



Burl Harmon Memorial Indiana Open
Indianapolis Sailing Club – Fleet 279
Indianapolis, Indiana United States
May 4–5, 2013

POS	BOAT	SKIPPER & CREW	FLEET	HOME	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	TOTAL
1	15172	James Taylor Carl Taylor, George Aver	303	Cowan	(2)	1	1	1	2	1	6
2	14249	George Sipel Jeff Hagman, Steve Morrow	42	North Cape	1	(6)	2	2	1	2	8
3	14148	Michael Thomas Bill Thomas, John O'Brien	42	Miamisburg, OH	3	3	(6)	4	4	3	17
4	15471	Ryan Flack Emily Simon, Trey Rose	54	Fenton, MI	4	(8)	3	3	3	8	21
5	15309	Brad Wagnon Stewart F, John McCain	154	Wawasee	(7)	2	4	6	6	4	22
6	13851	Stu Webster TR Kendall, Rick Lewberg	154	Wawasee	(8)	4	7	5	5	5	26
7	15213	Jeff Schmahl Andrew Schmahl, Sam Russell	154	Wawasee	6	5	5	(9)	7	7	30
8	13278	Pete McGinty Josie Forbes, Mike Miller	270	Indianapolis	5	7	9	(13)	12	6	39
9	14359	Mike Franceschini Ann Mateucci, Jay Levy	270	Indianapolis	10	10	8	8	8	(11)	44
10	14020	Frank Wilder Jerry Sentman	270	Indianapolis	(12)	9	10	7	11	9	46
11	14610	Ken Woods Frank Hull	270	Indianapolis	11	11	11	11	10	(13)	54
12	14311	Norm Cubellis John Nagel, Karen Chagnon	270	Indianapolis	9	12	12	10	13	(14)	56
13	14449	Dale Krcek Steve Tinsley, Luke Mongin	53	Pontiac	13	(14)	14	12	9	12	60
14	13279	Ken McGinty Dan Claxton, Leo Dagon	270	Indianapolis	14	13	13	14	(OCS/ 15)	10	64
	OCS	On Course Side									

When Has Sailboat Racing Ever Been a Sport of Inches?

The 51st Burl Harmon Indy Open Regatta was held on Saturday, May 4 and Sunday morning, May 5, 2013. The weather reports for this weekend had been threatening all week long. But 8 visiting Lightning teams made the trip eager to start their racing season on the calm waters of Geist Lake in Indianapolis. They and 6 local Fleet #270 boats were rewarded with an action packed regatta.

Paul White, the presiding Race Committee Officer called for 4 back to back races on Saturday afternoon and two more on Sunday morning and that's exactly what we ran. 5 of the 6 races were windward – leeward with one triangle plus windward –leeward.race tossed in. Temperatures on both days were in the mid 60's with on-going threats of rain. But the rain didn't come until an hour after the final race on Sunday.

On Saturday evening, we celebrated the Kentucky Derby with mint juleps and cheering for our favorite horse. Each boat at registration picked a horse from a hat. The social hour was followed by the traditional steak dinner.

What made this regatta special was the head to head competition between James Taylor & crew against George Sipel & crew. George has won this regatta in 1997, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012. James has won it in 2005 and 2006. This year, they went head to head in every race and were either 1st or 2nd in every race after a 1 race throw out. In the final race on Sunday, they put on a final leg tacking duel that ended with Taylor driving on starboard tack close aboard to the committee boat end of the line. Sipel at that point was on port and executed a fabulous lee bow maneuver but had to give Taylor room at this final obstruction. The result was Taylor won by 6" – 8" according to Paul White and the on board race committee!

If George had won the race by the 6", he would have won the regatta because they both would have had 7 points and therefore tied. How would the tie have been broken? At the first level, whoever had the most head to head higher scores; In this case, they each would have beat the other 3 times so the rules more to the 2nd level for breaking ties; who beat the other in the last race and that would have been George Sipel. Two days of racing ended in a difference of 6 ". What's not to like? This one was one for the ages!

Talk about an exciting regatta. With cloudy skies, the threat of rain, 9 to 15 mph winds and six races completed as planned, we all had a ball! And, by the way, guess who picked the Derby Winning horse ... ORB. Yep, it was James Taylor!

So, if you live in the Midwest, put this one on your 2014 schedul—May 3–4, 2014.

Ken McGinity - Fleet 270 Captain



Champions: James Taylor, Carl Taylor, George Aver



2nd Place: George Sipel, Jeff Hagman, Steve Morrow



3rd Place: Michael Thomas, Bill Thomas, John O'Brien



4th Place: Ryan Flack, Emily Simon, Trey Rose



5th Place: Brad Wagnon, Stewart F, John McCain



Top Five Teams



James Taylor collecting his prize for picking the Kentucky Derby winner