

Michigan District Championship
Crescent Sail Yacht Club – Fleet 51
Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan
June 23–24, 2001

Pos	B#	Skipper	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total
1	2	Park	3	2	2	1	(6)	1	9
2	25	Sipel	2	4	(9)	4	3	3	16
3	13	Allen, J.	8	1	1	(12)	4	6	20
4	18	Whatley	5	6	8	3	(15)	2	24
5	32	Fideler	12	(38\OCS)	4	6	1	5	28
6	6	Bennett	4	8	(28)	7	7	4	30
7	29	Allen, M.	6	17	7	2	12	(22)	44
8	88	Wenzler	13	7	3	(22)	8	16	47
9	10	Hess	7	3	14	14	10	(30)	48
10	15	Vickers	17	5	(29)	18	2	7	49
11	27	Flack	14	(19)	10	15	5	9	53
12	36	Decker	10	15	5	13	(21)	18	61
13	14	Engelman	(29)	9	6	10	26	15	66
14	34	Hagman	25	14	11	5	(29)	14	69
15	31	Klaban	9	10	21	21	9	(38\DNS)	70
16	23	Fernando	1	20	16	(29)	24	17	78
17	26	Johnson	24	13	24	9	11	(31)	81
18	22	Nickels, D.	15	22	23	(24)	16	8	84
19	30	Bukowsky	21	11	17	16	20	(27)	85
20	1	Nickles, K.	11	23	(26)	19	14	19	86
21	24	Heller	18	18	19	(26)	23	11	89
22	35	Siegle	(28)	21	22	25	17	10	95
23	4	Hodgson	22	(38\OCS)	13	8	18	38\DNS	99
24	3	Humphrey	27	27	(32)	11	22	13	100
25	21	Wenzler, M.	19	25	25	(36)	19	12	100
26	8	Williams	26	12	12	30	(38\OCS)	21	101
27	37	Irving	(31)	24	27	17	25	20	113
28	12	Sobotka	23	16	18	(33)	33	28	118
29	16	Mathers	30	31	(37)	20	13	26	120
30	7	Kirkman	16	29	30	(32)	30	29	134
31	5	Vanderpool	33	(35)	20	28	32	23	136
32	33	Waechter	(35)	26	15	31	34.5\TIE	32	138.5
33	9	Romer	20	32	(35)	35	28	24	139
34	19	Moody	(36)	28	33	27	34.5\TIE	25	147.5
35	17	Beaubien	32	30	31	(34)	27	34	154
36	11	Koster	34	34	36	23	36	(38\DNS)	163
37	20	Brower	(37)	33	34	37	31	33	168

Michigan Districts at CSYC were sailed in 80 degree temperature, sun, and 5 – 10 mph winds. This was the first year the District’s were sailed as a two day regatta which may have helped attendance – 37 boats competed. A number of boats had young kids crewing – a great sign for the future.

Saturday morning there was a light northerly down the lake, so our plan was to protect the right all day as the wind rotated into a thermal lake breeze. The first start was interesting. We tried to sneak in at the race committee boat and got caught, but as we did our circles we noted Jim Allen and Sean Fidler restarting, so we all took off from the back. Diana Fernando and George Sipel were launched and never looked back. We played the shifts towards the right and got back to third with Jim eighth and Sean twelfth. Jon Bennett, Tom Klaban and Mark Whatley had good races. The next two races were fairly similar with the wind favoring the right. In both races Jim Allen (Jane Allen, Tom Morley) got off to the right early and was gone, we were second each race and Sipel, Whatley, Pete Wenzler and Charlie Hess (with son Alex) did well.

At the end of the day we had 7 points, Jim 10 points, Sipel 15 points and Whatley 19 points. The first race Sunday was big for us as we got off the line clean near the committee boat with Jim and George buried at the boat end. As they cleared to the right we had a dilemma. Our closest two competitors were off to the right, but Sean and a boat that we thought was Mark were hard left with potentially less current. We stuck to our game plan, went right and won the race. The breeze came up a little for the next race which Sean, followed by Tom Vickers, led from beginning to end. A sixth for us clinched the series with one race left.

Sipel beat Jim for second, while Mark Whatley was fourth and Fidler fifth.

Thanks to Paul Nagel for all the hard work organizing and Thistle sailor Kerry Nielan for getting off six good races as he tried to keep up with the persistent right hand shift.

Colin Park, Karen Park, Tim Coles