

NA Women's Championship



O'Connor Team



Women's Championship

Metedeconk Yacht Club
Brick New Jersey

August 11–13, 2010

Champions: Cortney O'Connor
Meghan Crann, Caitlin Crann

I sailed my first Junior North Americans as a skipper in 2001 with my two best friends, Caitlin and Meghan Crann. My grandmother, Marion Freeth (affectionately called Gram by all of us), was a prominent advocate for the sport of sailing and encouraged me to compete at all levels. At the time, Meghan, Caitlin, and I were young and didn't fully grasp what Gram was trying to teach us by convincing us to travel to regattas like the North Americans, but I now realize that this experience was the beginning of a future filled not only with great sailing, but also one filled with memories and friendships, all thanks to her guidance.

That year, the Metedeconk Yacht Club sent two boats to Malletts Bay Boat Club. Our girls boat was chaperoned by Gram, and the "rock star" boys boat, was sailed by a crew of our dearest friends, Andrew Brennan, Wade Schon, and Jimmy Roe. We were thrilled to be sailing far from home with our friends, but we also began to realize why Gram felt it was so important to compete at different levels. By the end of the regatta, the members of "Team Junior" had formed friendships with kids from all over the United States, including sailors from Ohio, Vermont, and Wisconsin, many of whom we still sail with and talk to today. In 2001, not only did Team



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Junior come home with memories and new friends, but the boys also came home with championship hardware.

Today, both Gram and Andrew have passed, but there is no doubt that they were there with us during this year's 2010 North Americans. Their passion for sailing, their unwavering support, and their "go for it" attitude was certainly felt throughout the regatta. Even nine years later, it is still an honor to be part of the Lightning Class, to continue representing Team Junior, and to honor the memory of Gram and Andrew out on the water during each race.

In addition to having many great new memories from this year's North Americans, I also have MANY thanks to offer! I would first like to thank both Caitlin and Meghan for agreeing to sail with me—you girls were amazing from start to finish, and I couldn't have asked for a better crew. Another huge thank you goes to John Faus (Senor Pauw) for lending us his boat for the event. We will be forever grateful for putting your trust in us and for lending out Matty Schon to help rig the boat and make sure it would be fast. Another important thank you is due to Jim Carson for promoting Lightning sailing—there is no better class, thanks to your help. I also want to thank Jody Lutz and the Race Committee for putting on such an excellent event. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, a huge thank you goes to my parents for giving me the opportunity to sail and be a part of something inspiring, meaningful, and so special. Congratulations to all of the other competitors in the VJM's!

Regatta Highlights

- Watching friendships continue to develop after all of these years!
- Having my best friend Maegan Ruhlman, and her teammates, Katie Werley and Samantha Maras, stay with me throughout the week; we proved that you can have plenty of fun with just a board game!
- Seeing Jody Starck, Debbie Probst and Monica Jones promoting Lightning sailing for the up-and-coming young female sailors.
- Having so many Lightning sailors at our club to see the new Andrew Brennan Junior Sailing Center.
- Daily dance parties on the tows out and the sails in!
- Getting to compete against family for the first time in a Lightning event; my Aunt Debbie grew up sailing with Jack Elfman, and it was a great feeling knowing I had family on the race course.
- Jersey Mike's lunches daily!!
- Calling John after day one to tell him we had a great day, then texting him after day two to tell him we flipped his boat during a hairy gybe downwind—the ups and downs of sailing!

Cortney O'Connor

Pos	Bow#	Skipper	Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total
1	33	Cortney O'Connor	Meghan Crann, Caitlin Crann	1	2	(7/DNF)	2	1	1	7
2	27	Maegan Ruhlman	Katie Werley, Samantha Maras	(3)	1	1	1	3	2	8
3	26	Debbie Probst	Jenna Probst, Jillian Lutz	2	(3)	2	3	2	3	12
4	24	Monica Jones	Maggie Wiley, Emma Wiley	5	4	3	4	(6)	5	21
5	25	Alexandra Jones	Julianne Lutz, Jody Starck	4	5	4	(7/DNC)	4	4	21
6	15	Mimi Dimon	Deb Corrison, Terri Gelenitis	(6)	6	5	5	5	6	27



Probst Team



Monica Jones Team

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Women's Winners



Champions:

Cortney O'Connor
Meghan Crann
Caitlin Crann

Runners-up:



Maegan Ruhlman
Katie Werley
Samantha Maras

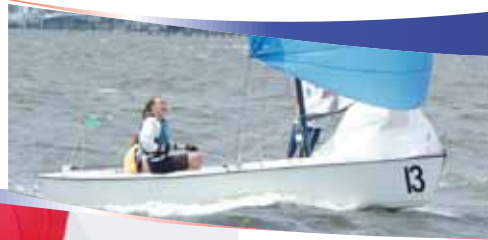


2nd Runners-up:



Debbie Probst
Jenna Probst
Jillian Lutz

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Crann Team



Juniors' Championship

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Champions: Timmy Crann
Lauren Jones, Jeff Markarian

When I first heard that the 2010 Junior North Americans were going to be held at Metedeconk River Yacht Club, I had a mix of emotions. My first thought was that I wasn't going to have a summer road trip like past years, but once the idea soaked in, I realized I finally had the chance to show off my club to all of my Lightning friends. Now the only questions left were: What boat would I sail? And with whom?

Thankfully, Jeff Markarian and Lauren Jones agreed to sail with me, which seems like so many months ago now. Being so many miles apart, it was difficult for the three of us to practice together, so we just hoped it would all work out. The Junior NAs was going to be the real test. In the end, it all paid off. I can't go without thanking Jeff and

Lauren for everything they did. Being my first big Lightning event, they not only crewed perfectly, but helped me through it all, and I cannot thank them enough. I also have to thank Jim Carson for allowing the three of us to sail his boat.

The regatta was sailed on the very familiar Green Island Course of the Barnegat Bay. The three days of racing were full of competition, fun, and lots of wind. Day One had classic Bay conditions, with a strong sea breeze in the afternoon. Being used to the conditions, I and fellow Metedeconk sailor, Jason Lutz, started the regatta off with a one-two finish. Day Two brought a building westerly that made the racing even more intense and forced the Race Committee to abandon the last race of the day. With



Godfrey Team



Tyner Team

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great teamwork, Lauren, Jeff, and I were able to hold the lead going into the last day of racing, with Connor Godfrey and Jason close behind. The last day arrived with a puffy and shifty northwest breeze, resulting in a mixing of the fleet. We managed to stay consistent, winning the title, with Connor in second, and Will Tyner in third.

Twenty-five years from now no one will remember the places we finished, but instead the memories we made with each other. We won't talk about the races or the wind conditions; we'll talk about times when we were all just hanging out. Whether it was swimming in the club

pool, talking between races, going to the boardwalk, or the late nights we spent out on the beach, I know that all of us will remember the 2010 Junior NAs at Metedeconk.

Winning at Metedeconk, alongside Cortney and my sisters, Caitlin and Meghan, made the experience even more memorable. I would just like to thank all the competitors, Jody, Jim and the Race Committee, and everyone who contributed to the event. It truly was an experience of a lifetime.

Timmy Crann

Pos	Bow#	Skipper	Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Ttll
1	22	Timmy Crann	Lauren Jones, Jeff Markarian	1	1	2	1	(5)	1	4	5	115
2	7	Connor Godfrey	Henry Ring, Griffin Orr	4	3	(7)	2	3	3	3	2	20
3	9	Will Tyner	Reese Wilkins, Conner Brady	(11)	4	3	5	1	8	2	1	24
4	20	Arielle DeLisser	Danielle Prior, Mike Rabbett	3	2	8	6	2	(9)	1	4	26
5	2	Jason Lutz	Johnathan Lutz, Peter White	2	(11)	1	3	4	10	7	9	36
6	19	Collin Kirby	Dillon Paiva, Kaity Harris	6	5	4	7	(9)	7	8	8	45
7	1	Joy MacDonald	Maddie Waldron, Kathryn Maloney	5	10	6	4	(14)	12	11	3	51
8	34	Ian Moriarty	Caleb Leonard, Bryan Burke	10	19/OCS	5	8	7	5	10	7	52
9	5	Ignacio Cordovez	Francisco Sola, Enrique Fierro	(14)	7	9	9	12	4	9	10	60
10	4	Christine Maloney	Kayla Oak, Julianne MacDonald	7	6	(12)	12	8	6	12	11	62
11	3	Adam MacDonald	Sam Jones, Danny Robinson	19/OCS	8	18/DNF	18/DNC	6	2	6	6	64
12	28	Becky Scanlon	Geoff Danilack, Emily Markarian	12	(18/DNF)	11	11	10	11	5	12	72
13	13	Lindsay Wright	Abbie Probst, Maddie Murphy-Kwasny	9	(18/DNF)	10	10	15	14	13	14	85
14	46	Kayla Ellis	Cindy Ciccotelli, Nick Lojeck	8	9	(18/DNF)	18/DNC	11	17	16	15	94
15	16	Gillian Frances	Austin Glazier, Sean Onoshko	13	(18/DNF)	14	13	13	15	15	13	96
16	12	Kayleigh Godfrey	Erin Godfrey, Ileana Ring	15	13	13	14	16	13	(17)	17	101
17	6	Chris Schon	Kristen Glenitis, Catherine Baier	16	12	(18/DNF)	15	17	16	14	16	106



DeLisser Team

Lutz Team

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Juniors' Winners



Champions:

Timmy Crann
Lauren Jones
Jeff Markarian

Runners-up:



Connor Godfrey
Henry Ring
Griffin Orr

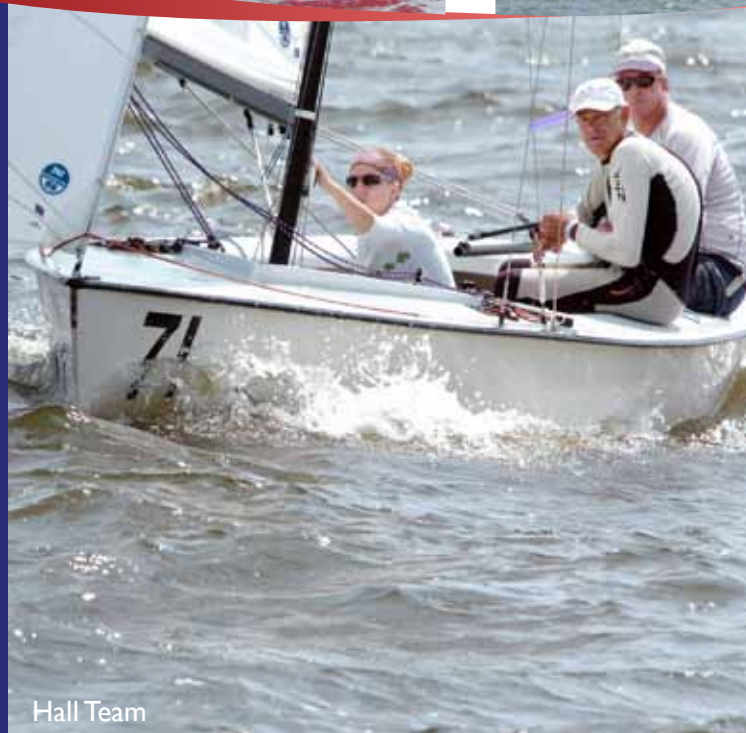


2nd Runners-up:



Will Tyner
Reese Wilkins
Conner Brady

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Hall Team



Masters' Championship

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August 11–13, 2010

Champions: Peter Hall
Ched Proctor, Stephanie Bloucher

Who says Masters' sailing isn't exciting, competitive, friendly, fun, and tough going!! Nineteen tested veterans raced six races with heavy and light air, southwest and northwest winds, shallow waters, and very shifty, hot conditions. The winner was only decided on the last leg of the last race! And since the juniors' and women's were mixed up with us, we really did not know where our competitors were!!

Jim Carson, the PRO, organized six races in a very difficult area of water; wind direction and water depth—he and the Metedeconk River Yacht Club team deserve the thanks and appreciation of all the sailors. On behalf of us all, a BIG THANK YOU to Jody Lutz and all the great volunteers and sponsors.

Wednesday, August 4, saw 12–15 knots from the southwest, and local Richard Warren made great gains on the right side of the upwind legs. Peter Hall was middle left, and our centerboard touched the sand three times—not very fast! So much for local knowledge that the sea breeze would push the wind left. Incidentally, that was the last we saw of “typical local conditions.” Steve Davis and Peter rounded the last weather mark overlapped. Steve won by sailing low and fast with great spinnaker work from Brian. Peter came second and Fisk Hayden finished third.

Race 2 winds increased to 15–18 knots. Richard Warren went right and won the race, followed by Steve Davis and ourselves.



Davis Team



Warren Team

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In Race 3 and 4, the winds were more northeast, and the first four boats had good finishes: Hallagan 3,4; Warren 1,5; Davis 5,1; and ourselves 2,2.

Going into the last day, it was anyone's game! Richard wins, ourselves second, and Steve third—amazingly close and competitive. The sixth and last race was clearly the most exciting. Steve, Peter and Richard were essentially tied. We started in good wind near the committee boat, went right, and rounded the first mark first—only to find Steve very close behind us. Suddenly, no wind downwind! Chutes hanging! The new wind came from the right; Steve Warren got to it first and ended up winning the race. We finished fourth, Steve Davis 11th, and Richard Warren 7th. Don

Barrett had a great race and finished second, followed closely by Jon Schwartz.

Stephanie and Ched did a great job crewing in difficult conditions. In reality, all helms people in the Masters Fleet realize and appreciate how important it is to have great crew! They hike much harder! Jody, Jim, and the Met-edekonk team, thanks again for a wonderful regatta! We especially appreciated the strength of the Junior Fleet, the future of the Lightning class will be in good hands!

Peter Hall

Pos	Bow#	Skipper	Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total
1	71	Peter Hall	Ched Proctor, Stephanie Boucher	2	3	2	2	2	(4)	11
2	18	Steve Davis	Jan Davis, Brian Hayes	1	2	5	1	3	(11)	12
3	8	Richard Warren	Sue Warren, Randy Swartley	(12)	1	1	5	1	7	15
4	55	Richard Hallagan	Clay Murphy, John Steiner	4	(6)	3	4	6	6	23
5	30	Jon Schwartz	Don Schon, Paul Kizenski	5	(14)	10	3	4	3	25
6	36	Don Barrett	Donna Barrett, George Wiedermann	6	(10)	7	7	9	2	31
7	39	William Hofmeister	Bruch Richards, Rebecca Hofmeister	(14)	5	9	6	12	5	37
8	35	Hugh Hutchison	Mark Venables, Gary Swangler	9	4	6	11	(13)	12	42
9	41	Steve Warren	Bill Mergenthaler, Stephanie Swann	13	7	15	(17)	7	1	43
10	10	Fisk Hayden	Steve Hayden, Jeanice Young	3	8	(14)	8	14	13	46
11	23	Larry Schmitz	Jeff Coppens, Bryan Pearl	(17)	17	4	14	5	9	49
12	11	Cal Herman	Larry Frost, Valerie Finnneran	7	12	13	9	(17)	8	49
13	40	Maury Benbow	Bonnie Benbow, Tom Slook	11	11	11	10	8	(16)	51
14	17	Joan Hurban	Gary Hurban, Gary Hoffer	8	(15)	12	12	11	14	57
15	14	George Peter	C H Ritt, Eva Burpee	10	9	16	13	10	(18)	58
16	38	Bill Cabrall	Rebecca Espinosa, Marty Mulhern	15	13	8	(16)	15	10	61
17	44	Bill Killebrew	Mike Osborne, Kathy Osborne	(18)	16	18	15	16	15	80



Hallagan Team



Schwartz Team

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Masters' Winners



Champions:

Peter Hall
Stephanie Boucher
Ched Proctor

Runners-up:



Steve Davis
Jan Davis
Brian Hayes



2nd Runners-up:



Richard Warren
Sue Warren
Randy Swartley



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Jones and Probst Teams



Jones and Jones Teams

Jones, Probst and Ruhlman Teams



Jones Team



Ruhlman Team

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Moriarty and Wright Teams



Adam MacDonald,
Joy MacDonald and
Moriarty Teams



Adam MacDonald Team



Lutz and Delisser Teams

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Hall and Warren Teams



Davis and Hallagan Teams



Barrett and Schwartz Teams