

Brotz Regatta
Sheboygan YC/Sail Sheboygan - Fleet 187
Sheboygan, WI
Aug 29-30, 2015

Pos	Sail#	Crew	R1	R2	Total
1	15390	Todd Wake, Kristine Wake, Doug Wake	2	1	3
2	15158	Pete Orlebek, Kim Orlebeke, Kayley Orlebeke	3	5	8
3	15480	Bill Faude, Steve Orlebeke, Jared Drake	5	4	9
4	14880	Craig Pomeroy, Crystal Pomeroy, Lars Osell	1	9	10
5	15475	Jeff Coppens, Matt Burrridge, Tom Goddard	8	2	10
6	13817	Brian Phelan, Mari Martin, ?	9	3	12
7	13901	Michael Laing, Christopher Lainge, Krystal Dorn	7	8	15
8	15137	Steve Adamski, Christina Lieterman, Steve Jenkins	4	12	16
9	15119	Ric Larson, Eric Larson, Lori Jost	6	13	19
10	14778	Mike Tennity, Tori Strutz, Will Dolenseck	13	7	20
11	14994	Dan Reichelsdorfer, Sarah Reichelsdorfer, Bailey Dolson	10	10	20
12	14938	David Stix, Amy Simonsen, Bill Gibson	15	6	21
13	14007	Hans Graf, Jonathon Meins, Justin Meins	14	11	25
14	15406	Alex Cox, Scotia Evans, Marek Dennhardt	11	14	25
15	15064	Jason Bemis, Ben Brotz, John Ribich	12	16	28
16	15493	Brian Cox, Phil Henry, Jean Evans	17	15	32
17	14234	Paul Bartelt, Katie English, Issie Buerger	16	18	34
18	15377	Erik Novicki, Rachel Novicki, Paul Carufel	18	17	35
19	14766	Bryan Burke, Ian Moriarty, Henry Tellini	DNC	DNC	46
20	15262	Nick Beckman, Mike Bibb, Bradley Krone	DNC	DNC	46
21	14612	Bill Black, Brandon Black, Cole Orlebeke	DNC	DNC	46
22	15143	Joel LeMahieu, Greg LeMahieu, Paul LeMahieu	DNC	DNC	46

[Photos from the race course](#) by David Bronson

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A week of strong westerly winds leading up to the regatta caused Lake Michigan to “turn over” bringing cold water to the surface and saddling us with heavy fog most of the weekend, nothing patience, planning and good friends couldn’t overcome. Sailors from as far away as San Diego, Annapolis, Las Vegas, St Louis and Thunder Bay made the trek to Sheboygan. Thanks to a grant from the Sailing Education Association of Sheboygan and the Brotz Foundation the regatta was free for all skippers under age 30, and inexpensive for all the rest.

Friday afternoon was a lovely day on the water if you don’t mind fog and a cool breeze. Todd Wake ran a coach boat to help the early arriving teams with speed testing. Team Coppens and Doug Wake got in a great practice session and both teams learned of few things. Teams trickled in throughout the evening and were provided housing on SYC member’s homes or boats. For dinner the SYC burger of the week was a big hit, pretzel roll, burger, pulled pork, haystack onions, aioli...yum. Sometime during the night Hans Graf returned from Buffalo with a double deck rig. Two new boats for Fleet 187, Congratulations Hans and Jason Bemis!

Saturday morning brought us heavy fog and very little wind. There would be no sailing this day. That doesn’t mean we didn’t make the best of it. Breakfast was served by Paul, Doug and Joel. Coffee, OJ, donuts, bagels, fruit and a wide selection of bacon, 13 pounds of it! The rest of the day was spent playing Frisbee, rigging the new boats and socializing. The was also a hour long talk where panelists, Matt Burrridge, Bill Faude, Todd Wake and Ric Larson answered questions. Matt gave a graduate level talk in sailing in swells with cross chop. Ric told us how he once sailed upwind with no centerboard.

Dinner was a Mexican buffet with free beer. The highlight of the evening was an almost 4 foot high Lightning Flash piñata. Issie Buerger and Katie English created this masterpiece and it was a shame to see its demise. The older sailors went to bed early leaving the large under 30 contingent to explore the bars of Sheboygan. All I can report is that they made it to breakfast Sunday morning.



Sunday morning dawned with very little wind and somewhat less dense fog. We were all determined to race and after a postponement PRO Rich Reichelsdorfer made the call to tow us out to the course at 12:30. After only a few minutes of waiting the wind started to fill out of the south. Our patience was rewarded and we were able to get in two good races. There was still enough fog that you could not see the mark from the start line but by using the old “time your tacks” method you could easily find the next mark. Race one was won by Craig and Crystal Pomeroy with Lars Osell. After falling well back on the first beat they played the inshore side of the course and were rewarded with more pressure and a better angle. Craig has been in the right place quite often this summer, I don’t think it is luck. Race two was a bit foggier and required a little more attention to navigation. Team Wake followed up a second in race one with a win in race two.



Thanks go to all the sailors who traveled to this regatta. It’s a 10.5 hour drive from Thunder Bay and we regularly have multiple TRSC boats at our Midwest events. The staff and membership of Sheboygan Yacht Club love to host regattas and do it very well. Even with 22 boats sailing we still had 10 Lightnings in the dry sail yard not being sailed. Some of these were available to be borrowed for the regatta. Let’s look at this as an opportunity to have more boats on the line next year!