

**Michigan District Championship  
Boyne City Yacht Club – Fleet 512  
Boyne City, Michigan  
June 21–22, 2014**

Pos	Boat Name	Skipper	Dv Pts	2	3	4
1	Rudie Race Team	Ernie Dieball	5.00	3	1	1
2		Robert Linden	14.00	2	9	3
3	Atom	Jim Allen	15.00	6	2	7
4		George Sipel	17.00	1	3	13
5	OLAPD	Brad Wagnon	22.00	10	10	2
6	Nickels Boat Works R	Ryan Flack	22.00	5	12	5
7	Scars & Scrapes	Matt Princing	23.00	9	6	8
8	Disconnected	Kevin Morin	25.00	11	8	6
9	Big Meanie	Gary Sowden	26.00	12	5	9
10		Tom Vickers	30.00	7	19	4
11	Horse with no Name	John McCree	36.00	8	14	14
12	Flying Circus	Mark Allen	38.00	4	23	11
13	Evergreen	John Mathers	40.00	14	4	22
14	HOOCH 5AM	Christopher Princing	41.00	20	11	10
15	Fins	George Siegle	45.00	13	20	12
16	Hartbeat	Terry Hart	49.00	16	17	15
16	What the Duece	Bobby Flack	49.00	18	7	24f
18	Spinnaker Ninja	Mike Garza	52.00	22	13	17
19	Hot Dog Man	George Peet	54.00	19	16	19
20	GO DADDY GO	Chris Matora	55.00	15	22	18
21	Mabie Knot	Ryan Mabie	56.00	17	18	21
22	Mad Duck	Matt Werner	57.00	21	21	15
23	Fins Up	Dale Krcek	58.00	23	15	20
24		Mike Welch	75.00	25c	25c	25c

Northern Michigan is a special part of our world and we had the opportunity to sail our MI Districts there last weekend. 23 boats participated in mostly light and shifty conditions on Lake Charlevoix. Boyne City YC hosted this year's regatta at Somerset Pointe Yacht Club, in nearby Advance, MI. The drysail park was well organized and the accommodations were very nice.

We were towed out to course Saturday morning and waited for the breeze to settle in. Race 1 was started in light conditions and the wind dropped as the race went on. Though all boats finished, this race would eventually be thrown out by the RC due to Time Limit restrictions noted in the Sailing Instructions. Race 2 and 3 provided slightly better breeze and challenging shifts throughout the afternoon and we managed to get them in. George (Geo) Sipel sailed around everyone downwind and won Race 2 and we were fortunate to take Race 3.

Saturday evening was spent at the Somerset Point YC with a nice dinner and many stories being traded from the day. Sunday's timing was for a later start that gave us an on the water postponement, while we waited for the wind to again settle in. The wind swung left before the start and those who were near the pin were rewarded with a quick tack and sprint to the weather mark.

With all boats finished just before the cutoff time of 2pm, the real race was on for the RC to quickly get us started again. A General Recall, as well as anchoring issues did not help and the RC had to call it for the day.

After the dust settled, my Team of Jacqueline Dieball and Bryan Bahler managed to put together a nice series. Rob Linden, along with Meghan Walter-Linden and Corey Schoenherr continued their recent success from Bay City with a 2nd place showing. Team Jim Allen, with son Tyler and his sister Jane, stayed consistent to finish third.

Thanks go out to Adam Hubble and his team of volunteers. Also, thanks to Bruce Hubble and Melanie Hausler for their coordination of babysitting. And, special thanks to my team of Jacq and Bryan. They did an outstanding job of getting me around the course.

Finally, I am very honored to win the George F. Sipel Memorial Trophy. I never met Geo's Dad, but he has shared many stories over the years that he and I have sailed together and against each other. Many excellent names have won this trophy, and I am thrilled to be a part of this group!

*Ernie Dieball*



Summer is here!....not the breeze – yet



Needed and useful awards displayed by Adam Hubble



George Sipel passing out 4th place awards to Chris Snyder and Jennifer Distefano (John McCree sailing intern program)



5th place winner, Brad Wagnon getting his point across



Happy 3rd place winners: Jim Allen with son Tyler and sister Jane



2014 District Champions Jacqueline Dieball, Bryan Bahler and Ernie and Dean being presented the George Sipel trophy by George II with District officers Kevin Morin, Trey Rose (Jim Thompson hidden behind Bryan) and regatta organizer Adam Hubble