Burl Harmon Memorial Indiana Open Indianapolis Sailing Club - Fleet 270 Indianapolis, Indiana May 3-4, 2014

Pos	Sail#	SKISkipper/Crew	Fleet	Home	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	TOTAL	RANK
1	14176	Ernie Dieball Jacqueline Dieball, Bryan Bahler	42	TOLEDO	2	1	1	4	1	9	1
2	14249	Rob Linden Casey Roy, Meghan Walter	42	COLUMBUS	3	3	2	1	4	13	2
3	15172	James Taylor Carl Taylor, George Auer	303	CINCINNATI	1	2	3	5	5	16	3
4	14148	Mike Thomas Bill Thomas, John Obrien	303	DAYTON	4	DNC	4	2	3	26	4
5	13721	Pete McGinity Tyler McGinity, Josie Forbes	270	INDIANAPOLIS	5	4	5	9	7	30	5
6	15213	Jeff Schmahl Andrew Schmahl, Sarah Kincaid	154	WAWASEE	DNC	DNC	6	7	2	41	6
7	14359	Mike Franceschine Jay Levy, Mark Aronson	270	INDIANAPOLIS	DNC	DNC	7	3	8	44	7
8	14020	Frank Wilder Jerry Sentman, Ed Simpson	270	INDIANAPOLIS	DNC	DNC	9	8	6	49	8
9	14610	Ken Woods Frank Hull, Tony Shemezis	270	INDIANAPOLIS	DNF	DNC	8	6	9	49	9
10	13279	Ken McGinity Dan Claxton, Matt Rush	270	INDIANAPOLIS	DNC	DNC	10	10	10	56	10
11	9350	Joe Lutz Tony Elliot, Jack Zhang	270	INDIANAPOLIS	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	65	11
11	14700	Keith Pace Andy Pace, Alyssa Pace		CARLYLE	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	65	11

Lightning Fleet 270 Mini-Flash

The 52nd Indiana Open Regatta Was a Wild & Wooly Affair!

Eleven Lightnings appeared on the scene at the ISC for the 52nd running of the Burl Harmon Memorial Indiana Open Regatta. Our local Fleet has hosted this Regatta annually on the first weekend in May every year because it provides visiting boats the opportunity to start the northern sailing season on a small lake with usually mild winds.

Not so this year! The skippers meeting with PRO Paul White was held as usual at noon on Saturday on a cloudy day with wind speeds in the high teens and gusts to the mid 20s. Because of the heavy gusts only a few of the competing boats had been launched as all present discussed the rugged conditions. After a short delay, a vote among the skippers was taken about whether or not to start the Regatta. The majority vote was to proceed but only 7 of the 12 boats launched and sailed out to the course.

On the way out, 2 boats suffered sail damage and returned leaving 5 to compete in two back to back races. Those 5 competitors were all really pumped up upon their return to the dock and ready for the mint juleps served to all as the Kentucky Derby party got going in the Clubhouse.

As part of registration, each skipper pulls the name of one of the Derby entries and the person with the winning horse takes home a bottle of Kentucky bourbon. The lucky skipper this year was the Indiana District Commodore and Regatta Chairman, Pete McGinity.

Bright and early on Sunday morning, the regatta resumed with softer winds of 10 - 14 and no white caps. Three races were completed before the deadline of 11:30 a.m. This rule was set so that visitors can get started home and the ISC racing for other classes can commence on the regular Club schedule.

The winners this year were Ernie Dieball, Jacqueline Dieball and Brian Bahler from Toledo with finishes of 2-1-1-4-1 followed by Rob Linden, Casey Roy & Meghan Weller from Columbus with 3-3-2-1-4 in 2nd place and James Taylor, Carl Taylor & George Auer from Cincinnati in 3rd place. Pete McGinity, Tyler McGinity & Josie Forbes were the top local boat in 5th place.

The strong winds on Saturday provided every skipper with a somewhat rare but important risk-reward decision. All of the 5 competitors on Saturday finished the regatta in the top five final standings. Hopefully, next year the conditions will be more normal.

Ken McGinity, Fleet 270 Captain