



Michigan District Championship
Tawas Bay Yacht Club – Fleet 216
Tawas, Michigan
June 29–30, 2013



Pos	Boat#	Skipper	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Total
1	14249	Sipel, George	2	[6]	6	1	1	1	1	12
2	15146	Sowden, Gary	[8]	4	3	5	4	2	7	25
3	14567	Allen, Mark	3	9	1	3	[16]	3	9	28
4	15430	Houtman, Carrie	5	[14]	9	2	5	5	8	34
5	313	Morin, Matt	1	3	7	[16]	9	11	6	37
6	14774	Vickers, Tom	6	[16]	4	4	2	12	11	39
7	15514	Flack, Ryan	10	1	10	6	[11]	10	5	42
8	15200	Klaban, Tom	11	2	5	8	8	9	[12]	43
9	14937	Princing, Matt	4	[20]	12	7	3	4	16	46
10	14515	Morley, John	9	13	2	10	[18]	15	4	53
11	15230	Mathers, John	12	8	11	[19]	12	13	2	58
12	14301	Mabie, Ryan	16	17	[23/DNF]	9	13	7	3	65
13	15300	Emily	7	11	8	11	17	14	[20]	68
14	15513	Rose, Garza	15	15	18	[20]	7	6	13	74
15	14628	Monique, Andy	[18]	10	14	17	6	18	14	79
16	14933	Hart, Terry	13	7	17	12	15	16	[19]	80
17	15515	Princing	14	[19]	16	13	10	17	10	80
18	15225	Jacobson, Chris	17	5	13	18	[20]	19	17	89
19	14760	Siegle, George	[20]	18	19	15	14	8	15	89
20	14511	Warner, Matt	19	12	15	14	19	[20]	18	97
21	14242	Nelson, Geoff	[21]	21	20	21	21	21	21	125
22	15471	Kinney, Devon	[23/DNS]	23/DNS	23/DNS	23/DNS	23/DNS	23/DNS	23/DNS	138

The 2013 Michigan Districts were hosted at Tawas Bay Yacht Club with 22 boats competing over the two-day event this past weekend. For those that have not been to Tawas, it is one of the best places to sail in Michigan, and I always look forward to events at the Tawas Bay Yacht Club.

Day one looked to be a great day for sailing with sunny skies, temps in the 70s, and a NNE breeze at 10–12 knots. After the first race, the breeze laid down to around 5 knots or less, and two shore breezes started fighting each other, making race two very challenging with 40-degree shifts and boats sailing the same angles on opposite tacks. Fortunately, one of the shore breezes won out, and the breeze built back up to 10–15 knots and races 3 and 4 were great races. At the end of the day, we had a one-point lead over Mark Allen, with Gary Sowden four points back in third place. Back on shore, the gang at TBYC made everyone feel right at home with plenty of free beer and dinner to round out the evening.

Day two was more of what you expect at Tawas with sunny skies and great breeze out the NNE at 12–18 knots. With a throw-out coming into play after race 5, we had our work cut out for us, as three boats had big throw-outs coming off the board. The RC did a great job of getting three races in on Sunday, and we were able to win all three races to secure the victory! Gary Sowden moved up to second, and Mark Allen was third, followed by Carrie Houtman in fourth and Matt Morin in fifth place.

I want to thank Matt and Chris Princing, PRO -Bill Coberly and the rest of the team at TBYC for running a great event. Also a big thanks to my crew Chris Snyder and Jeff Hagman for a job well done.

George Sipel

