



Great Lakes Championship  
North Cape Yacht Club – Fleet 42  
Lasalle, Michigan  
July 6–7, 2013

Pos	Sail #	Skipper	Crew	Crew	Club	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	TOTAL
1	14176	Skip Dieball	Mallory Dieball	Mike Stark	NCYC	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
2	14779	Jim Davis	Nick Gilmore	Chris Davis	NCYC	2	2	6	3	5	2	20
3	14249	George Sipel	Ernie Dieball	Anneliese Kittrell	NCYC	3	3	2	2	8	4	22
4	14880	Craig Pomeroy	Abbey Pomeroy	Joan Pomeroy	NCYC/WJSC	9	4	3	5	3	3	27
5	313	Matt Morin	Kevin Morin	Margie Levey	PYC	6	5	7	8	2	5	33
6	14774	Tom Vickers	Meghan Walter	Casey Ray	Crescent	4	9	5	4	6	7	35
7	15430	Carrie Houtman	John McCree	Rachel Dey	BLYC	5	11	8	6	4	10	44
8	14515	John Morley	Alex Morley	Matt Kloepfer	PYC	7	8	4	7	10	9	45
9	15513	Trey Rose	Bobby Flack	Mike Garza	CSYC	8	6	10	9	7	6	46
10	14301	Ryan Mabie	Vytenis Karaitis	Mike Niacrig	DLYC	10	10	9	10	9	8	56
11	14511	Matt Warner	Brandon Warner	Abbi Warner	PYC	11	7	11	11	11	11	62



Champions: Skip Dieball, Mallory Dieball, Mike Stark



Runner-ups: Jim Davis, Nick Gilmore, Chris Davis



3rd Place: George Sipel, Ernie Dieball, Anneliese Kittrell



4th Place: Craig Pomeroy, Abbey Pomeroy, Joan Pomeroy



Camping done North Cape Style!

2013 Lightning Great Lake Championship - By Skip Dieball

With such a crazy kick off to the summer, schedule-wise, I was really looking forward to a home-town regatta....but where is home?!?! My family and I moved back to LaSalle, Michigan mid-June from our previous home in Mason, Ohio so it was easy to be confused, but make no mistake, NCYC is home!

The Lightning Great Lakes has been a great event for many years. Fleet 42 always does a great job in taking care of the details and making everyone feel welcome. We've experienced some ebbs and flows with participation and this year was lean, but with a very talented group of sailors. A big thanks to those who came out.

We are working to get the Great Lakes back to a 20-30 boat event. Let us any of us at NCYC know what it would take to get you to come. We are all ears as we feel our location provides great sailing for the Michigan District!

My build up to the '13 Great Lakes was, in fact, a build-up. I bought 14176 in the early spring and essentially stripped all hardware and started fresh. For those that have done this, it is no small task and thanks to my dad, Denny aka The King, we got it done with an afternoon to spare.

My team would be my good friend Mike Stark and my seven-year-old daughter, Mallory. Mike has sailed with me for the better part of 8 years in Thistles and was very enthused with the idea of racing Lightnings. Mallory has only a few races under her belt, but a few weeks of sail camp and a whole lot of ambition! Mike knew what we had in front of us (essentially sailing 2-up) and was up for the task.

I'm admit it. I'm terrible at the details from racing, but do recall that Saturday's sailing was in pretty light winds. It was out of the SSE about 5-7 knots. Our team crew weight was about 370, so we were set up nicely for this wind. Speed was no problem, but boathandling would be our potential downfall. Mike did a great job....so did Mallory with the tasks we gave her. To her credit, she was captivated with the racing, which says a lot about her future in the sport! We had some great battles with Jim Davis's team, Geo's team and TV's team. Craig Pomeroy showed great speed in my old boat 14880. There was never a consistent phase to the wind, so it was pretty tough sailing. We managed three bullets and at the end of the day, we were most satisfied with our strategic calls, more than our overall speed (which was great considering how light we were).

Sunday started a touch breezy. I was very nervous early...not with anything other than the volatility of the weather patterns. You see, this is a very impressionable time for Mallory and I could ruin it with a bad outing by freaking her out.....but the wind gods helped and the storms stayed away. In fact, the conditions were extremely fun and provided great sailing. The winds started 12-14 and then backed to just under 10 in a SW direction, which is very shifty and flattish water. Again, Mike and I were very happy with how we attacked the race course staying inside the course and still managing our leverage. Mallory did a great job of switching sides, telling jokes and taking the jib down, while making sure it stayed out of the water. It was a great weekend for us and by all accounts, Mallory is hooked.

Thanks to NCYC, Fleet 42 and all the volunteers for making it a great event. Geo, Laurie, Jim, Chris, Ernie, Denny and the many volunteers that are our close friends...everyone pitched in and we are thankful!