

2013 Michigan Lightning District High Point Standings

Pos	Sail #	Skipper	From	L.L	Leukemia Cup	Bayview	BC	BCO	Districts	GLC	CSYC	White Cap	Devils Lake	Blowout	Total
1	15500	Team Morin	CSYC	6	3	12	6	11	18	7	3	27	12	8	113
2	15513	Rose/Garza	CSYC	11	5	17	7	8	9	3	4	23	9	5	101
3	14249	George Sipel	NCYC			24		10	22	9			13	7	85
4	15200	Tom Klaban	PYC			21			15			24	17	4	81
5	15391	Mike Welch	PYC	2		20		7				26	8	3	66
6	14567	Mark Allen	PYC	12		23			20					10	65
7	15430	McCree/Houtman	BCYC			16	5	5	19	5			14		64
8	15474	Rob Linden									6	30	16	6	58
9	15471	Ryan Flack & team	PYC	13	4	14		4	16						51
10	14774	Team Vickers	CSYC		2	8			17	6	5		5	2	45
11	14515	John Morley	PYC			11			13	4		14			42
12	15172	James Taylor	Cowen Lk			22							20		42
13	15230	John Mathers	PYC						12			25			37
14	15125	Bill Ziegler	PYC				4					29			33
15	15471	Bob Flack										22	10		32
16	14176	Ernest Dieball											21	11	32
17	14301	Ryan Mabie	DLYC			18			11	2					31
18	15146	Sowden/Hilger						9	21						30
19	15346	Mike Hecker	PYC			19						9			28
20	15048	John Garrison	PYC									28			28
21	14628	Andy Monique	PYC			7			8			12			27
22	14937	M&J Princing						12	14						26
23	14975	Jim Allen	PYC			25									25
24	15509	Richard Dishaw	PYC			10						13			23
25	15313	Emily Simon/Kjoller			6	4			10		1				21
26	14439	Mike Roualet	PYC									21			21
27	14511	Matt Warner & team	PYC		1	5			3	1		10			20
28	15233	Tom Post	PYC									20			20
29	14779	Jim Davis	NCYC							10				9	19
30	14854	Karl Aavik	PYC									19			19
31	15511	Surge Vanderhorst	SSC										19		19
32	15514	Joel Humphrey	PYC									18			18
33	14148	Michael Thomas	CLSA										18		18
34	14603	Terry Hart	BCYC	8			2		7						17
35	14280	Tom Crosby	PYC									17			17
36	13985	Norm Burns	PYC									16			16
37	14242	Geoff Nelson	PYC	3		2		2	2		2	3		1	15
38	9	Steve Cox				15									15
39	14690	Greg Harris	PYC									15			15
40	14860	Jack Mueller	SSC										15		15
41	14760	George Siegle	LSC	9					4						13
42	14449	Dale Kracek	PYC			9						4			13
43	14710	Neil Willetts	PYC			13									13
44	14294	Larry Koster	LSC	4								8			12
45	14176	Skip Dieball	NCYC							11					11
46	13278	Pete McGinity										11			11
47	14830	David Laidlaw	DLYC										11		11
48	14468	Blaine Severin	LSC	10											10
49	15225	Chris Jacobson	BCYC					3	5						8
50	14880	Craig Pomeroy	NCYC/WJSC							8					8
51	15233	Jim Schofield					1	6							7
52	15515	C. Princing & team						1	6						7
53	14899	Pat Dolan	LSC	7											7
54	14215	Phil Tomlinson	PYC									7			7
55	15148	Doug Tagsold	DLYC										7		7
56	14503	George Peet				3	3								6
57	14842	Mike Polgar				6									6
58	14126	Phil Matora	PYC									6			6
59	13959	Jeff Clemes	DLYC										6		6
60	15202	Johnathon Ahlbrand	LSC	5											5
61	14842	Peter Polgar										5			5
62	14649	Bill Rogge	DLYC										4		4
63	14779	Tom Love	DLYC										3		3
64	14919	Paul Nagel	PYC									2			2
65	1483	Geoff Moehl	DLYC										2		2
66	14746	Merrick Hulbutt	LSC	1											1
67	15185	Bruce Finsilver	PYC			1									1
68	15471	Devon Kinney							1						1
69	14767	Dick Beaubien	PYC									1			1
70	4830	Stephen Geeting	DLYC										1		1



A quick glance at 2013...

The 2013 season brought, for us, a new boat, a (really) old boat, lots of fun on the shore with old and new friends and of course, exciting and challenging sailing. Team 313 did 11 local regattas and 2 out of state regattas. Our goal for the season was to compete in every Michigan regatta and finish top five or better in all of them. We got really close to meeting our goal. We finished top five in 8 out of 11 regattas. The three regattas that we weren't in the top 5 were directly tied to one variable: Matt being absent. In 5 of the regattas, we were in 1st after Saturday. In two of them, we were 2nd after Saturday. Our Sunday performances were disappointing all year. We dropped two or three places in most regattas on that second day. Believe it or not, the trigger was not the excessive drinking... Turns out that we sailed really well as long as there was less than 10 knots of air and really struggled when the wind got heavier. And nearly across the board, Saturdays this year were mostly light air, while Sundays were heavier. The good news is that we have a solution for heavy air days: <http://sdrv.ms/1dWtHZk>. For the most part, our team was some combination of Marcie, Matt, my dad, and I. When we were short on crew, we sailed with old friends and met some new ones too. What's our secret for having crew for every regatta? Check out sailingscheduler.com. We let it take care of finding out who is available for the whole season and reminding people to show up.

We encourage everyone to make plans this summer for the full 2014 Michigan District Lightning Tour. It's an unbeatable way to spend the beautiful Michigan summer.

A not so quick glance at 2013...

It is hard to remember details about a whole season that involved so much sailing. So, I will stick to the ridiculous, epic, and noteworthy moments.

At the end of last year, we sold 15313 to Emily Simon and got 15500 just in time for the NCYC 2012 one day regatta. The new boat looked great and our new kite came with a big Old English "D" on it. Nothing like a big Detroit "D" to make you want to go fast.

The start of the 2013 season brought with it our best purchase ever. Without hull 15313, we could no longer really be Team "313" and boy, did we miss it. So, I set out to remedy the problem. After months of searching, googling and calling half of the Indiana phone book, we found hull 313 at a bait shop near Lake Wawasee. It was built in 1946 and is solid Mahogany. For \$200, it was ours and were thrilled to be Team "313" again. It is in surprisingly good shape for having sat uncovered for 20 years. We assembled a crew to retrieve the boat - Ryan, Trey, Jim, Matt, and I teamed up for an epic day. The Wawasee regatta was cancelled in 2012 so we recreated all of the fun adventures that the regatta usually includes. We started at Waffle House, had some driving shenanigans, ate lunch at Brad W's house, went bowling, drank lots of scotch (for \$4/pint (yes, pint)), ate at Chick-Fil-A, and finished up at the Cadieux Café for feather bowling.

Lake Lansing - Marcie and I sailed with Jody from NCYC. It was a fairly normal day until a wicked storm came through right after the last race. We took our sails down as we drifted towards the dock, but got cut off and had to spin around. As we did that, the storm came in making it really difficult to raise the main. We ended up taking shelter at a dock way downwind of the club. Jody was kind enough to jump in the cold water to keep us from bashing in to the dock. It was a good adventure for sure.

Leukemia Cup - Trey and Allison were very involved in pulling this event together. It was the first year that it was a Lightning District event. My crew from the 2011 BOD, Emily Simon, won the regatta. It was the first Lightning regatta that she had ever skippered. Trey and Tom Vickers raised a ton of money.

BOD - Trey and I spent a bunch of time promoting this one and were able to muster up 25 boats. For the second year in a row, we were the biggest fleet at the event, which built a lot of awareness for the Lightning. We had a bunch of help promoting from Matt Warner, Mark Allen, George Sipel, and John McCree. My dad skippered this event. Our primary goal was keeping the stick in the sky. This was the first heavy air Lightning regatta that my dad had skippered. We struggled the first day and did really well the second day. BYC did a great job with this regatta. We had hoped for 35+ boats, but struggled because so many people in NY, OH, IL, IN, and WI couldn't come due to Lightning Worlds. But, we got many promises from those guys for 2014. Hopefully we will get north of 35 next year.

Boyne City - We fought back and forth with Trey on this one. The races saw huge shifts and huge velocity changes. It came down to the last race on Sunday and Trey pulled it off. The highlight was the dinner on Saturday night. We went out as a one group for dinner at Red Mesa and managed to get a huge table so that everyone who raced could sit together.

Bay City - This regatta has become our annual favorite. It offers excellent sailing and the entertainment on Saturday night can't be beat. We fought this one out with Matt Princing. We had really similar scores on Saturday, but he smoked us on Sunday. John McCree negotiated unlimited passes with the local amusement park. We had the whole place to ourselves. We learned two things: 1) the high speed softball batting cage is virtually unhittable. A good round involved getting contact with 1 out of 25 balls. 2) All men, regardless of age, need adult supervision and a curfew, when offered unlimited go-kart access on a "slick track" at Dutch Village.

Districts - The sailing in Tawas was fantastic with conditions ranging from a little to a lot. My mom even came up to hang out with us on the shore. It was her very first Lightning regatta experience. Lots of fun on the water and the shore. Matt, Marcie and I made friends with some fish flies, named Alfredo and Alphonso, and carried them around for good luck. We had a great time hanging with Geo, Hagman, and Chris at the beach bar. We may have had to lie to Jeff at the end of the night that we lost our IDs because there was no sign of the drinking coming to an end. Our plan nearly fell apart when he tried to bribe the Bouncer. We stayed with Mark Allen and watched our traditional flick, Wind.

Great Lakes Championship - NCYC put on another great regatta. We had a mix of super light up to medium wind. Skip showed us all how to win a regatta the right way (all bullets). He drove a hard boat but the

last race, with his teammate, Mike, taking the helm. Skip's daughter, Mallory, also was on board. While Mike and Skip manned the boat, Mallory took care of all fishing and splashing duties. We had a hard time looking around and putting ourselves in the right place. He did it with .75 less crew.

CSYC - This is the one and only free Lightning District regatta of the year. Most of the sailing was in light conditions. This and Boyne were the two events that had multiple classes in the starting area. Our most eventful incident was when Marcie tried to pick a fight with the spinnaker pole. The pole came out unscathed and she got a bloody face.

PYC - As usual, the sailing was highly unpredictable. In one race, we got fouled and ended up hanging around the RC trying to get untangled for about 60 seconds after the gun. In that race, we rounded close to 30th at the first mark, 25th-ish at the second mark, and 5th by the third mark. Can anyone say LUCKY? From sailing for years at PYC, we knew to ALWAYS sail for the puffs. When we saw a large puff on the left hand side, we tacked and sailed towards it despite it being a bad heading. We were the only boat that got the puff and it paid huge.

DLYC - We got delayed for the start of this one. Instead of trying to race, we did spinnaker land drills. The contest was to see how quickly a two-man team could set a spinnaker, get it pulled around the forestay, and then take it down. Nearly everyone participated and we did almost zero damage to an old kite... almost. Trey and I teamed up and got the best time, with a record of 10 seconds. We will accept challengers at any regatta in 2014.

NCYC - This one day regatta is always a good last local regatta. We spent our time chasing Jim Davis, Mark Allen, and Ernie Dieball. We finished 4th and felt pretty good about that. We have sailed at NCYC once or twice a year for the past 12 years. This was the first year that we felt like we were able to have good tactics at NCYC. In the past, it has always seemed like were on the wrong page. We learned that the trick is to look at the wind three to four steps ahead. We are convinced that the reason the North Cape guys are so good is because they are used to sailing in super challenging conditions.

Bluenose - I sailed with Bobby Flack and Josh Hevron. We won the most important contest of the weekend - the bottle of amber fluid! Bobby was skippering, Josh was in the middle, and I did the front. We struggled on Saturday to get off the line and to keep lanes. On Sunday, there was a single race. We had a strong start and fought back and forth with Dick Hallagan, Tommy Allen, and Ryan Flack. It was light air. So, we focused hard on staying in the puffs and keeping the boat sailing as fast as possible in all conditions. In the last race of the weekend, we were able to put ourselves in a spot to get the last puff of the leg first and round in first place by about two boat lengths. From there, we hoped from puff to puff on the downwind leg. We rounded the second mark with about a half mile lead because the boats behind missed a puff that we fought to get to. We extended on the upwind leg and finished first with a huge lead. It was Bobby's first big regatta bullet as a skipper and a great way to end the season.

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