

2006 C ILYA Invite hosted by Nagawicka YC.

The weather was warm and sunny, the winds were in great variety and the Nagawicka YC was ready for the 49 C scows and to host the 2006 ILYA Invite. Various past Inland and National Champions were on hand to go head to head and battle the “Old Guys” vs. “Other Guys/Gals” rivalry. As the weekend started the Old guys felt the pressure and dropped the definition of “old” from over 50 to over 40, to the dismay of a few borderline “other guys/gals”.

Race one was a 5 + with winds NNE at 5-10. The fleet was tight and the lead changed hands a couple times. After 7 miles for grueling C boating – the top 7 boats finish with in 45 seconds of each other and I-42 Jamie Kimball had just the right speed to take the top honors. Followed by M-20, M25, V-11, V137, N68 and OO88

Race 2 on Friday was another 5+ with winds just shifting to the NNW. Again the race was very tight at the top with a few very interesting puffs from some dark clouds, that ultimately turned the winds more westerly on the last leg. And again after a full length course of 7 miles, the top 4 boats finished bow to stern of each other. This time it was one of the “old guys” who took the bullet, B-12 Kent Haeger followed by a consistent M-20, V-11 and the captain of the old guys Doc Henschel E-11.

Race 3 Saturday AM was light and warm, thankfully the boat chop was forgiving and the race was completed. The only thing that stands out in this race was the B-18, lapping over half the fleet and winning the race by over 10 minutes and just 4 minutes to go in the time limit. Using outstanding boat speed and always staying in the puffs, the Brickler boys waxed the fleet in race 3.

Race 4 was abandoned after a big right shift and some rolling thunder.

Race 5 was sailed on Sunday in what was forecasted to be a nice breeze that never built up. The race was shortened and finished after 6+ of the original 8+, but was not counted for the regatta due to the fact the length was not to class minimum of 7 miles. (A valiant effort by the race committee to complete the race)

The C fleet would like to thank all the members of NLYC for hosting us this past weekend and all the RC members for their time and efforts, a job well done by all.