



INDIGO TROPHY RACE

MENTOR HARBOR YACHTING CLUB

The 2004 Indigo Trophy Race

by Jim Gallagher, Race Chairman

Somewhere in the calm between hurricanes Frances and Ivan, a sailboat race was held on Lake Erie. Just eighteen hours before the start of the 39th running of the Indigo Trophy Race, Frances was making his final statement by unleashing heavy rains, 35 knot winds, and eight foot waves on the north coast. This made transport to Mentor Harbor a real challenge for some competitors and even turned some back. But, by the start of the race, sailors were greeted with blue skies and lighter winds.

Mentor Harbor Yachting Club's Fall Classic -Indigo Trophy Race started in a quiet and soft south-eastern breeze, but soon gave way to Lake Erie's classic offshore, sparkling waters and starry skies. The night passed quickly as shooting stars and the lights of Cleveland's night life guided us onward. Morning brought another classic sunrise, but diminishing winds. Very few escaped the long ride home from Eastlake to the finish at Mentor Harbor. Sixteen skippers/crews competed in this overnight race enjoying the challenges of navigation by instrument, light winds, and competition drawing from six area yachting clubs.

2004 Indigo Trophy Race Results

Overall Winner		Troll	Kubicek/Pinkerton	MHYC
First-to-Finish		Brigadier	Ron Hollingsworth	GRSC
PHRF A	1 st	Brigadier	Ron Hollingsworth	GRSC
	2 nd	No Name	Comm. John Blair	MHYC
PHRF B	1 st	White Spray	Comm. John Gallagher	MHYC
T-10	1 st	Troll	Kubicek/Pinkerton	MHYC
	2 nd	Cracker	Sackett/Rampe	MHYC
	3 rd	Legacy	Colleen Gallagher	MHYC
PHRF C	1 st	Battleship	Minnick/Whitaker	GRSC
	2 nd	Katrinka	Dale Cooper	GRSC
PHRF D	1 st	Great Scot	Tom Gibbs	EYC
	2 nd	Finnair	John Ollila	GRSC
PHRF E	1 st	Eeyore	Eric Miller	NEYC
	2 nd	St. Nicholas	Vladmir Kilimnik	MLYC
	3 rd	Capricious	Ron Cambell	NEYC

Our hat's off to Skipper Ron Cambell and the crew of Capricious (NEYC) who finished sometime after 1 p.m. Saturday to a standing ovation from all gathered on the pool deck for the awards ceremony.

Please join us next year!