

North American Championship – Qualifying
Mission Bay Yacht Club - Fleet 194
San Diego, California
August 14–15, 2006

North American Championship Fleet: 27 and up — President's Fleet: 38 and below

Pos	Bow#	Skipper and Crew	F	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	34	Matt Burridge, Dan Moriarty & Tobi Moriarty	D	1	1	-2	1	3
2	62	Larry MacDonald, Joy MacDonald & Adam MacDonald	E	3	1	1	-4	5
3	32	Allan Terhune, Katie Terhune & Kris Smith	H	-4	2	2	1	5
4	83	Jeff Linton, Amy Linton & Mark Taylor	G	-5	2	1	2	5
5	46	Bill Mauk, Travis Maier & Alex Ranum	I	2	3	1	-10	6
6	81	Bill Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn & Chantal Leger	C	4	1	-6	2	7
7	23	Tom Allen, Jim Allen & Shelby Allen	A	1	-3	3	3	7
8	36	David Starck, Jody Starck & Tom Starck	I	3	4	-6	1	8
9	35	Jeff Coppens, Jim Sears & Ian Moriarty	G	1	4	-5	4	9
10	9	Ryan Ruhlman, Patrick Wilson & Nick Turney	F	-8	6	3	2	11
11	44	Todd Wake, Kristine Wake & Ben Spiller	F	-6	2	5	4	11
12	25	David Peck, Ellen Starck & Bryan Lilley	B	-6	4	4	3	11
13	31	Stephen Constant, Mike Constants & David Constants	H	6	3	4	-8	13
14	55	Richard Hallagan, Joan Hurban & Lori Foster	D	2	-12	7	5	14
15	6	Douglas Hickman, Gail Hickman & Kevin Stravers	H	-15	5	6	3	14
16	19	Bill Healy, Nicole Breault & Meredith Killion	F	4	-9	2	9	15
17	11	Mark Grinder, Matt Fronzak & Bergen Ackerman	D	5	9	3	-14	17
18	37	Mario Buckup, Telma Buckup & Marc Buckup	E	7	-10	5	7	19
19	7	Pablo Herman, Luis Herman & Claus Engel	C	3	7	10	-11	20
20	27	Brian Hayes, Carter Utzig & Laura Utzig	A	-18	7	8	5	20
21	71	Josh Goldman, Ryan Minth & Marian Spurrier	I	-8	5	7	8	20
22	88	Dave Vieregg, John Reiter & Caroline Sundman	C	8	-13	4	9	21
23	5	Rob Ruhlman, Abby Ruhlman & Dave Werley	H	-13	8	7	6	21
24	90	Ian Schillebeeckx, Maxine Schillebeeckx & Nicholas Beckham	I	7	-12	9	6	22
25	14	Mark Schneid, Ashley Schneider & Greta Schneider	C	-12	10	8	5	23
26	77	Bob Bush, Anne Sterling & Amy Bush	G	9	5	-21	9	23
27	22	Jim Carson, Ryan Stagaard & Jarrett Lynn	B	9	9	-13	6	24
28	65	Steven Davis, Colin Park & Karen Park	A	-13	6	13	7	26
29	45	Maegan Ruhlman, Martha Fisher & Matt Frymier	E	-10	6	10	10	26
30	42	Ed Petit, Tom McKenzie & Sean Carroll	G	12	8	-14	8	28
31	57	Philip Parshley, Philip Parshley & Lois Parshley	B	5	14	10	-15	29
32	21	Juan Reid, Pablo Lorca & Steve Pickel	B	-11	11	11	7	29
33	63	Pete Bellin, Katie Love & Olin Paine	A	2	-18	12	16	30
34	17	John Faus, Victor Lobos & Mac deTuro	A	7	10 (27 \ OCS)		14	31
35	39	Gerald Neuburg, Dan Burton & Sandra Neuburger	F	12	-20	8	11	31
36	18	Bob King, Conor Healy & Mike Healy	B	15	7	-18	10	32
37	70	Daniel Reichlsdorfer, Michou Reichlsdorfer & Jonathan Ribich	C	10	11	-19	12	33
38	20	Pierce Barden, Chip Till & Tommy Van	E	11	12	11	-14	34
39	66	Terry Burke, Edd Burke & Bryan Burke	I	-16	8	14	13	35
40	1	Michael Poltorak, Moni Lampe & Cezar Romero	B	-14	13	12	11	36
41	26	William Hofmeist, Ted Chapin & Becca Hofmeister	D	-14	13	12	12	37
42	41	Avis Bridgers, Henry Bridgers & Mike Didyk	E	9	-17	14	16	39
43	3	Nick Farina, Ashley Jerman & Mike Ledger	F	13	14	-16	12	39
44	47	Tom Allen, William Hacket & Hacket Merlin	H	11	16	-19	13	40
45	69	Joel Humphre, Molly Hopkins & Jason Hubbard	D	-17	14	13	13	40
46	96	John De Benedetti, Roger Artigues & David Artigues	G	-20	16	9	18	43
47	59	Bob Harkride, Ellie Stone & Jennifer Dewey	G	-19	11	15	17	43
48	8	Neil Hayes, Carole Fisher & Jan Davis	A	16	-19	9	19	44
49	60	Clarke Newman, Deanna Newman & Parker Mitchell	E	15	15	15 (27 \ OCS)		45
50	76	Philip Lange, Jonathan Lange & Dan Pope	H	10	19	17 (27 \ OCS)		46
51	10	Dan Egan, Susie Radcliffe & Jay Dieselman	C	-20	15	16	15	46
52	50	George Francis, Gillian Francis & Cortney O'Connor	C	17	19	11 (26 \ DNS)		47
53	75	Alan McReyn, Logan Mc & Reynolds Josh	F	-18	16	17	15	48
54	12	Scott Finkboner, Jennifer Lyons & Jerrry Kane	F	16	-18	15	17	48
55	30	Chris Vann, Len Vann & Joel Vann	G	14	15	20	-21	49
56	4	Reeve Dunne, Dave Pierce & Scott Hathcock	E	-20	18	16	17	51
57	16	Mike Brewer, Richard Brewer & Greg Tondreau	D	21	-22	18	16	55
58	33	Scott Anderson, Brad Winslett & Amy Williams	I	17	17	21	-22	55
59	40	Roger Hicks, Bruce Harrington & Kara Ganter	D	19	17	-22	20	56
60	58	Kathy Lindgren, Denise Cornell & Joel Lemahieu	A	19	-20	18	20	57
61	99	Kenneth Manzoni, Bryan Buffaloe & Sandra Sherman	G	21	21	17 (26 \ DNF)		59
62	2	Bob Stoller, Mary-Anne Byrne & Bill Cabrall	A	-23	23	20	18	61
63	15	George Glenn, Chappy Hopkin & James Glenn	B	-22	21	22	19	62
64	38	Dan Gravatt, Donna Collins & Fred Misa	B	24	20	19 (27 \ OCS)		63
65	49	Dale Bull, Bob Ruane & Ed Mayo	I	22 (26 \ DNF)		20	21	63
66	74	Bill Buckles, Ed Edgell & Greg Florian	C	21	21	23 (27 \ OCS)		65
67	53	Stephen Little, Peter Colontuano & Gus Wirth	D	22 (26 \ DNF)		24	22	68
68	24	Paul Gelenitis, Ryan Gelenitis & Kristen Gelenitis	H	18 (26 \ DNF)	26 \ DNC	26 \ DNC		70
69	87	Matt Fisher, Ric Bernstein & Doug Nichol	F	(26 \ DNC)	(26 \ DNC)	(26 \ DNC)	(26 \ DNC)	78T
70	86	David Spira, Ryan Flack & Jennifer Armbruster	G	(26 \ DNC)	(26 \ DNC)	(26 \ DNC)	(26 \ DNC)	78T
71	89	Bill Neal, Emily Neal & Sarah Neal	E	(26 \ DNC)	(26 \ DNC)	(26 \ DNC)	(26 \ DNC)	78T

Conditions have been perfect for both days of qualifying. Wind has been 8-14 mph from the west. Cloud layer burns off by 9:30 am and the cooling breeze starts to build. By the 12:00 noon starting time (no early mornings!) the breeze has been on the race course for at least one hour. The 45 minute sail to the race course is easy.

For the qualifiers, the entire fleet is typically split into 9 separate groups. The way the groups are decided is based on past finishes in large events. So top sailors are split into the different groups, then remaining blue fleeters are also split, and so on down to first timers to the NA's. The 9 groups are then put into three different fleets, Say groups A, B and C in the first (blue) start, C, D and E, in the second (Green) start and F, G and H in the third (Gold) start. For the rest of the qualifiers, the groups then race against different groups as much as possible. The group letters for the sailors are in the results on the Lightning website (www.lightningclass.org)

First qualifying race was 2.5 laps W-L. No General Recalls as the line was sufficiently long and well set. Race was about 1.5 hours for the middle of the fleet.

Second qualifier was 3.5 laps W-L. Good starting line (a trend that continued). Seas are lumpy with some chop and longer swells. Surfing is possible downwind at times. The lumpy seas make it hard to see the windward mark, but there has always been an RC boat up there for guidance.

3rd qualifier was 2 laps, W-L finishing to leeward. 4th qualfier was 2.5 laps, W-L.

We sailed with (not much) Matt Burridge and Jeff Linton. They were having their own duels that the rest of us could only watch from an increasing distance. Larry MacDonald and Allen Terhune also had excellent qualifiers.

The fleet has been split, with 37 boats in the top fleet, including the defending champion and three boats from South America (Mario, Pablo and Juan). There will only be a green fleet this year, but it will be a large fleet with over 30 boats.

Bob Bush