



# The Yeoman

## Des Plaines Park District Yacht Club

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### One Perfect Day – The 2006 Des Plaines Rebel Invitational

by Mark Quiniff

The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Des Plaines Yacht Club Rebel Fleet 23 Invitational and District IV Championship Regatta was held at Lake Opeka on August 5 and 6, 2006. In contrast to recent years, the Saturday weather forecast was poor, but in usual weatherman style it turned out to be a perfect afternoon of sailing. Winds of 8 to 12 MPH from the South to South-Southwest allowed the race committee of Bill Hanson and Diana Kremen to use the entire lake to its full advantage. The winds were steady with just enough shifts to keep the sailors honest and a cloud cover kept the temperature several degrees lower (in the low 80s) than predicted. Turnout was disappointing with only Neil Robb attending from out of town and both John VandenBrink and the Rathbuns being out of the country on vacations.

One complication was that despite significant efforts by both Neil and fleet captain Jim Quiniff, Neil did not have a crew. Initially this did not appear to be a problem as Neil won the first race, but as the afternoon wore on, it was clear that Neil was wearing out a little and was at a significant disadvantage in tight situations such as at the start and covering. As the afternoon moved on, Neil, Jim Quiniff and Mike Stoodley (sailing John VandenBrinks's boat), and Mark and Peggy Quiniff mostly traded the top three spots. Even though only four races were scheduled, things were going so well and the sailing was so good everyone agreed to run a fifth race. This turned out to be a particularly good decision, as on Sunday morning, after a 45-minute postponement, the race committee was forced to abandon the race when the lake went to glass.

With racing running a wee bit late, Peggy was forced to really do her twinkle toes routine. With just one hour and a houseguest, she rushed home, showered, prepared dinner for 23, and put on her usual "hostess with the mostest" performance. New members Jim & Eva Cervin with children Pete and Jimmy, and John & Judy Washburn attended, as did Jim & Joan Leeney. The beautiful evening weather allowed the guests to be out on the patio or indoors. The extra race really affected everyone's appetites as food and beverages were wolfed down, including the wonderful potluck sides and desserts. Thanks to Bill and Diana for a great job on race committee, Peggy for a great evening, and to everyone for their contributions. Final results were:

1. Mark & Peggy Quiniff	7.25 pts	First in District
2. Jim Quiniff and Mike Stoodley	9.75 pts	Second in District
3. Neil Robb	12.75 pts	
4. Phil Faulkner and Steve Duenser	19.00 pts	Third in District
5. Tom Laskowski and John Washburn	26.00 pts	Fourth in District
6. Joe & Theresa Stoodley	29.00 pts	Fifth in District

## Lake Championship Postponed

Due to heavy wind (whitecap) conditions on the lake, this year's Lake Championship regatta was postponed. If time allows, it will be rescheduled before the end of the season. Let's hope for better conditions next weekend.

## 2006 Final Racing Results

This year's results, to the best of your editor's knowledge, are listed below. If you have not returned your traveling trophy from the 2005 season, please provide it to Wayne Rathbun as soon as possible so that 2006 names may be engraved.

### 470 Fleet

Place	Skipper/Crew	Points
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#### Spring Series

1	Bill Hanson/Diana Kremen	7.75
2	Dave Janson/Peggy Janson	17.75
3	Joe Stoodley/Theresa Stoodley	21.75
4	Jim Quiniff/Mike Stoodley	26

#### Memorial Day Regatta

1	Ken Hopson
2	Larry Ball
3	Bill Hanson

#### Summer Series

*Not enough races to qualify*

#### July Fourth (Brown Hannon) Regatta

1	Ken Hopson	3.5
2	Bill Hanson/Diana Kremen	4.75
3	Joe Stoodley/Theresa Stoodley	9

#### Labor Day Regatta

*470s raced as miscellaneous fleet*

#### Commodore's Cup

1	Larry Ball
2	Ken Hopson
3	Bill Kaempfe
4	Joe Stoodley

### Rebel Fleet

Place	Skipper/Crew	Points
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#### Spring Series

*Rebels raced as miscellaneous fleet*

#### Memorial Day Regatta (n=4.67, 2 trophies)

1*	Mark Quiniff/Peggy Quiniff	2.25
2*	Wayne Rathbun/Renee Rathbun	7
3	Jim Quiniff/R Jaeger	8
4	John VandenBrink/Dick Carlson	13
5	Alex Dumitriu/N Dumitriu	14

#### Summer Series (12 races, no trophies)

1	Mark Quiniff/Peggy Quiniff	36.5
2	John VandenBrink/Dick Carlson	40
3	Wayne Rathbun/Renee Rathbun	40.25
4	Phil Faulkner/Mike Stoodley	42.75
5	Jim Quiniff/Mike Stoodley	47.5
6	J&J Washburn/Theresa Stoodley	53
7	Mike Stoodley/Theresa Stoodley	57
8	J Cervin/E Cervin	63

#### July Fourth (Brown Hannon) Regatta

(n=5, 3 trophies)

1*	Jim Quiniff/Mike Stoodley	5.5
2*	Wayne Rathbun/Renee Rathbun	5.75
3*	Phil Faulkner/Steve Duenser	8
4	John VandenBrink/Dick Carlson	10
5	Tom Laskowski	15

#### Labor Day Regatta (n=5, 3 trophies)

1*	Mark Quiniff/Peggy Quiniff	5.5
2*	Wayne Rathbun/Renee Rathbun	5.75
3*	Alex Dumitriu/Theresa Stoodley	8
4	Phil Faulkner/K Rathbun	12
5	J Washburn/J Washburn	15

### **Miscellaneous Fleet**

Place	Skipper/Crew	Points
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#### **Spring Series** (3 races, no awards)

1	Wayne Rathbun/Renee Rathbun	2.25
2	Tom Laskowski	6

#### **Summer Series**

*Not enough races to qualify*

### **Labor Day Regatta**

1	Joe Stoodley
2	Larry Ball

### **Wednesday Night Series**

1*	Mark Quiniff
2*	Jerry Fisher
3*	Joe Stoodley

### **Fall Racing – Last Chance Sailing for 2006**

Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup> was the first racing day of the fall series. It was a gorgeous day, slightly overcast with winds out of the northwest. Being light on race committee help for the day, skippers decided to just throw three marks in the water and agreed to gentleman's starts after a three-minute whistle. Up to five boats participated in four windward-leeward races on a simple CAP2 course. Dave Janson and Steve Duenser, in Dave's new 470, traded 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places with Bill Hanson in his Laser. Joe Stoodley had a prospective new member named Carlos out on the racecourse, and John Nolan single-handed his Hunter14. Even John Ciborowski had his Compac-16 keelboat in on the action, although he graciously bowed out after two DNFs. Come out and join us next week, only two race dates remain for 2006!

### **Opeka Facilities Report**

Float Boat dry-dock day will soon be upon us. Please come help out if you can at noon on Sunday, October 15. We need people to help clean and winterize the committee boat, migrate the Sunfish back into the garage, and perform some general maintenance work. For those of you planning to store your boat at the lake during the off-season, winter storage rates are \$150 for Des Plaines residents and \$175 for non-residents. Contact Roger Cisco at (847) 391-5730 for details. Note that the lake closes for the 2006 season on Sunday, October 29.

The committee boat has been dragging its mooring during recent storms, so the boat is now being attached to two mooring buoys. The club will discuss obtaining a better anchor for the mooring to have in place for next year. Special thanks to Mark Quiniff for repairing the racing marks, and Joe and Theresa Stoodley for fixing the steering on the committee boat.

### **2006 Banquet**

Mark your calendars! Banquet committee chairs Phil and Irene Faulkner have made arrangements for this year's festivities to be held on Sunday, November 12 at Giacomo's Restaurant in Des Plaines. Invitations with additional details will soon be sent in the mail.

## **Nominations for 2007 Club Officers**

The following slate of officers will be presented for a vote during the banquet on November 12. Please also note that the Rebel fleet is seeking a new fleet captain to replace recently college-departed Jim Quiniff.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominee(s)</b>
Commodore .....	Wayne Rathbun
Vice Commodore.....	Phil Faulkner
Purser .....	Tom Laskowski
Yeoman .....	John Ciborowski
Member at Large.....	Joe Stoodley
Member at Large.....	Jerry Warych