

51st Brotz Regatta  
Sheboygan Yacht Club  
(home of the 2014 Lightning North American Championships!)  
August 24-25, 2013

Pos	Sail #	Skipper	R1	R2	R3	Race4	R5	R6	R7	Total
1	15480	Bill Faude	1	1	(2)	1	1	1	1	6
2	15158	Peter Orlebeke	3	3	1	(5)	2	2	3	14
3	14778	Mike Tennity	2	(7)	5	2	3	3	6	21
4	15064	Jason Bemis	5	4	4	3	6	(7)	2	24
5	15261	Bob Franke	4	6	7	(9)	4	4	5	30
6	15137	Steve Adamski	6	2	8	(10)	9	6	4	35
7	15143	Joel LeMahieu	9	5	3	7	5	(DNS)	DNS	41
8	14857	Doug Steffenson	(10)	9	10	6	7	5	8	45
9	14408	Doug Olson	8	(10)	6	8	8	8	7	45
10	15301	Kathy Lindgren	7	8	9	4	(11)	9	9	46
11	14237	Paul Bartelt	(11)	11	11	11	10	10	10	63

## 2013 Brotz Regatta Report

**Warning:** This is a commercial for the **2014 Lightning North American Championships** being hosted by **The Midwest District, Lightning Fleet 187, The Sheboygan Yacht Club and Sail Sheboygan**, posing as a regatta report for the 51st Brotz Regatta!

First things first: Please do not mistake the Brotz regatta for the Brats as in Bratwurst that are so plentiful in these parts. The Brotz regatta is named for Mr. Roman Brotz who was a prominent local yachtsman and owner of the yacht Sabre that you will see in many photographs and in the giant scale model next to the bar, which also serves as the trophy for the Brotz Regatta. You will see them all at the Sheboygan Yacht Club next summer at the **2014 North American Championships** when you make the scene.

The 2013 Brotz was a terrific event. While you were driving home from the Nas (which I am told was an other terrific event and one very unfortunate to have missed) 11 boats were getting together in **the home waters of the 2014 North American Championship off Sheboygan**. We are very lucky that we get to sail in Lake Michigan here in August. It has the most dependable sea breeze on the lake and this year it paid off beautifully with two days of ideal Lightning conditions...8-14mph breeze, 70-degree water, clear sky.

Sail Sheboygan, which is one of 4 US Sailing Centers, and the Sheboygan Yacht Club teamed up to run a fantastic regatta for us. We used it as the first of several dress rehearsals we are planning prior to the **2014 North American Championships**. PRO Mike Lindgren and his team did a wonderful job. They were on station when the teams appeared. They started precisely on time. On Saturday, they provided 5 races for the fleet, each of about 45 minutes and had us back at the dock by 3:30PM. On Sunday, they out-thought the convergence of the sea breeze and a rapidly-building smoking southwesterly, abandoned a rin progress, took the fleet east a mile, got in two more great races and returned the fleet to the dock by 1PM. This team is an important segment of the group that will be running races for us at the **2014 North American Championships** next summer.

Other than the wonderful conditions, highlights included:

- Having former Lightning owner Bob Franke charter Lightning15261 from Sail Sheboygan and come sail with us for the second year in a row. Bob, it's time to get a boat and come sail the **2014 North American Championships** next summer.
- Having former Lightning owner Steve Cushman and his son come sail on the team Adamski boat. Steve, it's time to get Martha back in a boat and come sail the **2014 North American Championships** next summer. What a GREAT family experience that would be.
- SYC manager Sean Pieters and his team getting a tasty Taco Bar set up for us in the brand new outdoor Lowell North Instructional Pavilion on the club grounds. Thanks Sean and team.
- Last but not least, Jared and Bill were joined by third teammate Dr. Kristine Wake and it was a lot of fun. Dr. Wake had to miss the NAs this summer due to a work commitment. We lucked out. She is a great teammate and fun to be with. Thanks Kristine!

We Lightning sailors in the Midwest District can't wait to welcome you to Sheboygan next summer. If conditions are anything close to this year's Brotz, we will all have an awesome event experience.

PS: Our Organizing Committee will begin blogging about our team's progress preparing for next year's NAs immediately. We really want all our friends to attend. And we want you to keep up with some of the great stuff we have going on. We might ask for some instant feedback here, and we promise to keep the posts entertaining. Here's the link:

[www.squareboatnas2014.blogspot.com](http://www.squareboatnas2014.blogspot.com)

Photos of from the Brotz Regatta: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/sailsheboygan/sets/72157635296877841>



Fleet Start



Team Faude



Fleet Sailing Down wind