

Higgins Lake Regatta
Higgins Lake Boat Club – Fleet 110
Higgins Lake, Michigan
July 28-29, 2012

Pos	Sail#	Skipper	Crew	Crew	Club	R1	Total
1	13493	Cameron Carlin	Zach Carlin	Bobby Wertman	Higgins Lake Boat Club -Miami, FL	1	1
2	14021	Ryan Flack	Jim Thompson	Anneliese Kittrer	Tawas Bay Yacht Club	2	2
3	14054	Allen Krauss	Fred Krauss	Stuart Morley	Higgins Lake Boat Club	3	3
4	15300	Chris Princing	Zach Bowdish	JB	Tawas Bay Yacht Club	4	4
5	15430	Carrie Houtman	John McCree	Carter Houtman	Bay City Yacht Club	5	5
6	14260	Trey Rose/	Mike Garza	Andrew Lockhart	Crescent Sail Yacht Club -Detroit, MI	6	6
7	15225	Chris Jacobson	Gus Dey	Dawn Madison	Bay City Yacht Club	7	7
8	15313	Matthew Morin	Kevin Morin	Marcie Levey	Crescent Sail Yacht Club	8	8
9	14767	Richard F. Beaubien	Richard M. Beaubien	Peter Rupnowski	Pontiac Yacht Club	9	9
10	14774	Tom Vickers	Bob Goddard	Grace Goddard	Crescent Sail Yacht Club	10	10
11	14603	Terry Hart	Kalyn Froeschle	Dave Corcoran	Bay City Yacht Club	11	11
12	14937	Jennifer Princing	Jaime Vanderhovel	Sarah Banner	Bay City Yacht Club	12	12
13	14323	Rebecca Brown	Amy Abramczyk	Alia Vhan	Bay City Yacht Club	13	13
14	10221	Brian Turner	Claire Getz	Lindsay Morris	Camp Westminster -Higgins Lake, MI	14	14

Race Committee: Brad Baerlocher, John Dent, Sharron Murray, Jean Wertman

Saturday light and variable SSW wind 3-5 kts., W-L course shortened to once around, start and finish in the middle of the windward leg. Sunday, even less wind, no races started. Thirty or forty campers in a dozen tents or so had a great experience on the island though!

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Best one-race regatta ever. As the weekend approached, there was some concern that the long tradition of Lightning sailing at Higgins Lake Boat Club had evaporated, but, not true. We had a great turnout from both "local" fleets, and a return of our down-state travelling friends, in part because of new mastery of the pick-up crew, some gentle arm-twisting of friends and family, and some partial boat-granting. The Higgins Lake boats proved dominant, with long time islander Cameron Carlin returning for a nice horizon job by making the most of the island zephyr; the son/father team of Alan Kraus and Fred Kraus, and Ryan Flack in the HLBC loaner 14021 were first to figure out the pattern for the trip back down. Near local BCYC boats held their own with Chris Princing's heavyweights of the Tawas "Bay of Pigs" J-22 fleet, and frequent guest and first-time helmsman Carrie Houtman rounding out the formal trophies with son Carter at his first regatta, as crew.

Of course, in a one-race event, true winners are recognized by style points. Pick-up crew and navigation award won by Tom Vickers with BCYC guests Bob and daughter /first-timer Grace Goddard. Big-log slow pitch volleyball home-run derby winner, Jim Thompson. Horseshoe championship, default due to thrown/lost shoe. Best s'mores, won handily by the team of Jenny Flack and Matt Morin. Youngest campers: Maddy Flack with a little sister on the way. Longest nap, tie between Gus Dey, Peter Rupnowski, and yours truly.

Moving on to water sports, in the open stand-up paddleboard division, a close contest between Morins in "313" and Trey's Spinnaker Ninjas, although Sleeper gals from BCYC put up a pretty good effort. Sand bar volleyball, results not posted. Fleet 216 travelling "aquatic excellence" award was won handily by Jamie Vanderhovel, with back-flip while towing, and under return-fire—a move somewhere between Tom Cruise and Chris Jacobson, the early version. Jamie was also co-winner of the "girl-power" award, sailing with Jennifer Princing and "???", although closely contested by weekend boat-grant and rookie skipper Becca Brown, with "interns" Amy and Ali receiving standing ovation for finishing within the time limit.

Overall style points winner... once again Trey Rose with moonlight sail around the island and cruise-missile fireworks, a first ever for Higgins Lake, I believe. Kids, don't try that at home. Without doubt, Higgins Lake regatta organizers lead the district, with seemingly effortless management of the Island logistics for one and all, and fine race management by John Dent to make the most of the little breeze we saw.

Thank you all, HLBC volunteers.

John McCree



Cam & Zach Carlin