# Maxinkuckee Yacht Club 

Fall Regatta

## September 6-7, 2014

It was a great weekend of fun and sailing at Lake Maxinkuckee. This is a special place to sail. The local members take the sailors right into their home so you have that family feeling when you enjoy the Hoosier hospitality at this lake. The lake is very clean and very large about three by two miles I believe. This makes for a good course no matter the direction. It is also run right off the famous Culver Military Academy grounds. It is a very beautiful setting.

This was a very fun and unique group sailing this regatta. Chip Smitson helped the Club coordinate with the Academy, run the regatta and even managed a third in the first race, before dropping out downwind in the second race to make a wedding. He said he made it by 15 minutes, so he had plenty of time to spare!

Tony Bruskas and Mick Watson made the truck from Davenport, along with four C boats from Davenport. They all stayed with Chip. Tony is a long Time mainstay and supporter of sailing and was the Top Old Salt, and was sailing really well till a fourth race capsize in the $\mathbf{1 0}$ to $\mathbf{1 5} \mathbf{~ m p h}$ breeze knocked him from the race.

Newcomers Kevin Cox and Ted Mercede both made the regatta, they are new to the class so be sure to say hello and give them a warm welcome. Both have made great strides in sailing the boat.

Jack Sanderson who has been fast all year also made the trip; unfortunately he became tangled with a C scow at a finish and tipped over in race three.

Jeff Costin from Maxinkuckee fought hard all regatta in the shifty windy conditions to place third overall.

Jim Grant sailed solid and smart all regatta and wound up second and he was the top Mega Master. He also won race three on a downwind finish in the most exciting race of the day as Jeff Costin, Jim, and regatta winner Chris Craig all finished within a couple of boat lengths of each other.

This is a great place to sail, let's get some more MC's out to this fine venue.

