

60th Brotz Regatta & Re-Scheduled MW District Championship

Sheboygan Yacht Club - Fleet 187 / Sheboygan, WI

August 24-25, 2019

Place	Skipper	Crew	Crew	Sail #	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Discard	Total
1	Todd Wake	Kristin Wake	Doug/Ben Wake	15390	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	8
2	Bill Faude	Jared Drake	Hannah Noll	15480	1	1	6	2	1	2	2	6	9
3	David Stix	Amy Simonson	Chris Boucher	14938	6	3	2	3	5	4	3	6	20
4	Craig Pomeroy	Abbey Pomeroy	Pete Anderson	14880	3	4	4	4	3	7	4	7	22
5	Sam Delasanta	Michael Elmergreen	Tony Orlebeke	15042	5	6	8	8	4	3	5	8	31
6	Pete Orlebeke	Kimberly Orlebeke	Kayley Orlebeke	15158	8	8	3	5	6	6	15	15	36
7	Juju Sennft	Paul Bartelt	Joel LeMahieu	15301	7	5	5	7	8	15	15	15	47
8	Doug Steffanson	Brandon Holiza	Zach Krueger	15585	9	10	10	6	9	8	6	10	48
9	Eric Elliot	Rob Elliot	Conner Gallagher	14647	12	15	9	10	7	5	7	15	50
10	Eric Larson	Lori Jost	Derrick Rupp	15119	10	11	7	11	12	9	8	12	56
11	Walter Nickerson	Michael Kuka	Chuck Paul	14106	11	9	12	13	10	10	9	13	61
12	Brian Phelan	Laurie Reineu	Dave Wickert	15151	4	7	11	9	15	15	15	15	61
13	Bill Black	Carson Mettel	Senn Mettel	14612	13	13	13	12	11	11	10	13	70
14	George Rubling	Max Gruebling	Cole Engledow	0	14	12	14	15	13	12	15	15	80

Cool Racing Photos from Doug Wake: <https://adobe.ly/2Pt3dvd>

Over the past several years the Brotz Regatta, hosted by Fleet 187, Sheboygan Yacht Club, has become famous for its parties, pinatas, bacon, beer, soft serve ice cream and the list goes on. What has not always cooperated is the weather, until 2019, we had two days of sunshine, big waves and beautiful southeasterly breezes! The racing was challenging, fun and a little tummy churning for a few unlucky souls.

Team Faude (Bill, Jared Drake and Hannah Noll) and Team Wake (Todd, Kristine, Ben (Saturday) and Doug (Sunday)) had an old fashion slug fest all weekend with the regatta coming down to the last race on Sunday. With big waves and winds in the midteens on Sunday it was a hiking and boatspeed contest to see who would blink first. No one blinked and team Wake was lucky enough to hit a couple of good waves and a puff off the start to control the race and win by one point but not without a lot of skill and hiking being applied by both teams.

At the awards ceremony Peter Reichelsdorfer told us stories about Roman Brotz the regatta's namesake. Romy died in 1959 and was a mainstay of the sailing community in Sheboygan. Peter and many of his friends sailed aboard the 86' M Class yacht "Sabre" and Romy was a mentor to them all. The year after his death Sheboygan Yacht Club started host the Brotz regatta in Romy's honor and if you have ever been to SYC you have seen the large model off the "Sabre" which is the trophy for the Brotz Regatta.

All of this emphasizes the importance of mentors and family in the Lightning Class. Here are some examples from this regatta. We had three boat grant alumni sailing, one being Erik Elliot who is now a boat owner. Eric Larson sailing a boat passed down to him by his dad, Ric, when he retired from Lightning sailing. George, Max and Cole Gruebling sailed in their first Lightning Regatta. Other families included the Pomeroy, Orlebeks, Wakes, and Bartelts. Several teams were mentoring first time Lightning sailors. Smaller regattas like this are the heart and soul of the Lightning Class. They provide the opportunity for good racing in a fun, welcoming and low stress environment. Hook up the trailer, hop in the car and drive a few hours to one this fall, Hoosier, Frigid Digit, CT Governor's Cup, Bruce Goldsmith Memorial or others like this!
Todd Wake

Top: 1st Place Team Wake
Bottom Left: 2nd Place Team Faude
Bottom Right: 3rd Place Team Stix.

