

53rd Annual Hoosier Regatta  
Wawasee Yacht Club - Fleet 154  
Lake Wawasee, Indiana  
September 20-30, 2007

Pos	Sail#	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total
1	14880	Bill Faude	Ernie Dieball & Jacqueline Voigt	Milwaukee	1	1	(2)	2	1	2	7
2	15200	Tom Klaban	Marie Klaban & Eric Klaban	Pontiac	4	3	(9)	7	2	1	17
3	14323	John McCree	Bruce Richards & Rachel Dey	Bay City	5	2	4	4	3	(8)	18
4	15208	Jim Allen	Anne Allen & Tyler Allen	Pontiac	(11)	4	1	3	7	4	19
5	14259	George Sipel	Jeff Hagman & Chris Snyder	North Cape	6	8	3	(10)	5	3	25
6	14774	Dan Norton	Linda Norton & Matt Sayre	Devil's Lake	3	5	6	8	6	(16)	28
7	15313	Ryan Flack	Trey Rose & Kevin Morin	Fenton	2	(13)	10	11	11	5	39
8	15251	Debbie Probst	Abbie Probst & Tanner Probst	Wawasee	7	(16)	7	1	13	12	40
9	15213	Jeff Schmahl	Rick Lemberg & Mark Kilbey	Wawasee	(15)	6	12	6	10	6	40
10	13895	David Schmahl	Chris Hackleman & John Thomas	Wawasee	9	7	13	(14)	4	9	42
11	15317	Steve Weeber	Donna Weeber & Stan Cummins	Cowan Lake	12	15	8	5	9	(21/DNS)	49
12	13910	Bill Allen	John Selby & Peggy Lehman	Wawasee	10	(14)	14	9	12	7	52
13	15259	Brad Wagnon	Michael Richey & Kevin Keller	Wawasee	8	9	11	(15)	15	15	58
14	14125	Patrick Reiss	Steve Miller & Betty Miller	Wawasee	14	12	(19)	13	8	11	58
15	14143	Brant Russell	Jim Orr & Katie Orr	Wawasee	17	(18)	5	16	14	10	62
16	14647	Keith Swihart	Casey Call & Aimee Swihart	Wawasee	13	10	16	(18)	17	13	69
17	14964	Mike Welch	Karl Felger & Beth Groesbeck	Pontiac	16	11	(18)	17	16	14	74
18	13278	Pete McGinity	Ken McGinity & Tyler McGinity	Indianapolis	(21/DNS)	17	15	12	18	17	79
19	9350	Joseph Lutz	Amanda Edwards & Robert Lutz	Indianapolis	18	(20)	17	19	20	18	92
20	14449	Dale Kreck	Mary Gemberling & Mike Naughton	Indianapolis	19	19	(20)	20	19	19	96

Chairman’s Report

The 53rd annual Hoosier Regatta was held September 29 & 30, at the Wawasee Yacht Club on beautiful Lake Wawasee near Syracuse, Indiana. Twenty Lightning teams representing nine fleets enjoyed spectacular conditions with moderate winds and afternoon temperatures in the upper 70s. Six races were completed allowing for one throw-out. Bill Faude, with teammates Ernie Dieball and Jacqueline Voigt, sailed an outstanding regatta for the victory, beating Team Klaban (2nd place) by 10 points. Faude's name now joins those of many other legendary Lightning sailors on the Hoosier Regatta perpetual trophy. (Bill's remarks can be read below)

The Wawasee Yacht Club has long had a reputation for hosting outstanding regattas and I would like to recognize some of those who worked to continue this tradition: Principal Race Officer Steve Bonifas and his team conducted superb races. Their effort and professionalism, which includes that of protest committee chairman, Dick Tillman, was recognized by all. Housing was made available for each visiting team courtesy of local members. The food & beverage committee, namely Donna Schmahl and Daphne Wagnon, once again exceeded all of our expectations. Additionally, the door prize sponsors, Quantum Sails, Wawasee Boat Company, West Marine, and Reynolds Farm Equipment, provided great give-aways. Finally, I would like to thank all WYC members for their dedication toward making this event such a special regatta.

I invite everyone to come "back home again" to Indiana and join us for next year's Hoosier Regatta.

Jeff Schmahl, Chairman

The Hoosier Regatta

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By Bill Faude

I just got back from the perfect regatta.

Someone was bound to accomplish it. I mean, sailors have been hosting regattas for what...175 years or something? So you knew it had to happen sooner or later.

First of all, can we agree before I go two vowels farther, that even a so-so regatta is better than almost any other way to spend a weekend? Ok, now that we agree on that, the thank you's were hailed in a timely fashion, and the race committee was applauded at the finish line by the competitors, and that all the conditions for an article raving about a regatta have been met, we may move ahead with hearing the rave.

The 2007 Hoosier Regatta was perfect. Oh, it was probably nothing really; simply a matter of incredible organization, beautiful weather, willing volunteers, power boaters who stayed home to wax their chests, global warming, free soup on Sunday, the traditional fire in the fireplace on Friday night, old friends coming out of inactivity, parents sailing with their pre-teen children and still winning races, luxurious party boats that turned up at the precise moment you wanted to go across the lake to the Frog Tavern, mushrooms stuffed with crabmeat on Saturday after sailing. Then there was the free housing for everyone, the write one check and lock your wallet in you glove box for the rest of the weekend pricing. Then there was the free beer anytime you wanted it, the hot buttered rum that still tastes good even in 80 degree weather, the craft contest for the kids, and the breakfasts and the lunches. No kidding, had someone come to the regatta and discovered they had forgotten to hook up their boat it's entirely possible they would still have had the finest weekend of the sailing season. You know how companies hire the Ritz Carlton or The Four Seasons to consult with them on customer service? It's rumored they were originally trained by the kitchen volunteers at Wawasee Yacht Club.

It's well known that I love the Hoosier Regatta. If you don't know how to say Lake Wawasee, let alone find it on a map, one word: Mapquest. Syracuse, Indiana. Start making plans to be there next year. Gush.

There was wonderful sailing this year. Six races, each between 45 minutes and an hour were completed. What would be the perfect way to complete six races? Yes, four on Saturday and two on Sunday so people could get on the road a bit sooner. Yes, in a perfect regatta, it would be a little windier on Sunday so those with hangovers wouldn't have to deal with as much climatologic subtlety.

In a perfect regatta you would sail with two people who got along fantastically, never had any conflicts and worked beautifully together. No way they'd be married! Ernie Dieball and Jacqueline Voigt aren't married as I write this, but they will be by the time you read this. They were a blast to be with. Best wishes!

Then in the perfect regatta, there would be two stories like these:

Debbie Probst sailing with her two older children, Tanner and Abbie, were having a very nice race. They were in about 4th position in a tight pack near the leaders. As we got to the bottom, Debbie decided to soak low and round the left gate. She wanted to give her team a little more time to get the kite down, even perhaps time to have a discussion about whose turn it was to take down the pole or stuff the chute without disturbing a few pet insects they'd discovered living inside the cockpit. Deb took a look back at our boat and waved us around inside the mark. Now, Mrs. Probst is the 2006 Atlantic Coast Champion and she's competitive. She gives no quarter under normal circumstances. But she's also a better parent than I am. So we went around in front of her, went out on port tack for awhile, got knocked a bit, flipped and were comfortably ahead in the race. We tacked back onto port, leading the group that had been in front and had gone around the right gate mark back to the middle. Debbie didn't bang the right corner. She just got the kite down, sailed a bit farther than we did on port. She then crossed all of us on starboard, tacked onto port on top of the fleet and extended to win the race. Everyone within witnessing distance cheered. It was perfect.

Then there was Jim Allen sailing with his wife Ann and his 7-year-old Tyler who was sailing in his first regatta. Jim is known for going farther right than anyone toward Point Abino in his home waters at the BCC. I've seen him win races by large margins by doing this. On Saturday afternoon at Lake Wawasee where the wind was shifting about 15 degrees every 4 minutes Jim's team won a race by a large margin coming out of the right. Everyone close enough to read their sail numbers cheered. At the awards, Tyler won a trophy. You should have seen his little sister cheering from the first row. You can't have a perI've seen perfect. I just wonder how next year they're going to beat it.

You can bet I'll be there to find out. Thanks to Jeff Schmahl and everyone else who made it happen.