Kevin Morin	Marcie Levey	MI	12	22	19	3	7	8	49
8	15531	Mike Welch	Fred Beackmer	Brian Beaadet	MI	7	23	13	13	14	6	53
9	15147	Sarah Somes	Jim Thompson	Julie Hane	MI	5	14	18	6	21	12	55
10	15222	Jody Kjoller	Bobby Flack	Anneliese Kitrell	MI	18	9	17	17	5	14	62
11	14774	Tom Vickers	Casey Ray	Matt Jablonski/Josh (su)	MI	15	11	15	23	12	16	69
12	14400	Peter Polgar	Grace Grabowski	Mike Polgar	MI	17	18	8	14	13	19	70
13	15513	Trey Rose	Michael Garza	Allison Frantz	MI	10	12	22	15	15	20	72
14	14779	Jim Davis	Chris Davis	Les Lashaway	MI	25	15	9	20	18	17	79
15	14511	Matt Warner	Branden Warner	Julie	MI	24	24	23	21	23	24	115
16	14474	Pat Smith	Paul Nagel	Jake Nagel	MI	27	25	DNS (35)	DNS (35)	26	25	138
17	14449	Dale Kreele	Rick Warner	Kalyn	MI	26	20	24	DNC (35)	DNC (35)	DNC (35)	140
18	15471	Ryan Flack	Jim Thompson	Emily Simon	MI	DNC (35)	DNC (35)	DNC (35)	DNC (35)	DNC (35)	DNC (35)	175
19	15512	Mark Allen	Beth Grossbeck	Steve Warnum	MI	DNC (35)	DNC (35)	DNC (35)	DNC (35)	DNC (35)	DNC (35)	175
20	15551	Joel Humphrey	Molly Hopkins	Rachel Taylor	MI	DNC (35)	DNC (35)	DNC (35)	DNC (35)	DNC (35)	DNC (35)	175

This was a highly competitive regatta with teams from MI, OH & IN as well as Todd, Kristine & Doug Wake from WI.

35 boats registered, 27 participated. Thanks to George Sipel for organizing this event and North Cape Yacht Club for an excellent job hosting.

Congratulations to 2015 MI District and overall champions Skip & Laurie Dieball and Mike Stark!

Skips comments:

A wonderful plan to combine a number of events into one was formed over the winter months and this past weekend, over 35 boats entered all vying for one of many prizes. The host club of North Cape Yacht Club is no stranger to holding big Lightning events and they again did a great job!

Saturday's racing was sailed in a 12-15 knot easterly that kicked up the waves on Western Lake Erie. The tough driving conditions and volatile winds had competitors and race officers on their toes all day. PRO Tim Rumptz and his team of mark-setters worked all day keeping up with the wind. In the end, three great races were sailed. Leader at the cocktail party was Todd Wake with crew Kristine Wake and Doug Wake. They had a very consistent 3,1,1 and were on the good end of a few big shifts. A few points back was Skip Dieball with crew Laurie Dieball and Mike Stark with 1,4,2. Tight scores in spots 3-6 would set the stage for some great racing on Sunday.

Sunday dawned with a light westerly wind....coming from the shore. This would make for some tight racing with lots of windshifts. Jim Allen with crew Tyler Allen and Jane Allen came out smokin with a nice Race 4 win. They would set the pace for much of Sunday and did a great job of getting off the starting line in phase straight-away. Jim finished the day with 2,3 and moved up to 2nd overall. Skip's team posted a consistent 2,3,2 to seal up the victory.

On a personal note, it was great to sail with my wife Laurie and good friend Mike Stark. Laurie was filling in for my daughter Mallory, who decided to sail Opti's at NCYC. I was glad to have Laurie as it has been a few years since she's sailed in the Lightning. Mike did his usual great job in the front of the boat. Together we worked hard as we didn't light the world on fire from a strategy standpoint. Being quick was our only saving grace.

Thanks to all the volunteers. The organizing team of Geo Sipel, Laurie Dieball, Steve Morrow, Jim & Chris Davis, Chris Snyder and Ernie Dieball did a great job of getting all the details together. Thanks to Barb Hickey, NCYC's club manager, who always is so supportive of sailing. And thanks to the RC & Michigan District volunteers because without them, we'd have no event!