

Around the Lake Race – Lake Weir

October 22, 2016

Name	Boat	Class	Finish in Class	Over All Finish	Finish Time
Richard Kinnie	A-Cat	Multihull	1	1	3:32
John Chamberlain	Nacra 5.8	Multihull	2	2	03:33.3
Geoff Moehl	MC Scow	Displ/Plan	1	3	03:45.2
Bob Cole	Hobie 17	Multihull	3	4	03:55.5
James Eden	Nacra 18 Sq.	Multihull	4	5	03:57.3
Mike McLoughlin	San Juan 21	Displ/Plan	2	6	04:01.4
Jeff Herter	Prindle 16	Multihull	1	7	04:01.6
John Cole	Hobie 16 Getaway	Multihull	2	8	04:07.4
Yarda Solc	G-Cat 5.7	Multihull	5	9	04:10.6
Art Twitchell	Harpoon5.2	Harpoon 5	1	10	04:15.2
Ed Sims	Harpoon5.2	Harpoon 5	2	11	04:15.4
Paul Straub	Harpoon5.2	Harpoon 5	3	12	04:24.1
Ross Martin	Harpoon5.2	Harpoon 5	4	13	04:25.3

We had it all on Saturday, cool temperatures, gusting winds over 15 knots, 4 – 8 knot breezes, no wind at all where we were, wind on both sides of us, thankfully most of the fleet was able to finish. All of these conditions we faced in pursuing the nectar of the God’s (Appleton Rum). All of us who took part in the race want to thank the Race Committee (Mary Schneider, Amy Bonnert & John Cicio), Safety boat (Jan & Rock Schumacher), Course set up and recovery team (Ed & Lynn Sims, Art Twitchell, Paul Straub, Ross Martin, Ken Refro, Pat Birkenmeyer, Jan & Rock Schumacher, Aarin & Tanya ), Ed & Lynn Sims for letting us use their beach and porch areas, Jan Cole for registration and 50/50, and everyone else who helped and I failed to mention. Art Twitchell for the Trophies, trophy labels, regatta sign put out and pick up. Great job! We could not have had all that fun without your help.

The day started with strong winds, chop and white caps but by the time we started the race wind had calmed down to the predicted 6 to 9 mph. Most of the fleet escaped Sunset Harbor before the wind left it calm with small areas of wind which I was not near. The fleet looked great out on the lake in the far distance. It is always a great site to see a group of sailboats out on the water, unless you are way behind them. The wind coverage would come and go, with the boats in that area moving nicely. The wind would die and we all waited for the next puff of wind to come to us. The areas close to shore seemed to be most affected by the wind pattern. One minute you were gold moving nicely and the next minute you were sitting still watching the fleet pass you. This made for an interesting race because boat positions were constantly changing. Toward the end of the race I had passed Jim Edens for the second time because he had sailed into a low wind area. He got wind again and sailed passed me saying “don’t make me pass you gain.” So I followed him into Sunset harbor toward the final mark. Jim’s Nacra sailed directly toward the mark pointing higher than I can and leaving me far behind. We finally tacked toward the last mark, Jim is coming in on starboard and I am on port so it looks like skill is going to win this battle. The wind coming in from the port side at the last minute somehow accelerates us to the mark in front of Jim and we manage to get to the finish line in front of him. This only proves you can beat skill but you can’t beat luck. Hope everyone a great time.