

New Jersey State Championship
Ocean City Yacht Club - Fleet 430,
Ocean City, New Jersey]
September 11-12, 2010

Pos	Sail#	Bow#	Skipper	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	15385	14	J.Townsend	3	5	1	4	13
2	15377	3	G.Glen	9	8	3	1	21
3	15373	8	B.Baer	11	3	2	5	21
4	14434	7	R.Ruffus	5	9	4	3	21
5	14942	5	D. Moyer	4	2	8	9	23
6	14987	10	D.Wagoner	14	6	7	2	29
7	15154	16	M.Schneider	1	4	13	11	29
8	15055	11	H.Hutchinson	8	10	5	7	30
9	15336	15	S.Warren	6	1	15	10	32
10	14450	6	G.Frances	2	11	9	12	34
11	15383	13	K.Santoro	7	13	6	8	34
12	14565	23	K.Robinson	12	7	10	6	35
13	14348	4	R. Shields	13	12	11	13	49
14	13873	12	R. Hanscom	10	14	12	15	51
15	14581	2	J.Friebele	15	15	15	15	60

The Ocean City Yacht Club, with John Townsend of Riverton Yacht Club taking the cup, hosted the 2010 NJ State Championship Regatta for the Lightning Class sailboats.

The NJ Lightning Championships have been held by numerous NJ yacht clubs over the last 55 years. The Lightning class is, consistently and by far, the largest multi-crew one design in the world in terms of number of fleets, active class members, and regatta participation. Although the Lightning attracts some of the most skilled sailors in the world, the presence of families, even at top international regattas, is a prominent feature of the class landscape.

Fourteen Lightning's from Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey Yacht Clubs competed on an ocean course off Ocean City's beach. Four races were held in brilliant sunshine, moderate winds at 5 to 10 knots, and small 1 to 2 waves. Each race was 2-3- miles. Intense competition was exhibited with each race being won by a different boat.

Starting off the championship, victory went to Mark Schneider of Riverton YC. Bringing in victory off of our famous sea breeze, which finally kicked in, was a local Steve Warren who sails out of Surf City Yacht Club. With John Townsend winning in the third race, final victory could have gone to any of those top three boats. George Glenn of Ocean City started the final race out front and kept it there shaking up the standings. Warren and Schneider finished back in 13th and 15th with premature starts while Brown Baer and Rob Ruffus who were back in sixth and seventh respectively worked up to a three way tie for second with Glenn breaking the tie with his first place finish in the final race.

The winner was John Townsend from Riverton Yacht Club with 13 points, Gidge Glenn was second , Brownie Baer third , both from Ocean City YC and fourth was Rob Ruffus from Monmouth Yacht Club all with 21 points. Fifth was Dick Moyer with 23 points from Riverton.

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