

Michigan District Hight Point
2011

Pos	Sail #	Skipper	From	L.L	Boyne	Reg Districts	N.C.	PYC WC	Devils Lk	Blowout	Total
1	14323	John McCree	BCYC	14	5	31	28	20	15		113
2	14249	George Sipel	North Cape	12		33	24		17		86
3	15313	Team Morin	CSYC	7	4	26	20	9	12	3	81
4	15208	Jim Allen	PYC			34	30				64
5	14933	Dave Lyons	BCYC		6	27		23	7		63
6	15391	Mike Welch	PYC	10		0	14	22		4	50
7	15233	Tom Post	PYC			25		24			49
8	14567	Mark Allen	PYC	13		35					48
9	14830	David Laidlaw				17	16		13		46
10	15318	Trey Rose	PYC	4	1	6	5	19	8	2	45
11	15259	Brad Wagnon				28	17				45
12	15202	Bill Buckles	Edgewater Y.C.				26	18			44
13	14690	Greg Harris	PYC			20	15	7			42
14	14260	Jody Kjoller	CSYC			5	12	12	10		39
15	14628	Andy Monique	PYC			16		21			37
16	15300	Chris Princing	Tawas Bay YC	2	2	23			9		36
17	14774	Tom Vickers	CSYC			14	11		11		36
18	15470	David Starck	Buffalo C.C.				36				36
19	15064	Richard Walsh	Temple Reef S.C.				35				35
20	15390	Todd Wake	Sheboygan Y.C.				34				34
21	14710	Neil Willetts	PYC	3		15		15			33
22	15200	Tom Klaban	PYC	8				27			33
23	15412	Tim Scanlon	Chatauqua Y.C.				33				33
24	14515	John Morley	PYC			19		13			32
25	15146	Gary Sowden	BCYC			32					32
26	15260	William Faude	Chicago Cor. Y.C.				32				32
27	15445	Matt Fisher	Buckeye Lk Y.C.				31				31
28	14562	Ryan Flack	BCYC			30					30
29	14087	John Waechter	BCYC			22	7				29
30	14842	Charlie Hess	PYC			29					29
31	15015	John Werley	Pymatuning Y.C.				29				29
32	15172	James Taylor	Cowen Lk				27				27
33		Joel Humphrey	PYC					26			26
34	15000	Tim Werley	Pymatuning Y.C.				25				25
36		John Garrison	PYC					25			25
37	15213	Jeff Schmahl				24					24
38	15406	Caroline Patten	Buckeye Lk Y.C.				23				23
39	14701	Jim Harris	Carolina Y.C				22				22
40	14503	George Peet			3	18					21
41	14603	Terry Hart	BCYC			11		10			21
42	5	Dieball	North Cape Y.C.						16	5	21
43	15233	Jim Schofield				21					21
44	15450	Aroldo DeRienzo	Rush Creek Y.C.				21				21
45	14746	Ed Bayer	DYC	9		9	1				19
46	14545	John Heagy	BCYC			12	6			1	19
47	4249	Steve Harris	Houston Y.C.				19				19
48	14106	Craig Pomeroy	North Cape Y.C.				18				18
49		Mike Hecker	PYC					17			17
50		Norm Burns	PYC					16			16
51		John Steromberg	PYC					14			14
52	15208	SjordJan Vanderhorst	SC						14		14
53	13910	Bill Allen				13					13
54	14779	Jim Davis	North Cape Y.C.				13				13
55	14760	George Siegle	LSC	11							11
56		Bob Mathers	PYC					11			11
57	14937	Jennifer Princing	PYC			10					10
58	14546	Victor Maras	Pymatuning Y.C.				10				10
59	15410	Ian Edwards	Australia Y.C.				9				9
60	14511	Matt Warner	PYC			3		5			8
61	14449	Pete McGinity				8					8
62	14690	Nick Harris	PYC				8				8
63		Tom Crosby	PYC					8			8
64	13279	Ken McGinity				7					7
65	14468	Mike Moody	LSC	6							6
66		Phil Mattora	PYC					6			6
67	10638	Doug Tagsold	Devils Lake						6		6
68	1503	Jonathon Ahlbrand	LSC	5							5
69	13488	Brian	Cresent						5		5
70	13851	Stuart Webster				4					4
71	14015	Doug Steffenson	Chicago Cor. Y.C.				4				4
72		Dale Kreck	PYC					4			4
73	14818	Craig Gabel	Devils Lake						4		4
74	14067	Bob Shutt	Mansfield S.C.				3				3
75		Joe LaPalme	PYC					3			3
76	14649	Bill Rogge	Devils Lake						3		3
77	15225	Chris Jacobson	BCYC			2					2
78	14022	John Johnson	Bay City Y.C.				2				2
79		Phil Tomlinson	PYC					2			2
80	4830	Tom Love	Devils Lake						2		2
81	11599	Rick Deshaw	PYC			1					1
82		Paul Nagel	PYC					1			1
83	13959	Jeff Clemes	Devils Lake						1		1

On becoming Michigan District Hi Point Champion... by John McCree

The Michigan Lightning District tracks and reports who went to regattas, who did well at regattas, who did both and scores results based on the Terry Hart High Point System (1 point for every boat you beat + 1 point for showing up). The runner-up last year was Rob Linden, the boat grant kid. After a little reflection, I decided to make myself a boat grant "kid". Here's what I learned, hopefully you'll find a reason in here to go to one more regatta next year, too.

Buy better gear. The class has some great boat builders and sail makers; there's more than one path to an upgrade; thank you Ryan, thank you Ernie.

Once I got started, I just kept going to regattas. When the boat wasn't ready or van wasn't packed, I found it just as much fun and a little easier to go as crew. I sailed four regattas with the spinnaker sheets in my hands, hiking, trimming, and advising on tactics, pinching-footing, easing the bridle, stuff like that. Got back in the habit of working up a crew list, and wasn't too bashful about working someone else's list from time-to-time. I like the idea of taking a chance on someone new; sailed two regattas with local pick-up crew who were enjoying a Lightning regatta for the first time, there's usually a moment in there somewhere that makes everyone laugh out loud.

I sailed with a good handful of summer interns on Wednesdays, when Dave and Nina had other plans. Thank you, John Johnson. I loaned out my boat a few times, that turned out good too. We had three Lightning labs this season, thank you Ernie and Skip. I didn't think I was much of a drills guy, but when you smooth out your tacks, gybes and mark roundings it makes quite the difference. This was the year for me to become more disciplined in my pre-start and to position on the runway so we can push the throttle in a little harder, and tack to port sooner. I'm really proud of BCYC as hosts, organizers and competitors at this year's District Championships. In my humble opinion, we were above the average in every category. We have an expanding core group that knows how to put down a solid race course; I'd like to think I've done my part in supporting good race management at BCYC. Thank you, Fred and Julaine Eddy and Commodore Greg Horvath and Tim Botimer and Matt Princing on the RC boats, and Tim Wenzel for photography. Thank you, Brad Wagnon and Jeff Schmahl and Pete and Ken McGinity for promoting Indiana District participation in our regatta. Thank you PYC sailors for travelling and participating. Thank you, Commander Terry Hart and Fleet Captain Princing for pulling it all together with burgers and brats, dinner and a band, and drinks on the deck, tents in the back lot. Congratulations, new Michigan District Champions Mark Allen, Mark Whatley, Beth Groesbeck. I asked someone else to run the protest committee. Thank you, US Sailing Judge Clark Chapin.

We tried out the Buffalo Canoe Club Junior format with owners crewing, and found that to be a wonderful idea for women's sailing too. The women from Bay City don't back down from a solid 18-22 kt breeze, if you hike hard for them.

Went to spring and fall Indiana regattas, the Great Lakes Championship, and took a chance on the long drive to Nashville. Crewed for the Masters and sailed the NAs. Thank you, Laurie Dieball and George Sipel; thank you, North Cape volunteers. Thank you, Dave and Barb Schafer.

So how'd it all work out? Pretty darn great! Twelve regattas, ten different teams, lots of racing, some really good competition, breakfasts and dinners, wine and beer, a few jokes I can't remember, a few stories that probably shouldn't be retold, some great pictures, a couple of wicked fast reaches, some drifting around, got launched once or twice, had a few good comebacks and some moments of mediocrity, sixty starts, two recalls and an OCS, and two rounds of golf.

Reconnected with old friends, made new friends. Pushed a little too hard once or twice, when I thought the points really counted. Said something mean once, apologized after. But, more often than not, I remembered to keep a sense of humor and acknowledge when everything went well, because the friendships always count for more.

John Waechter and *Bob Solomon* at Indianapolis;
Gus and Rachel Dey at Lansing
Ryan and Jen Flack at PYC tune-up
Dave Corcoran and Gus at Boyne City
Rachel and Dave at Bay City Districts
Carrie Houtman and Nina Polis at Michigan Women's Districts
Dave and Nina at North Cape Great Lakes Championship
Drew and Becca and Chika and Gary and Brian on a handful of Wednesdays
John Waechter and Bruce Richards at the Master's Championships
Dave and Nina and then Carrie at the NAs
Dave and *Gerard* at Pontiac
Gus and Rachel at Devils Lake
Kevin and Matt Morin, and Ryan and Dave at Wawasee
Ernie Dieball and Carrie at Nashville

Thank you all for good company and great sailing. Thank you Dave, for your friendship for 25 seasons.