

Mississippi Valley District Championship/Mid Continent Regatta
 Carlyle Sailing Association – Fleet 266
 Carlyle, Illinois
 June 4–5, 2016

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Pos	Sail#	Skipper	Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total
1	14834	Matt Burridge	Patrick Burridge, Roselyn Schillibeeckx	1	1	1	1	(2)	1	5
2	15206	William Hofmeister	Don Kaufman, Mane'ly Hofmeister	(9)	2	2	3	3	3	13
3	15566	Terry Burke	Brian Burke, Steve Smith	3	(4)	4	4	1	2	14
4	15364	Gerry Paoli	Charlie Merdinian, Arthur Merdinian	2	3	3	2	(5)	4	14
5	14766	Ian Moriarty	Henry Tellini, Bobby Lacker	(10)	5	7	6	6	7	31
6	15078	Bruce Richards	Taylor De La Rosa, Ashley Tress	4	8	5	7	(9)	9	33
7	15045	Carson Menges	Bart Snyder, Nicholas Beckman	7	6	6	(8)	8	8	35
8	15560	John Folwell	Howard Harris, Mark Paoli	6	9	8	9	4	(10)	36
9	14191	Greg Florian	Ben Bruce, Colin Florian	5	7	9	(10)	10	5	36
10	14065	Carl Penetta	Joshua Panetta, Tim Ryan	8	(10)	10	5	7	6	36
11	15308	Bill Killebrew	Michal and Kathy Osborne	(DNC)	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	60

This past weekend we had a wild range of conditions at Lake Carlyle for the 2016 Mississippi Valley Lightning Districts. The weather ranged from torrential down pours of rain in light air on Saturday to brilliant sunshine, low humidity and 15-18 knots of breeze on Sunday. Due to the excellent race management of CSA's Glenn Grumman and his team, four races were completed on Saturday and two Sunday morning for a full series, much to the relief of William Hoffmeister's who clearly did not savor the early morning race conditions but sailed with tremendous consistency for the remainder of the series.

More about the conditions, at one point on Saturday the rain increased and the spinnakers more closely resembled shower curtains with the water running off the foot of the sails in sheets! Luckily the breeze was enough to keep the shower curtains full and drawing.

Racing with Patrick Burridge and Roselyne Schillebeeckx on Team Yeti we were able to connect the dots and hang on during the puffy bigger breeze on Sunday to score 5 firsts and a second despite having less than 400 lbs of crew weight. William & Mandy Hoffmeister with Don Kaufman on board from Harbor Island Yacht Club in Nashville were second with 13 points just one point in front of 2 CSA teams. Terry & Brian Burke with Steve Smith on board broke the tie breaker with a beautiful wire to wire win in race #5 over Gerry Paoli with the father & son team of Arthur & Charlie Merdinian (11 years old) who all had 14 points.

The racing was very tight despite in a fairly large separation in points between the top 4 and remainder of the fleet. This did not really tell the full story and within each race and any given time the shifty conditions ensured that everyone had to fully concentrate or boats would slip by easily.

District Commodore Ian Moriarty ran a well-orchestrated event despite being up late and barely making the start of race #5. RC PRO Glenn Grumman and his team minimized down time between races and set long beautiful courses with offset marks and gates to challenge the competitors. The biggest applause was for Susie Paoli who prepared the Saturday night dinner for all competitors and guests on Saturday night with 2 varieties of Chicken (hipster chicken and sautéed) and pasta. Thank you Susie!!

We all look forward to the 2017 MVLD on beautiful Lake Arkabutla outside of Memphis in Hernando, Mississippi.

Matt Burridge
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