

The Older-Golder Championships

Nov 1 – 2 2003 hosted by Fleet #63 at the Augusta Sailing Club

What a great regatta! 20 boats, 55 in the morning, 80 in the afternoon, low humidity, great food events, massages on the porch, smoothies during the trophy presentation, adult and soft drinks available throughout for free. Even grilled salmon (upon request) in your eggs and grits on Sunday morning. It does not get much better. The amazing Wendy did the serving this weekend and Tom and David Bell did the club cleaning for the regatta. Bull Schmidt did the smoothies like magic. Ed liked the Captain Morgan and Coke smoothies the most.

An to top it all off, we have a great 1st Champion, Bill Rembold from Charleston. Bill sailed the best for sure having finishes of 5,1,1,2 and almost winning the last race. Bill got back into sailing by showing up for the Halloween Regatta to sail his brand new boat a few years ago. He is a big part of the racing scene around here as he has served as an officer in the Charleston Yacht Club and he is going to be Commodore next year. It is great to have Bill as champion considering what a positive influence he has been in this area. Bill also traveled to the Blue Chip two years in a row and the MC Masters Nationals. Congratulations Bill!

The courses were to be 5 leg windward-leeward courses with the starting line behind the gate and finishing boat at the windward mark. An offset was used when possible.

On with the racing.

Day One:

A light patch of 4-6 mph winds was found on the southwest corner of the lake and it was big enough so we went over there and raced. It was only a hair from too light for our taste but we tried it anyway. Sure enough, we had a race and it went well. The boats were moving throughout the race with no drifting. Bob Miller was winning the whole way, Frank Pointious was right behind Bob in second followed by Jack Kern and Ron Stryker. The winning boat was 45 minutes elapsed time as we shortened to three legs.

The second race started right away after the first race with a slightly shorter course. It ended up being shortened to 3 legs as well finishing with Bill Rembold in first by a hair (in short supply on Bill). Bob Miller was second, Tim Fredman was third, Lenny Krawcheck was 4th and Ron Stryker was 5th. The last half of the 3rd leg was almost a down and dirty drifter. The top 5 in this race were in a great race to watch on the last leg and they were sailing all over the course looking for a windy spot.

Day Two:

This was a classic lake race day. We were eating breakfast in a very light but steady 4 mph and it was very patchy. I went on the lake and took a look from 15 feet above the water on the flying bridge of our RC boat. The wind was filling in nicely from down the lake so I took a chance and spooked the herd and had them all sail out to the race course. By the time the race started it was blowing ten mph right down the lake from the northwest. The race went all five legs and Bill Rembold won it all the way in about 60 minutes with lots of good racing with Tim Fredman (5th) Lenny Krawcheck (2nd), Jack Kern (4th), and Bob Miller (3rd).

Race 4 was in lighter wind so we shortened the windward leg by 200 yards. Rembold just ran away with it but finished 2nd after Tim Fredman caught him in the last 200 yards of the last leg. The wind went steadily lighter and lighter throughout the race, ending in a 2 - 4 mph near-drifter. The race made it all 5 legs with the winner in about 60 minutes. Krawcheck was 3rd and Harken was 4th in race 4. Tom Wurster had his best race in race 4 with a 6th.

At the trophy presentation we awarded the trophies and made a special presentation of the Leonard Krawcheck Trophy. This trophy will be the perpetual for the event and given to the first overall finisher. Tommy Harken spoke about Lenny in presenting the award. If you know Lenny, you know why we would honor him.

The way we scored the regatta, we gave the championship overall trophy to the overall winner and then scored the division. We only had 9 masters and 11 grand masters.



Bill and Lenny holding the O-G Leonard Krawcheck Trophy

Regatta Finishes

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|------|-------------------|----|----|----|----|-------------------|
| . 1. | Bill Rembold | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2 | Overall Champion* |
| 2. | Bob Miller | 1 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 1st Grand Master |
| 3. | Tim Fredman | 10 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 2nd Grand Master |
| 4. | Jack Kern | 3 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 3rd Grand Master |
| 5. | Leonard Krawcheck | 13 | 4 | 2 | 3 | |
| 6. | Ron Stryker | 4 | 5 | 7 | 14 | 1st Master |
| 7. | Tommy Harken. | 6 | 11 | 10 | 4 | 2nd Master |
| 8. | Rob Schwartz | 8 | 6 | 11 | 9 | 3rd Master |
| 9. | Frank Pontious | 2 | 8 | 14 | 15 | |
| 10. | Rick Harper | 7 | 12 | 8 | 13 | |
| 11. | Tom Wurster | 13 | 14 | 15 | 6 | |
| 12. | Devin Farley | 11 | 17 | 12 | 10 | |
| 13. | Ralph Harlan | 18 | 16 | 9 | 8 | |
| 14. | Bull Schmidt | 19 | 15 | 6 | 11 | |
| 15. | Rich Jeffries | 9 | 9 | 17 | 17 | |
| 16. | Dick Mayne | 16 | 10 | 13 | 16 | |
| 17. | Jim Claffey | 12 | 18 | 16 | 12 | |
| 18. | Glen Myrick | 7 | 14 | 19 | 18 | |
| 19. | Sid Peterson | 15 | 21 | 18 | 19 | |
| 20. | Peter Hens | 20 | 19 | 20 | 20 | |

*Leonard Krawcheck Trophy

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