

# International Master Championship Buffalo Canoe Club - Fleet 12 Ridgeway, Ontario, Canada July 17-19, 2015

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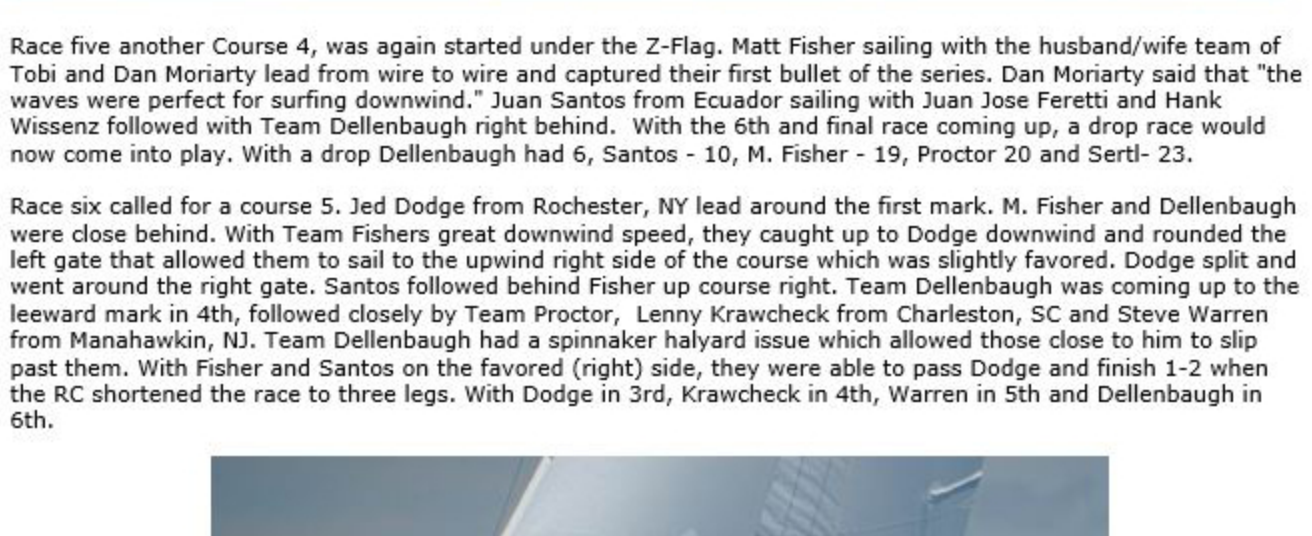
## Day 3/Final Report: July 19, 2015

Sailors were greeted to sunshine and beautiful 12-18 knot breeze for the final day of racing in the International Master Championship held at the Buffalo Canoe Club, Ridgeway, Ontario, Canada. After yesterdays fog delays, PRO Jeff Borland announced to the Fleet that they would be trying to get in three races to complete a full schedule.

The fleet was anxious and after several recalls, the Z-Flag was hoisted and the RC called a proper start to race four. After 4 legs, David Dellenbaugh, Easton, CT and his team of Jeff Eiber and Jay Lurie took their third consecutive race win and was followed by Ched Proctor, Southport, CT and Matt Fisher, Westerville, OH. Racing was close and the winds oscillated between 240-260. Gradually shifting Right as the day went on.



Team Dellenbaugh (Above) at the windward mark and below, Race 4 win.



Race five another Course 4, was again started under the Z-Flag. Matt Fisher sailing with the husband/wife team of Tobì and Dan Moriarty lead from wire to wire and captured their first bullet of the series. Dan Moriarty said that "the waves were perfect for surfing downwind." Juan Santos from Ecuador sailing with Juan Jose Feretti and Hank Wissensz followed with Team Dellenbaugh right behind. With the 6th and final race coming up, a drop race would now come into play. With a drop Dellenbaugh had 6, Santos - 10, M. Fisher - 19, Proctor 20 and Sertl- 23.

Race six called for a course 5. Jed Dodge from Rochester, NY lead around the first mark. M. Fisher and Dellenbaugh were close behind. With Team Fishers great downwind speed, they caught up to Dodge downwind and rounded the left gate that allowed them to sail to the upwind right side of the course which was slightly favored. Dodge split and went around the right gate. Santos followed behind Fisher up course right. Team Dellenbaugh was coming up to the leeward mark in 4th, followed closely by Team Proctor. Lenny Krawcheck from Charleston, SC and Steve Warren from Manahawkin, NJ. Team Dellenbaugh had a spinnaker halyard issue which allowed those close to him to slip past them. With Fisher and Santos on the favored (right) side, they were able to pass Dodge and finish 1-2 when the RC shortened the race to three legs. With Dodge in 3rd, Krawcheck in 4th, Warren in 5th and Dellenbaugh in 6th.



Steve Warren, Liem McCarthy and Tim Robinson

Teams Dellenbaugh and Santos tied for 1st place, with Dellenbaugh winning the tie breaker with three wins over the very consistent Team Santos from Ecuador. Team Matt Fisher finished in 3rd with 20 points followed by Team Proctor with 27 pts. Larry MacDonald from Hamilton, Ontario with teammates Jody Starck and Ian Jones finished in 5th with 40 points.

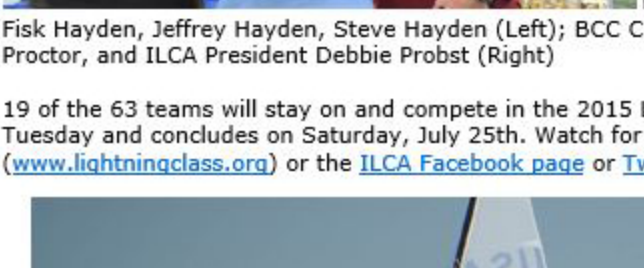


David Dellenbaugh, Jeff Eiber, Jay Lurie (Left); Hank Wissensz, Juan Santos, Juan Jose Feretti (Right)



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Fisk Hayden, Jeffrey Hayden, Steve Hayden (Left); BCC Commodore Starck, Meredith Killion, Jamie Ewing, Ched Proctor, and ILCA President Debbie Probst (Right)



19 of the 63 teams will stay on and compete in the 2015 Lightning World Championship. The 9 race series begins on Tuesday and concludes on Saturday, July 25th. Watch for more updates to be posted on the ILCA website ([www.lightningclass.org](http://www.lightningclass.org)) or the [ILCA Facebook page](#) or [Twitter](#) feed.



Tight mark roundings. Team Santos leading this one.



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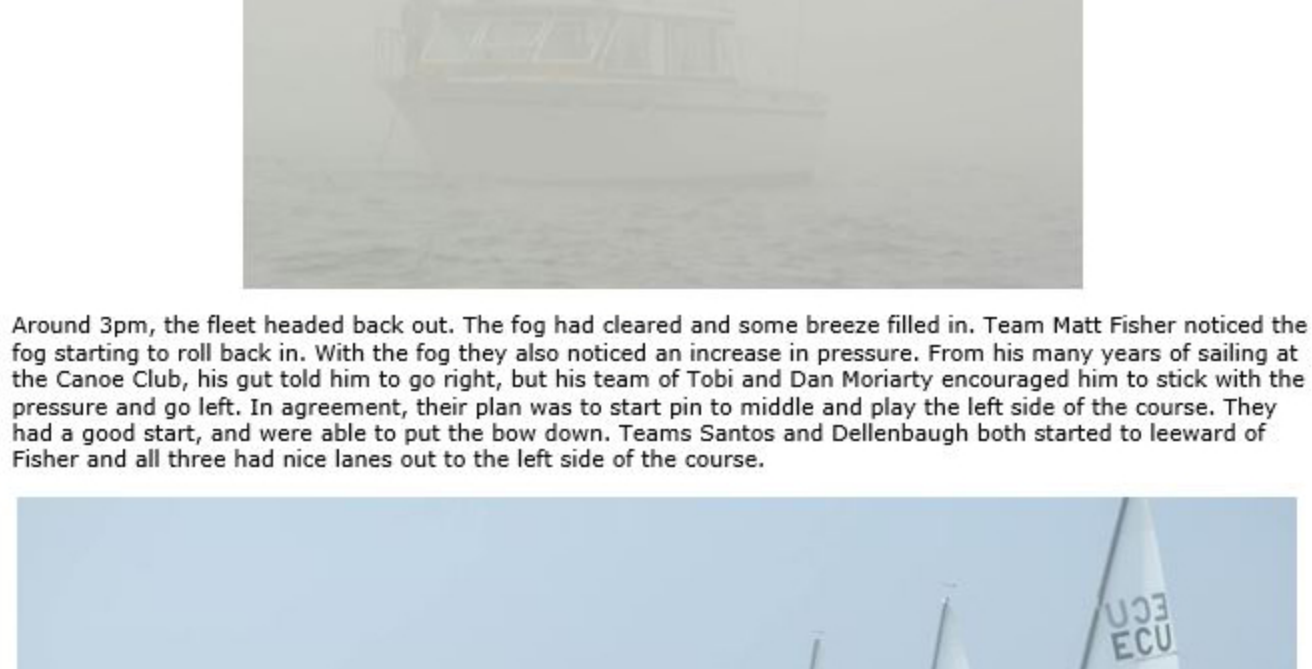
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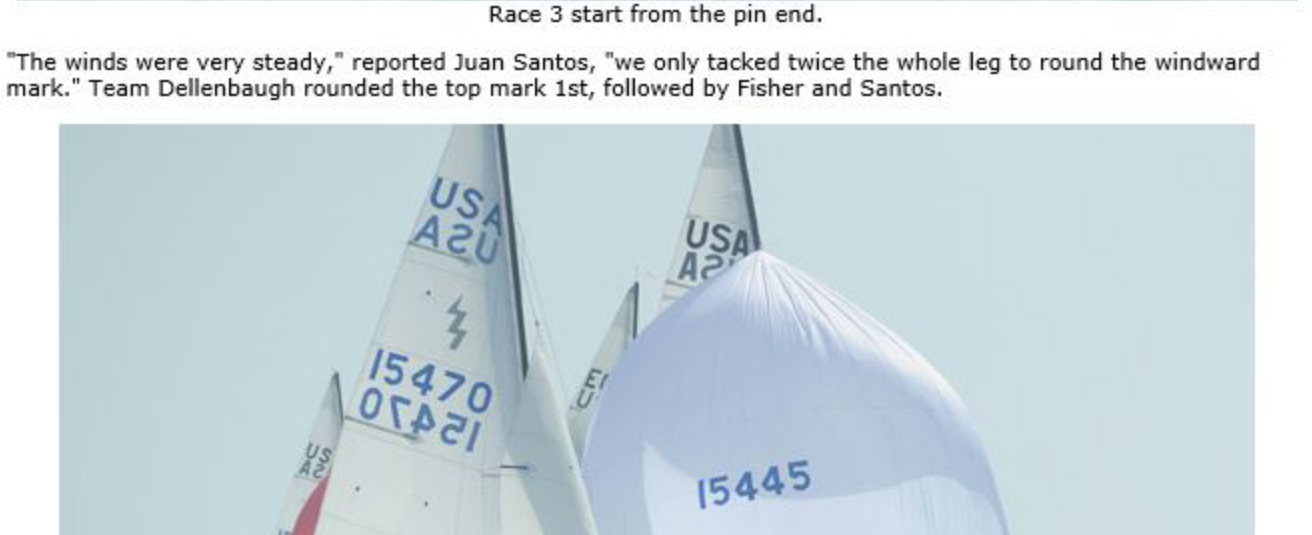
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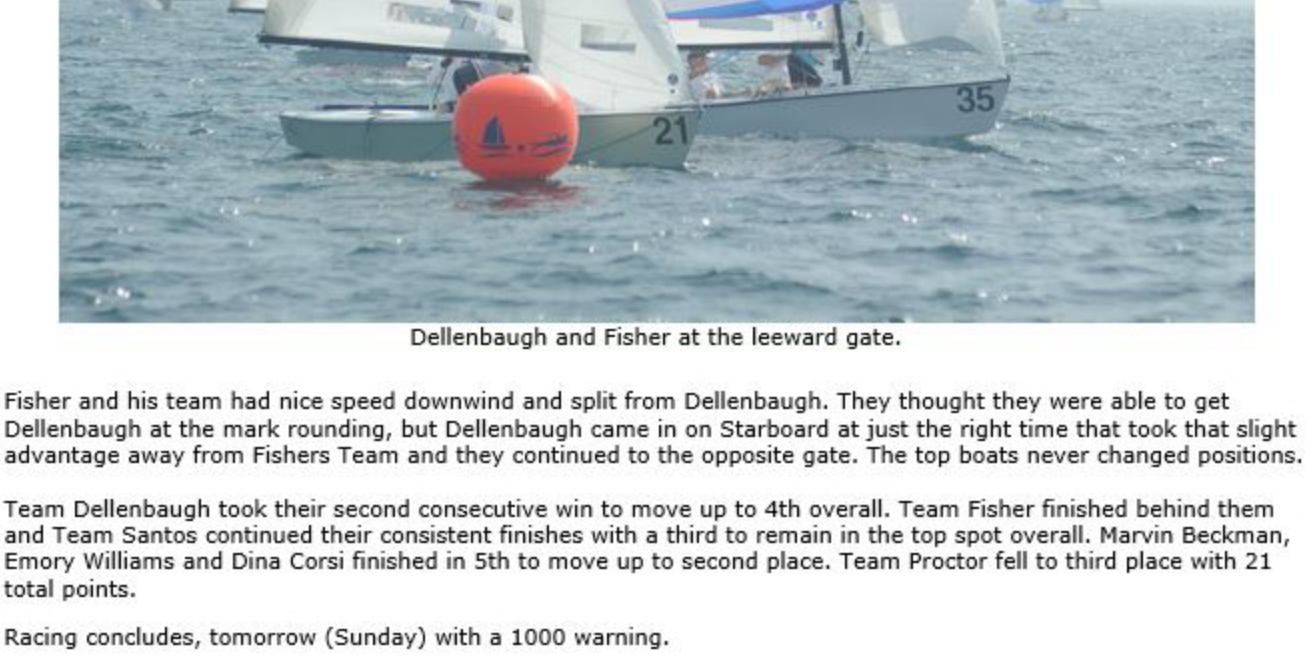
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Race 3 start from the pin end.

"The winds were very steady," reported Juan Santos, "we only tacked twice the whole leg to round the windward mark." Team Dellenbaugh rounded the top mark 1st, followed by Fisher and Santos.



Dellenbaugh and Fisher at the leeward gate.

Fisher and his team had nice speed downwind and split from Dellenbaugh. They thought they were able to get Dellenbaugh at the mark rounding, but Dellenbaugh came in on Starboard at just the right time that took that slight advantage away from Fishers Team and they continued to the opposite gate. The top boats never changed positions.

Team Dellenbaugh took their second consecutive win to move up to 4th overall. Team Fisher finished behind them and Team Santos continued their consistent finishes with a third to remain in the top spot overall. Marvin Beckman, Emory Williams and Dina Corsi finished in 5th to move up to second place. Team Proctor fell to third place with 21 total points.

Racing concludes, tomorrow (Sunday) with a 1000 warning.

## Day 1 Report: July 17, 2015

Racing began today at the at the Buffalo Canoe Club in Ridgeway, Ontario, Canada for the 2015 International Lightning Master and World Championships taking place from July 17 - 25.

The Master's Championship precedes the World Championship which starts racing on Tuesday, July 21st. 63 Master Teams from 7 Countries met with shifty winds varying in intensity from 8-15 from the South resulted in lumpy and choppy conditions which made for a difficult day on the water.

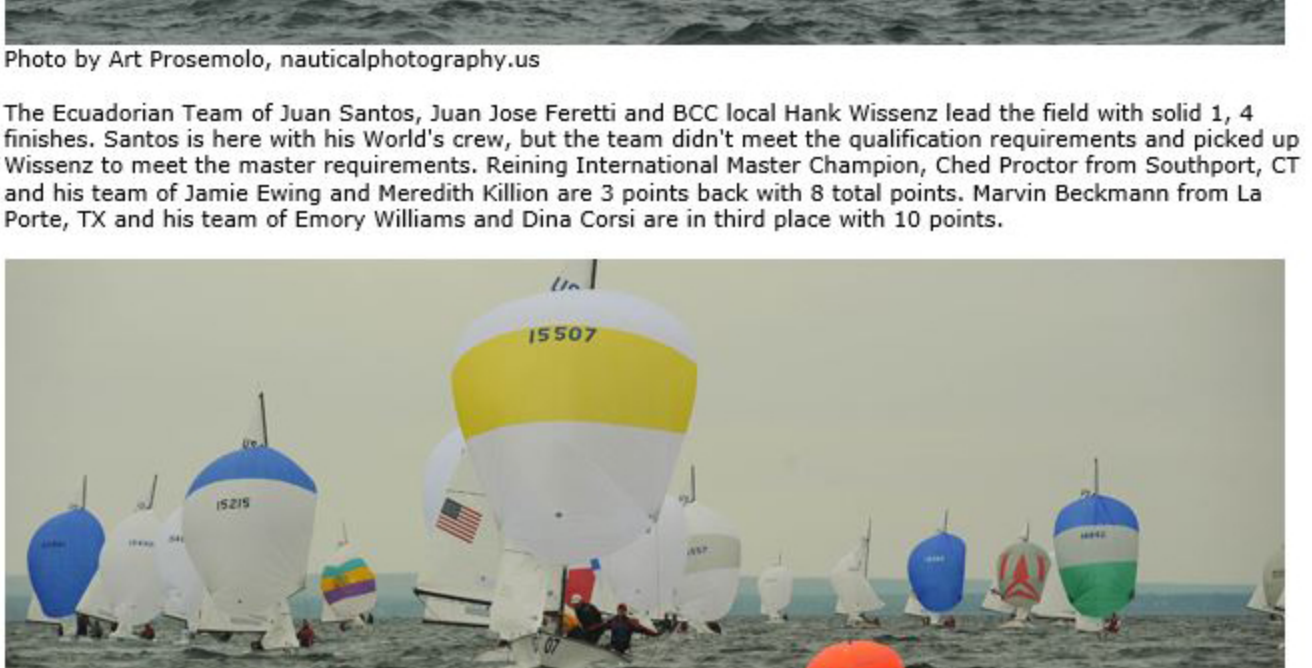
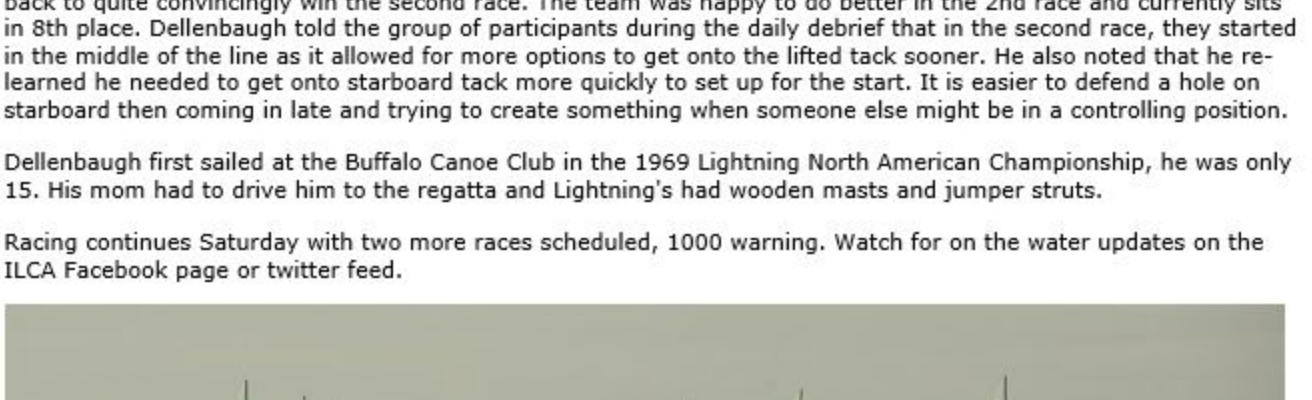


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The Ecuadorian Team of Juan Santos, Juan Jose Feretti and BCC local Hank Wissensz lead the field with solid 1, 4 finishes. Santos is here with his World's crew, but the team didn't meet the qualification requirements and picked up Wissensz to meet the master requirements. Relining International Master Champion, Ched Proctor from Southport, CT and his team of Jamie Ewing and Meredith Killion are 3 points back with 8 total points. Marvin Beckmann from La Porte, TX and his team of Emory Williams and Dina Corsi are in third place with 10 points.



Team Proctor: 15507, Photo by Art Prosemolo, [nauticalphotography.us](http://nauticalphotography.us)

Fisk Hayden posted a 10 - 5 today and currently sit in 6th place. He credits the confidence in his crew which allowed him to stay focused on boat speed, and kept close watch on the jib and the waves. Hayden is a 3rd generation Lightning sailor who is keeping Lightning sailing alive in the Hayden Family - grandson Jeffrey marks 5 generations! Fisk Hayden shared, "It is a great feeling to be able to sail at this level with my son and grandson!"

David Dellenbaugh from Easton, CT and his team of Jeff Eiber and Jay Lurie finished 20th in the first race but came back to quite convincingly win the second race. The team was happy to do better in the 2nd race and currently sits in 8th place. Dellenbaugh told the group of participants during the daily debrief that in the second race, they started in the middle of the line as it allowed for more options to get onto the lifted tack sooner. He also noted that he re-learned he needed to get onto starboard tack more quickly to set up for the start. It is easier to defend a hole on starboard then coming in late and trying to create something when someone else might be in a controlling position.

Dellenbaugh first sailed at the Buffalo Canoe Club in the 1969 Lightning North American Championship, he was only 15. His mom had to drive him to the regatta and Lightning's had wooden masts and jumper struts.

Racing continues Saturday with two more races scheduled, 1000 warning. Watch for on the water updates on the ILCA Facebook page or twitter feed.



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