



## Indigo 2003 Another Success!

by Jim Gallagher, 2003 Indigo Trophy Race Chairman

The 38th running of Indigo Race was another classic for the books. A light breeze set us off the line into a beautiful sunset. We soon found ourselves tacking at 180 degree angles to find any breeze.

Eventually, a classic 10-15 knot offshore breeze filled in quickly and blew away any notion of an all night drifter. Those of us who received the offshore first were quickly whisked away.

## Cool Weather and Boat Winterizing . . .

by Bob and Joyce Schaefer, Fleet Captains

It is a sad time of year when the boats are being taken out of the water. ISail Cruise had a good year, even if we had to dodge high winds (to Rondeau) and raindrops (Port Dover). The fleet participated in four trips this past summer plus a number of picnics on the East Beach.

Remember that our Awards Banquet is Sunday, November 9. We will have cocktails at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Living Room. We will order off the menu. Please call your reservations into the Club. We hope to see you all there!

Joyce and I thank you for your participation and cooperation these past two years. ⚓

### 2003 INDIGO TROPHY RACE RESULTS

#### 2003 INDIGO TROPHY WINNER

*IT* Jay Sminchak MHYC

#### FIRST TO FINISH

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#### PHRF A

1st	<i>IT</i>	Jay Sminchak	MHYC
2nd	<i>White Spray</i>	The Gallaghers	MHYC
3rd	<i>Legacy</i>	Colleen Gallagher	MHYC

#### PHRF B

1st	<i>Katrinka II</i>	Dale Cooper	GRSC
2nd	<i>Battleship</i>	Chris Whitaker	GRSC
3rd	<i>Indigo</i>	Hunter Chisholm	MHYC

#### PHRF C

1st	<i>Finnair</i>	John Ollila	GRSC
2nd	<i>St. Nicholas</i>	Vladmir Klimnik	MLSC
3rd	<i>Battleship</i>	Chris Whitaker	GRSC

#### T-10

1st	<i>Troll</i>	Kubicek	MHYC
2nd	<i>Cracker</i>	Sackett/Rampe	MHYC
3rd	<i>Intruder</i>	Kvale/Tigges	CYC

*IT*, The Sminchaks, 2003 Indigo Trophy Race Winner

A three-quarter moon guided all sailors towards Cleveland, followed by cool, clear and starry night on the way home.

Congratulations to Jim Sminchak and the crew of *IT* for taking top honors including first-to-finish, first place PHRF A and first place overall, winning the 2003 Indigo Trophy Race. This tops off a very successful first season for the Sminchak family with their new Mumm 30. Jim and Mindy elevated Lake Erie's Mumm 30 class to whole new level winning and/or placing in every event entered, including winning the 2003 Mumm 30 Lake Erie Championship – truly an impressive feat.

Many thanks to Mindy Sminchak and Karen Sackett-Rampe for starting us off and braving the early morning cold and darkness while taking finishes, Jim Sackett Sr. for his fine committee boat work, John Rampe for calculating results; and Peggy Barmann, Jack Goldberg and Fred Brown for their organizational assistance.

As I complete my second year as chairman, I would like to encourage all MHYC sailboat racers to support this event by entering. There is truly something special about night racing along the south shore of Lake Erie.

Finally, I would like to thank Colleen Gallagher for graciously agreeing to spend our 10th wedding anniversary under the starry skies and cool breeze of Lake Erie – isn't she great! ⚓



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