2014 US VMYG National Championship Regatta Report

Prepared by John Y. Stoudt, Regatta Director

Dates: September 25 – 28, 2014
Location: Marsh Creek State Park, Downingtown, PA
Host Club: Chester Springs Model Yacht Club, AMYA number 303
Regatta Committee: Tom Alessi, Dick Bardsley, Martin Blumenthal, Alex Bugg, Cassie Bugg, Melinda Bugg, Jim Flach, George Graham, Jim Hall, Adele Kathman, John Kathman, Steve LaBrenz, Nick Mortgu, Candace Stoudt, Brad Tate, Ivor Walton, Janet Werner, Tom Werner.
Scoring System: Low point, with 1 throw-out.

2014 US VMYG – Skipjack Event

by John Stoudt

The skipjack event was scheduled for half a day, Thursday afternoon. We started sailing with the wind coming from the north-east, with a one lap windward leeward course. Because of the high winds the course was set up in a protected cove next to our normal race course. The start line was set off of the state ranger dock with a windward mark near a tree line, an offset mark near the wind line out in the lake, and a leeward mark set to the left of the start line forming a triangular course. One-lap races were sailed which proved to be challenging with the high wind and the light air near the tree line.

Eight boats were entered with one boat not making the first start due to technical problems. Alan Suydam dominated the racing with Mike Cavanaugh finishing second and John Stoudt third.

Date: September 25th, afternoon
Entries: 7 (with no drop out)
Winds: 8-12 mph gusting to 18 with steady rain
Races completed: 7
Race Committee: John Snow, RD; Skip Hall; John Kathman

2014 US VMYG – Skipjack Results

Place	Skipper	Points
1	Alan Suydam	10
2	Mike Cavanaugh	17
3	John Stoudt	24
4	Steve LaBrenz	26
5	Mike Campbell	43
6	Harry Mote	56
6	Nick Mortgu	56

2014 US VMYG – Schooner Event

by Ivor Walton

The vintage schooner event was scheduled for half a day Friday morning, but was shortened a little due to lack of early morning wind. We finally got started when the wind filled in from the north-east, and a two-lap, windward leeward course was sailed for the rest of the morning.

Eight boats were entered and all four schooner classes were represented – fin and bulb under fifty inches, and fin and bulb over fifty inches. Because of the small fleet, we ran all the boats together regardless of size. It made for some impressive views of these beautiful sailing craft.

A total of 8 races were completed. The most competitive fleet was the under fifty bulb with four boats sailing. Harry Mote was the clear winner with 7 wins. Domenick Bonanno won the under fifty fin class.

Date: September 26th, morning
Entries: 8
Winds: 3-7 mph with gusts to 15, mostly sunny.
Races completed: 8
Race Committee: Ivor Walton, RD; Skip Hall; Tom Alessi

2014 US VMYG – Schooner Results

Place	Skipper	Points
	Under 50" bulb	
1	Harry Mote	7
2	Alan Suydam	14
3	Rob Dutton	20
4	Tim Toepel	26
	Under 50" fin	
1	Domenick Bonanno	8
2	Nick Mortgu	14
	Over 50" bulb	
1	Kerry O'Malley	
	Over 50" fin	
1	John Stoudt	

2014 US VMYG NCR – Vintage 36 Event

by John Stoudt

The vintage 36 event was scheduled for two half days Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. We started on time with the wind from the north-east. A one-lap, windward leeward course was sailed both days. Saturday morning we had to hold the start until the wind built in from the north-east.

Thirteen boats were entered and all made it to the line while some dropped out during the race series.

A total of 12 races were completed with Harry Mote winning by three points over Herb Dreher. Nick Mortgu placed third one point ahead of Bill Ewing.

Date: September 26, afternoon, and September 27, morning.
Entries: 13
Winds: 3-7 mph with gusts to 10, clear blue skies (Friday), 1-3 mph light air, clear blue skies (Saturday)
Races completed: 12
Race Committee: Alan Suydam, RD; Skip Hall; Martin Blumenthal

2014 US VMYG NCR – Vintage 36 Results

Place	Skipper	Points
1	Harry Mote	20
2	Herb Dreher	23
3	Nick Mortgu	39
4	Bill Ewing	40
5	Thom McLaughlin	54
6	Domenick Bonanno	55
7	Tim Toepel	58
8	Alden Whitehead	73
9	Bill Sysyn	84
10	Rob Dutton	93
11	John Stoudt	103
12	Jim Linville	132
13	John Kathman	137

2014 US VMYG NCR – Vintage Marblehead

by John Stoudt

The Marblehead event was scheduled for Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. It included high flyer group and the traditional group. A total of 27 boats were entered in the event with 7 high flyer and 20 traditional boats racing.

All twenty seven boats entered in this event made it to the line. Dave Brawner's "CESS pool" system was used to split the fleet. Each boat raced two of every three races. Twelve total races were completed with every boat getting in eight races.

Saturday afternoon winds out of the north-east were light with the Sunday winds out of the south-west, calm to 1-2 mph. A one-lap, leeward windward course was sailed both days. Two races were sailed Sunday morning that took over two hours to complete.

The traditional VM series was won by Ivor Walton for the second straight year with Harry Mote finishing second. Thom McLaughlin nudged out John Stoudt for third by one point.

The high flyer VM series was won by Herb Dreher with John Snow (US VMYG President) finishing second ahead of Jamey Betz, third, who was sailing his newly acquired boat.

Date: September 27th, afternoon and September 28th, morning
Entries: 27; 20 traditional and 7 high flyer
Winds: 2-4 mph light air, clear blue skies (Saturday), 0-2 mph light air, clear blue skies (Sunday)
Races completed: 12 (7 completed by each boat)
Race Committee: David Brawner, RD; Skip Hall; Brad Tate, Alan Suydam

2014 US VMYG NCR – VM Traditional Fleet

Place	Skipper	Points
1	Ivor Walton	9
2	Harry Mote	12
3	Thom McLaughlin	19
4	John Stoudt	20
5	Jim Linville	25
6	Tim Toepel	33
6	Domenick Bonanno	33
8	Nick Mortgu	35
9	Steve LaBrenz	38
10	Rick Laird	39
11	Tom Alessi	41
12	Don Stuart	43
13	Rob Dutton	45
14	Mike Campbell	48
15	Alden Whitehead	49
16	Martin Blumenthal	52
17	Jeff Beck	60
18	Richard Bardsley	61
19	John Kathman	62
20	Bill Sysyn	72

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2014 US VMYG NCR – VM High Flyer Fleet

Place	Skipper	Points
1	Herb Dreher	11
2	John Snow	12
3	Jamey Betz	23
4	Charlie Blume	28
5	Earl Boebert	35
5	Andy Abrahamson	35
7	Bruce Richter	36