James Island Open James Island Yacht Club - Fleet 429 Charleston, South Carolina June 17–18, 2017

Pos	Sail#	HelmName	Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Total	Net
1	14701	Carter Cameron	HYC/CYC	(12.0)	3.0	1.0	3.0	4.0	10.0	2.0	35.0	23.0
2	14728	Elaine Parshall	CSC	(15.0)	4.0	2.0	4.0	2.0	2.0	10.0	39.0	24.0
3	15345	Jim Harris	CYC/NC	3.0	8.0	4.0	2.0	(9.0)	7.0	1.0	34.0	25.0
4	15116	Will Sloger	HYC	5.0	9.0	5.0	(15.0)	1.0	3.0	5.0	43.0	28.0
5	15381	David Van Cleef	CSC	1.0	2.0	3.0	8.0	(12.0)	12.0	3.0	41.0	29.0
6	14495	Joe Pitcavage	HYC	7.0	1.0	(13.0)	1.0	5.0	8.0	9.0	44.0	31.0
7	10810	Will Tyner		4.0	6.0	(7.0)	7.0	3.0	5.0	6.0	38.0	31.0
8	15557	Lenny Krawcheck	CYC	6.0	10.0	9.0	5.0	8.0	1.0	(11.0)	50.0	39.0
9	15580	Mark Marenakos	JIYC	8.0	5.0	10.0	6.0	10.0	4.0	(14.0)	57.0	43.0
10	12957	Paul Whitesides	ChYC	2.0	7.0	(15.0)	10.0	11.0	6.0	8.0	59.0	44.0
11	13897	Ryan Hamm	JIYC	10.0	(14.0)	11.0	9.0	13.0	9.0	4.0	70.0	56.0
12	14636	Drew Lisicki	JIYC	9.0	13.0	6.0	(14.0)	6.0	11.0	12.0	71.0	57.0
13	14817	Batton Kennon	BYC	11.0	11.0	14.0	12.0	(15.0)	13.0	7.0	83.0	68.0
14	14688	William T Jones Jr		14.0	(17.0)	12.0	11.0	7.0	14.0	13.0	88.0	71.0
15	15141	Catie Yeager	ChYC	13.0	12.0	8.0	13.0	(16.0)	15.0	15.0	92.0	76.0
16	13941	Christopher Choplin	JIYC	17.0	16.0	16.0	(18.0 DNC)	14.0	16.0	16.0	113.0	95.0
17	15180	Pam Burke	LLSC	16.0	15.0	(18.0 DNF)	16.0	18.0 DNF	18.0 DNC	18.0 DNC	119.0	101.0

They wanted a report from someone with a great view of all the action. SpiderPig sure did. We pulled out our old boat, and it took a while to get it going, so our view was of all the action in front of us. What a bunch of action.

17 boats and by far the biggest fleet followed by the Open Bics (go Juniors!). Good staring lines and good courses and the perfect sea breeze made for some great racing. Big shifts made for some big differences from one race to the other. Picking the right side was critical. Consistency was critical and hard to achieve. Carter Cameron, Jordan Wiggins, and John Cameron did exactly that, scoring a total of 23 points, with newcomer to the fleet, Elaine Parshall, only one point behind. And then James Harris with one point behind them taking third after taking a circle in one race and losing three boats. Both 1st and second place had 10s in their score and that does not even count their drop. That is how deep our fleet is. I told many people when they asked how I did that the Lightning fleet is the closest and largest racing fleet in Charleston which just makes it fun.

My partner and his wife made for a great weekend as well. Great seeing Carter and the proud dad on Father's Day eek out the win. His C of C coach, Past Lightning National Champ Greg Fisher, should be proud.

Special thanks to Carolina YC. We would not have had such a strong fleet without their cooperation. JIYC floating docks are still non-existent which makes the use of the hoist problematic but CYC's willingness to help its fellow club assured the Lightning fleets dominance in the regatta numbers wise and competition wise. I truly believe it needs a little tweaking on JIYC's part but next year doing the same thing with our fleet might be the way to work it. And as an active member of JIYC I really appreciate you guys showing up in large numbers to support our event. Sail fast, often, and have fun!

Coach Hamm