

# Cracker Sets Pace, Wins Race

The 2005 Indigo Trophy Race

by Jim Gallagher, Race Chairman

September 9<sup>th</sup>'s 40<sup>th</sup> running of MHYC's Indigo Trophy Race was won in expert fashion by the sailboat racing syndicate of Sackett and Rampe (T-10 "Cracker"). Off to a quick start and heading for clean air, Cracker rounded the crib at approximately 11:30 pm with PC Don Hudak's J-120 "Capers" and PC John Blair's Beneteau First 36.7 "Rowdy" within shouting distance. On her return from Cleveland's Water Intake ("Crib"), Cracker drove hard along the shore keeping wind and wisdom in her sails.



With a cracker-jack crew that included world-sailing competitor and current MHYC Commodore Tod Sackett, local-knowledge expert Jim Sackett Sr., T-10 Fleet Captain Steve Sackett, and ringer-for-hire Todd Rogers, MHYC Sail Race Chairman John Rampe skippered Cracker and led all competitors with an impressive corrected time of 7:13:48 hours finishing first-in-class and first overall. Congratulations once again to Team Sackett/Rampe who continue to represent MHYC well.

The First-to-Finish Award was won by Indigo Trophy Race newcomer Patrick Quinn in his Corsair 26 Trimaran "Tri-Again." Double-handing with crew member Jim Deimer, Tri-Again finished at 3:28 am. Congratulations Patrick and Jim!

A virtual duplicate of 2004's race conditions, this years Indigo Trophy Race featured a spinnaker start, light-to-medium east breeze, classic offshore component, sparkling waters, crisp morning, starry skies, shooting stars, and the lights of Cleveland - all of which make this race a fall classic.

Those who finished too early (and were well rested for the next day and coherent for the awards ceremony) missed another glorious, crisp Lake Erie sunrise - their loss. But, 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, lack of sleep, and competition drawing from six area yachting clubs.

## 2005 Indigo Trophy Race Final Results

Overall Winner:	Cracker	Sackett/Rampe	MHYC
First-to-Finish:	Tri-Again	Patrick Quinn	MHYC
PHRF A			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Tri-Again	Patrick Quinn	MHYC
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Capers	PC Don Hudak	MHYC
PHRF B			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Rowdy	PC John Blair	MHYC
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Notorious	Bradd Knapp	GRSC
T-10			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Cracker	Sackett/Rampe	MHYC
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Troll	William Kubicek IV	MHYC
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Legacy	The Gallagher's	MHYC
PHRF C			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Battleship	Minnick/Whitaker	GRSC
2 <sup>nd</sup>	St. Nicholas	Vladmir Kilimnik	MLYC
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Great Scot	Tom Gibbs	EYC

*See you next year!*



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