

Lighthouse Regatta
Fond du Lac Yacht Club – Fleet 442
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
June 4-5, 2016

Pos	Sail #	Skipper	Crew	Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	15545	Todd Wake	Jason Bemis	Kristine Wake	2	5	1	3	11
2	15480	Bill Faude	Jared Drake	Whitney Kent	3	4	2	4	13
3	15493	Richard Walsh	Alex Cox	Nikka Stoger	1	3	4	6	14
4	14938	David Styx	Mark Wessel	Amy Simonson	6	1	6	2	15
5	14778	Mike Tennity	Craig Pomeroy	Walter Dickerson	5	2	5	5	17
6	15390	Douglas Wake	Noah Bartelt	Lars Osell	4	9	9	1	23
7	15158	Peter Orlebeke	Kim Orlebeke	Cole Orlebeke	8	7	3	8	26
8	15508	Lorrie Walsh	Tina Corness	Terry Cano	7	11	10	7	35
9	14878	Julia Bailey	Rob Berlinquette	Cam McWhirter	9	10	8	9	36
10	15191	Brian Cox	Phil Henry	Mitch Sanberg	10	6	11	10	37
11	15585	Doug Steffenson	Brandon Holton	Patrick Keys	11	8	7	11	37

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After a 2 week period of great sailing weather in the 80's which kick started our season, the forecast for Lighthouse was "unsettled". Saturday started out nice enough, but the rain came in for the first and second race and made things pretty soggy. Just when I was getting a little bit depressed, one of the four boats that travelled down from Thunder Bay came sailing by pointing to the sun appearing in the southwest sky and said "It's going to be awesome!". And sure enough, after two wet races with up and down super shifty breeze, the sun came out, everyone dried out, the wind came up steady, and we had two more great races. And, we even had enough time to make it back to the club for the afternoon outdoor rum party, which rolled right into the lasagna dinner (which included key lime pie) inside the clubhouse. After that, any one still standing, plus all the Canadians, had their normal shot at pegging the fun meter at local Fond du Lac establishments. I'm not allowed to say any more than that.

On day two, the forecast was for pretty big breeze, but no more rain. We were treated once again to bacon and bagels courtesy of Hank Lieurance, who also gets credit for the fabulous dinner. Hank kept everyone well fed. Most boats went out with the race committee, a course was set, but at the start time the wind was blowing 24 to 27 with steep chop. We postponed on shore but the breeze never backed off all day and actually kicked it up a notch after 12. Luckily we got 4 races in on Saturday. In a sunny windy awards ceremony, it was Richard Walsh from Thunder Bay in third place with his unknown crew, because he forgot to register. We have people working to fix this omission. Second place was Bill Faude from Oostburg with crew Jared Drake and Whitney Kent, who got rave reviews for her crew work. And topping the podium was Todd Wake with wife Kristine along with Jason Bemis from Sheboygan. A special mention goes out to Doug Wake and his junior team of Noah Bartelt and Lars Osell for mashing down the gas pedal and winning race #4 quite convincingly. And a huge thanks goes out to all the Fond du Lac Sailclub volunteers that work together to make this a special spring regatta.

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