



# Lakewood Yacht Club

"September 2018 has proven to be yet, the busiest month I've ever had a Coach since I joined Lakewood almost three years ago. Lakewood sailors traveled as far as Los Angeles, Milwaukee, and Dallas while October had come strong with two USODA Regattas in Atlanta and Newport last weekend.

The second weekend of September, 7 Lakewood sailors traveled all the way to participate at the USODA Pacific Coast Championship, hosted by the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club in Los Angeles. The venue was fantastic, and it was a good first test to gather very important information about the sailing conditions we can expect at the 2019 USODA Team Trials, to be held on May by the California Yacht Club in Los Angeles as well.

Lakewood Team was joined by three guests sailors, who took 1st, 3rd and 5th overall with Samara Walshe claiming the overall, Laura Hamilton finishing 3rd and Gil Hackel placing 5th. Stephen Momeier led the Team with a 6th overall and a few bullets, followed by Lucas Tenreiro in 9th, Tony Slowik 12th, Maddie Janzen 17th, William Baker 20th, Matias Martin 23th, and Ava Anderson 25th.

The third weekend of the month I was honored to be chosen to lead one Opti High-Performance Clinic in Annapolis, Maryland. While this job took me away from the weekend practice, I found it very important to collaborate once in a while with other areas where Optimist is not as developed as Texas and Lakewood. It increases the national exposure from our Sailing Program; some people that still can't place Lakewood on the map. Collaborating also gives reputation to our Coaching Team, which will prove beneficial in the future.

The fourth weekend of the month a small group of sailors decided to travel all the way to Dallas to participate at the annual Junior Old Man of the Sea Regatta in Fort Worth, Dallas. The long drive didn't stop 6 of our sailors to sail in really nice conditions despite the intermittent rain we had to deal with all weekend.

Tony Slowik led the Team in this TSA Circuit claiming the overall after a very consistent weekend of racing and scoring 5 out of 9 bullets. Scott Mather finished 4th, with William Baker 5th, Tanner Ward 8th, Ewan Dossin 16th, and Kyle Hoeffner 17th.

And finally, to wrap up the month, 4 of our sailors traveled all the way to Wisconsin to take part in the USODA Midwest Championship. This year, the annual Regatta for the Midwest was organized by the Lake Geneva Sailing School, where our former Sailing Director, Marek Valasek, leads the program as Executive Director.

For this reason, I decided to support the Regatta while I had the chance to work directly with him coaching Lakewood sailors and part of the BMRT (Buddy Melges Racing Team) where he's the Lead Coach.

Sailing conditions were predominantly light, with a few showers and very cold weather (although still warm waters!) but Lake Geneva proved to be a fantastic venue with challenging conditions and great sailing.

William Baker led our Team in the Regatta, placing 2nd overall and 1st in Blue Fleet fighting for the overall until the last boat length where he tied for first but lost the tiebreaker. James Pine took 3rd overall and 1st in White Fleet sailing his best USODA Regatta so far in the Midwest Championship, an event won by Peter Barnard, from Chicago.

Ava Anderson had a fantastic last day (4,3,20) and climbed up to 9th overall claiming both the 3rd in Girls Division and 3rd in Red Fleet. To finish, Nathan Pine got 13th overall after struggling a bit with the starts, but enough to claim 2nd in White Fleet.

To start a new month, 3 Regattas (yes, 3 of them) were held in the same weekend, with a group of Lakewood sailors attending each one of them.

Stephen Momeier, Scott Mather and Kyle Hoeffner drove to Dallas (3rd Regatta in Dallas in the last month) to participate at the Pirates of the Corinthian Regatta hosted by the Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club. 8 races were for the RWB Division with Stephen claiming the overall and Scott finishing right behind him in 2nd while Kyle closing the team's performance in 15th overall.

Bernat Gali Bou  
Head Opti Coach