

June 2, 2015

## **A TIME TO SAIL AND A TIME TO GET OFF THE LAKE**

**By Dan Muss**

The PRO this past Saturday was Tom Wolffe with his dad, Frank, assisting. They set a nice course and the races went off without a hitch. My wife, Carol, and I are sailing together for the first time in a while and I was very pleased with the old team working together again. The Masters got off to a good start in a light SW breeze and our race was uneventful until the finish where Peters, Meehan and us finished in very close order.

Sunday morning the “weather underground” (my favorite weather site) predicted thunderstorms around race time of 12:30 PM; but, as we were ferried out to our sailboat, the weather looked fine and there was a nice breeze blowing. So, off we went and we were fighting Meehan all the way down the leeward leg. As we rounded that mark the sky up ahead looked ominously dark. I said to Carol that I didn’t think we would finish this race. Then, halfway up to the windward mark, I saw a flash of lightning.

Now there are probably many places not to be in a thunderstorm but in a sailboat with a metal mast on water which is at electrical ground potential has to be one of the worst. So I immediately bore off and headed for our sailing club. Carol suggested sailing to the Blakesley dock which was closer but I had not heard the thunder after that flash so I knew that the storm was at least 10 miles away; we had enough time to get back to our home dock. Pretty soon the other boats began peeling off to head for home; I never heard the PRO blow the three horns to cancel the race but they did. We reached the dock, dropped our sails and headed for shelter just as the storm got serious. Everyone got back in safely and it was a very exciting finish to our weekend of sailing.

The Lasers had finished their first race; in their second race Peter Frey was about to cross the finish line in first place when the cancellation was sounded...agony!

Race Results [skipper/crew(s)]

## **June Series Week 1**

**Saturday May 30, 2015**

### **Race 1**

Flying Scot Gold: 1 Joni Palmer/Beth Rubel, 2 Joan Coraor/Lee Coraor, 3 Bruce Spinnenweber/Sue Wolffe,

Flying Scot Silver: 1 Spencer Deakin/Ken Gibbs, 2 Eric Von Eckertsberg/Josh Aichele, 3. Frank Vandall/Patty Copeland

Flying Scot Masters: Dick/Doug Gregory, 2 Ted Rissell/Kathy Rubel, 3 Alan /Lyn Silverman

Flying Scot Challenger: 1 Jeff /Julie Haseler, 2 Mike Gellar / Mike Hall, 3 Rob Gerlach/Doc Templeton

Laser Open: 1 John Benhart, 2 Kevin Rissell, 3 Charles Graham,

Laser Junior: 1 Mary Tran, 2 Kiki Graham,

### **Race 2**

Flying Scot Gold: 1 Eric Yonke/Crew, 2 Darrell/Kris Van Hutten, 3 Bruce Spinnenweber/Sue Wolffe.

Flying Scot Silver: 1 Eric Von Eckertsberg/ Josh Aichele, 2 Spencer Deakin/Ken Gibbs, 3 Frank Vandall/Patty Copeland

Flying Scot Challenger: 1 Jeff / Julie Haseler, 2 Rob Gerlach/Doc Templeton, 3 Mike Gellar / Mike Hall

Laser Open:

Race 1 1 Chris Haseler, 2 Charles Graham, 3 Kyrie Graham

Race 2 1 Chris Haseler, 2 Charles Graham, 3 Kyrie Graham

Race 3 1 Charles Graham, 2 Chris Haseler, 3 Kyrie Graham

Race 4 1 Charles Graham, 2 Chris Haseler

**Sunday May 31, 2015**

Laser Open: 1 Kevin Rissell, 2 Peter Frey, 3 Charles Graham

Races cancelled due to storm.

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