

Saginaw Bay Lightning Fleet 216

“2020 Corona Regatta”

27 June 2020

Bay City Fleet canceled the regatta at the last minute that was originally scheduled for June 13th due to various reasons, most of which was because of “The Covid”.

With some renewed interest and just a couple more weeks for people to become comfortable getting out and about, we rescheduled a one-day regatta on Saturday the 27th of June. Possibly the first scheduled Lightning Regatta in the country, it was decided that since we had no risk of expense (because we were too cheap to order awards), we would not charge an entry fee but only ask for a donation to offset the cost of beverages.

Six skippers with crews showed up and each person was given a unique “Corona Regatta” Face Mask that was made just for the event. Social Distancing was encouraged on land, with masks, hand sanitizer, boats further apart than normal, and each crew was responsible for their own safety measures.

Notable participants: Jake Hilger (7) did his first regatta with his dad, Grant. New Lightning sailors, Eric Villadsen with crew borrowed a boat to come, but were picking up their new Lightning (to them) the next day and will be sailing out of PYC.

One of the best weather conditions we have had. The wind was 10-15 out of the West with an occasional gust to make it interesting and waves at about 1 ft. Our long standing PRO-Bruce Neiderer & side kick Jim Passage were on the RC platform. Glen Lomba with Christine Weber was shooting around the course on the Boston Whaler aka “The Nugget” setting the marks and giving us comfort they were there in the “unlikely event of a water landing”.

We had five very close races, two tie breakers with the entire fleet typically finishing within minutes. However, we did have one capsized that drew the attention of at least 3 pleasure boaters, the Sherriff and of course “The Nugget” was on station just in case. Always an adventure on Saginaw Bay!

After returning to the club, the sailors were offered “Corona” beers and individual snack bags (another Covid thing). Then like every other regatta, boats were packed up, with the stories and lies flowing until the results were available.

Awards consisted of (what else): 1st place - Two 18 packs of Corona Bottled beer with limes, 2nd – one pack of Corona Beer with limes, and finally a 12 pack of Corona with limes.



2020 Bay City Regatta Results						
	Morin	Hilger	Klaban	Hart	Villadsen	Morley
	313	15146	14842	14933	15512	15515
Race 1	3	1	2	4	6	5
Race 2	2	3	1	5	4	6
Race 3	1	2	4	3	6	5
Race 4	3	2	1	4	6	5
Race 5	1	2	3	4	5	6
Overall Total:	10	10	11	20	27	27
Overall Pos.:	1	2	3	4	5	6

First Place – Team Morin



Second Place – Team Hilger



Third Place – Team Klaban

