

Championship Reports

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North American Championship



North American Championship

Toms River Yacht Club
Toms River, New Jersey

August 11–13, 2010

Champions: David Starck, Jody Starck, Ian Jones

My team and I, Ian Jones and wife Jody, had a good season leading up to the 2010 NAs in Toms River, New Jersey. We were looking forward to the challenge and knew the competition would be stiff. Nine of the top ten teams from last year's world championship would be participating. It was going to be fun!

The qualifier races proved the top of the fleet would be tight. With a stacked fleet, the scores were low. In my estimation, fifteen teams could win the regatta. This speaks volumes to the depth of the Class. Impressive indeed.

As predicted, the championship races were close. The difference between winning and losing was inches and feet, not boat lengths. We found ourselves having average, at

best, starts and working our way up through the fleet. In most races, our finishing position was our best position at any one time during the race. Sailing forward is always a satisfying feeling, regardless of your finishing position. One could argue our "best race" was R4 when we rounded the first mark in the high teens and finished 3rd.

The final day had five teams within four points. The winds were 15–20 knots. Any of these teams could win: Billy Healy, Skip Dieball, Allan Terhune, Jr, Tito Gonzalez, and my team. Given the scores, our goal was to sail a top five race in R5 and see where the chips fell going into the final race (R6). Amazingly, after five races, the top five teams were separated by a mere two points. Wow! Game plan anyone?



Gonzalez Team

Dieball Team

North American Championship



We were ready for Race 6. It was our turn to win a race. Our scores were good (4-2-6-3-3), but we had not won yet. The winner of this regatta needed to win at least one race.

Race 6 was exciting, to say the least. The wind velocity was at its high point. The starting line, as it had been much of the week, was fairly square. However, about twenty seconds before the start, there was a left shift. This made the leeward favored—to the point where a few teams, including us and Tito, tacked to port at the starting signal. We got off fine in the middle of the line. Tito was several boat lengths to weather of us (on port tack). At the top mark, Ched Proctor lead, Tito 2nd, we were 3rd, Allan and Skip were in the top ten, and I didn't see Bill.

The first run was fast, 20 knots, decent waves to surf. We passed Tito with some fantastic spinnaker work, thanks to Ian, and good, clear air, thanks to Jody. Allan and Skip were close; however, it was becoming clear that the race (and regatta) was boiling down to Tito and us. Up the second beat, Tito got right of us, the wind shifted a solid ten degrees to the right and he passed us. Damn! This frustrated us in part because Ian was "on" with the compass numbers. This shift, we thought, was a bit uncharacteristic of the day. In any event, we had our work cut out for us... again. We had to pass Tito—again—to win the regatta.

At the top mark second time around, Ched was still winning, and Tito was about ten boat lengths ahead of us. Allan and Skip were now in the top five, but still a bit back and, for the most part, out of play. Tito and my team both did a bear-away set. Shortly after we set, Tito gybed to port and we matched him. Due to our stellar set and sailing low thereafter, when we gybed to port we were on Tito's breeze. We were able to ride a nice wave and get into the "passing lane." Tito decided to sail low. We passed him



and rounded the port gate a couple lengths ahead. Ched rounded the starboard gate a bit ahead of us.

The final beat was a lot of fun. It came down to simply beating Tito. No small task, especially in strong breeze. We kept an eye on the others, but as the beat went on, it was all about Tito. Period. We could finish 2nd so long as Tito was 3rd. We both tacked many, many times up the beat. We decided on a loose cover on port, tight cover on starboard. Slowly but surely we got out to the starboard layline. After the final tack into the finish, we had to sail about two minutes to victory. Because of a small right shift, we passed Ched on our way to beating Tito and winning the regatta. It was a sweet feeling!

It was a long road—for me anyway—in finally winning the NAs. Jody and Ian are past winners, although they will tell you this win was special and exhilarating. I was incredibly fortunate to have them on my team. They are truly first class.

David Starck



Terhune Team



Healy Team

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Pos	Bow#	Skipper	Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total	Drop	Net
1	25	Starck, David	Jody Starck, Ian Jones	4	2	6	3	3	1	19	-6	13
2	35	Gonzalez, Tito	Diego Gonzalez, Christian Herman	9	1	2	8	1	3	24	-9	15
3	24	Dieball, Skip	Tom Starck, Sarah Paisley	1	10	4	2	6	4	27	-10	17
4	61	Terhune, Allan	Katie Terhune, Jeff Linton	17	5	1	5	2	7	37	-17	20
5	68	Healy, Bill	John Kempton, Leigh Kempton	2	3	11	1	5	18	40	-18	22
6	71	Proctor, Ched	Jay Mueller, Jamie Ewing	11	17	8	7	4	2	49	-17	32
7	59	Fastiggi, Bill	Suzy Cobburn, Nick Aswad	3	11	16	6	7	8	51	-16	35
8	2	Lutz, Jody	Jay Lutz, Jonathan Lutz	5	4	10	15	29	11	74	-29	45
9	75	Becker, Geoff	Nicole Breault, Seth Olson	7	6	30	9	15	15	82	-30	52
10	33	Brown, William	John Faus, Matthew Schon	20	22	5	4	11	33	95	-33	62
11	34	Wake, Todd	Kristine Wake, Lynelle Reak	15	28	7	11	18	12	91	-28	63
12	47	Santos, Juan	Juan Andres Santos, Sebastian Herrera	29	23	3	23	9	9	96	-29	67
13	46	Allan, Jamie	Michael Holly, Valerie Holly	13	9	33	18	19	10	102	-33	69
14	42	Ruhlman, Ryan	Nick Turney, Martha Fisher	34	14	24	12	8	13	105	-34	71
15	37	Perez, Cristobal	Philipp Goyeneche, Pablo Goyeneche	10	18	27	10	14	23	102	-27	75
16	62	Adams, Ed	Neal Fowler, Robert Hitchcock	16	20	15	19	10	16	96	-20	76
17	8	Warren, Richard	Sue Warren, Randy Swartley	37	8	21	32	17	5	120	-37	83
18	52	Coplan, Justin	Danielle Prior, Mike Carney	22	15	13	24	22	14	110	-24	86
19	91	Taboada, Brian	Ryan Durin, Casey Mundry	8	32	32	25	24	6	127	-32	95
20	43	Colantuono, Theresa	Larry Colantuono, Parker Colantuono	26	12	14	21	27	22	122	-27	95
21	28	Scanlon, Tim	Christine Maloney, Nick Troche	12	25	9	17	39 f	36	138	-39	99
22	27	Ruhlman, Rob	Abby Ruhlman, Maegan Ruhlman	25	24	17	22	12	27	127	-27	100
23	55	Hallagan, Dick	Steve Cox/Malcolm Hendry, Hendrix TenEyck	23	13	26	30	25	19	136	-30	106
24	10	Schillebeeckx, Ian	Mixim Schillebeeckx, Constantine Schillebeeckx	19	33	22	14	31	20	139	-33	106
25	13	Sipel, George	Jeff Hagman, Steve King	21	19	28	16	23	29	136	-29	107
26	9	Tyner, Will	Reese Wilkins, Henry McCray	14	39 %	19	20	21	34	147	-39	108
27	18	Davis, Steve	Brian Hayes, Francine Hoffman	31	35	23	13	16	26	144	-35	109
28	5	Goldman, Josh	Jeff Eiber, Marian Spurrier	6	26	20	33	26	32	143	-33	110
29	51	Allen, Tom	Shelby Allen, Karl Allen	18	27	12	26	36	37	156	-37	119
30	29	Hnatt, Mitch	Tara Schon, Robert Rauff	30	30	34	38	13	17	162	-38	124
31	23	Coppens, Jeff	Larry Schmitz, Tom Goddard	32	16	18	31	32	31	160	-32	128
32	6	Constants, Steve	Dave Constants, Mike Constants	28	21	31	29	30	21	160	-31	129
33	30	Schwartz, Jon	Don Schon, Paul Krzenski	27	7	35	28	39 c	39 c	175	-39	136
34	12	Werner, Jason	Brian De Brincat, Sharon Slieker-Jay	33	29	25	37	20	35	179	-37	142
35	29	Patten, Caroline	Tyler Menninger, Arielle de Lisser	24	38	37	36	34	24	193	-38	155
36	48	Lecaro, Carlos	Jorge Norero, Julio Valez	36	36	38	27	33	25	195	-38	157
37	60	Linden, Robert	Ryan Lashaway, Meghan Walter	35	37	29	39 %	28	28	196	-39	156
38	17	Hurban, Gary	Joan Hurban, Peter Jadrosich	38	34	36	35	35	30	208	-38	170



Proctor Team



Fastiggi Team

North American Championship



NA Champions



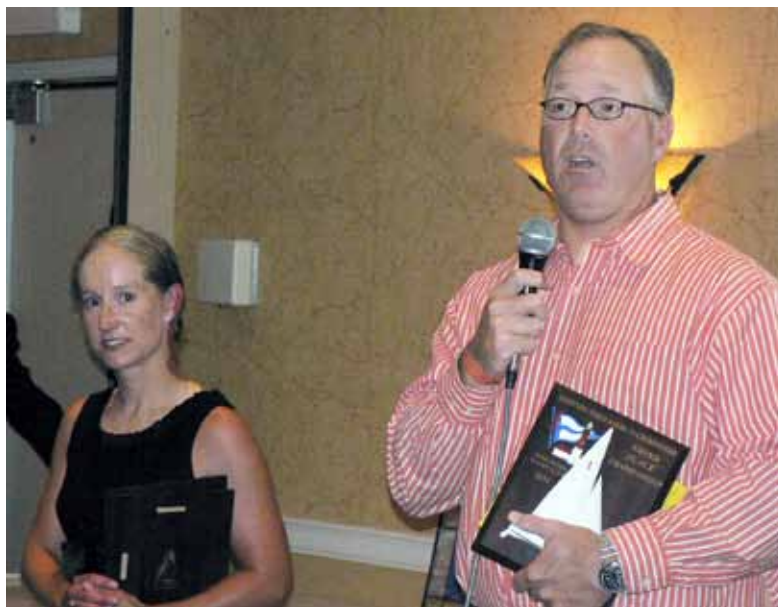
Champions:

David Starck
Jody Starck
Ian Jones

Runners-up:



Tito Gonzalez
Diego Gonzalez
Christian Herman



2nd Runners-up:



Skip Dieball
Sarah Paisley
Tom Starck

N A President's Cup



Frost Team



President's Cup

Toms River Yacht Club
Toms River, New Jersey

August 11–13, 2010

Champions: Larry Frost
Cal Herman, Sr, Chance Miller

Many thanks to the Lightning Class and all volunteers of Toms River Yacht Club for hosting an incredible regatta. Ten great races in five days is testament to the hard work of the Race Committee. Also, special thanks to our hosts Valerie and Andy Finneran for inviting us into their home for the two weeks we were in New Jersey for the Masters' and NAs.

Having arrived early to sail the Masters' NAs at Metedeconk River Yacht Club, we were fortunate to experience much of the "Jersey Shore"—dinner at Spicey's on the Boardwalk, seeing Snooki and her entourage walking down the Boardwalk, a day trip to Hoboken to see Carlos Bakery (TV's Cake Boss), a great cheese steak lunch at Piccolo's, surfing (or at least an embarrassing attempt to surf) with Dylan and Liam Finneran, our hosts and a really nice Lightning Flash USA 15211 tattoo (temporary). What a great time we had!

Our racing week began with a pretty good first day of qualifiers and a "not so good" second day, leaving us four points from the Blue Fleet cutoff. Feeling good about our boat speed and somewhat disappointed on a couple of those decisions you wish would have been a little different left us confident we would be competitive in the President's Cup.

On the first day of the President's Cup we found ourselves in the lead the first race around most of the course, with ILCA Boat Grant Recipient Andy Camarda and crew on our heels, only to relinquish that lead going up the last beat to team Camarda who won the race and three other boats that came in from a right side shift, to put us in 5th at the end of the race. The 2nd race found the same right shift working, only that, we were forced to tack left to clear our air and had trouble getting back right. It was all down hill from there finishing 16th.



Frost Team



Brush Team

N A President's Cup



The next two days we sailed our way up the first beat finding ourselves in the top two or three at the weather mark. Good downwind speed staying in the puffs and working hard up the next beat, we worked our way into second place for each of Races 3, 4 and 5. Each race we finished second behind someone different, Steve Warren, winner of Races 2 and 3, Ryan Sprole, winner of Race 4, and Don Brush, winner of Race 5. Going into Race 6 we felt confident that by sailing fast but conservatively and with getting a top three or four finish we could win the event. After a good start and working the compass hard up

the first beat, we were first at the weather mark. Working hard at holding off some pretty fierce competition around the rest of the race course, we finally scored a first place finish, which sealed first place in the President's Cup.

Great competition, race management, regatta organizing and most of all catching up with many old friends and meeting many new friends from all around the country made this year's North Americans a memorable event.

Larry Frost

Pos	Bow#	Skipper	Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Ttl	Drop	Net
1	11	Frost, Larry	Cal Herman Sr, Chance Miller	5	16	2	2	2	1	28	-16	12
2	15	Brush, Don	Lea Ann Smith, Robert Smith	3	14	4	6	1	3	31	-14	17
3	38	Cabrall, Bill	Rebecca Espinosa, Brian Blackman	4	7	6	5	16	5	43	-16	27
4	19	Gibbs, Brian	Jenn Millar, Chris Vann	6	2	5	10	8	10	41	-10	31
5	41	Warren, Steve	Ales Loboizzo, Don Himmelstein	13	1	1	11	10	25 f	61	-25	36
6	44	Buczkowski, Joe	Caitlin Crann, Tim Crann	11	11	3	8	4	12	49	-12	37
7	32	Barden, Pierce	Ben Powers, Emily Aspland	8	10	7	7	9	16	57	-16	41
8	58	Camarda, Andy	R J Trejo, Michael Barry	1	6	9	9	18	19	62	-19	43
9	57	Duffy, Ted	Daniel Voucht, Ian Sandersen	2	25 q	10	24 o	6	2	69	-25	44
10	45	De Rienzo, Aroldo	Pablo Cervantes/Matt Patterson, Ginger Armstrong	10	3	22	18	12	4	69	-22	47
11	65	Lange, Philip	Alister Thomson, Alexandra Lange	9	5	15	20	3	15	67	-20	47
12	54	Moyer, Dick	Helen Moyer, John Depenbrock	16	4	12	13	19	6	70	-19	51
13	21	Taboada, Keith	Russell Schon, Caroline Hall	17	8	11	14	11	9	70	-17	53
14	3	Jenkins, Martin	Ronaldo Jenkins, Priscilla Clara	7	19	17	12	7	13	75	-19	56
15	73	Sprole, Ryan	Chris Sprole, Ron McCormach	14	9	13	1	25 f	25 f	87	-25	62
16	67	Morin, Matthew	Kevin Morin, Trey Rose	22	12	8	21	15	7	85	-22	63
17	4	Ambrose, Heather	Tim Ambrose, Greg Beshore	19	17	14	15	13	8	86	-19	67
18	56	Comfort, Brian	Alex Ross, Meredith Collins	23	18	21	19	5	11	97	-23	74
19	26	Neville, Brad	Jim Neville, High Danalick	20	15	18	17	14	14	98	-20	78
20	1	Zachery, Patrick	Christina Bronger, Joan Shannon	15	21	16	16	17	18	103	-21	82
21	69	Keyworth, Tyler	Ryan Niland, Paul Hunt	21	22	20	4	21	17	105	-22	83
22	16	Buckles, Bill	Ed Edgrell, Caroline Sundman	18	13	25 f	3	25 f	25 f	109	-25	84
23	49	Cordovez, Jose Ignacio	Enrique Ferro, Francisco Sola	12	20	19	22	20	20	113	-22	91



N A President's Cup



President's Champions



Champions:

Larry Frost
Cal Herman, Sr
Chance Miller

Runners-up:



Don Brush
Lea Ann Smith
Robert Smith



2nd Runners-up:



Bill Cabrall
Rebecca Espinosa
Brian Blackman



N A Governor's Cup



Spira Team



Governor's Cup

Toms River Yacht Club
Toms River, New Jersey

August 11–13, 2010

Champions: David Spira
Randy Shore, Ty Whitman

Each time I have entered the regatta, I have been in the yellow fleet. On this, my fourth attempt, my team won the division and now hopes to move on to continued success in the Lightning Class. It is no surprise that all of the teams in this regatta know their way around the Lightning and the race course and could be counted on for some competitive racing on all the legs and mark roundings. Conditions were mostly windy, and the long day made for a premium on fitness and preparation—making sure we had enough power bars and water! Thanks to the other teams in the Governor's fleet for some fun and challenging racing.

This year the Championship regatta was the “qualifier” for the World Championship next year in Buzios, Brazil, and we will be turning 130 together and will be competing as a team there in the Masters and hopefully the Worlds as well.

My teammates were Randy Shore, Newport, Rhode Island, in the middle and Ty Whitman, Niantic, Connecticut, on foredeck. They were fantastic and kept us sailing fast through the event. The week-long regatta was as usual tough on the boat and the team. After some problems with a major boat repair after day two, we did sail a solid series in the good breezes of Barnegat Bay. My thanks to Randy and Ty for sailing with me—looking forward to next season!

It was great observing the two starts before us and watching the other fleets on the course as well. It was critical to watch out for traffic! Congratulations to Team Starck for a well deserved victory! Thanks to the Toms River Yacht Club and their fabulous regatta committee and volunteers for a beautiful event on the water and on land social events as well as the yacht club facility. We really enjoyed our visit and appreciated the hospitality and the fantastic venue.

David Spira



Spira Team



Warren Team

N A Governor's Cup



Pos	Bow#	Skipper	Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total	Drop	Net
1	40	Spira, David	Randy Shore, Ty Whitman	2	1	1	2	1	15 f	22	(15)	7
2	74	Warren, Mike	Matt Carmody, Brennan Drysdale	8	11	2	1	3	4	29	(11)	18
3	64	Harrington, George	Paul Luisi, Charlie Nunn	3	9.60%	6	4	4	1	27.6	(9.6)	18
4	31	Reiser, Matt	Stu Jusberger, Chloe Constants	1	2	3	3	15 c	15 c	39	(15)	24
5	36	Finkboner, Scott	Ryan Hopps, Stephanie Pretty	4	8	5	7	5	3	32	(8)	24
6	50	Reiting, Eric	Carl Reiting, Kayla Ellis	5	7	4	8	6	5	35	(8)	27
7	14	Edwards, Ian	Gary Schwantz, Andrew Lee	10	10	9	13	2	2	46	(13)	33
8	63	Prior, Trevor	Garry Hoffer, Daniel Rau	12	3	8	9	7	6	45	(12)	33
9	39	Hofmeister, William	Mandy Hofmeister, Becca Hofmeister	6	5	10	5	15 c	15 c	56	(15)	41
10	53	Glenn, George	Chappy Hopkin, Alex Buzby	7	9	7	12	9	15 f	59	(15)	44
11	66	Fried, David	Valerie Nanni, Leland Chang	11	6	12	10	15 c	8	62	(15)	47
12	70	Greifzu, John	Tim Millhieser, Dylan Farrel	9	12	11	6	11	15 f	64	(15)	49
13	7	Rabago, Fernando	Alan Gonzalez, Miguel Flores	13	14	13	11	8	7	66	(14)	52
14	72	Shields, Robert	Alex Amith, Andrew Smith	14	13	14	14	10	9	74	(14)	60



Fried, Rabago and Greifzu Teams



Reiser Team



Finkboner Team

N A Governor's Cup



Governor's Champions



Champions:

David Spira
Ty Whitman
Randy Shore

Runners-up:



Mike Warren
Matt Carmody
Brennan Drysdale
(not in attendance at
awards ceremony)



2nd Runners-up:



George Harrington
Paul Luisi
Charlie Nunn

NA Special Awards



Special Awards

Stekatee Award



Metedeconk River Yacht Club

Host of the Women's, Juniors' and Masters'
NA Championships.

Accepted by Jim Carson and Jody Lutz

Jack Elfman Trophy



Rich and Sue Warren

The highest finishing Master who
also competed in the
Masters NA Championship Regatta

McDermott Award



Justin Coplan

For the most improved from the
2008-2009 qualifying series

Accepted by crew Danielle Prior

N A Special Awards



Special Awards

Swanson Trophy

Caroline Patten

To promote and encourage
women skippers



Fallon Trophy

Gary Hurban

The last boat to qualify into the
Championship Fleet



Thermis Trophy

Ed Adams

To the highest finisher in the
Championship Fleet who has
never qualified before



N A Special Awards



Special Awards

Colin Park Awards



David and Jody Starck

Highest finishing married couple
in the Championship Fleet

Dick and Helen Meyer
Highest finishing married couple
in the President's Fleet



William and Mandy Hofmeister

Highest finishing married couple
in the Governor's Fleet
(not present at awards ceremony)



N A Special Awards



Special Awards

Fleet 36 Award



Will Tyner

Highest finishing Junior skipper

Kaleigh Wilday Trophy

Parker Colantuono

Youngest Competitor

Appreciation Awards

Allan K Terhune, Sr: Regatta Chairman/Principal Race Officer

William Warner: Regatta Co-Chair and Head of Finances

William Demand: Regatta Co-Chair/Socials and Scoring

Kevin Thorpe: Event Webmaster

Eric Silva: Tow Boat Coordinator

Stan Kazima: Facilities

John Applegate: Parking and Hoists

Rich & Joann Kerdock: Registration Coordinators

Glen Shaffer: Trophies and Awards

Stu Challoner: Measurement Chair

Barbara Warner: Opening Ceremony and Banquet Coordinator

Chris Petracco: Chief Judge

Darryl Waskow: Judge

Harry Foote: Judge

June Kingman: Judge

TRYC Auxiliary: Lunches and Breakfasts

Honorable Thomas Kelaher: Honored Guest

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Brown and Starck Teams



Dieball Team



Terhune Team



Dieball and Santos Teams

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Gonzalez and Fastiggi Teams



Brown and Santos Teams



Gonzalez and Tyner Teams



Wake Team



Sipel, Scanlon and Allan Teams

N A President's Cup



Frost Team



Buczkowski, Gibbs and Jenkins Teams



Brush Team



Duffy and Buckles Teams



Spole and Warren Teams

N A Governor's Cup

