

WMYA Championship Regatta

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Five different sailors claimed race wins, keeping the regatta exciting:

- Reed Lorimer (TO-99) – Race 1
- Rob Terry (CR-66) – Races 2 and 4
- Tye Nordberg (TO-32) – Race 3
- Tony Pugh (CR-9) – Race 5
- Don Nelson (WH-12) – Race 6

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At the conclusion of the regatta, Rob Terry from Crystal Lake Yacht Club emerged as the overall winner aboard CR-66, Black Pearl, with crew Jim Campbell, Reed Breland, and Carrie Bargren. Tom Munroe (WH-77) from White Lake Yacht Club finished a close second, placing second in his last three races. Tony Pugh took third, Don Nelson fourth, and Brian McMurray fifth.

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In the end, Rob Terry from Crystal Lake YC came out on top sailing CR-66, *Black Pearl*, with crew Jim Campbell, Reed Breland, and Carrie Bargren. Tom Munroe (WH-77) from White Lake YC finished a close second, placing second in his last three races. Third went to Tony Pugh, fourth to Don Nelson, and fifth to Brian McMurray.

Congrats to all the sailors, and thanks to everyone who made it a great regatta!