



The Michigan Sailor

Fall 2003

Michigan Hosts ICSA Championships

The Michigan Sailing Team hosted the 2003 Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association (ICSA) North American Championships this past June. The week began with the ICSA Women's Championship, hosted by Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. The weather, although chilly, provided for some excellent sailing conditions. After three days of close, exciting racing, Tufts won the regatta.

The ICSA Team Race Championship was hosted by Crescent Sail Yacht Club. Although the wind was uncooperative at times, the regatta proceeded smoothly

with only a few delays due to lack of wind. Harvard won the event based on their record in the round robins with tiebreakers sailed on the last day.

The final event of the week was the ICSA Dinghy Championship hosted by Bayview Yacht Club. The racing was very competitive as teams tried to figure out the tricky currents of the Detroit River. In the end, Harvard reigned victorious, with a major upset over St. Mary's.

The final event of the week was the All-American Banquet at GPYC where Gail

Turluck, former graduate secretary of the MCSA, received the Lifetime Service Award from the ICSA.

Although the Michigan Sailing Team failed to qualify for any of the events, the team put forth a huge effort to make the three events run spectacularly. A special thanks goes to George Griswold who helped the team with every aspect of Nationals and to everyone on the team for making the 2003 ICSA North American Championships a success.

Michigan Travels East for Nevins Trophy

The weekend of September 20th and 21st proved to be quite an experience for the Michigan Sailing Team as they traveled to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, NY to compete for the Nevins Trophy.

Winds were in the 3-7 knot range and a very strong storm surge current made sailing in Long Island Sound something of a new experience. The regatta was divided into 3 fleets with A fleet starting in Vanguard 15s, B fleet in FJs and C fleet in Lasers.

The team had a rough start with some deep finishes in the first couple of races but as the regatta progressed the team made adjustments and started sailing better. Highlights for B fleet came in race 7 when skipper Matt Vanderpool '06 and crew Katie Dewitt '07 squeaked out a first. Chris Amory and Carrie Petri managed to finish 7th in A fleet in race 4, and Ben Van Dam finished 9th in race 9 in C fleet.

Pete Levesque and Caroline Hall, graduates of Tufts University who are currently getting their Masters Degrees in Naval Architecture at U of M, served as extremely valuable coaches to the team. The sailors were housed by the Danilek family, alumni from the class of '84, who fed them so well that they didn't want to leave.



Matt Vanderpool leads the fleet upwind at the Cary-Price Intersectional at Michigan.
Photo by George Griswold.

Wolverines Strong at Cary-Price

The first weekend of October brought the top teams from the MCSA as well as out-of-district teams to the Cary-Price memorial regatta. The regatta was sailed in the team's fleet of 420s from the Michigan Sailing Club on Baseline Lake.

Saturday morning provided sunny skies and stiff winds to Baseline Lake. An oscillating northerly wind blowing 10-15 knots provided challenging sailing conditions for the competitors. Michigan sailed a young team at the event with Matt Vanderpool '06 driving in A fleet and Caitlin Delphin '06 and Chris Granger '07 driving in B

fleet. Matt Vanderpool took a commanding lead after the first day in A fleet but the team could only muster midfleet in the B division at the end of Saturday.

Sunday's conditions were nearly opposite to Saturday's with teams arriving to a virtual millpond. Wind finally filled in on the lake around 10:30 and races were run in light and shifty conditions. The regatta ended with a flurry of protests and Wisconsin edged out Minnesota for the win. Michigan finished third as a team with Vanderpool taking top honors in A division.

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Michigan Sailing Team Spring 2004 Schedule

Date	Event	Location
3/20-21	Truxtun Umstead	USNA, Annapolis, MD
3/27-28	Freshman Icebreakers	University of Notre Dame
4/3-4	Big Ten Team Race	University of Michigan
4/3-4	April Fools	Miami of Ohio
4/17-18	Buckeye Intersectional	Ohio State University
4/24-25	MCSA Women's Qualifiers	University of Notre Dame
5/1-2	MCSA Coed Dinghy Qualifiers	University of Wisconsin
5/8-9	MCSA Team Race Qualifiers	University of Michigan
5/15-16	Wet Willie	Northwestern University

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Falcone Represents Michigan at Nationals

The ICSA Vanguard North American Singlehanded Championship was held in St. Petersburg, Florida at the Eckerd College Waterfront from November 21st through the 23rd. Sixteen males and sixteen females attended from across the country after qualifying in their respective districts.

Sailors were free to practice Friday morning and were then sent out for the first race at noon. Due to the lack of wind, everyone was towed back to shore to wait for wind. Once the sea breeze filled in, the sailors went out and completed five races in 7-10 knots of wind, returning after sunset.

Saturday morning greeted the sailors with light wind once again, and after three races, the wind had died completely.



Michigan Freshman Christina Falcone sails her way to Florida. Photo by George Griswold

Everyone returned to shore to wait for the breeze once again. Unfortunately, the sea breeze never came, but the race committee decided that they should make an attempt anyways. After forcing the

sailors to sit on the water for a couple of hours, the race committee decided that racing just wasn't going to happen that day.

Sunday was filled with a moderate breeze for most of the day which allowed seven races to be sailed. Even after 17 races, both fleets were still surprisingly close. In the men's fleet, Vincent Porter from Harvard finished first while in the women's fleet, first place went to Anna Tunnicliffe of Old Dominion. Christina Falcone, a freshman from the Detroit area, placed 2nd at the MCSA district qualifiers and finished 11th at the Singlehanded Championship. She has shown great strength as a singlehanded sailor and will continue to lead Michigan's women's team into the future.

Michigan Third in Champs

The annual Timme Angsten Memorial Regatta was hosted over Thanksgiving weekend at Chicago Yacht Club.

Friday was cold with winds between 5-15 knots and very shifty. Matt Vanderpool '06 and Dan Martinez '06 sailed in the A fleet and started off with a strong first day. Chris Granger '07 and Tom Martin '05 sailed B fleet with Michael Rohde '05 skippering Friday's final race.

Saturday was still very cold with inconsistent wind speeds and directions. Michael Rohde started the day off sailing B fleet and improved as the day went on, never finishing below midfleet. Matt Vanderpool continued to sail well in A fleet.

Sunday was much warmer and despite the forecasts for winds approaching 30 knots, the wind stayed between 5-7 knots for the day. Chris Granger started the day in B fleet and sailed solidly. Matt Vanderpool continued to sail well in A's despite frustration over not being able to close the gap to the top three teams.

Michigan finished the regatta in 4th place and 3rd in the MCSA behind Minnesota and Wisconsin. Matt Vanderpool finished 4th in A fleet and Granger and Rohde finished 6th in B fleet.

Special thanks goes to 2002 Michigan alum, Nathan Marshall, who coached the sailors in the fall championship.

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Michigan Dominates Area East Qualifier

The Michigan Sailing Team traveled to Hope College on November 8th and 9th to compete in the Area East qualifying regatta for the Timme Angsten Regatta.

All 16 races were sailed on Saturday at Macatawa Bay Yacht Club. A wide range of wind speeds and directions challenged the sailors throughout the day.

A division was sailed by Matt Vanderpool '06, skipper, and Katie Dewitt '07, crew. Skipper Chris Granger '07 and crew Thomas Martin '05 represented Michigan in the B division. Besides a few minor mishaps the Wolverines performed very well in both divisions.

The Wolverines finished the regatta with a 10 point lead in A division and an 8 point lead in the regatta. They drove off from the Dutch town of Holland, where Macatawa Bay is located, with three wooden shoes and three wooden roses and a berth at the MCSA Fall Championship Timme Angsten Regatta.

Captain's Corner with Chris Amory

I write to you having been co-captain of the Michigan Sailing Team for only a month, to share the excitement that all of us on the team feel about our strong potential and opportunities ahead.

This fall the team set out to recruit a large number of new members. We succeeded in adding 15 new members to our ranks, bringing the total team to over 35 active members. With backgrounds ranging from sailing dinghies their entire lives to primarily keelboat work, the diversity of our new members adds great depth to our team.

The fall season was spent introducing our new members to the world of college sailing, with many of these new members skippering or crewing at some of our major regattas. As we begin the spring season, we are teaching our new members the art of team racing, while refreshing the minds of our older members through weekly chalk talks. Significantly, we will lose only one member of the team to graduation, which means that our team will only grow stronger in the coming years.

We are sending some members of our team to the University of Texas at Austin for spring break to practice with the Texas sailing team which will give our team a chance to get back in a boat before our first regatta in late March. The team has the dedication and skill level necessary to qualify for all three Nationals events and I feel confident that we can represent the Midwest at Nationals, hosted this year by the University of Washington and Western Washington University in the Columbia River Gorge. The team's third place finish at our fall championship not only taught us about sailing in tricky conditions, but also helped motivate us to improve this spring so that we can qualify for Nationals.

In closing I would like to thank all of the alumni who have supported us this fall, through housing the team at regattas to purchasing t-shirts or making donations and to those who came to Strictly Sail in Chicago and talked with current members of the team. The team exists because of the continued dedication and support of the alumni. Keep your eye on us and Go Blue!

Keelboaters Finish Strong at Offshore Regatta

The Michigan keelboat sailors ventured to King's Point on the weekend of October 11-12, in an attempt to defend their championship from last year's Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta.

The sailors were again sailing Adam Loory's Express 37, Soulmates, in this year's event. Breeze was up for the first day of the event, but racing was possible, unlike last year. After a shaky first race, the Wolverines got back on track with a series of consistent finishes in the top four. The results of day one ended with Michigan tied for third with NY Maritime, and a short distance behind perennial powers Navy and Georgetown.

Michigan returned to the US Merchant Marine Academy sailing site on Sunday morning to find that conditions were quite similar to the previous day. The sailors

opened up with quick finishes, rapidly separating on the leaderboard from NY Maritime.

The next move was an attack on the two boats ahead, with Georgetown being the closest opponent. A series of tactical engagements with both Navy and Georgetown brought Michigan closer in points as the event wrapped up, but unable to catch either to move up in placing.

Georgetown managed to slip in a few points on Navy and secure the overall victory in the event. Michigan placed soundly into 3rd and performed respectably in defense of their previous years title. The team looks forward to returning next year and taking another run at the championship.



Michigan sails to a 5th place finish at Sloop Qualifiers hosted by the Detroit Yacht Club. Photo by George Griswold

Complete Fall Results

Event	Venue	Finish
Spartan Singles	Michigan State University	4/11
Nevins Trophy	USMMA, Kings Point, NY	18/19
MCSA Sloop Qualifiers	Detroit Yacht Club	5/12
Cary-Price Memorial Trophy	University of Michigan	3/8
Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta	USMMA, Kings Point, NY	3/10
Ceadarfest	Michigan State University	4/11
Navy Fall Intersectional	USNA, Annapolis, MD	19/20
J-24 Invitational	USNA, Annapolis, MD	4/10
MCSA Singlehanded Qualifiers	University of Wisconsin	M 3/27, W 2/12
Nut Roaster Invitational	Ohio State University	2/4
Area East Qualifier for Fall Championship	Hope College	1/8
North-South	U of California Santa Barbara	12/15
ICSA Singlehanded Championships	Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, FL	11/16
Timmes	Chicago Yacht Club	4/12