

48th Burl Harmon/Indy Open Regatta
Indianapolis Sailing Club - Fleet 270,
Indianapolis, Indiana
May 1-2, 2010

POS	SAIL#	SKIPPER & CREW	FLEET HOME	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	TTL
1	14249	George Sipel, Jeff Hagman, Nate Alt	42 NORTH CAPE	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	4	5	14
2	15251	Debbie Probst, Tanner Probst, Brian McDonald	154 WAWASSE	2	2	4	5	2	2	2	1	3	18
3	15172	James Taylor, Carl Taylor, George Auer	303 COWEN LAKE	3	3	5	1	4	1	4	6	4	25
4	15213	Jeff & Mike Schmahl, Bob Fritsch	154 WAWASSE	8	8	2	4	5	5	11	3	7	42
5	15259	Brad Wagnon, Kevin Keller, Mike Richey	154 WAWASEE	4	5	7	6	7	6	5	9	6	46
6	14020	Frank Wilder, Jerry Sentman & Steve Van Horn	270 INDPLS	10	13	10	3	3	4	10	7	1	48
7	14087	John Waechterm, Glenn Hallett & Carrie Houtman	216 SAGINAW BAY	6	4	3	9	9	7	7	11	8	53
8	13910	Bill Allen, John Selby & Alyssa Holtzleiter	154 WAWASSE	7	6	8	7	6	8	6	10	12	58
9	13657	Mike Franceschini, Stewart Fassceco & Jay Levy	270 INDPLS	5	7	9	8	10	9	8	5	9	60
10	13278	Pete McGinity, Tyler McGinity & Megan New	270 INDPLS	9	9	6	11	8	11	9	8	10	70
11	15202	Bill Buckles, A Lenzo, Mike Kelleher	71 ROCKY RIVER	DNC	DNF	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	3	2	2	82
12	14449	Dale Kreck, Mary Gemberling & Steve Tinsley	54 PONTIAC	11	10	12	13	12	13	13	12	11	94
13	12296	Ken McGinity, Dan Clayton	270 INDPLS	12	11	11	10	13	12	12	13	13	94
14	14311	Norm Cubellis, Thane Morgan & Karen Chagnon	270 INDPLS	13	12	13	12	11	10	DNC	DNC	DNC	101

This 48th running of the Burl Harmon Memorial Indiana Open was unique in at least two ways. First, the weather forecasts throughout the preceding week were nasty. The tornados had torn through Mississippi, Nashville TN was underwater and all of central Indiana was bracing for a foul weekend.

However, a hardy bunch of visiting sailors dropped in at the Indianapolis Sailing Club on Saturday morning, May 1st looking for action. We have to admit, the attendance was down to 14 boats from 22 in both 2009 and 2008 but did we have fun!

Paul White, a champion Y-Flyer local sailor and former commodore of the ISC was the Race Committee Chairman and did he do a job for us. The weather forecast was horrible. We had rain on Friday and severe storms were predicted for sometime on Saturday and Sunday. At the skippers meeting at Saturday high noon, Paul presented the forecast and then announced that his plan was to schedule as many short windward-leeward races that he could get in before the storm arrived. So out we went to a course very close to the harbor mouth. And then the racing started and started and started! The RC mixed once and twice and even one race three around the course in attempt to get as many as possible in before the weather gobbled us up.

But, guess what? The rain and heavy winds held off until six races had been completed and all the boats headed to the docks. Everyone except perhaps Bill Buckles and his hot-shot crew loved it although Debbie Probst was heard to say at the social hour that "she started to get dizzy on the three around race".

Bill and crew flipped in a puff just before the first race and missed the Saturday races but look at the score sheet and see how they recovered on Sunday morning. Quite an accomplishment.

On Saturday evening, most stayed around for an excellent steak cook-out, stories and videos of the day's racing.

On Sunday morning, the harbor gun sounded at 8:25 a.m. with the 1st race warning gun at 9. Again, the weather was threatening but the RC got in 3 more races of the short merry-go-round variety. But nobody complained. And so, for the first time in the history of this regatta, we sailed NINE races! (And still only one throw-out)

By the way, George Sipel, the defending champion from North Cape Fleet 42, with his very able crew, Jeff Hagman and Nate Alt, won again with a 5th as their throw-out.

In early May, it's still cold on the big waters so give yourself a treat and join us on little Geist Lake in Indianapolis for the 49th running of the Indy Open on May 7th & 8th 2011.

Ken McGinity

