

Bay City Invitational Regatta
Bay City Yacht Club – Fleet 216
Bay City, Michigan
June 14–15, 2014

Pos	Skipper	Crew	Sail#	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Total
1	Rob Linden	Casey Ray, Meghan Linden	15474	5	[5]	1	1	1	3	1	12
2	John McCree	Amy Abramczk, John H.	15430	1	4	[8]	2	2	2	2	13
3	Matt Morin	Marcie Levey, Kevin Morin	313	2	1	4	3	[7]	5	3	18
4	Whitney Kent	Megan McMahon, Ian Walter	15406	3	3	[6]	5	3	4	6	24
5	Gary Sowden	Drew Hilger, Caroline Longshore, Bill Coberly	15146	[8]	2	2	6	6	6	5	27
6	Trey Rose	Rachel (Bug) Dey, Allaison Frantz	15513-Blk	4	[11]	3	7	4	9	9	36
7	Chris Jacobson	Dave Corcoran, Christophe Marche	15225	6	8	10	[11]	8	1	8	41
7	Bobby Flack	Jody Kjoiler, Anneliese Kttrell	15222	10	7	9	4	[11]	7	4	41
9	Jim Scholfield	Kim Shotwell, Bob Goddard	15233	11	10	[11]	8	5	10	7	51
10	Matt Princing	Bill Coberly, Kirsten Corneliussen	14937	9	6	5	9	[13]	13	13	55
10	Terry Hart	Kalyn Froeschle, Gus Dey	14933	7	9	[12]	10	10	8	11	55
12	Mikey Garza	Tom Vickers, Tom Gmeiner	15513R	[12]	12	7	12	9	11	10	61

After a couple of soft regattas in the schedule, BCYC regatta broke the drought, despite a "light and variable" forecast, with seven races sailed, from nine starts, and fifty laps of go-karts—all injury-free and capsized-free.

A fleet of twelve boats assembled, with a good mix of talented young guns and first-timers, including current and former boat-grand kids and new teams from PYC and CSYC. The fleet drifted out to the course in slowly building ENE that clicked right for the later races and built to a solid 8–12 easterly for the final race. Four races were sailed, with wins by McCree and Linden—but it was team Morin that decoded the pattern and led the regatta at the end of the day, with good speed and consistent scores.

Traditional dinner at the club and fine door prizes including Harkenware, Gougeon repair kits, Tri-City brewing after-dinner-wear, and Agrium fertilizer were awarded, with most teams collecting multiple prizes. Then approximately twenty grinning Lightning sailors mastered the wet-track go-kart course at Dutch Village—although many of us needed some help from the pit crew after our friends helped us strand ourselves against the rails. A hat with sunglasses was nearly lost to the cause but saved by fellow racers man-overboard style. "Hey, no bumping."

Three more races sailed on Sunday, breezy offshore 12–18 SSE that rewarded left early, some holes developed between each side that became painful to watch, and huge SSW winders rewarded leverage and early gybes and early tacks in the later races. McCree and Linden legged out for a duel in race 5, then match-raced through the fleet while Chris Jacobson won race 6, setting the stage for the final showdown in Race 7. Rob got bow out for the tack-and-cross before left layline, and cruised the victory lap in the final race and the series; Morin's held on to second runner-up, Midwest boat-grant Whitney Kent and local fleet champion Gary Sowden rounded out top 5... validating the success of boat-grant in attracting talented young sailors to the Lightning Class.

