



Juniors' North American Championship Fleet 75 - Nyack Boat Club, Nyack, New York August 14-17, 2013

Rank	Skipper	Crew	Boat Name	Sail#	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	
1	Adam MacDonald	Abby Bennet	Allie Jones	15495	12	1	7	1	4	13	
2	Julian Fraize	Nate Ross	Anna Huebschmann	14543	12	2	10	5	1	18	
3	Christine Moloney	Kayla Oak	Julianne MacDonald	15470	12	3	1	12	7	23	
4	Jonathan Lutz	Charlie Nunn	Connor Swikart	15166	34	4	9	8	2	23	
5	Sam Jones	Leeanne Jones	Kendra Jones	14811	12	7	5	2	9	23	
6	Kayleigh Godfrey	Connor Godfrey	Erin Godfrey	15417	12	12	8	3	3	26	
7	Tanner Probst	Robert Sawyer	Maya Weber	15251	12	10	3	4	12	TLE 29	
8	Chris Schon	Aaron Husak	Haley Kardek	15471	34	8	4	13	5	30	
9	John Tomczak	Grace Tomczak	Jenna Probst	14502	12	9	11	7	12	TLE 39	
10	Dylan Farrell	Grace Adams	Sarah Noyes	15400	129	11	18	6	6	41	
11	Benjamin Folds	Mikayla Ward	Joseph Tomczak	Duma	14875	12	5	15	11	12	TLE 43
12	Robbie Robinson	Paige Robinson	Dan Robinson	14479	12	17	6	14	12	TLE 49	
13	Becca Huyard	Ben Huyard	Evan Swartley	15467	196	19	12	10	12	TLE 53	
14	Leah Trow	Katie Braungart	Regan Flemming	14672	12	14	13	15	12	TLE 54	
15	Knox Wolaver III	Elizabeth Wolaver	Skyler Kilgore	14321	225	6	19	18	12	TLE 55	
16	Abbie Probst	Max Cahn	Steve Ressel	15208	12	16	16	17	8	57	
17	Ben Yannelli	Vincent Yannelli	Parker Stone	Legacy	15296	75	13	17	19	12	TLE 61
18	Harry Waskow	Mike Scales	Bradley Selitto	Bunbury	15487	196	18	2	2\ OCS	22	RET 64
19	Teddy Schon	Ali Blisnuk	Harry Forbes	14882	34	20	14	20	10	64	
20	Maggie MacDonald	Caroline Dunbar	Meredith Ryan	14895	12	15	21	16	12	TLE 64	
21	Kevin ODonnell	Katherine ODonnell	Kathleen Wright	Fat Chance	14140	75	21	20	21	12	TLE 74

2013 Women's, Juniors', & Masters' Lightning North American Championships

by Amy Villalba

The largest Women's, Juniors' and Masters' Lightning North American Championships ("WJMs") in the last 10 years took place on several unusually cool, clear, crisp days August 14-17th at Nyack Boat Club ("NBC").

With a long history of holding major championships with national caliber racing for Lightnings, Thistles, Sonars and Ensigns, NBC graciously hosted 57 teams: 21 Juniors (under 20), 31 Masters (55+) and 5 Classic teams (wood or glass boats built before 1974). Juniors had strong representation from the Buffalo Canoe Club with 12 teams. The Masters included many familiar names; Hallagan, Hurban, Proctor. The Classic Rally, held in honor of the 75th Anniversary of the Lightning Class, included hull #2, possibly the oldest actively competing non-keel boat.

Rare for August, there was too much wind (20 with gusts to 22) for Wednesday's practice race although PRO Judy Hanlon tried to kick one off. Back on shore, competitors were welcomed by NBC Commodore Kieran Quinn and co-chairs Bob Sengstacken and Eric Kent who'd been planning the event for nearly two years.

Three very competitive races took place Thursday afternoon. Conditions tested competitors with lots of position changes on each of the four legs of each race. Several noted how challenging the Hudson River current was. John Boynton (hull #2) remarked "on our sail to nowhere we were able to sail our spinnakers for over an hour...but barely travel few miles in the current... It was fantastic!"

The downwind finishes were so close that Race Committee burned the midnight oil ensuring they got the results correct. Ched Proctor, his son Charlie and Debbie Dudas as crew, led the day with two bullets and a second.

Postponed on shore Friday morning, participants perused 75 years' worth of Class yearbooks and enjoyed other activities organized by International Lightning Class Association ("ILCA") Executive Secretary, Laura Jeffers, and NBC's Jan Crittenden. Without winds over 4 knots, sailing was abandoned for the day. Everyone enjoyed another beautiful, cool evening including a special slide show celebrating Dick Hallagan, his longtime dedication and support of the Class and his participation in 20 Lightning World Championships.

On Saturday all headed off the docks about 10 AM. After a short postponement on the water, but with time for Ched Proctor to get a UPS delivery to the middle of the Hudson, racing started in light air. When the breeze completely died and the time limit for the Masters and Classics was nigh, PRO Hanlon abandoned racing for them.

A Junior on his last upwind leg radioed the RC asking what to do as he was moving backwards. Propelled by the strong current, however, several Juniors had already completed the race. So with the time limit reached, the race was called and the remainder of the Junior fleet was scored TLE.

After packing up their boats, many competitors remained at NBC enjoying a few last beers and buying a few more raffle tickets. Junior sailor, Meredith Ryan, won the 50/50 raffle and was immediately encouraged by the crowd to "go buy a boat" and NBC was thrilled to add to its Sandy Recovery Fund. Thank you to all the competitors, our sponsors and ILCA for their support and generosity!

John Faus, ILCA President, Laura Jeffers and Bob Sengstacken helped celebrate the following winners:

75th Anniversary Classic Rally 2013 Champions: Skipper John Boynton, crew Jamie Boynton and Bob Shapiro

Juniors' North American 2013 Champions: Skipper Adam McDonald, crew Abby Bennet and Allie Jones

Masters' North American 2013 Champions: Skipper Ched Proctor, crew Charlie Proctor and Debbie Dudas