

Mid-Continent Regatta
Fleet 266 - Carlyle, Illinois
April 24-26, 2015

Pos	Sail#	Skipper	Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total
1	15390	Todd Wake	Kristine Wake, Doug Wake	(3)	1	3	2	3	2	10
2	15445	Matt Fisher	Dan Moriarty, Tobi Moriarty	4	(6)	1	1	1	4	11
3	14834	Matt Burrridge	Jeff Copens, Kevin Morin	1	3	(4)	4	2	2	12
4	9	Tom Allen	Mandy Hoffmeister, Amy Simonsen	(8)	2	2	3	4	3	14
5	15364	Gerry Paoli	Sue Paoli, Arthur Merdinian	2	(11)	8	5	5	5	25
6	15566	Terry Burke	Bryan Burke, Steve Smith	6	4	5	8	6	(10)	29
7	14766	Ian Moriarty	Edd Burke, Bobby Lacker	5	(10)	6	7	7	7	32
8	15308	Bill Killebrew	Dennis Colby, Noah	7	(12)	10	6	8	9	40
9	15045	Carson Menges	Henry Tellini, Nicholas Beckman	(10)	7	9	9	9	6	40
10	14191	Greg Florian	Nick Florian, Colin Florian	(12)	8	7	10	11	11	47
11	14614	John Folwell	Howard Harris, Mark Paoli	(11)	9	11	11	10	8	49
12	14705	Mike Reed	Mark Schillibeeckx, Roselyne Hazard	9	5	(DNC)	DNC	DNC	DNC	53

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Doug Wake

Well, I'm not sure that I can top last year's article, but I'll give it a go. The annual trek to Carlyle began with a quick stop in Madison to pick up a spare crew, my normal partner in crime, Noah Bartelt, who was maniacally added to our minivan roster. After an uneventful drive, a quick congregation in the lobby of the Mariners Village hotel brought old friends up to speed, and commissioned what was sure to be a typical Carlinian shindig.

Looking at the forecast for Saturday, nobody was quite sure what would happen. Our over analysis due to smart-everything lead to misconceptions yet benefits later on in the day. Going to the first race, we saw a 7-8 knot breeze, varying widely. Typical Carlyle to say the least. The first race was won by Matt Burrridge and his team of Jeff Copens and Kevin Morin. There was much less wind for the second race, 2-6, and fluky. We found a stroke of luck on the right side downwind and proceeded to pull away with that race. The fleet headed in for lunch. Seeing a storm brewing on the radar, all pulled their boats and after hours of waiting, racing was called for the day with Burrridge and Wake tied for first. Vivian Copens made the afternoon with her lemongrass mojitos (I can't comment directly on that, but I heard they were incredible), and kicked off the party. The sailors headed over to Bretz Wildlife Lodge and Winery for dinner. The night brought reunions between many friends. Ben Wake won the night, being chased by the ladies (Molly Moriarty, Kate Menges).

Sunday, we found "sheep in the field" along with a fresh breeze. Team Matt Fisher started spitting bullets, winning the first three races of the day in the breeze and lump. Tom Allen, Matt Burrridge, and ourselves hung, but couldn't quite edge the lumber being laid by Matt's crew of Dan and Tobi Moriarty. Going into the final race, all of the top four teams, Fisher, Wake, Burrridge, and Allen were in a position to win the regatta. Wake lead around the first mark, but was passed by Tom Allen, sailing with Mandy Hofmeister and Amy Simonsen. Wake took the lead back on the second beat, and lead around the third mark. The final run was tight, with all of the top four duking it out for the lead and the regatta. Team Wake pulled away near the end to win the regatta in a nail-biting fashion.

In the end, Todd Wake along with myself and Kristine Wake won with 10 points. Team Matt Fisher ended with 11 points in second, and Team Burrridge in third with 12. Tom Allen also stayed close with 14 points. Thanks again to the Race Committee, especially for being able to run the four races on Sunday to allow the throwout. Thanks to Ric Berenstein, Ian Moriarty, and all involved in planning, you all did the usual great job. And finally, thanks to all the competitors who came and made this such a competitive regatta. On a quick side note, this year was also a success because of the lack of tornado. I look forward to seeing more and more people taking advantage of this hospitable little regatta next year!