

2010 Lightning SED Championship Regatta
5/5/2010-5/6-2010
Series Summary

Pl	Sail #	Crew	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	15139	Pierce Barden, Tommy van Arsdale & Emily Asplund	1	1	1	1	1	5
2	1	Will Tyner, Reese Wilkins & Henry Mcray	13	2	2	2	3	22
3	14318	John Sawyer, Becky Sawyer & Dan Morton	3	3	7	5	4	22
4	14127	Marcus Moehlman, Eli Putnam & ??	4	4	6	3	5	22
5	14682	Bob Cowen, Ben Bowie & Jared Lathrop	14	8	9	4	2	37
6	15236	Steve Johnston, Rick Essman & ??	10	12	5	7	6	40
7	14356	Billy King, Chris Stone & David Powell	7	14	3	10	7	41
8	10860	Paul Whitesides, Martha Fisher & Oliver Evans	6	10	8	9	9	42
9	14701	James Harris, Chip Till & Ryan Taro	8	7	13	8	8	44
10	14695	Richard Waldkirch, Mickey Southerland & Katie	11	6	12	6	10	45
11	14980	Theresa Kramer, Peter Kramer & Anne Allen	12	11	11	11	11	56
12	14932	John Pelosi, Lana Myers & Dale Oller	5	13	15	12	12	57
13	15310	Bob Harkrider, Josh White & Andy Wittman	9	5	4	20\DNF	20\DNS	58
14	9398	Jay Taylor, Phil Taylor & Lauren Wienstien	2	9	10	20\DNF	20\DNS	61
15	11771	Bill Sloger, Marya Barker & Suzanne Lea	16	16	14	20\DNF	20\DNS	86
16	15180	Pam Burke, Jim Burke & Sherrie Dickson	15	15	16	20\DNF	20\DNF	86
17	14798	Thomas Hissam, Mary Piepenbrink & Jeff Turner	17	17	20\DNF	20\DNF	20\DNS	94
18	15085	Lenny Krawcheck, Beau Samuelson & Josh Putnam	20\DNC	20\DNC	20\DNC	20\DNC	20\DNC	100T
18	14062	Andrew Barton, Stanton Smith & Cheryl Smith	20\DNC	20\DNC	20\DNC	20\DNC	20\DNC	100T

The Carolina Yacht Club at Wrightsville Beach, N.C. hosted the championships this year and did a superb job. The club was honored by USSA in 2009 winning the St Petersburg Trophy for a very successful Laser Masters regatta and although our regatta was not as large or as complex, the team at CYC performed well again. The consistent wind and Atlantic Ocean venue were kind to the organizers and gave us a picture perfect beach weekend. Participation ticked up just a bit with 19 boats registered and 17 sailing, we hope that is a trend, for the district. At the CYC lightning sailing is very popular and many of our best sailors are in the class. The regatta opened with a welcome to the regatta social at John & Becky Sawyer's house, porch, yard, dock etc. normally 25+- show for this. We saw about 50 lightning friends and RC friends this year, pre-registration was great and so we had a preview and were prepared.

Racing on Saturday was sailed in 12-16 SSE wind, 2-3 foot seas. The wave direction in the Summer here is moving from the ESE normally and is not so affected by wind unless it really blows. Port tack waves are less on the nose, starboard more so. Downwind surfing balanced with going as deep downwind as possible is the quick way. We saw one 10-15 degree shift in the first race. The marks were adjusted and we saw no more than 5 degree variations for the rest of the day.

Local sailor Pierce Barden and crew Tommy Van-Arsdale and Emily Asplund apparently have all of this and a bunch of other important racing stuff hard wired, and sailed a flawless three races, they won every race, three points. John Sawyer and team placed a distant second with 11 points.

Saturday evening the second floor ocean front porch and bar and the sea breeze was a favorite spot. Dinner was served by the club on the South deck and during that dinner the class presented the PRO & Chief Judge with a gift thanking them for their support and excellent work.

Racing on Sunday was sailed in SW wind at 12-15 with WSW gusts of 18-22. Wave direction is the normal. Experienced crews that could anticipate the gusts particularly downwind were more successful. A few boats capsized or were at least semi out of control on these runs. We found that a gybe set worked well and set us up to take advantage of the westerly gusts. Barden was not first at every mark but prevailed, and again won both races. The Southeastern district regrets to report that none of us were able to win a race off of this team and Barden finished with 5 points for the regatta. Impressive sailing, we hope he will stick around so we can all get up to that level.

Second place for the regatta however was very close ending with three boats tied at 22 points. Ties were broken properly with Will Tyner and team taking 2nd, and Sawyer in 3rd.

As event organizer I thank the participants for sailing cleanly, there were no protest, and for visiting what we think is a great dingy racing venue. Please keep us on your dance card, we enjoy sailing with you and opening the club to the class.

Looking forward, the district members voted to move the championships around in the district visiting other clubs where the class is also active. Western Carolina Sailing Club on Lake Hartwell near Greenville S.C. will host the championship in May of next year. The CYC fleet 511 will be there, hope to see an even bigger fleet doing the championships next year.

