

Burl Harmon Memorial Indiana Open Regatta
Indianapolis Sailing Club – Fleet 270
Indianapolis, Indiana
May 7–8, 2016

POS	BOAT	SKIPPER & CREW	FLEET	CLASS	R1	R2	R3	TOTAL
1	15172	James Taylor Stan Cummings, Carl Taylor	303	COWAN LAKE	2	3	1	6
2	15430	John McCree Christophe Marche, Maureen Ferries	216	BAY CITY	1	2	3	6
3	15309	Brad Wagnon John McClain, Stewart Fossceo	154	WAWASEE	3	1	4	8
4	14148	Mike Thomas Bill Thomas, John O'Brien	42	COWAN LAKE	5	4	2	11
5	15213	Jeff Schmahl Steve Diaz, Lauren Schmahl	154	WAWASEE	4	5	DNF	18
6	9350	Joe Lutz Mark Bodine, Ben Lutz	270	INDIANAPOLIS	7	DNF	5	21
7	13721	Pete McGinity Ken McGinity, Steve Tinsley	270	INDIANAPOLIS	6	6	DNF	21
8	14020	Frank Wilder Jerry Sentman, Eric Fenelon	270	INDIANAPOLIS	8	7	DNF	24

54th Annual Burl Harmon Memorial Indiana Open Regatta
May 7th & 8th 2016
"Too Much or Too Little"

Spring weather in the Midwest this year has been slow in arriving. At the Indianapolis Sailing Club, we start our racing season in mid April and in most years, warm weather has arrived by early May. Another unusual circumstance this year was the celebration of Mothers Day on May 8th; the earliest it can ever be. This led to only 8 boats participating, our smallest turnout during these 54 years.

Although the fleet was small, the racing on Saturday was keen. Race Committee Chairman Paul White, ably assisted by Carol Gebhardt set out the longest windward-leeward course they could with the strong northwest wind direction. The first two races went off without a hitch but conditions during the third race piped up with gusts reaching 29 knots at the start of the third leg. This led to one capsize and two other boats quitting the race with concern about breaking their rigs. The other five boats continued racing and finished a shortened course without any damage. Not surprisingly, the boats finishing in the top three positions for the regatta, finished this wild 3rd race in first, third and fourth. Since the strong wind conditions continued during the remainder of Saturday afternoon, the Race Committee canceled any additional races.

After all the sailors had dried off, a social hour began in the Clubhouse before dinner. In recent years, we have used the Kentucky Derby horse racing event in nearby Louisville as a fun event for our social hour. Depending on the number of registered boats, each competing boat receives a blind pick or two for one of the 20 competing horses with the winning ticket receiving a bottle of KY bourbon as a prize.

Since only 3 races were held on Saturday afternoon, the RC ordered an early start for Sunday morning in an effort to complete 3 more races. Unfortunately, the breeze was zero when the sailors gathered and all races had to be canceled, sending the visitors on an early start for home.

Now that all the bad luck is out of the way, please join us next year on May 6th & 7th when we promise more wind and no Mothers Day!

Ken McGinity, ILCA Fleet 270



Champions: James Taylor, Stan Cummings, Carl Taylor



Runner-Ups: John McCree, Christophe Marche, Maureen Ferries



2nd Runner-Ups: Brad Wagnon, John McClain, Stewart Fossceo

