

2024 Indiana Open – Pete McGinity

62nd Annual Indy Open Regatta hosted by the Indianapolis Sailing Club competing on Geist Reservoir, north east of the city. We had beautiful weather in the mid 70s, but light to no wind on Saturday. PRO ventured out on the lake at 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, and 4pm, finally sending us out only to paddle back. Sunday morning brought 5-8 mile an hour winds, but we managed to get in four races. Team POGO (Brad Wagnon, Dave Corcoran, and Brian Bahler), showed us how things were supposed to be done. Four race wins leading to a champion three peat. Second place: Jeff Schmahl (Crew: Sarah Covey, Aiden Sarber). Followed in third by Matt Warner (Crew: Addisyn Warner, Jordan Ladd).

Brad's three-peat championship run has brought out the history books. We have had great multiple winners including Larry McDonald, Bruce Goldsmith, and Colin Park. With only seven-time winner, James Taylor, and five-time winner Geo Sipel as the other three-peat champions.

Welcome to the club, Team POGO!

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RANK	BOAT	SKIPPER & CREW	HOME	R 1	R 2	R 3	R 4	TOTAL
1	15634	Brad Wagnon Bryan Bahler, Dave Corcoran	WAWASEE IN	1	1	1	1	4
2	15565	Jeff Schmahl Sarah Covey, Brett Bennett	WAWASEE IN	5	2	2	2	11
3	14511	Matt Warner Addisyn Warner, Jordan Ladd	PONTIAC MI	3	3	6	4	16
4	14449	Dale Krcek Steve Tinsley, Marcus Timms	INDY IN	2	6	4	7	19
5	15309	Pete McGinity Josie Forbes, Brandon Meixner	INDY IN	6	5	3	5	19
6	15202	Colin Florian Greg and Nick Florian	DECATUR IL	4	4	5	6	19
7	9350	Joe Lutz Ben Lutz, Mark Bodine	INDY IN	7	7	7	3	24

From the Champ – Brad Wagnon

It was another typical weather weekend at the Indianapolis Sailing Club on Geist Reservoir.

Saturday was a beautiful early spring day in central Indiana, sunny, warm and zero wind. I don't know if it's possible to have a negative wind reading, but if it is, that's what we had all day until about 4:00.

All of a sudden, a light breeze appeared, and boats were quickly launched because NOAA predicted the wind might hold until into the evening which would give us just enough time to get one race in for the day. NOAA was wrong. We barely made it out of the Club harbor area when we were back into a negative wind condition.

No problem, cover up the boats, hit the showers and get ready to watch the Kentucky Derby and a good evening of friendship and dinner. My horse finished second.

Sunday morning was much better with light-to-light medium winds out of the west southwest. PRO Paul White and his team were up to the challenge and managed to orchestrate four races for the morning.

Again, typical Geist; up and down and fairly big shifts. Geist is the poster child for small inland lake sailing venues. It's sort of down in a hole, surrounded by big houses and trees which makes for challenging conditions most of the time.

Because of excellent crew work by Bryan Bahler and Dave Corcoran we were able to be in the right place most of the time and make the best advantage of the conditions along with only a couple of small mistakes.

It wasn't a big fleet, but we were able to pull off four bullets in unpredictable Geist conditions. We had a great time!! Our third straight win at the Indy Open for team Bahler, Corcoran and Wagnon. I'll keep going back until they have to use the hoist to get me into and out of the boat!!

(L-R: Brad Wagnon, Bryan Bahler, Dave Corcoran and Fleet Capt. Pete McGinity)

