

Bruce Goldsmith Regatta  
 Devils Lake Yacht Club – Fleet 31  
 Manitou Beach, Michigan  
 September 13–14, 2014

Pos	Sail#	Name	Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	15470	Skip Dieball, Meghan Dieball, Mike Stark	North Cape	1	1	6	2	2	12
2	14176	Ernie Dieball, Jacqueline Dieball	North Cape	5	4	9	1	1	20
3	14818	Craig Gabel, Sjoerd Vanderhorst, Jack Vanderhorst	Devils Lake	2	6	4	4	7	23
4	15430	John McCree, Spencer Doyle, Christophe Marche	Bay City	8	2	2	9	6	27
5	9	Thomas Allen, Abby Allen, Jim Allen	Buffalo Canoe Club	7	10	1	3	10	31
6	313	Matt Morin, Marcie Levey, Kevin Morin	Crescent	3	7	3	14	4	31
7	15474	Rob Linden, Michael Morin, Brian Cripe	North Cape	6	3	11	13	5	38
8	14249	George Sipel, Jim Ward, Jayme Ward	North Cape	10	5	13	8	3	39
9	14830	David Laidlaw, Irma David, Kevin Laidlaw	Devils Lake	11	8	8	6	16	49
10	15222	Bobby Flack, Jody Kjoller, Rachel Dey	Pontiac	9	12	7	12	9	49
11	14860	Jack Mueller, Nancy Mueller, Randy Knielens	SSC	12	9	14	5	12	52
12	14774	Tom Vickers	Crescent	14	11	5	15	8	53
13	15513	Trey Rose, Allison Frantz, Stephanie Holland	Crescent	13	13	10	7	11	54
14	15148	Doug Tagsold, Steve Cantrell, Gerry Urffer	Devils Lake	4	14	12	11	15	56
15	14856	Mike Williams, Bob Pfeffen, Brian Walten	Crescent	17	17	15	10	13	72
16	14649	Bill Rogge, Deborah David, Kathleen Mabie	Devils Lake	15	15	16	16	14	76
17	10638	Tom Love, Jon Cousino, Lisa Thomas	Devils Lake	16	16	17	17	17	83

## 2014 Bruce Goldsmith Memorial Regatta

### *Skip Dieball*

Devils Lake Michigan The Devils Lake Regatta has been going on for over 70 years. That's quite a feat, but easy to understand why when you step foot on their beautiful lake front setting. The club is very big and very old. Built in the 1870s as a Victorian era hotel, it became a yacht club in 1940. With a nice dining room and bar and rooms upstairs, the vibe inside DLYC is very fun.

The sailing on Devils Lake is like that of most inland lakes...very shifty and challenging. This year, we had a breezy Saturday and a light-air Sunday, but PRO Merrill Bales got all the races in and we all had a great time. My team consisted of Mike Stark from Toledo and my daughter, Meghan. We had not sailed together before, but Mike is an all-star crew and really stepped up to the task, especially on Saturday's breezy conditions. Meghan has crewed with me on the Lightning this summer and is really finding her comfort zone in the front of the boat. Together, we got along great and it was fun sailing!

Saturday started with some brisk winds and cool temps. We started the day with a 1,1 but the racing was insanely tight. The first race Craig Gabel's team with Jack & Surge Vanderhorst were hot on our heels. We found a little magic in the last part of the 2nd beat and then controlled them. Team Morin were not far behind in their new Orange yacht. The 2nd race, Team Morin were off the line with a great start and they led until we were able to pass on the run (due to our sub-400lb size). They caught a nasty shift, filled with water and lost a few at the bottom mark. John McCree's team with new-to-Lightning crew Spencer Doyle and Christophe Marche did a nice job of clawing back to the point where they were right on us at the top mark...but alas, our size paid downwind and we held on for a 2nd win. The third race got a bit dicey on the start. A few teams had gotten tied up near the boat end and carved a hole for Team Morin to sneak through over the top. From leeward, Jim Allen with Tom Allen and Abby Allen pointed right up in front of those in the middle of the line (Team Dieball(s)- both, and Geo Sipel) and cruised to the lead with John McCree's team not far behind. The breeze had backed off and shifted providing only thin passing lanes. Jim's team held on for the win.

Sunday was light. So light, in fact, that we were APd for an hour. The wind eventually filled in, but was quite spotty and inconsistent. The pin was well favored making it a battle with an "I" flag. Rob Linden with Michael Morin and Brian Cripe started on port just to leeward of Ernie Dieball with Jacqueline Dieball and George Auer. My team was just to leeward of Rob and we thought we were going to be 1-2 at the top mark, but we fell into a hole and Ernie's team cruised on through and held for the win. We battled back from 8th to 2nd by catching a miracle puff downwind (again our size provided a nice benefit). Jim Allen got a 3rd and Craig Gabel 4th. Between races, Craig joked that he was in a Dieball sandwich on the score card, which didn't make him feel comfortable. With the wind slowly dying, no one (certainly not us) felt comfortable.

The last race was another pin-led start, but a huge righty had us close to fetching on starboard. We went conservative, and able to punch out with only Team Morin to leeward, but clean and charging. At the very end, the wind went left and Team Morin drifted into the top mark. We snuck around (along with a bunch of others) and set our spin at the off-set. Somehow we managed to catch the only puff out of the top and extended. Ernie & Geo's teams did a nice job of staying close and on the 2nd run we thought we lost them both as we fell into a hole. We held off Geo, but Ernie slid through and went on to win. We knew we had to finish 7th or better for the win and enjoyed the sail home and subsequently DLYCs fantastic bloody mary's!

Thanks to Regatta Chair Dave Laidlaw for all the effort he put in and also to Merrill Bales and his team on the RC for doing such a great job year after year.