

Metropolitan District Championship
Magnus Pederson Regatta
Nyack Boat Club - Fleet 75
Nyack, New York
June 13-14, 2009

Pos	Districts Pos	Sail#	Skipper	Crew	Club	Total	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5
1	1	14036	Coplan, Justin	Mike Carney, Alex Feldman	Nyack	9	2	1	4	1	1
2		15380	Crane, Jim	Kelly Crane, Brenda Crane	Noroton	9	1	3	1	2	2
3	2	14888	Sengstacken, Bob	Daniel Zitin, Dick Leonard	Nyack	20	4	4	2	7	3
4	3	14786	Schwartz, Jon	Don Schon, Paul Krzenski	Shrewsbury	30	7	8	6	5	4
5	4	15406	Thompson, Dan	Austin Kana, Jamie Landi	grant boat	30	3	7	7	3	10
6	5	15367	Harrington, George	Art Gurrerz, Eric Habze	Red Bank	32	6	6	3	4	13
7	6	15365	Watts, Dave	Robert Watts, Ian Sanderson	Red Bank	33	5	5	5	6	12
8	7	14073	Hurban, Gary	Peter Fernberger, Henry Fernberger	Nyack	38	8	2	9	12	7
9	8	15093	Hurban, Joan	Judy Hanlon, Peter Jadrosich	Nyack	48	15	9	8	10	6
10		14942	Moyer, Dick	Helen Moyer, John Dpenbrock	Riverton	50	12	14	11	8	5
11		15055	Hutchinson, Hugh	Marc Venables, Jamie Perkins	Riverton	50	9	11	10	9	11
12	9	14277	Beck, Eric	Ann Beck, Chris Frackiewicz	Nyack	56	13	10	14	11	8
13	10	15059	Mayo, Stephanie	Bill Mayo, Paul Fishkin	Nyack	57	10	13	12	13	9
14	11	14363	Decker, Larry	Jan Crittenden, Shea Thorvaldsen	Nyack	69	11	12	16	14	16
15	12	15319	Parietti, Dan	Ronald McCormack, Minsoo Sung	Nyack	73	14	16	13	15	15
16	13	15356	Avenia-Prol, Rachel	Bob Prol, Anne Kochendorfer	Nyack	76	16	15	15	16	14

There are some regattas where the wind blows a steady ten knots from one direction all day and you know what to expect going into it, and there are no big surprises throughout the day. The Metropolitan Districts / Magnus Pederson out of Nyack was definitely NOT one of these regattas. This was more of an “expect the unexpected” regatta.

Saturday morning greeted the sixteen competitors with a five knot northerly and a flooding current (moving northward). It was just enough to lure the fleet out to the river for the breeze to shut down. After a little bobbing a light easterly came up and a course was set. This pattern would soon become the theme for the day. The first race was a three leg windward leeward and saw a lot of turn over between the top four boats. From the mix Jim Crane came out in the lead finding a bit of pressure on the left side of the last beat. We finished second followed closely by Dan Thompson (Boat Grant Recipient!) and Bob Sengstacken. During the sequence for the second race the wind took a hard right and came up from the south. The race was called back and the course was shifted around again. By the real start of the second race the wind had notched up to a beautiful eight knot southerly. We won the second race after finding consistent pressure farther out on the river than the boats that played it closer to the shoreline. We were followed by Gary Hurban in second and Jim Crane in third. By the end of the race the wind had clocked further right to a south westerly and the speeds had dropped down to “light and variable.”

Despite the hopeless looks and glassy water, PRO Charlie Davidson played it patient and the fleet went back to another round of the waiting game. Just before four things were looking like we had all our races for the day. It wasn’t until the AP over A flags were literally in the hands of Charlie Davidson and a handful of boats had started making their way back out to the club that a solid 10 knot southerly came out of no where and quickly filled in across the river. To the disbelief of everyone just five minutes earlier we would get two more races that afternoon. Jim Crane would go on to win the third race and we won the fourth.

After a **long** day on the water and four races, Jim Crane lead the regatta with 7 points and we were a point behind. With a very dubious forecast for Sunday all we could do was spend the night hoping for enough breeze to get another race in the next day.

It was another overcast day Sunday morning with a threatening look of rain. But there was also just enough wind to once again drag everyone out to the racecourse and give it another go. It was a five knot southerly that could only have been sent by our lucky stars to give us the chance we were looking for. We won the pin while the wind was in a left phase, and with Jim Crane right on our hip. From there we worked our way up through the patches of pressure to round the top mark in first. But we were not home free yet as the little wind we had was getting progressively lighter by the moment and threatening to leave us drifting the wrong way as the current was sucking us back to windward. Soon the whole fleet was spread out across the river looking for hints of pressure and current relief. Here our spinnaker trimmer, Alex Feldman, carried us to victory by keeping his cool through the whole run and keeping the constant flow of communication going. We slowly made our way to the leeward mark and turned back upwind with the welcoming sight of the committee boat heading to the windward mark to shorten the course. We crawled back upwind to win the race. Jim Crane, resilient as ever, finished second to tie our scores up at nine points. By the time the whole fleet had finished we had fallen back into another round of the waiting game. After a half hour had passed, the water became a glassy calm and the clouds started dropping a light drizzle. This time no breeze would come back up and eventually the races were called.

At the end of the weekend the Hudson had once again delivered a series packed with interesting racing. After everything was said and done we were tied for first with Jim Crane, but we won the tiebreaker with our three first places to his two. In third place was local Bob Sengstacken followed by Jon Schwartz and Dan Thompson. I would like to thank all the boats who traveled to Nyack for participating in this year’s Magnus Pederson, as well as the extremely patient PRO Charlie Davidson for taking the long haul and waiting for the wind to fill, Fleet 75 for running a smooth regatta, and also my phenomenal crew Alex Feldman and Mike Carney whom I could not have done without. We are looking forward to seeing you all at Sodus Point this year!

-- **Justin Coplan** (winner 2 years in a row!! Last year as a Boat Grant recipient)