

## 2006 V-32 Region 4 Championship

by John Davis

The V-32 Region 4 Championship Regatta was held in Des Moines, Iowa, at Gray's Lake Park on August 18-20. This was the first effort for the relatively new Iowa Model Yacht Racing Club to host an AMYA sanctioned regatta, and members and guests were pleased with the results. Our Race Director was Laurie Fenimore, who was ably assisted by Line Judge, Curt Alber, and Scorer, Jane Alber. We followed AMYA/ISAF guidelines for publishing the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, and all went well. We drew skippers from Iowa, Nebraska, Indiana, and Ohio, and the "new blood" at the pond added spice to the racing.

One of the great things about hosting a regional or national regatta is gaining the experience and challenge of racing with a new group of competitors who invariably bring many new sailing and racing techniques to learn from. Our newest club member, Brian Larson, had only been racing a few weeks and had never competed in a regatta. He finished in tenth place, and said he was glad he competed because it was a great learning experience and a lot of fun. He is really looking forward to the V-32 NCR to be hosted by Des Moines next year—as we all are!

We had 12 entries, with 10 who showed and competed in racing on Saturday and Sunday. We did not need to employ Heat Management racing, and were able to complete 25 races in a day and a half of actual racing, allowing for two throw-out scores. First place was scored as 0.75 points. We completed 18 Races on Saturday with steady winds out of the North at 5–10 knots. The morning was overcast with some light rain that cleared to a sunny afternoon. The seven races on Sunday morning were more difficult with a flukey and frustating wind out of the East at 0–5 knots, and lots of sun to heat things up.

Charlie Rhinehart dominated the regatta with nine first place finishes and generally low scores both days. Dan Fenimore captured seven first place finishes and even though Dave Haggart had only two firsts, he nearly always finished in the top three or four. Both skippers gave Charlie a good run at it for lowest score, and several other skippers captured firsts, but did not sail as consistently with low-score finishes.

### V-32 Region 4 Championship Regatta Results:

	<b>Skipper</b>	<b>Sail #</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Score</b>
1	Charlie Rhinehart	5220	Iowa	51.95
2	Dan Fenimore	5237	Iowa	60.25
3	Dave Haggart	5615	Nebraska	75.5
4	John Davis	1984	Iowa	98.25
5	Bill Inman	5246	Iowa	117.75
6	Ralph Kanko	5340	Ohio	125.75
7	Paul Thompson	3960	Indiana	125.75
8	Randy Anderson	5208	Iowa	165.0
9	Gene Dunham	5206	Iowa	170.0
10	Brian Larson	5641	Iowa	205.0

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