

Bayview One Design Regatta
Lightning Division
May 30-31, 2015

Pos	Sail#	Boat Name	Skipper	R1	R2	Total
1	USA 15390	_	Todd Wake	2	3	5
2	USA 15445	_	Matt Fisher	1	5	6
3	USA 15208	66320Atom	Jim Allen	7	1	8
4	USA 15545	_	David Starck	4	4	8
5	USA 15470	_	Jody Starck	3	6	9
6	USA 15200	Overdrive	Tom Klaban	13	2	15
7	USA 313	_	Kevin Morin	9	7	16
8	USA 15512	Flying Circus	Mark Allen	5	12	17
9	USA 15480	Dr. Nefario	William Faude	6	11	17
10	USA 15474	_	Rob Linden	8	16	24
11	USA 15531	_	Mike Welch	15	9	24
12	USA 14400	_	Peter Polgar	10	15	25
13	USA 15513	Spinnaker Ninja	Trey Rose	12	14	26
14	USA 14628	Over-Engineered	Andy Monique	20	8	28
15	USA 14884	Mabie Knot	Ryan Mabie	19	10	29
16	USA 14854	_	Karl Aavik	11	20	31
17	USA 14710	Britannia	Neil Willetts	18	13	31
18	USA 15222	_	Bobby Flack	14	17	31
19	USA 15147	Aquila	Sarah Somes	17	19	36
20	USA 14933	Hartbeat	Terry Hart	16	21	37
21	USA 15125	Force Majeure	William Ziegler	22	18	40
22	USA 14511	Resurrection	Matt Warner	24	22	46
23	USA 14449	Fins Up	Dale Krcek	23	23	46
24	USA 15509	Brewhaha	Richard Dishaw	21	29/DNC	50
25	USA 13862	Crash Test Dummy	Ryan Craig	25	29/DNC	54
26	USA 14652	Estrelita	Paul Nagel	29/DNC	29/DNC	58
27	USA 15172	Rocky	Jame Taylor	29/DNC	29/DNC	58
28	USA 14774	_	Tom Vickers	29/DNC	29/DNC	58

This was the 4th Annual Bayview One Design Regatta. Many different one design classes take part in this very popular one design regatta. For the 4th year in a row the Lightning Class had the largest Fleet! The fleet was only able to get two races off, they got blown off the water again. Apparently, Detroit is a super windy place the last weekend of May! Be sure to make plans to attend next year's regatta May 28-29, 2016!

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"We might need our drysuits just to take the boat apart" - Todd Wake

And that was a legitimate consideration.

The 2015 Bayview One Design regatta once again saw the Lightning fleet outnumber all others with 26 boats on the line. The racing for Lightnings, along with Vipers, Stars, and Cal 25s, was out of Crescent Sail Yacht Club in Grosse Pointe, Michigan. The racing kicked off Saturday with a fresh 10 knots at 210 degrees. After a general recall, race one got off with Matt Fisher leading at the first windward mark, with Todd Wake second and Jody Stark in third. On the run, Jody split from Wake and was able to pick them off, working to second at the bottom gate. However, on the second beat, team Wake was able to work back into second with Fisher still leading and J. Stark in third. Matt Fisher with wife Lisa and Dan Moriarty (not his wife) pulled away on the run, with teams J. Stark and Wake duking it out on the final run. Both teams led at points but Team Wake caught a late puff and made it to second, with J. Stark finishing third and David Stark in fourth. The start of the second race was slightly pin favored, with Jody Stark looking great off the line. Moving up the beat, boats closer to the right looked good, but, as usual, a left favor near the mark came out, which let Todd Wake lead at the mark followed by Bill Faude. Wake lead the top teams to the right looking downwind while Jim Allen and Tom Klaban gybed early and got to the opposite side. This move proved to be a huge gainer, with Allen putting an estimable quarter mile on the split boats on the first run. By this time, the storm clouds were looking black and ominous, so the fleet generally got closest to the clouds, to the right side, on the ensuing beat. The top three, Allen, Klaban, and Wake, held their positions to the windward mark. Sailing down the run, the fleet was going directly at an inevitable squall/storm. After the first two boats had finished, and the third was near the line, the squall hit. Rain pelted down along with a strong burst of wind. Two boats capsized, and others struggled with the gust. The fleet finished, and started to head in, presuming that they were done for the day. Once confirming that as true, the fleet hauled out and packed up for the day. After racing, a debrief was lead by Todd Wake, and a panel of the leading sailors (D. Stark, J. Stark, N. Roseberry, Jim Allen, Matt Fisher, and Bill Faude for some color). This helped the whole fleet find out what the winners were doing to get to the front. Another progressive theme at this regatta was team scoring. Individual scores still determined the winners, but boats were grouped into teams of three, and their combined scores were tallied to find the winner. This was designed to increase camaraderie and put a very good sailor and someone lacking more ability together, so advice and tips can be shared.

Sunday always looked bad, and it was. Winds gusting to 35 with rain and 50 degree temperatures caused the race committee to abandon racing for the day before 8am. I think many would agree that packing up the boats was the most uncomfortable and challenging part of this regatta.

With yet another two race series, the 2015 BOD was complete. A huge thanks to the race committee, organizing authorities, CSYC and BYC, Tom Vickers for ditching sailing to run a safety boat, and all competitors. This regatta brought some of the best competition in the Lightning class, with two of the past 3 world champions attending. The Lightnings were also the biggest fleet in BOD for the fourth year in a row. 30 boats hopefully next year! I encourage you all to attend this regatta next year. You'll learn a ton and have a lot of fun for sure.

~Doug Wake