

Potomac Cup
Potomac River Sailing Association - Fleet 50
Washington DC
May 7–8, 2006

Pos	Sail #	Crew	From	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Tot
1	15232	Allan Terhune, Katie Terhune & John Townsend	Annapolis	1	1	5	5	9	21
2	14548	Jon Guth, Stacy Landssman & Peter Rich	Annapolis	15	9	10	1	1	36
3	15240	Steve Constants, Jim Ward & Mike Constants	Annapolis	3	2	17	6	8	36
4	15024	Jason Werner, Heather Dodd & Matt Jay	Havre de Grace	5	6	8	8	10	37
5	14366	Patrick Phelan, Rich Morris & Sharon Slieter	Havre de Grace	22	10	4	4	5	45
6	15016	Jamie Brickell, Kimberly Brickell & Susie Brickell	Annapolis	2	3	20	19	2	46
7	14942	Dick Moyer, Helen Moyer & Sam Septembre	Riverton NJ	4	8	16	7	11	46
8	15142	Nabeel Alsalam, Lisbet Kugler & Ian Mutnick	Washington, DC	11	11	1	13	13	49
9	15272	Mark Grinder, Kristen Lopez & Jeff Kuhn	Buffalo, NY	18	4	13	15	3	53
10	14485	Ron Buchanan, Mark Buchanan & Cat Cieri	Washington DC	9	15	14	10	21	69
11	15276	Phil Lange, Dan Pope & Jonathan Lange	Rochester, NY	19	5	23	11	16	74
12	12416	Bob Astrove, Billy Astrove & Jill Williamson	Washington, DC	14	21	22	12	7	76
13	14566	Frank Gallagher, MaryAnn Gallager & Matt Fitzsimmons	Washington, DC	23	12	18	2	27	82
14	15159	Frank Hanson, Taylor Hanson & Danielle Prior	Susquehanna	31	7	25	17	4	84
15	14932	John Pelosi, Howard Brozdwel & Dale Ollev	Wrightsville Beach	20	20	2	24	19	85
16	15141	Avis Bridgers, Henry Bridgers & Mike Didyk	Wake, NC	26	29	3	3	24	85
17	14321	Jack Jones, John Boxberger & Michelle Wolpe	Henderson Harbor NY	16	19	37\DNF	9	6	87
18	15118	Starling Mikell & Gene Shue	Susquehanna	10	23	15	22	17	87
19	15195	Pat McGee, Ian MacLeod & Paul Mahre	Washington DC	7	18	6	37\OCS	25	93
20	14627	Jim Dillard, Justin Morris & Christy Lavigne	Washington, DC	17	27	19	20	12	95
21	15202	Russ Roberts, Craig Huzway & Vince Wawrzynski	Washington, DC	25	14	9	21	28	97
22	14969	Chandler Owen & Harvie Geddin	Nashville TN	24	22	12	26	14	98
23	11767	Harry Keith, Henry Keith & Katie Keith	Washington DC	13	28	7	23	29	100
24	11462	Drew Hudson, To ny Vernon & Sousan Arafeh	Washington, DC	8	13	27	37\DNS	15	100
25	14553	Rick Welch, Aaron Boesenecker & Ben Bruce	Washington, DC	12	16	28	14	30	100
26	5142	Ben Forman, Tim Olson & Pushan Gunasinghe	Washington DC	27	26	11	18	23	105
27	15241	Pierce Barden, Chip Till & Tommy VanArsdale	Wrightsville Beach	6	37\DSQ	21	37\DNF	18	119
28	14525	John Bates, Gary Hoffer & Trevor Pryor	Susquehanna	28	25	24	25	26	128
29	48	Bucky Buchanan, Keith & Mark Buchanan	Annapolis	32	24	26	28	22	132
30	14395	Bob Wilbur, Henry Cheng & Genie Williford	Washington, DC	21	37\DNF	37\DNS	16	31	142
31	14100	Red Fehrle, Patrick Cullen & Brian Cullen	Washington DC	33	30	29	29	33	154
32	15256	Jeff Storck, Cathy Bleakly & Rose Gentile	Washington, DC	29	17	37\DNS	37\DNS	37\DNS	157
33	15156	Dave Pyle, Dave Chervene & Carolann Brumfield	Wrightsville Beach	37\DNF	37\DNF	37\DNS	27	20	158
34	14521	Joe Anderson, Leesa Anderson & Steve Wiseberger	Washington, DC	30	31	37\DNF	30	32	160
35	10226	Jim Greenwell, Rob Holzbach & Jamie Underwood	Washington, DC	35	33	31	31	34	164
36	15228	David Thompson, Gary Skillicorn & Joe Kimak	Washington, DC	34	32	30	37\DNS	37\DNS	170

Allan Terhune topped a fleet of 36 boats that competed in the Doc Gilbert Memorial Potomac Cup Regatta at Leesylvania State Park 20 miles south of Washington, DC on May 6 and 7. He demonstrated great speed and an ability to claw his way back from some very deep positions. Jon Guth was 8th after the 3 races on Saturday, but his two bullets on Sunday jumped him up to second place by the end of the regatta.

Sailors came from as far south as Wrightsville Beach, NC (Pierce Barden and Dave Pyle), as far north as upstate New York (Mark Grinder, Phil Lange, and Jack Jones), and as far west as Nashville (Chandler Owen).

The Old Dominion Brewing Co. which produces some of the finest micro brews in northern Virginia sponsored the regatta and Washington's Lightning Fleet 50 put on a fine dinner of steak and salmon to complement the great beer.

The race committee headed up by local Lighting sailor Rob Tompkins and the competitors had to deal with a building northwest breeze on Saturday that ranged from 5 to 15+ and shifted 20 degrees or more. The shifts and puffs flipped several unwary skippers and auto-tacked many others. On Sunday the breeze moderated and shifted to the northeast, so that the sailors could not remain complacent with what they learned the previous day.

Just to make it interesting, the bluff at the northeastern end of the park was responsible for some land effects as one sailed in toward that point. On a historical side note, during the Civil War that bluff served as a Confederate cannon emplacement, which restricted Union shipping on the Potomac.

Sailors from Annapolis and Havre de Grace dominated the top 6 positions – Allan and Jon were followed by Steve Constants, Jason Werner, Pat Phelan, and Jamie Brickell. All that light air and chop on the Chesapeake must train those guys to sail fast in tough conditions.

Seventeen of the 36 competitors were from Fleet 50 – they continue to grow and grow. Nabeel Alsalam was the top finisher from that fleet in 8th place. Ron Buchanan with son Mark was the second Fleet 50 finisher in 10th place.

Russ Roberts, the regatta chair and competitor, organized a host of volunteers that made the event possible. His home, a 42 foot Cheoy Lee Gold Wing, was the line boat. To sail it south to Leesylvania, he had to shut down the Washington Beltway in both directions (and, consequently, the east coast) on a Friday afternoon while the Wilson Bridge was opened and the huge crane working on the replacement bridge was moved out of the way.

Leesylvania State park is a bucolic setting for a regatta. It is hard to believe it is a mere 20 miles for Washington, DC. For you old timers, it is just up the river from the site of the old Quantico frostbite regatta that sported as many as 100 Lightnings on the line. When the park was created in the early 1990s, it was specifically equipped to handle sailboat regattas. It has two cranes and two ramps and a huge parking lot for cars & trailers. In the woods to the north of the parking lot is a beautiful new pavilion that hosted the dinner, beer, and post mortems. The "foresight" of the designers of this park can be credited to long-time and recently retired Virginia State Delegate and Lightning sailor, Jim Dillard.

Chandler Owen faithfully comes from Nashville every year to sail in Doc Gilbert Memorial Potomac Cup. Chandler crewed for Doc before his death in 1994 and like his mentor just does what it takes to get the boat across the finish even if it involves shimmying up the mast to retrieve a halyard or making a temporary repair in MacGyver-like fashion.

This year the challenge was to get himself across the finish line as well. Before the race, Chandler had his crew, Harvie Geddin, tie the hiking straps securely to their anchors. Harvie later admits he may not have used the right kind of knot--I think you see where this is going. Fifty yards from the finish line of the first race, both Chandler and Harvie are hiking as hard as they can, when all of a sudden Harvie hears a "whump" as Chandler's hiking strap gives way. Harvie looks back and sees nothing – just a mainsheet trailing behind the boat! A few seconds later, at the end of the mainsheet, a single hand emerges from below the surface and extends upward making a desperate grasping motion. Then Chandler's head appears, and, using the mainsheet, he begins pulling himself toward the boat that is still pulling hard for the finish line. As he gets close to the transom, he reaches up, grabs the traveler, and with just one arm pulls himself into the boats, sits down, grabs the tiller, and sails smartly across the line, 24th out of 36 boats. We are not making this up!