

Red Flannels Regatta
Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club - Fleet 5
Chicago, Illinois
September 24-25, 2011

Pos	Sail#	Skipper	Crew	Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total
1	14938	David Stix	Todd Wake	Amy Simonsen	1	3	3	4*	1	2	10
2	15260	Bill Faude	Jared Drake	Mary Corkell	5	2	6*	1	2	1	11
3	15064	Richard Walsh	Peter Hansin	Terry Carro	2	1	8*	3	3	3	12
4	15158	Pete Orlebeke	Kim Orlebeke	Cole Orlebeke	3	7*	1	5	5	5	19
5	15332	Paul Wurtzebach	Karen Johnson	Andy Camarda	8	5	7	2	4	9*	26
6	15213	Jeff Schmahl	David Schmahl	Kiersa Brenner	7	4	2	7	6	8*	26
7	14778	Mike Tennity	Nick Conner	Shanna Conner	4	10*	5	10	8	4	31
8	15167	William Gibson	Steve Jenkins	Jim Eckert	6	6	9	6	10*	7	34
9	15313	Trey Rose	Mike Garza	Jim Thompson	9*	9	4	8	9	6	36
10	15137	Steve Adamski	Laurie Rienen	Doug Olson	10*	8	10	9	7	10	44
11	13657	Mike Frachescini	Noah Luke		11*	11	11	11	11	11	55
12	11456	Brandon Holton	Jonas Andersson	Jerry Holton, Jr.	12*	12	12	12	12	12	60

RaceOfficer: Bruce Thompson

**Red Flannels 2011 in the Running for
"Most Fun You Can Have at a Regatta Without Spending a Lot of Money"**
David Stix

Here's what it takes.

- Competitive fleet – check
 - Good Race Management – check
 - No entry fee – check
 - Free beer after sailing – check
 - Oh, you had to buy dinners from our galley, great food dinner specials \$10 – check
 - Birthday party '70's theme, open bar, disc jockey, it was crazy - double check
- Oh it's in Chicago, right, an expensive place to go to a regatta, right...**NO!**

A regatta is only as successful as the effort that is put into it by the volunteers. That effort is, as it has been in the past, provided by of our Rhodes 19 Fleet who helped our PRO in residence Bruce Thompson run 6 great races to complete the regatta in difficult conditions.

Bruce again ran excellent racing with little idle time between races. Saturday morning we went out only to sail back in as thunderstorms and water spouts skirted the area. Then back on the water for 3 races in the afternoon.

This year we had a smaller than usual turnout of 12 very competitive teams with boats travelling from as far Thunder Bay, Detroit, Indianapolis, Green Bay and transplants from Iowa. This year even attracted past Lightning Fleet 5 members *Karen Johnson* who persuaded *Paul Wurtzebach* to sail this year.

Conditions on Saturday were 5-8 knots out of the NNE with plenty of bumps to put a premium on keeping the boat moving and really paying attention to shifts and pressure. Top three finishes were shared by 5 of the top 6 boats without anyone dominating the day. At the end of the day, Team Stix was in first, Team Walsh was in second and Team family Orlebeke was third.

Sunday exceeded the forecast with everyone expecting light to moderate breeze out of the southeast and flatter water than Saturday. As soon as we got out of the harbor the only part of the forecast that was correct was the direction...sort of. The breeze was building and was bringing in seas that again made for challenging conditions. The first race started in an 18-20 knot breeze that dropped to around 15 in the second race of the day. Race 6 saw the breeze drop to 10 knots but didn't do anything to flatten the seas. Team Stix managed to stay in the lead and won after 6 races with Team Faude moving up in the standing, followed by Team Walsh.

As if the sailing, dinner and cocktails after sailing weren't enough for our out of town guests, the epic birthday party that commenced Saturday evening will continue to spread rumors and continue the Flannels' reputation as a not to miss fall regatta. See you here next year, last weekend in September, 2012.