

WoW

Inaugural late-fall Wamplers Lake regatta draws 10 boats

Fall colors frame the fleet on Wamplers Lake Oct. 19. David and Anne Pugh of Oakville, Ontario went on to win the regatta. Six races were held Saturday while Sunday's racing was cancelled because of lack of wind. Photos by Gregory Kostyniuk



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The first Wayfarers on Wamplers Regatta (WoW), hosted at the beautiful McCreedy family cottage in Brooklyn, Michigan, was held Oct. 19-20. There was a solid turnout of 10 boats, including entrants from Wisconsin and Canada.

We had several first-time Wayfarer racers come out, including new skippers Tom Dawson and Dennis Gamble and crewmembers Chip Lee and Pauling Ng. There was great competition, especially through the middle of the fleet, with a few upsets and three boats tied for 4th place. Matt Dailey and Nick Burtka were particularly gleeful about one race, where they beat Dave McCreedy (and myself) on his home water. I suppose that's what Dave gets for lending them his old boat.

Saturday was an excellent day for sailing, with sunny weather and a fairly consistent 10 knots of wind. This allowed us to get six races in, all of them triangle courses, set for us by race officer Marc Bennett. For those who would like to see a bird's eye view of Marc's first-rate course setting, or relive the excitement of the races, you're in luck. Nine out of 10 boats had GPS trackers on board that were uploaded to RaceQs, a free course tracking app. The full recording is available at <https://bit.ly/2Bx3PGb>.

David and Anne Pugh of Oakville, Ontario, Canada showed us all up with their spinnaker work. But the duo was kind enough to share their knowledge with a spinnaker demonstration back on shore. We picked up some useful tips that will hopefully help us catch them in the next races. I'm looking forward to attempting

a reach-to-reach jibe on our next triangle courses.

A huge thanks goes out from all us to Dave and the entire McCreedy family for all of their hard work to plan and execute a great event. The Dave Wilpula family was also a huge help in making sure everything ran smoothly. I was thoroughly impressed by the quality of everything at the cottage, especially the food. From breakfast to dinner, we were fed like kings, everything from waffles and warm cider to fresh homemade bread and apple crisp.

I'd also like to extend my personal thanks to Dave McCreedy, who is a phenomenal skipper, mentor and friend. He has been instrumental in organizing our Wednesday night racing group, increasing outreach to new sailors and coordinating resources for more people to experience the joy of racing.

Thank you, Dave, for introducing me to the Wayfarer fleet: a warm and welcoming group of people who thrive on the rush of competition, but equally treasure the opportunity to help others learn and grow. You embody the spirit of this fleet and I am continually inspired by your dedication to helping it thrive.

Winning our first trophy together was a very satisfying way to celebrate my one-year anniversary of racing in a Wayfarer.



Oakville, Ontario's Anne Pugh (W11222) gives the WOW group a lessons on flying the spinnaker.



The first Wayfarers on Wamplers Regatta had sailors traveling from near and far, including Wisconsin and Ontario, Canada. Marc Bennett (W11221) took on race captain duties and set triangle courses for the fleet.



Skipper Dave McCreedy, host of the regatta, and crew Angela Brazil with their third place trophies.

the 2019 Wayfarers on Wamplers Regatta
Corrected results as of 09:47 on October 23, 2019

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Rank	Seed	SailNo	Helms/Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total	Nett	Notes
1	2 (11)	11222	David & Anne Pugh	(2)	1	1	1	2	1	8	6	
2	1 (7)	11158	Peggy Menzies/Jo	1	2	(3)	3	2	13	10		
3	3 (37)	911 (10861)	Dave McCreedy/Angela Brazil	3	4	(6)	6	1	3	23	17	
4	7 est.	10861 (911)	Tom Dawson/Pauline Ng	4	(10)	8	2	7	4	35	25	Most Improved
5	6 est.	8225	Mike Moody/Michael Kovachik	(8)	5	3	8	4	5	33	25	
6	5 (79)	453	Dave Wilpula/Sam Durbin	5	3	(9)	5	5	7	34	25	
7	10 est.	4116	Dennis & Bill Gamble	6	6	4	(9)	6	6	37	28	Most Improved
8	9 (102)	1389	Matt Dailey/Nick Burtka	7	7	5	7	8	(9)	43	34	
9	4 (64)	3445	Robert Mosher/Chip Lee	(DNS)	8	7	4	10	8	48	37	
10	8 (85)	2951	Mike & Robin Austerberry	9	9	10	10	9	(DNF)	58	47	