

25th Anniversary Spring Classic Regatta
Pymatuning Yacht Club - Fleet 36
Jamestown, Pennsylvania
May 16-17, 2009

Pos	Bow#	Skipper	Crew	Sail#	R1	R2	R3	Total	Home Fleet
1	24	Dan Moriarty	Tobi Moriarty Stu Fisher	15364	7	1	1	9	Carlyle Sailing Association
2	31	Jamie Allen	Jay Deakin, Marc Littee	14905	2	4	3	9	Montreal
3	11	Allan Terhune Jr.	Katie Terhune, Neal Fowler	15353	4	9	4	17	Easport YC
4	44	Todd Wake	Kristine Wake, Matt Burrridge	15390	15	3	2	20	Wisconsin
5	45	Matt Fisher	Lisa Fisher, Rick Kirby	15045	1	2	19	22	Hoover
6	33	Debbie Probst	Greg Fisher, JoAnn Fisher	15251	5	14	6	25	BCC
7	26	Larry MacDonald	Christine Maloney, Adam MacDonald	15246	8	13	5	26	BCC
8	88	Tim Werley	Tom Allen, Ben Goldberg	15000	14	7	7	28	Pymatuning
9	30	George Sipel	Jeff Hagman, Suzie Wulff	14249	10	5	14	29	42
10	57	Ryan Ruhlman	Nick Turney, Amanda Fisher	14957	16	10	8	34	Pymatuning
11	32	Dan Thompson	John Moulthrop, Mike Healy	15406	6	18	10	34	
12	75	Rob Ruhlman	Abby Ruhlman, Emily Pulows	15257	20	6	12	38	Pymatuning
13	25	Jody Starck	Bill Faude, Kevin Robinson	15125	3	21	16	40	BCC
14	35	Jed Dogde	Bob King, Sarah Costich	15164	11	8	25	44	108
15	36	Justin Coplan	Kenny Fourspring, Mike Carney	14036	9	27	11	47	Nyack 75
16	51	Meagan Ruhlman	Jesse Shedden, Nicole Shedden	15075	24	11	15	50	Pymatuning
17	28	Dave Vieregg	John Dunne, Caroline Sundman	15288	13	15	23	51	Pymatuning
18	50	Daniel Pope	John Steiner, Logan McReynolds	15250	12	19	22	53	Newport
19	14	Patrick Zachary	Kika Bronger, Greg Beshore	14972	19	12	24	55	Vermont 301
20	17	John Faus	Matty Schon, Cortney Lee	15345	17	17	28	62	335
21	22	Charles Wardwell	Colin Bedell, Stephanie Sweeney	14044	21	25	18	64	FBYC
22	15	John Werley	Bertie Werley, Gwen Mulvey	15015	23	30	13	66	Pymatuning
23	12	David Werley	Jonette Werley, Greg Maras	15112	27	23	17	67	Pymatuning
24	2	Steve Weeber	Donna Weeber, Stan Cummins	15217	25	20	26	71	Cowan Lake
25	34	Dave Starck	Matt Moscah, Brian Starck	15355	DNF	16	9	72	BCC
26	6	John Woodall	Steve White, Pete Milani	14573	18	34	27	79	Pymatuning
27	20	Tom Varley	Kay Varley, Jon Varley	14952	30	32	20	82	Mansfield 150
28	27	Trevor Prior	Gary Hoffer, Danielle Prior	14074	31	22	29	82	Susquehanna YC
29	9	Graham Leonard	Griffin Orr, Bev Veeles	15379	32	31	21	84	225
30	5	Michael Holly	Pat Littee, Jess Lombard	15082	29	24	35	88	Beaconsfield
31	1	Brad Wagnon	Bill Allen, Bryon Bahler	15259	22	26	41	89	154
32	21	Jack Jones	John Atkins, George Auer	15121	33	29	33	95	Henderson Harbor
33	39	Dan Hertzner	Jan Friswold, Bob Friswold	14848	26	28	42	96	
34	4	Dean Caley	Kandi Caley, Kay Sees	14420	28	36	38	102	Pymatuning
35	23	Bob Shutt	Zach Austin, Sean Dillon	14067	36	33	34	103	Mansfield 150
36	29	Steve Cox	Peter Hale, Sandra Kennedy	14580	37	38	30	105	Silver Lake
37	18	Joy MacDonald	Maddie Maldron, Kathryn Maloney	14895	35	37	36	108	BCC
38	3	Lenny Ciccone	Tom Petroski, Marc Cline	14523	40	40	32	112	Pymatuning
39	8	Bob Baumgardner	Cody Signor, Nate Signor	12593	34	39	40	113	Pymatuning
40	00	Kate/Beth Werley	Beth/Kate Werley, Samantha Maras	15018	38	35	43	116	Pymatuning
41	41	Jim Stone	Marty Calabrese, Ed Auer	14390	39	41	39	119	Akron
42	37	Garry Condon	Dennis McLaughlin, Liam Condon	15022	DNF	DNS	31	125	Pymatuning
43	16	Eric Brandt	Becky Young, Stan Fuller	15191	DNF	DNS	37	131	Leatherlips
44	13	Victor Maras	Adam Maras, Cameron Maras	14546	DNS	DNS	DNS	141	Pymatuning
45	19	Justin Proctor	Laura Stumpff, Christian Proctor	14657	DNS	DNS	DNS	141	Pymatuning
46	10	Mark Grinder	Anne Montgomery, Greg Schawlk	15272	DNF	DNF	DNS	141	12

As we packed up and left the Spring Classic in 2008 we were told to come back because 2009 would be the 25th Anniversary of the regatta and the event was going to be “Bigger and Better”. I had to see it. How could they make the event bigger and better? It was always such a fun regatta run in an “old school” sort of way. When one goes to a regatta at Pymatuning, they won’t find the yacht club with hired help and a fully staffed kitchen. PYC has a ton of members who want to help out to show their guests a good time. With the hot-lunches to the homemade dinner, pot luck appetizers, music, free flowing kegs, and a place to stay in somebody’s “home”, life is easy for the guests, but the members of PYC put forth an amazing amount of work. How could they do more?!

As Friday night’s entertainment, a band of local club members, played on, we ate hot-dogs, helped drain the kegs, and talked to friends as everybody arrived to the club. It was amazing how many boats were coming to this regatta. Apparently we were not the only ones who heard the “Bigger and Better” news.

Stuart Fisher took some time off of his MC-scow campaign and sailed this Spring Classic Regatta with us this year. Although growing up in the Fisher family, Stu had not done much Lightning racing so far in his 15 years of life. When we set the chute on the way to the starting line, the response we got from Stu was, “Wow, this thing is huge compared to the spinnaker on the Interlake.” With the building breeze and a full day of racing ahead of us, Dan and I laughed knowing that Stu would have a full appreciation for the Lightning spinnaker before the weekend was over. Stu came with a great sense of boat-balance and finesse so he plugged into our Lightning team nicely. All three of us are inland lake sailors. Pymatuning definitely fits the inland-lake profile with plenty of shifts and puffs to keep the beats exciting. We just had to keep our eyes out for the next puff and be ready to react to it when it hit.

Race one went off in lots of breeze. We rolled off the weather-end of the starting line with decent speed and after a few clearing tacks, we were able catch the lefty we noticed before the races at the top of the course. Ah, the port tack layline of a 10 minute beat in at 46 boat fleet; so far we were not boring our 15 year old team-mate! Fortunately we made it around the mark without any confrontation and were happy to see that we were in the top-10 pack. We tried to stay in the puffs going down wind feeling the squeeze between Debbie Probst and Larry MacDonald. David Starck had a spectacular wipe-out right in front of us on the second run. We were sad to hear that he bent is spreader, but for us, it ranked up there in memorable moments to see. I would love to know exactly what went through Stu’s head as he saw that death-roll while he held the spin sheet (and our fate) in his own hands. We finished that race in seventh place. Stu’s parents, Matt and Lisa Fisher with their teammate, Rick Kirby, won the race. Jamie Allen came in second, and Jody Starck was in third. Although we placed second in this regatta last year, there was more competition for the 25th Anniversary, so top five was a good goal for us. The seven would be a keeper, but we needed to try to step it up a bit next race.

Despite the carnage of boats tipped over, the race-committee got the second race off before lunch. In the last minute before the start, we were making our way back to the boat-end of the line when a huge hole and sag in the line lured Dan to tack and “go for it”. When the starting gun blew, we were going full speed in our own, gigantic lane. We played into the left side of the beat and got to the first mark first. We were followed around the weather mark by Stu’s parents who were in second, and Ryan Ruhlman’s team of Nick Turney and Amanda Fisher (yes, Stu’s sister) in third. Talk about a nice place for a family reunion! We maintained our lead throughout the race followed closely by many. Matt Fisher (Stu’s Dad) finished the race in second. Todd Wake with his new boat, orange spinnaker, and teammates Kristine Wake and Matt Burrridge finished in third place. I think Stu enjoyed beating his parents this time. The win was definitely going to help with our top-five goal. The fleet went in for lunch. The hot ham and cheese are, alone, worth the 10 hour drive to Pymatuning. The wind built and died and the rain came and went with the passing storms during the lunch-break. I was happy to socialize with my friends while the RC had the tough decision of when to resume the races.

The third race was sailed in wind which had clocked around to the right while we were at lunch. It was still plenty shifty and puffy and we found our way to a right shift which helped us get to the first weather mark in second. The fleet was very tight and the group seemed to sail higher angle than we wanted to on the run. I couldn’t find Dan a lane with clear air so we instead found a puff to gibe to and managed to clear away from the peloton just behind us. At the bottom of the next beat we marched out to the right with Larry McDonnald and David Starck, but eventually left them and crossed to the left to catch the next breeze line coming from the harbor. With the good luck of playing the second beat well, we took the lead and obtained a nice cushion before the following boats. The crash-boat at the weather mark cheered for us and suggested we crack a beer for the run. That sounded like a great idea to me, but my skipper had not packed us a cooler, so we just had some water and let Stu work his magic with the spinnaker. We held onto the lead and won another race! That was really fun. We sailed around waiting for the RC to re-arrange the race course again. The passing storms were definitely playing havoc on them finding a wind direction. More wind and rain came with the next group of clouds, which lead the fleet to the harbor. Although the race had not officially been called, the fleet voted by hoisting the boats and rolling sails. It was apparently time to move onto the cocktail hour.

The free-massages (yes, another part of the “Bigger and Better”) were enjoyed by a large number of people while the PYC members arrived with pot-luck items, the full bar was set up, and the band prepared for the night’s music. The home-made Chicken Parmesan dinner was amazing and dinner morphed right into the party. The number of juniors at the event was great. The juniors and the “junior-at-heart” did a good job keeping the party going. We watched, danced, and socialized until the band played their ninth “elast song” and finally called it a night. Dan and I didn’t make it to Ryan Ruhlman’s after-party either night, but from what I understand, it sounded like more fun was had by many into the wee hours.

At the cocktail hour we learned that we were tied for first with Jamie Allen from Montreal and his team of Jay Deakin and Marc Littee. That was exciting news. Since we had that seventh, I wasn’t sure we would have placed so high. Jamie told Dan that our two bullets made our scores look “sexier” than his. While we found humor in that statement, the “sexy scores” were beating Jamie in the tie breaker so we were winning (yeah!)

We woke up to mid-forty degree temps and big, building wind on Sunday morning. The fleet suited up into all of their cold-weather sailing apparel but nobody was putting boats in the water yet. The RC and regatta organizers discussed the conditions and decided to call off the races. The low temps and big breeze was not a good combo for the fleet so we packed up and hit the road early. Do they ever sail on Sunday at the Spring Classic? We will keep coming back to find out.

The awards ceremony was entertaining. Bertie Werley read the list of who did what to make the “Bigger and Better” 25th Anniversary Spring Classic Regatta such a success. I was amazed to hear just how many PYC members are willing to step up to work and/or sponsor the event. Bertie did an impressive job organizing them all while smiling the entire weekend. That is one amazing chick! Addison Fisher pulled the winning name out for the free set of North Sails drawing. \$500 was raised for the Boat Grant Program. There were several Boat-Grant and former Boat-Grant sailors competing in the Spring Classic, reminding us of the many reasons why the program is so great. The raffle winner, Frederick Wright, did not attend the 2009 Spring Classic, but he was contacted about his luck despite the “must be present to win” chants from the crowd. Although tempted, Dan declined Jamie Allen’s offer to break the regatta tie with a “dance-off”, so Dan, Stu, and I won the 25th Anniversary Spring Classic. Jamie Allen, Jay Deakin, and Marc Littee were second, Allen Terhune with his teammates Katie Terhune and Neal Fowler were third. We look forward to returning to PYC next year for more fun both on Lake Pymatuning and in the trailer-park (I mean Yacht Club).

Toby Moriarty