

Indiana District Championship
Indianapolis Sailing Club – Fleet 270
Indianapolis, Indiana
June 21–22, 2014

POS	BOAT	SKIPPER & CREW	FLEET	HOME	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	TTL
1	14148	Mike Thomas Bill Thomas, John Obrien	303	DAYTON	1	1	1	1	6	10
2	15213	Jeff Schmahl Andrew Schmahl, Dave Wisler	154	WAWASEE	2	2	5	2	1	12
3	14359	Mike Franceschine Tracy & Joe Chandler	270	INDIANAPOLIS	4	3	2	5	2	16
4	14610	Ken Woods Frank Hull & Rebecca Evans	270	INDIANAPOLIS	3	4	4	3	8	22
5	13721	Pete McGinity Leo Dagan & Jose Forbes/Tyler McGinity	270	INDIANAPOLIS	6	6	3	4	3	22
6	14020	Frank Wilder Jerry Sentman, Jeff Grumming	270	INDIANAPOLIS	5	7	8	7	5	32
7	13851	Stu Webster JR & CY Kendall	154	WAWASEE	8	8	7	6	4	33
8	13279	Ken McGinity Tim O'Conner & Dillon Bidle	270	INDIANAPOLIS	7	5	6	8	7	33
9	15309	Brad Wagnon Stewart Fossceco & John McClain	154	WAWASEE	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	50

"Gone With The Wind"

The International Lightning Class Association calls for a regatta to be held every year in all of the world-wide Districts. Any ILCA member that wants to compete in the annual North American Championship regatta must participate in a District regatta in order to qualify.

In the Indiana District, there are two fleets, #154 located on Lake Wawasee near Syracuse, and #270 at the Indianapolis Sailing Club on Geist Reservoir. For many years, it has been our custom to rotate this annual District regatta between both locations. On the weekend of June 21 & 22, our Fleet 270 served as the host.

Turnout this year was very low, somewhat disappointing in that the North American Championships will be held at Sheboygan Wisconsin, a close-by location. Perhaps, many of the Indiana skippers had a crystal ball that told them the winds would be very light, and light they were. Our Class rules require a minimum of 5 mph, and we just exceeded that threshold on Saturday, at least part of the time. The wind on Sunday morning was a bit stronger, and the competition keener. Our Race Committee Chairman and PRO Paul White, along with the rest of his team, did a masterful job finding a way to stitch together the three Saturday races. Thank you Paul!

Gone with the wind is what Mike Thomas from Fleet #303 at Cowan Lake, Ohio, with crew Bill Thomas and John O'Brien, did to the rest of the Fleet on Saturday afternoon in a tough-to-deal-with drifter. They linked together three straight bullets, each won by a large margin. On Sunday morning, they won the 4th race in more breeze but then ran into some trouble in the final race #5 finishing 6th. This tightened up the final standings, but they won the Regatta with ten points, nosing out Jeff Schmahl from Fleet #154 with crew Andrew Schmahl and Dave Wisler. They took 2nd place with twelve points. Mike Franceschini, with crew Joe and Tracy Chandler from the local Fleet #270, took 3rd place with sixteen points.

All sailors know that the one ingredient that can't be controlled is the wind. On these two days, on this Lake, we all got a reminder of this element...big time!

Ken McGinity
Fleet 270 Captain



The people from left to right are: Mike Franceschini, Joe & Tracy Chandler (3rd place), Jeff & Andrew Schmahl, ,DaveWisler (2nd place)Bill & Mike Thomas, John O'Brien (1st place)