

Hoosier Regatta
Wawasee Yacht Club – Fleet 154
Syracuse, Indiana
October 1-2, 2016

Pos	Sail#	HelmName	Crew	Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	15390	Todd Wake	Kristine Wake, Ben Wake	Sheboygan	1	2	3	1	7
2	313	Matt Morin	Kevin Morin, Marcie Levey	Crescent	11	1	1	3	16
3	15470	George Sipel	Dan Synowiel, Wes Rapp	North Cape	5	3	2	8	18
4	14867	Ernie Dieball	Jacq Dieball, Bryan Bahler	North Cape	3	4	10	4	21
5	15172	James Taylor	George Auer, Carl Tayor	Cowan Lake	4	5	7	5	21
6	15532	Tanner Probst	Doug Wake, Jenna Probst	BCC/SYC	2	7	4	11	24
7	15309	Brad Wagnon	John McClain, Dave Corcoran	Wawasee	9	9	6	2	26
8	15474	Rob Linden	Michael Morin, Rachel Day	Toledo Ice YC	8	8	11	6	33
9	14880	Craig Pomeroy	Kim Blechinger, Tori Strutz	Windjammers SC	10	10	5	10	35
10	15430	John McCree	Julie, Valentina Ripucato	Bay City	6	14	12	9	41
11	14842	Tom Klaban	Jim Wellington, Karen Wellington	Pontiac	15	12	8	7	42
12	15565	Jeff Schmahl	Stan Cummings, Sam Laird	Wawasee	14	6	15	13	48
13	15471	Ryan Flack	Sarah Wesolek, Jim Thompson	Lake Fenton	12	15	9	12	48
14	13895	David Schmahl	Jenkins, Greta/Maria Schmahl	Wawasee	17	11	13	14	55
15	13721	Pete McGinity	Josie Forbes, Autumn Pierce	Indianapolis	7	17	17	18	59
16	13851	Stuart Webster	Webster, Freddy Webster	Wawasee	13	13	18	15	59
17	14359	Mike Franceschini	Frank Wilder, Jennifer Leath	Indianapolis	16	16	14	16	62
18	14835	John Selby	Betsy Berry, John Gabriel	Wawasee	18	18	16	17	69

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The best little regatta you'll ever attend lived up to its billing again. Jeff and Donna Schmahl, Brad and Daphne Wagnon and the rest of the Wawasee crew put on another great event. New York strip steak for dinner on Saturday! As usual the "Program" featured fabulous prizes ranging from John Deere hats to aged Wisconsin cheddar. There can be no argument that the party was won by 10 month old Ridge Linden, what a fun baby. Ridge and his dad Rob traveled to the regatta together, just the two of them, no mom, no sitter. This reflects on what a great group of people show up at the Hoosier Regatta and how the class supports junior sailors of all ages. After the Program the kids and the young at heart went out for traditional "glow bowling". I could go on about the hospitality but the bottom line is you team is fed, watered (all the beer you can drink) and housed from Friday night through lunch on Sunday for \$100. All of this with a smile!

The sailing was typical for a small Midwestern lake in the autumn. We had wind shifts, fog, torrential rain and some great sailing. The keys to Team Wake's success were bringing along plenty of candy corn (a fall staple) to keep Ben fueled up and connecting the dots of the puffs. Team Morin in the orange boat finished the regatta with an impressive 1,1,3 to place second in the regatta. They did not always start well but showed an uncanny ability to sniff out the wind at the finish which is really the only time that counts. I think there may be some drone video forthcoming of their amazing finish in race 3.

When deciding on what regattas to attend I often ask myself, "Would I go without the boat?", and Wawasee definitely passes the test. This is not to denigrate the awesome inland lake sailing. I'm talking about the fun on and off the water, how kids too young to sail and non-sailing spouses are welcomed, the interesting and generous housing hosts that you meet, eating chili in front of the fireplace after sailing, watching college football together after sailing on Saturday (ask Tom Klaban who scored all the points for Ohio State in the 12-10 game in 1974 against Michigan). Put this regatta on your calendar for next year.

Todd Wake

