

Springboard Regatta
Western Carolina Sailing Club – Fleet 391
Anderson, South Carolina
April 2-3, 2016

Pos	Boat Name	Sail#	Helm Name	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Full Bunny	13941	Henry McCray	2	1	1	4
2		12957	Paul Whitesides	1	2	2	5
3		15116	Will Sloger	3	7	3	13
4	#figjam	15141	Daniel Steinburg	4	6	4	14
5		15180	Pam Burke	7	3	5	15
6	Yea Babyl	14412	Dennis Baker	6	4	6	16
7	Whine Time	14932	John Pelosi	5	8	10DNC	23
8		12613	Brent Benson	10DNC	5	10DNC	25

Western Carolina Sailing Club kicked off it's annual Springboard Regatta with beer and social activities Friday night before racing April 2-3. For those who have never been, the club is set atop a citadel overlooking Lake Hartwell, South Carolina. The sheltered launching areas, docks, and campgrounds supplement the panoramic views and legendary hospitality of this awesome club. This years version saw extremely windy conditions Saturday with gusts well into the high 20's. Paul Whitesides and his crew Carter Cameron and Laura Dupnik sailed to a tight victory in race one with Henry McCray and his Full Bunny crew of Mays Dickey and Scott Watson in second. After the race the fleet- along with the Highlanders and Buccaneers- deemed it too windy to be either safe, or fun, or both, and we headed to shore. Saturday night the club delivered another awesome dinner and social for all three fleets (and friends.)

Sunday awoke to much quieter conditions with a 5-7 knot breeze which was forecast to die. The RC quickly got us going, and it was Whitesides with a narrow lead after the first lap. McCray's Full Bunny crew executed a timely gybe set at the run/reach to finish that proved to be the difference in the race, crossing less than a boat length ahead of Whitesides beautifully restored Lippencott. Race three got underway in about 3 knots which quickly died to what I will call '1'. Full Bunny tacked off the start as the fleet split and somehow managed to never stop (must have been opp) and lay the mark comfortably ahead. The rest of the fleet was quite tight, but after three legs Whitesides was able to squeak out another 2 to secure second. Great back and forth racing. Third place went to Will Sloger who was always right there. The Steinburgs finished fourth in their new to them Nickels Figjam with long time class guru Sean Carroll guiding them. Welcome to the fleet!

This event was lead by two very old hulls with extensive rehabilitation. This has become more and more popular in the Southeast where many of the younger sailors can not afford newer boatsincreasing our fleet sizes and depth of competition. I am currently rebuilding an old Carson for Beaufort Yacht Club flag officer Simon Jenkins who we will welcome to the fleet this summer. I hope to detail the process in a future article to help promote others to bring other older boats back into competitive form!

Henry McCray
Full Bunny 13941

