

Midcontinent Regatta
 Carlyle Sailing Association – Fleet 266
 Carlyle, Illinois
 April 26–27, 2014

Pos	Sail#	Skipper/Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Ttl
1	15390	Todd Wake, Kristine Wake, Doug Wake	1	1	2	2	1	1	6
2	14834	Matt Burrridge, Ian Moriarty, Caleb Leonard	2	2	1	1	2	3	8
3	14798	Dan Moriarty, Tobi Moriarty, Jason Bemis	4	4	6	5	3	2	18
4	15364	Gerry Paoli, Sue Paoli, Arthur Merdinian	7	5	5	3	4	4	21
5	15045	Carson Menges, Alison Lacker, Nicholas Beckman	5	3	3	6	6	5	22
6	14766	Terry Burke, Joe Quick, Steve Smith	3	6	4	4	5	6	22
7	14191	Greg Florian, Nick Florian, Colin Florian	6	7	8	8	8	7	36
8	14614	John Fowell, Howard Harris, Mark Paoli	8	8	7	7	7	8	37

No, the forecast didn't look great. Or not for Sunday at least. We thought... However, in true Carlyle fashion, we were proven wrong. Driving in on Friday night, April 25 to the Mariner's Inn, it was 65 degrees, topping our hometown Sheboygan by 20 degrees. The portable bar and Mid-Continent regatta posse moved to cabin five to kick off the weekend. After ample time, the need for sleep broke through the wall of chatter.

Saturday morning broke and a beautiful day commenced. With temperatures over 75 degrees and abundant sunshine, champagne sailing was prevalent throughout the racing day. Prior to launching, team Wake discovered that they were missing their main sheet, jib sheet, and spare bag. Luckily, we were generously loaned spares (thanks to Matt Burrridge for the main sheet and Carson Menges for the jib sheet) and were able to continue on with our day. The first race started with 6-8 knots of breeze. The wind was puffy and shifty- extremely variable. Team Wake won the first race with Team Yeti (Matt Burrridge, Ian Moriarty, and Caleb Leonard) coming in second. To begin the second race, the wind decreased to 4-6 kts. Coming into the finish, teams Wake and Yeti were neck and neck, with Team Wake pulling away slightly to take their second straight race. Then came the best move that any regatta organizer has ever made. Lunch onshore. After feasting, the fleet resurged for the afternoon. In the third race of the regatta, the deadlock of the Yeti and the Wakes carried through the whole race, with Burrridge taking the race by 6 inches or less on an Olympic modified course. Race four ended with the same two boats one-two. The wind was picking up and race 5 switched back to a windward leeward course. Essentially the inverse of race 3, Team Wake took the race by no more than a foot after a tight downwind.

The drinks came out and a congregative dinner at Bretz Wildlife Winery capped a successful day of racing. After day one the standing showed team Wake on top of team Yeti by one point with Dan and Tobi Moriarty and Jason Bemis in third.

And now you find out what happens Sunday. The forecast was gradually downgraded until it looked like the squirrels would not be blown out of the trees and the sixth race of the series was inevitable. Between the top two teams, this was for all the marbles. Team Yeti needed to win the race to win the regatta and Team Wake , with the throw out in play, simply needed to not let Yeti win the race. At the start, Team Wake won the boat, forcing teams Yeti, Moriarty, and Paoli to windward of the committee boat. The wind shifted right gradually, and Team Wake held the lead for the majority of the race, finishing first to win the regatta.

Immediately after the last boat got in, thunder and lightning presented themselves, but avoided the CSA. Lunch was served, awards handed out, and the competitors and family dispersed. Overall, the sailing conditions were perfect, ambiance extraordinary, and the people were incredible. When all things were said and done, Team Wake- Todd, Kristine, and Doug Wake won the regatta with 6 points. Team Yeti- Matt Burrridge, Ian Moriarty, and Caleb Leonard placed second, and the team of Dan and Tobi Moriarty with Jason Bemis took third. A huge thank you goes out to the race committee, volunteers, and the regatta organizer- Matt Burrridge. See you next year Carlyle!

Doug Wake



Todd Wake and Matt Burrridge