



Fleet 54
Orchard Lake Village, Michigan
September 10-11, 2016

Pos	Sail#	Skipper	9/10/2016					9/11/2016				Total	Average
			R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R1	R2	R3	R4		
1	15222	Ryan Flack	6	1	1	1		0	2	3		14	2.33
2	313	Matt Morin	1	5	6	3		1	0	2		18	3.00
3	15048	John Garrison	2	2	3	2		9	3	0		21	3.50
4	15531	Mike Welch	9	6	9	4		5	1	0		34	5.67
5	1 (13991)	Joel Humphrey	5	9	5	5		0	7	4		35	5.83
6	15513	Trey Rose	4	3	11	8		6	0	6		38	6.33
7	14842	Tom Klaban	8	0	2	24		2	4	1		41	6.83
8	14628	Andy Monique	0	7	7	11		3	5	11		44	7.33
9	15346	Rick Dishaw	0	8	8	7		11	6	9		49	8.17
10	14584	Karl Aavik	3	12	4	9		13	0	14		55	9.17
11	15125	Bill Ziegler	7	4	0	24		8	13	8		64	10.67
12	14439	Mike Roulet	0	10	19	10		14	8	5		66	11.00
13	14449	Dale Krcek	0	14	10	12		19	11	13		79	13.17
14	14933	Terry Hart	10	18	13	13		17	0	10		81	13.50
15	14511	Matt Warner	11	11	14	15		18	0	17		86	14.33
16	14690	Greg Harris	14	13	0	24		4	14	24		93	15.50
17	14280	Tom Crosby	17	15	0	14		15	17	16		94	15.67
17	14215	Phil Tomlinson	15	17	12	0		20	12	18		94	15.67
19	15160	Ray Peters	19	0	15	16		7	23	15		95	15.83
20	14851	Rob Schmit	16	16	18	0		12	16	20		98	16.33
21	15185	Bruce Finsilver	0	24	24	24		16	9	7		104	17.33
22	152	Luuk Schmit	18	19	16	17		22	21	0		113	18.83
23	15230	Phil Matora	0	24	24	24		21	15	19		127	21.17

A great time was had by all at the Pontiac Yacht Club Whitecap Regatta. Saturday dawned with rain and a forecast of 20-30 knots of wind. The rain showed up, but the wind was much more reasonable, blowing about 12-18 from the WSW. After lunch the boats were launched and we headed out to where PRO George Griswold setup the race course. This would be the first time Ryan Flack, Emily Simon, and I had sailed together and the first time Ryan or Emily had raced a Lightning since October 2015 at the Lightning North Americans in New Orleans. We struggled getting off the line in Race 1, rounding the first mark deep. Team Taylor Swift, aka Team Morin won the pin end and lead out to the left side. They got to the puff first, crossed the fleet and never looked back, winning going away. John Garrison came home 2nd and Karl Aavik was 3rd. We recovered well to finish 6th.

Races 2-4 seemed like Ground Hog day. We started near the pin end, went left until we hit the wind line and then tacked to head right. We would look for the next puff working down the lake to dig back in left and then manage the lay lines and traffic to round at or near the front. We gybe set every time at the offset that got us clear air and back into the pressure first (only nearly capsizing once). By the end of the day we had a string of 3 bullets and were leading John Garrison on the tie breaker after day 1. Team Morin (after getting their Race 2 score corrected) were 6 points back in 3rd. In typical PYC fashion, gallons of Mojitos and 2 kegs of beer were waiting for us when we hit the dock. A few protest hearings and then the traditional steak dinner and much merriment ensued.

For Sunday the breeze had shifted to the NW and the starting line was down in the corner with the weather mark up near Dodge Park. The puffs were frequent and brought with them huge changes in direction resulting in difficult conditions to get races off. An abandonment with less than 30 seconds to go was followed by a general recall before we finally got a race started. We got an okay start in the middle of the line. Garrison was right below us and he was able to squeeze us off and pushed us out to the right. We heard them call the Ninja OCS and Trey went back. We dug back to finish 6th – not what we needed with the Morins winning, but at least we were a couple boats ahead of Garrison who finished 9th. The 2nd race of the day was a battle all the way around between us, Garrison, and Mike Welch. We rounded the last mark just behind Welch, with Garrison out front. We gybed left and heated up to try and get on John’s wind. We both gybed for the finish and Emily nailed the gybe and we were able to pass them. Welch sailed low and fast and got the win. With a 2nd and the Morins in 10th we celebrated winning the regatta. That was when George announced we were sailing another race. Slightly crestfallen we knew we needed to manage risk and we would be fine. A challenging race in significantly less breeze made it all about staying patient and in pressure. Garrison had a poor start and it turns out was OCS. Tom Klabban made a big move on the 2nd beat to get around Team Morin and win the race. Morins came home 2nd, with us in 3rd. We were pretty sure we had it in the bag until we hit the dock and found out we were OCS in the first race of the day.

After doing some math on a napkin we determined we had indeed won the 2016 Whitecap Regatta. Thanks again to Ryan Flack and Emily “I’m Driving This Boat” Simon. We were really clicking as a team most of the weekend and that always makes it more fun. Also thanks to George Griswold for getting us 7 good races in challenging conditions and the entire team at PYC, especially Geoff and Sara Nelson for a well run event. Thanks as well to my wife Peg Thompson, Sarah Keeler, and all of the other babysitters who made it possible for Emily to sail, and finally Bobby Flack for letting us use the Deuce.



Champions: Team Flack



2nd Runner-ups: Team Garrison



4th Place: Team Welch



5th Place: Team Humphrey