

Michigan District Championship
Macatawa Bay Yacht Club - Fleet 204
Holland, Michigan
June 24-25, 2006

Pos	Skipper	Sail#	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total
1	Norris	15193	(-5)	1	1	5	2	2	11
2	Allen		2	2	(-9)	1	1	5	11
3	McCree	14323	3	6	2	3	OCS (19)	3	17
4	Hess	14842	1	4	6	2	OCS (19)	6	19
5	Humphrey	15151	4	3	8	(-15)	3	1	19
6	Fidler	15299	6	OCS (19)	7	7	4	4	28
7	Klaban	15200	7	8	3	11	OCS (19)	7	36
8	Heagy	14543	9	(-12)	12	4	5	10	40
9	Ehrenberg	14613	10	5	11	(-14)	9	8	43
10	Niles	14737	12	10	(-15)	6	6	11	45
11	Heller	14819	8	9	4	(-16)	12	14	47
12	Kiss	5193	11	7	10	13	8	DNS (18)	49
13	Waechter	14087	(-16)	11	14	8	6	13	52
14	Welsh	14964	(-15)	13	13	10	10	9	55
15	Vickers	14774	14	16	5	9	OCS (19)	18	62
16	Dolan	14963	13	14	(-16)	12	11	15	65
17	Litynsky	14743	17	15	17	17	OCS (19)	11	77

After seven years the Michigan Districts were back in Holland hosted by the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club. On Friday night about half the fleet arrived and after some rig-up cocktails and stories flowed late in the night. With the rest of the fleet arriving on Saturday we headed towards the Race course on Lake Michigan. The wind forecast for the weekend was gloomy at best with expect winds Saturday under 5 mph and "lighter" on Sunday.

Luckily for us the "Wind Gods" were smiling and provided us winds between 8-10 mph on Saturday and up to 12 mph on Sunday. The Race Committee was constantly working to adjust the course to constant wind changes. All Races were very close with aggressive starts (a few OCS's) and a constant change of positions at every mark. All the way down to race six Jim Allen, Charlie Hess, John McCree and us had a shot for the Regatta.

Having rounded the the leeward mark in fifth, we befitted from the "battle" between Allen, McCree, Fidler and Humphrey whom invested on the right side of the course leaving us the "option" of the left. Tension was running a little high as the wind continued to go right, but with more pressure on the left and a 5degree knock we managed to cross all but Joel Humphrey who crossed us to win the Race.

A good time was had by all and I would like to thank John Heagy and the Michigan Class for coming to Macatawa, we are working towards re-building the Fleet and the Districts were a major contribution for Members to see how much fun can be had in a Lightning and more importantly the Great people that the class attracts.

Michael Norris
Regatta Chairman