



Rebel Fleet 23 Hosts its 42nd Annual Invitational

August 2, 2012

Des Plaines Rebel Fleet 23 hosted the 42nd Annual Des Plaines Yacht Club Rebel Invitational July 28-29, 2012. The regatta also served as the District IV Championship. Due to some seaweed problems this year, the race committee of Bill Hanson and Ted Mercede ran races on essentially the south third of the lake. This made for small courses, but the race committee ran 3 lap triangles and figure 8s (a.k.a. Polish-Gold Cup) courses. In typical Lake Opeka fashion, the wind was a bit shifty and up and down (overall in the 5-10 mph range). Most of the summer had been extremely hot in Chicago, but for this particular weekend the weather cooperated very well allowing



the race committee to run five races on Saturday. Radu Mihailescu and Tony Goetter got out of the gate strong, leading the first race from start to finish. Jim Quiniff, with long time Rebel sailor John Baron returning to crew, won the rest of the races on Saturday, putting them solidly in first at the end of the day. The competition for second place was very tight with 3 boats, Wayne and Renee Rathbun, Neil Robb and Joe Stoodley, and Phil and Irene Faulkner all within 2 points of each other at the end of the day. It is also worth



Wayne and Renee Rathbun lead on a downwind, with Jim Quiniff and John Baron close behind, while the rest of the fleet is rounding the windward mark. Paddle boats are rented by the Park District. The only power boat belongs to the Race Committee.

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... those three boats all led races for a significant amount of time on Saturday. John and Judy Washburn were the sixth boat in the fleet, unfortunately late for the start on Saturday.

After Saturday's racing, a wonderful dinner party was hosted by Peggy and Mark Quiniff. A spectacular time was enjoyed by everyone, in no small part due to there being plenty of wine, beer and Dark and Stormies, not to mention great food. There was much Rebel camaraderie late into the night. Everyone expected there to be no wind on Sunday morning and anticipated the inevitable frustration ... [continued page 3](#)



Left to right: Judy Washburn, Phil Faulkner, John Washburn, Irene Faulkner, Joe Stoodley, Neil Robb, Radu Mihailescu, Peggy Quiniff, Jim Quiniff, John Baron, Mark Quiniff, Toney Goetter, Bill Hanson, Renee Rathbun, Wayne Rathbun.



of postponement. There could not possibly be two great days for sailing in a row. As it turned out there was a nice light breeze that allowed Sunday's races to start right on time. Jim and John sailed well and won both races.

Neil and Joe took two seconds, pulling them into that position and Phil and Irene moved up to third. Final results are listed below. Everyone had a really great time at the Des Plaines Regatta, and I highly recommend that you attend next year... yes it is a small goofy lake, but despite that, there can be some really great sailing. If you don't believe a life long Opeka sailor, just ask Neil who attends nearly every year.

By Jim Quiniff, Fleet Captain **R**

Neil Robb and Joe Stoodley (not pictured, his life jacket is in the jib window) and Jim Quiniff and John Baron. July 28, 2012



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Clockwise from the top left are Phil and Irene Faulkner, John and Judy Washburn., Neil Robb and Joe Stoodley, Wayne and Renee Rathbun and Radu Mihalescu with crew Tony Goetter

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Neil is on a pace to log more miles than any other Rebel sailor in current memory. We will all have to check our trailer wheel bearings and make sure the tires haven't dry rotted to run over to Reed's Lake in East Grand Rapids this September.

A shout out to Peggy Quiniff for putting the pictures together for us and to Jim who wrote us a great story. One of the few Fleet Captains that actually does that. Thanks, it makes my job a lot easier.

Apparently, my last sailing news touched a tender nerve or two, and I apologize for that. For me, it was just reporting facts, no different than the lack of water Greenwood Lake was experiencing early in our season. But like all great Rebel sailors we put that behind us and sail on hoping for the ultimate weather to sail in

We still have some great sailing ahead of us. August 4 and 5 is the Fleet 21 District's and AYS Junior Open Regatta. Fleet 7 holds their Regatta on September 8 and 9 followed by Fleet 2's Tim Dowling Memorial Regatta on the 22 and 23, 2012.

Uncle Al has been busy posting pictures of Rebel events including the CLYC Summer Invite, Junior Rebel Nationals and soon, the Senior Rebel Nationals as well. Check out his web page at: http://www.wayfarer-canada.org/12SumInv/12SumInv_index.html Thanks, you are a great friend and Rebel supporter.

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