

**STORMS AND HEAVY WIND SHORTEN
2015 BOD REGATTA**

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For the third consecutive year the Wayfarers had a respectable showing of entrants at the Bayview One Design held on May 29-31 at Bayview Yacht Club in Detroit, Michigan. Nine Wayfarers registered for the regatta and they joined the Ultimate 20's and the Buccaneers on the Circle D course in the Detroit River.

Two races were completed on Saturday before a threatening line of squalls chased the boats back to the Bayview Club. Sunday's weather brought high winds, cold temperatures and rain, a combination too grim for any racing and the regatta was shortened to Saturday's results.

Consistency paid off and overall win went to Al Schonborn(Oakville, Ontario) and crew Roger Sheppard(Ontario) with two second places. This crew was also awarded first place among all the boats on the Circle D Course. Second place went to Marc Bennet and Julie Seraphinoff (East Lansing, Michigan) with finishes of 5 and 1. Tony Krauss (Bay Village, Ohio) and crew, Dave McCreedy (Canton, Michigan) placed third with finishes of 1 and 6. For Tony it was the initiation regatta in his new Mark IV, *W 11044*. When asked how he liked the performance of his new boat, Tony replied, "I think the other competitors were giving the Old Grey Guy in the *new grey boat* a free one! Either that or Nick Seraphinoff paid them off!"

A tie for fourth place went to Nick Seraphinoff(Detroit) and Chip Cunningham(Oxford, Michigan) and Sue Pilling and Steph Romaniuk (McDougall, Ontario). Kit Wallace, (Toronto, Ontario) and crew Jeff Hocking(Ontario) placed sixth. The final two teams, David and Ann Pugh, and Rob and Daniel Wierdsma, all from Oakville, Ontario, tied for seventh. Sarah Pedersen traveled from her home, Boise, Idaho but was sidelined when crew Nikos Damaskinos was called to a command attendance at his daughter's high school graduation on Saturday morning, the only time races were held.

On Friday evening Nick and Mary Seraphinoff hosted a welcome party at their home for guests and the fifteen Wayfarer sailors staying with them. Music was provided by a trio, banjo/guitar, bass and electric keyboard, all members of the River Boat Ramblers, who entertained the group with their toe tapping, easy going music.

The unpleasant weather forced a shortened regatta but in no way dampened the spirits and fun of the

Wayfarer participants as all the sailors were promising to return next year.

**2015 Mayor's Cup –
Lake Townsend Yacht Club – Greensboro, NC**
Alan Taylor, Past Commodore, LTYC

June 6-7 was the 38th Annual Mayor's Cup Regatta at Lake Townsend, Greensboro, NC. Thirty-five boats participated with fleets of Flying Scot, Tanzer 16, Wayfarer and Open. There were 6 Wayfarers, including a Mark 4, a Mark 2, a Mark 3, and 3 woodies.

Saturday's winds were in the 5 – 10 knot range, typical puffy shifty lake conditions. The Wayfarers were started with the Open division which consisted of Isotope Catamarans, Lightnings, a couple 21' keelboats, and a few other boats. It made for some interesting starts.

The first race was won by Kat Williams, a sailor from the Carolina Sailing Club. This was Kat's first time skippering a Wayfarer and perhaps her first time in a Wayfarer. She had a rock star crew in Mike Sigmund. Mike normally sails Buccaneer, but has sailed and crewed on Wayfarers on occasion. Second place by 30 seconds was Jim Heffernan in 1066 with Trish McDermott crewing. Trish and her husband Scott recently bought a Wayfarer but are still building their racing skills. I'm sure Trish learned a lot this weekend. Phil Leonard was third in his new to him woodie, W864. Ken Butler / Richard Johnson and AnnMarie Covington / Andy Naylor were a close 4 & 5 in their beautifully restored woodies. Alan Taylor and Gareth Ferguson were sailing the Wayfarer Class loaner boat. They would have done better if they hadn't had been over early at the start. AnnMarie beat them by 5 seconds.

The second race mixed things up a bit with Jim beating Kat and Phil and Ken swapping 3 & 4th. Gareth, a 13 year old, took the helm of the Class boat and showed that he is a natural. The third race of the day Ken chased the wind on the right side of the downwind leg and pulled a horizon job on the fleet. Kat was second with Jim, who got caught on the left side with no wind and to leeward of the San Juan 21, coming in third.

Sunday the wind had shifted to the south, which on Lake Townsend means 3-7 knot winds with 110 degree wind shifts. Alan helmed the first race and finished two seconds behind Jim. AnnMarie came in third followed closely by Ken.