

Spring Classic

Pymatuning Yacht Club

May 15, 2021

Pos	Skipper	Crew	Crew	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Total
1	Brady Starck	Tom Starck	Carly Starck	2	2	6	10
2	Tom Allen	Jamie Starck	Shelby Allen	4	1	9	14
3	Joe Starck	Adam Starck	Ronan Dennyly	7	3	4	14
4	Tom Klaban	Elizabeth Groesbeck	Julia Matora	5	9	1	15
5	Jody Starck	Bobby Starck	Dave Starck	1	6	8	15
6	Ryan Ruhlman	Tesse Ruhlman	Shane LaPlante	3	12	2	17
7	Matt Fisher	Stu Fisher	Sabrina Starck	8	7	3	18
8	Ernie/Dean Dieball	Jacqueline Dieball	Ernie/Dean Dieball	13	4	12	29
9	David Werley	Matt Werley	Blake Stevens	15	10	5	30
10	John Werley	Bertie Werley	Bart Gabler	6	13	11	30
11	Maegan Cross	Rob Ruhlman	Abby Ruhlman	9	15	7	31
12	Sandy McMillan	Mac McMillan	Flora McMillan	14	5	13	32
13	Jack Mueller	Jay Mueller	Will Kruger	10	8	14	32
14	Victor Maras	Adam Maras	Emma Werley	16	11	10	37
15	Jack Swanson	Emmit Swanson	John Swanson	11	14	16	41
16	Kate/Tim Werley	Samantha Maras	Kate/Tim Werley	12	16	15	43

Pymatuning Spring Classic & Ohio Districts

By Brady Starck

The 2021 Spring Classic and Ohio Districts were held May 15th in beautiful Pymatuning Yacht Club. Contrary to rain, snow and cold conditions, mother nature provided a gorgeous venue. Sunny skies, temperatures in the mid to upper 60s with light breeze - perfect for my first Lightning regatta as skipper. I was fortunate to have a great team of my sister Carly and my dad crewing for me.

In true fashion of Pymatuning, it was a relaxing morning. Plenty of time to rig up, see cousins and friends, and get lots of guidance on the new boat. Thanks to Tom Allen for all his work this past winter. Once on the water, the race committee did



a great job working with the weather conditions. The course was set and ready to roll and in an instance to the wind coming up, the R/C was on it and we were underway. It was classic Pymatuning conditions where no team is ever out of contention. Winds shifting 180° kept it fun with lots of laughs. A shorten course at the 2nd windward mark allowed the next race to start right back up, yet in the opposite direction.

The 2nd race was steadier with the left holding a bit more pressure than the right. We were able to hold our position at the start (close to the pin) and continue off the line towards the left. A few tacks up the beat and we rounded with the top few boats. The downwind leg was light, but we managed to make our way to the right gate and back up the course. The last downwind was very light and we had a lot of boats around us but were able to hold them off.

The final race of the days was light again and the race committee did an excellent job on a short college style course.

If you haven't had the chance to sail at Pymatuning Yacht Club you're missing out. It's a special place and the hospitality is unmatched. I look forward to sailing the WJMs this coming August. I'm sure it's going to be first class event.