

# Spring Shakedown

May 20-21, 1995, Fleet 10 Grand Rapids YC, MI

Everything was there -- bright sunshine, lots of great sailors, and plenty of wind. Unfortunately the latter was more than a trifle too much. Wind, that is. Saturday morning dawned with flags whipping and trees swaying with a strong southwesterly wind which later gusted to 30 mph.

The morning race belonged to Chad Hough of Spring Lake who held off Brian McMurray and Todd Bosgraaf.

After lunch the RC called for a postponement which gave the competitors a chance to learn from the three pros present, Greg Fisher, North Sails, Jeff Doubek, Johnson Boat Works and Eric Hood, Melges-Sobstad Sails. See page 7 for details.

I then cornered this year's Spring Shakedown winner, Charlie Harrett for some comments on his winning ways. First of all he wanted to again thank his crew, young Aaron Pierson. In the first race he had a good start at the pin end of the line and was able to cross the fleet about half way up the beat. However, he went left towards Metcalf Point (a GRYC dictum in a SW wind) only to see the boat who went right beat him to the mark. He rounded 8th and picked up 3 boats to finish 5th. He noted that he eases the main *before* the big shots were hitting.

Before the start of the second race, the wind slacked off just a bit and Charlie, with several others, dropped their crew. After a general recall the wind came up again and allowed some to regain their crew. Charlie was unable to make the switch so he sailed lighter than desirable. Again he had a good start at the pin end and was able to tack to port very soon. He was 5th or 6th at the top mark. The boats ahead went off on a starboard jibe, but Charlie noticed a big shot coming over the yacht club, jibed to port and caught up to the lead boat and took the inside position at the leeward mark. He noted that he was able to gain about 50 yards on Happy and Kathy Fox downwind, while Happy was able to make almost all of the gain upwind because of greater crew weight.

Pl	Skipper	Club	Boat No.	Races		Pts
				1	2	
1	Charlie Harrett	GRYC/MI	1320	5	1	5.75
2	Chad Hough	SLYC/MI	1043	1	7	7.75
3	Justin Hood	SLYC/MI	1	2	6	8
4	Todd Bosgraaf	SLYC/MI	1451	4	4	8
5	David Fox	SLYC/MI	1614	14	3	17
6	Happy Fox-M	SLYC/MI	1672	18	2	20
7	Chris Eggert	SLYC/MI	1580	10	10	20
8	Brian McMurray	WLYC/MI	1492	3	18	21
9	Amy Eggert	SLYC/MI	955	15	8	23
10	Paul Eggert-M	SLYC/MI	1605	11	13	24
11	Gary Verplank-M	SLYC/MI	1292	13	12	25
12	Chris Craig	LFYC/MI	1509	12	14	26
13	Brian Fox	SLYC/MI	1551	22	5	27
14	Curt Miller	GRYC/MI	1701	7	21	28
15	Duane Pierson-M	WLYC/MI	500	9	20	29
16	Ted Keller	TLYC/MI	1431	23	11	34
17	Brian Wrase	SLYC/MI	154	19	15	34
18	Tye Nordberg	TLYC/MI	1246	17	23	40
19	Brett Hatton	SLYC/MI	1555	21	19	40

20	Paul Richards	GRYC/MI	1441	32	9	41
21	Peter Comfort	TLYC/MI	1402	24	17	41
22	Jeff Cornetet	SLYC/MI	1286	20	22	42
23	Thor Sorensen	GRYC/MI	1665	16	29	45
24	Jeff Doubek	JBW	1569	6	DNF	50
25	Kevin Watrous	TLYC/MI	1237	25	26	51
26	Andy Molesta	GRYC/MI	860	8	DNF	52
27	Tom Wurster-M	DLYC/MI	1625	27	28	55
28	David Bloye-M	GRYC/MI	1303	29	30	59
29	Dave Bedau	WLYC/MI	1455	26	34	60
30	John Bolling	SLYC/MI	1041	37	24	61
31	Dave Bandstra	GRYC/MI	441	36	25	61
32	Phil Metz	GRYC/MI	1111	30	32	62
33	Mike Meneau	GRYC/MI	1409	28	35	63
34	Tom James	SLYC/MI	1003	31	36	67
35	Don Condit	GRYC/MI	1600	33	37	70
36	Mike Grassmann	SLYC/MI	1206	41	33	74
37	Curt Bradley-M	GRYC/MI	1405	35	39	74
38	Alan Hickman	TLYC/MI	1242	44	31	75
39	Jim Bennett	GRYC/MI	1462	DNS	16	76
40	Andy Rundquist	GRYC/MI	972	34	DNF	78
41	Blair Murphy	GRYC/MI	3	38	DNF	82
42	Suzi Molesta	GRYC/MI	1002	40	42	82
43	Dan Chappell	GRYC/MI	133	39	DNF	83
44	Bob Ward-M	GRYC/MI	1533	43	41	84
45	Jean Pinckney	GRYC/MI	1042	46	40	86
46	Bill Veit	SLYC/MI	1180	DNS	27	87
47	Kyle Verplank	SLYC/MI	1530	DNF	38	87
48	Dan Hesselink	GRYC/MI	515	45	DNF	89
49	Cal Hekman	GRYC/MI	866	48	43	91
50	Mike Meyer	GRYC/MI	1465	47	DNF	91
51	Herb Knappe-M	SLYC/MI	1351	42	DNS	102
52	John Waters-M	GRYC/MI	1077	DNS	DNF	104
53	Warren Davy	SLYC/MI	1016	DNS	DNS	120
54	Eric Hood	MSSIs	1301	DNS	DNS	120
55	Ken Bandstra	GRYC/MI	507	DNS	DNS	120
56	Gary White	GRYC/MI	1433	DNS	DNS	120
57	Bob Kopec	GRYC/MI	1357	DNS	DNS	120
58	Nils Reuterdaahl	SLYC/MI	1200	DNS	DNS	120
59	Dean Agee	GRYC/MI	707	DNS	DNS	120
60	Ted Maitland	GRYC/MI	812	DNS	DNS	120

Several of these last sailors apparently didn't check in before the race(s).



GRYC Winners: Back L to R - Happy Fox, Bosgraaf, Joyce Hatton, David Fox, Margo Burian, Chris Craig  
2nd Row - Kathy Fox, Justin Hood, Charlie Harrett, Aaron Pierson, Gary Verplank, Todd Bosgraaf  
Front Row - Chad Hough, Chris, Paul, and Amy Eggert, Crew?