

Friendship Regatta VIII, Saturday, May 26th, Reflection Lake

The Friendship Regatta, now in its 8th year, is a celebration of friendly competition on the water and camaraderie ashore. Eleven Skippers from three states came together on Saturday for a fine day of racing.

A day in May that it didn't rain in Chambersburg! Instead we enjoyed bright sunshine! The breeze was gentle, SW @ 1-3 mph, sometimes a bit more and sometimes a little less throughout the day. A light dew made the steep slope slippery in the morning. But the PEP



(Personal Engagement Partners) Team of Brittany Ford, Sherry Kennedy and Shannon Hershberger worked together effectively to launch and recover the 11 boats. MUCH appreciated by All Hands. This was a major improvement! Much safer.

SUMMARY OF FRIENDSHIP REGATTA VIII

Place	Skipper	Sail #	Points/Bullets (First place finishes)
1	Fred Maurer	37	33/4
2	John Kircher	181	42/3
3	Nick Krawczak	05	45/1
4	Jack Adams	24	58/2
5	Jim Schaefer	53	71/1
6	Jim Hermann	732	83/2
7	Dean Drawbaugh	White Boat	98/1
8	David Littleton	59	98/0
9	Helen Stevens	65	116/0
10	Scott Smith	64	121/0
11	Tom Hathaway	000	144/0

A mistake on the lake is resolved by 'taking a spin', A mistake in scorekeeping is a little tougher to fix. The top three finishers are correct as listed in the summary above. My error had 2nd and 3rd place reversed. Since the Fleet completed 16 races the top two scores for each Skipper were dropped. In John Kircher's case I incorrectly dropped a six instead of his last race finish of 11. Correct brass plates are being made to correct this discrepancy.

Racing in a crowded fleet is NOT easy. It is a developed skill. Eleven boats at the start line is a new record high for the Friendship Regatta. The course was designed to use as much of Reflection Lake as possible, to minimize meeting situations and to spread out the fleet. Even so, wind variability resulted in "jams" in the vicinity of the windward mark — and on one occasion 10 boats crowded the last few yards before the finish line.

Eight races were completed before lunch and eight in the afternoon. Fred Maurer had 3 second place finishes and 3 of his 4 'bullets' in the morning session putting him ahead of the fleet, where he stayed the entire day.

Seven Skippers each had at least one first place finish, reflective of how keen the competition was.

Lunch was pleasant in the shade overlooking the lake. Racing resumed in the afternoon and continued until almost 3pm. By then everyone was ready to pull the boats and call it a day.



Can you see the 10 boats?

The canopies were most welcome, providing pleasant shade.





CEO High Davis presented the t-shirts to all and trophies to the top three finishers: Fred Maurer, State College, PA; John Kircher, Baltimore, MD; and Nick Krawczak, Saint Thomas, PA.

This year featured a Navy blue long sleeved t-shirt with a new design, largely the work of Leslie Miller and Helen Keckler. It features the theme of the Regatta: a celebration of friendly competition and camaraderie. The green triangular Menno Haven Model Yacht Club burgee is displayed as well as an outline of the Dragon Force 65 model Yacht.



Two of the Chambers Pointe PEP team, taking a well deserved, albeit brief, break from their launching tasks.

Sailing in the shade!



A good time was had by All Hands!