

**Cedar Lake Yacht Club
2010 Icebreaker Regatta
May 1st & 2nd**

Cedar Lake again hosted a great regatta. As has become the long standing tradition, they run one of the best regattas on the circuit. You really missed a good one if you were not here.

Cedar always has excellent judging, this year was no exception as Mike Sherin and Pat Kardos headed up a top notch team. They were able to run five quality races, hats off to them and their team for all their hard work.

Cedar of course is the home for the Kentucky Derby Party as well. Super Saver won the race. Brian Barr was one of the winners on this one.

Good regattas take lots of team work from the host club. The meals were top notch. The Chicken and Pork Chops were very, very good! Special thanks to Pat Kardos, Craig Parker, Scott Campbell, and all the Cedar Lake members who helped. I apologize for not getting all their names they did a great job!

The first day featured three races. The wind in the morning was blowing 9 to 16 from the SSW and looked like it might fade some. Instead it picked up just before the five minute gun leaving teams to scramble for thirds which was the right call. It was 10 to 16 with some puffs to 20 in the first one. After the first race the fleet broke for lunch.

The second race the wind shifted more west and the wind had died slowly, so this one went off in about 8 to 14 mph breeze. The last one the race continued to swing right and was from the WNW at about 6 to 12 mph.

After the first day Joe Schaub lead the regatta by one point. He had a really consistent day with a 3-3-2 for 8 points. He was always in the front pack of this small but very tough fleet.

Steve Schmidt, who is always a threat at this regatta, recovered from his first race seventh with two bullets. Steve had sailed the first race with just two, and it held him back some. After lunch he dominated the second race and was in control through out. He followed up that race with another bullet in the third race. His nine points left him just behind Joe.

Mark Prange was third overall after day one. Mark is also a Cedar lake regular, and is always tough to beat. He powered to a first race bullet, and than added a seventh and a third for a total of eleven points.

Joe Skotarzak borrowed CL-3 from Craig Parker, and showed he can handle any C Scow. He had a very solid 2-6-4, for twelve points after day one.

Frank Davenport rounded out a very tight top five with thirteen points. His finishes were 6-2-5.

Other notable events from Day one:

Karl Lanka and Dave Staub both debuted their new C scows. They sure looked pretty. Karl even managed to nail a fourth in his first race with the boat!

Don and Linda Allenbach sailed all three very windy races by themselves and finished all three. Quite a feat considering how light they are! A was a great job of sailing by them!

John Cochran would earn the Ballbuster (aka Pat Kardos) award on day one. The Ballbuster is a trophy created by Ben Carstens and Craig Parker. It is awarded to the skipper that has the strangest mishap or faux pas at the regatta. John earned it by tipping over right on top of LF-1 on the first beat. The two boats became so entangled that they were stuck together for about five minutes.

Steve Schaub continued his hot sailing from Springfield, was lurking not far behind the top five after day one. In race two he nailed a top five finish with a fifth.

Local sailor Mark Misch continues to improve and he also had a first race fifth on his scorecard.

Matt and Liz Prange recovered from doing spins in the first race to get a fourth in race two.

Day two started with very light winds, from the NNW. This would be a very tight battle for first overall. The top five, a virtual who's who of C Scow sailing, were all within five points of each other. The final result would not disappoint as the regatta would be decided by less than six inches.

Mike Sherin finally coaxed a light but somewhat steady 3 to 8 mph out of the breeze and got the first race started, W2 with a downwind finish so race five could get started fast. Mark Prange took control of the regatta with a first race bullet. Frank Davenport followed in second, with Mark Misch in third. Steve Schimdt hung in with a fourth, while Joe Schaub slipped to eighth place. The battle for first was now down to four boats. Mark Prange had 12 points, Steve Schmidt 13, Frank Davenport 15 and Joe Schaub 16 points.

The last race was a W3. The wind was up a little to start but at the end of the second lap it crashed down to glass leaving the regatta sailors to deal with the first really light air of the season.

Going into the last downwind, Joe Schaub a 200 hundred yard lead over Frank Davenport, if they finished 1-2, they would be tied, but with the bullet, Joe would win the tiebreak. Frank meanwhile had some work to do as he was in a tight pack with LF-1 and Steve Schaub. LF-1 found a zephyr and pulled away from Frank and Steve. Now all three boats picked up the zephyr and started to move. Joe meanwhile had ground to a halt not far from the finish line and was even forced to try a tack downwind. The gap continued to close. Steve Schaub had now really picked up some steam on a higher line than Frank and LF-1. He sailed over both boats and caught his brother Joe. Joe tried to defend high but had no momentum. LF-1 had moved ahead of Frank and dove low for the finish. All three boats were very close. Steve's momentum carried him to the bullet. Joe and LF-1 crossed in a photo finish., with neither boat knowing who beat who. Frank was next in fourth. If LF-1 had nosed out Joe, than Frank would win on the tiebreaker, if not Joe had won. Joe had finished ahead by less than six inches and was The Cedar lake Icebreaker champion for the fourth time.

Frank Davenport continued his hot sailing from Springfield with his second, second place finish of the year.

Mark Prange slipped back to a ninth in the light air race and despite winning two races finished third.

Steve Schimdt also had two first place finishes, but his last race tenth dropped him to fourth.

Steve Schaub last race bullet pulled him into fifth overall. Steve has really shown some good versatility in his first two regatta's he sailed very well in the breeze at Springfield and finished fourth overall, and won the last race here in the light stuff to finish fifth.