Lake Lansing Tune-Up Regatta

May 11, 2019

Pos	Skipper	Sail number	Crew	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Total	Final
1	Trey Rose	15513	Allison Frantz, Jeff Debrincat	3	1	1	1	1	12	19	7
2	Merrick Hurlbutt	14746	Scott Watkins, Susanna Tellschow	1	3	2	4	6	3	19	13
3	Pat Dolan	15363	Bob Miller, Gil Chesbro	4	5	3	5	4	1	22	17
4	John Morley	14515	Alex Morley, Gary Reinheimer	7	2	5	3	8	2	27	19
			Talena Monasmith, Eyrin Siegle,								
5	George Siegle	14760	Christian Siegle	5	7	4	2	5	4	27	20
6	Jo McGlew	14323	Mike Moody Peggy Menzies	2	6	7	9	2	6	32	23
7	Blaine Severin	14468	Julie pierce, Dennis Dudley	6	4	6	7	3	7	33	26
9	Gary Marx	14964	Lars Peerebom, Michael Kovalchick	9	8	9	6	9	5	46	37
8	Terry Hart	14933	Kayla Froschehle, Aaron Simpson	8	9	8	8	7	9	49	40
10	Drew Kolvalchick	11147	Skylar Henry, Anna Hicks	10	10	10	10	10	8	58	48

Lake Lansing Recap: Ann Siegle

May always comes in slow in the middle of Michigan, and this year was no exception. The week's forecast had promised brilliant sunshine... with typically very light winds, but the day actually dawned cloudy and chilly with temps in the low 40s and breeze about 8-10. The Lansing Sailing Club hosted it's annual Lightning Tune Up Regatta, a one-day format designed to get the cobwebs out of the forepeak and a little rust off sailors' tillers before the Michigan District really swings full force.

Ten boats, thirty-one crew took to Lake Lansing in easterly winds backing to north easterly throughout the day. The sailors raced three before breaking for lunch provided by LSC. At the break, visiting boat Spinnaker Ninja, including District Secretary Allison Rose, skipper Trey Rose and crew Jeff Debrincat were in the lead ahead of two-time Lansing sailing club home club defending champs, Merrick Hurlbutt with Scott Watkins and LSC Commodore Susanna Tellschow. The winning LSC boat takes home "Ye Olde Silver Platter" – an iconic LSC trophy that is a former Lightning transom panel turned perpetual trophy. To be noted, Merrick's dad won the trophy and he himself has won it four times, including the last 3 years in a row. Rounding out the top three was LSC skipper Pat Dolan with crew Gil Chesbro and Bob Miller.

Also on the water were five area high school sailors who normally sail in the local high school sailing team program with teams from other areas of the state. Three of the five crewed Ohm, the LSC club boat Lightning, and two more sailed with other crews. All five, Drew Kovalchick, his brother Michael Kovalchick, Skylar Henry, Talena Monosmith and Anna Hicks, were valuable additions to crews helping round out more than 7 LSC boats. Also notable, 8 and 12-year old sailors Eyrin and Christian Siegle raced with their dad, George Siegle.

Regular visiting sailors Terry Hart with crew Kayla Froschehle, Aaron Simpson. And skipper John Morley with crew Alex Morley, Gary Reinheimer also enjoyed the casual, shifty conditions on Lake Lansing. To be noted, Terry's crew was skippering several races and the skipper was managing foredeck. It's always nice to put the skipper in front so they can see just how fast their crew normally hangs that pole!

Sailors were treated to a cooler of craft beer while enjoying a raffle of goodies from sponsors Dusty's Cellar in Okemos and True Value Hardware, two places Lansing sailors spend a fair amount of time at during sailing season!

Thank you to the race committee, including PRO Marc Bennett, and crews Emily, June, Ann, Susan and Stephen with some extra assistance from Wayne. The RC deserves our special recognition because we'd just be sailing around arguing about who finished first without them!

LSC's Lightning fleet is a great place to grow and enjoy six months of great sailing in a boat big enough to take family and friends daysailing, sail out and hang out at the sandbar on the south east side of the lake. Plus, you can learn the ropes, er, lines in our adult learn to sail classes, and then extending your experience by grabbing a crew spot on Sundays. Racing begins at 1pm, be at the club at 12. Look for the Lightning summer open house this summer, after the adult learn to sail classes are underway.

For LSC sailors who are experienced Lightning sailors, George and Ann Siegle and Blaine Severin are expert Lightning travel-packers who can teach you how to pack your boat for travel. The District offers a number of GREAT regattas – from inland lakes an hour from Lansing that offer similar conditions, to Great Lakes sailing, to up-north lake sailing/vacation weekends. Make your plans to attend a few district regattas and meet sailing friends you will treasure for a half-century! We'll be hosting a Lightning travel packing seminar on an evening in August (prior to Higgins Lake island camping/racing weekend) so you can see how the boats go up and down for regattas.

Some aerial pictures of the last race taken by Trey (aka Drone Pix) here.



