



North American President's Cup



Krawcheck Team



North American Championship President's Cup

North Cape Yacht Club
LaSalle, Michigan

August 7 – 11, 2011

Champions: Lenny Krawcheck,
Oliver Humphries, Elise Annis

First, I'd like to thank the Lightning Class, Laurie Dieball, Fleet 42, and all the North Cape Yacht Club volunteers for hosting an incredible regatta. Although it has been thirty years since I've sailed out of NCYC, it's clear they haven't lost their flair for running a top-notch event with an abundance of hospitality and great sailing to boot.

As a few of you know, I'm a newbie to the Lightning Class and haven't participated in a NA/

World event since 1978. Sad to say, I got lost for twenty or so years in other activities, including a career, but I've righted the ship and pulled into the Lightning Class harbor.

I also must thank my home club, Fleet 216, from Bay City Yacht Club, especially Joe Dissette, John McCree, Matt Princing, Jennifer Princing, Chris Princing and Gary Sowden, who have been a great help in answering my many questions and getting me up to speed—at least



#17 – MacDonald Team



#44 – Wagon Team

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once in a while. It's a testament to our members that a new guy can feel at home so soon. That camaraderie, along with the tough competition and great sailing, drew me to the Lightning Class.

One of the "joys" of coming back to sailing after such a long hiatus is finding crew. I was fortunate to have my brother Frank Lyons as middle and Diana Synowiec, Laurie Dieball's sister-in-law, working bow. Frank and I sailed against and with each other when we were young, but this was the first time for Diana on a Lightning, and she deserves major kudos for her willingness to jump into the fray. The rate at which she learned, even in challenging conditions, puts her on my short list for a call next time.

Our race week began with a disappointing first race in the qualifier. A bad start by me put us into a hole, and we found ourselves out on the left layline with a right shift. We improved the second race; the third was so-so. Then the wind didn't show, leaving us five points from the Blue Fleet cutoff. Feeling good about our boat speed and quite displeased with my starts and tactics, we were confident we'd be competitive in the President's Cup if I could only get the six inches between my ears to work.

The first race of the President's Cup greeted us with a moderate 12-15 knot breeze out of

the west, choppy seas and a spacious starting line. We had clear air and good speed off the line, looking for the first shift. Unfortunately, an "aquatic excellence" award-worthy move (a missed hiking strap, which resulted in a head-over-heels, wet crew member and an over-trimmed jib), along with a few other mishaps, put us in the back of the fleet by the end of the first leg. But good crew work, boat speed and calling a few shifts allowed us to fight back to seventh place at the downwind finish.

Team Lenny Krawcheck, who won the race and the series, showed us all how it's done by winning by a wide margin. After starting the second race, it was quickly abandoned due to darkening skies and a severe thunderstorm warning.

Day two began with the similar, but freshening, breeze out of the WNW. In the first race of the day, Race 2, we had another "aquatic event" and found ourselves in sixth at the weather mark. With good downwind speed, staying in the puffs, and working hard up the next beat, we made our way into fourth place in the end, finishing behind Ed Wagnon, Lenny Krawcheck and Tom Vickers.

As the wind began to build for Race 3, we had a good start and were in the hunt with many lead changes—all very tight until the end. Adam



#11 – Edwards Team



#29 – Pomeroy Team

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MacDonald, showing great form downwind, took the finish, followed by Lenny Krawcheck in second and us in third.

Expecting a left shift, we called the start of Race 4 as pin end. When the shift occurred, we tacked to consolidate and were in the top three with Lenny Krawcheck, Adam MacDonald and Edward Wagnon all in the hunt. We had good speed in the heavier air and choppy conditions and were able to call the next two shifts. Bang—we had that “happy” distance where you have some tenuous control. With loose cover, we managed a six-boat-length lead at the first weather mark.

The wind continued to build to 18 knots near the weather mark, with quick gusts in the 20s, which included some nasty direction changes that made conditions quite difficult. The biggest challenge was downwind where a number of competitors capsized by failing to keep the hull under the spinnaker. As we approached the weather finish near NCYC, the amount of both direction and velocity intensified, and it was quite a handful to manage. A few 15+ degree shifts, with winds in the high teens, resulted in a number of almost “auto tacks” with me being submerged once with the tiller hard over as we approached the weather mark. Using a loose cover, playing the shifts and being bit conservative downwind, we held on to take first on

the upwind finish, followed by the ever-present Lenny Krawcheck in second, Edward Wagnon in third and a very fast Adam MacDonald fourth.

On Day 3 the wind was light and shifty. The AP came down in an attempt at a race, but it was quickly abandoned after a 40+ degree wind shift. Done for the day—game, set and match.

While we all hoped to have a few more races, those we did have resulted in great competition. Thanks again to North Cape and all involved for putting together a first-rate event, great racing, delicious food and drink—a most gracious atmosphere indeed. Coming back to NCYC was like visiting with an old friend, and meeting many new friends from around the country on my first Lightning NA made this year's North Americans a memorable event.

Dave Lyons

Mike Welch, first-time NA skipper, with crew Brian Beaudet and Fred Blackmer



Jody Kjoller, first-time NA skipper, with crew Jason Wells and Colin Mackay



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Pos	Bow#	Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	24	Lenny Krawcheck Oliver Humphries & Elise Annis	1	2	2	2	7
2	51	David Lyons Frank Lyons & Dianna Synowiec	7	4	3	1	15
3	17	Adam MacDonald Joy MacDonald & Laura Jeffers	5	6	1	4	16
4	44	Edward Wagnon Stewart Fosscoco & Brian Bahler	11	1	5	3	20
5	43	Tom Vickers Lindsey Vickers & Ben Mercer	9	3	4	6	22
6	27	John Morley Jane Allen & Phil Morley	2	9	6	7	24
7	11	Ian Edwards Lindy Edwards & Deanna Newman	4	11	7	9	31
8	26	Matthew Morin Kevin Morin & Michael Morin	12	5	9	5	31
9	29	Craig Pomeroy Erin Pomeroy & Abbey Pomeroy	6	8	8	19\DNS	41
10	6	Aroldo De Rienzo III Alexandra De Rienzo & Jorge Murrieta	10	19\DNF	10	10	49
11	37	Bob Shutt Zach Austin & Lisa Meadows	15	19\DNF	13	8	55
12	55	Ed Bayer Paul Maurer & Emily Simon	19\DNF	12	12	12	55
13	48	Mike Welch Brian Beaudet & Fred Blackmer	13	7	19\DNF	19\DNS	58
14	58	Trey Rose Andrew Lockheart & Mike Garza	17	19\DNF	11	11	58
15	8	Kenneth Deyett Mary Endsley & Ali Deyett	3	19\DNF	19\DNS	19\DNS	60
16	5	Pete McGinity Dale Krcek & Mary Gemberling	14	10	19\DNS	19\DNS	62
17	23	Jody Kjoller Jason Wells & Colin Mackay	8	19\DNF	19\DNS	19\DNS	65
18	80	Bill J Allen Stewart Webster & J R Kendall	16	19\DNS	19\DNS	19\DNS	73



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President's Cup Champions

Lenny Krawcheck, Oliver Humphries, Elise Annis



Runner-up: David Lyons
Frank Lyons, Dianna Synowiec



2nd Runner-up: Adam MacDonald
Joy MacDonald, Laura Jeffers

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4th Place: Edward Wagnon
Stewart Fosscoco, Brian Bahler



5th Place: Tom Vickers
Lindsey Vickers, Ben Mercer

In 2011 we had 12 first-time North American Skippers
Different skippers won each race in the Championship and President's Series
27 boats had 2 or more family members aboard
6 boats were all family boats!



#27 – Morley Team



Special Awards

Elfman Award – Rob Ruhlman

Highest finishing Master who also competed
in the Masters NA Championship Regatta

McDermott Award

Aroldo de Rienzo

For the most improved
in the qualifying series
compared to the
prior year



Thermis Trophy

Charlie Wardwell

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



Fallon Trophy

Chris Hamilton

To the last boat to qualify for
the Championship Fleet series
compared to the prior year



Appreciation Awards

Laurie Dieball — Regatta Chairman

Dave Shaffer — Principal Race Officer

Barb Shaffer — Scoring

Barb Hickey — Facilities

Chris Princing — Trophies and Awards

George Sipel — Measurement Chair

Skip Dieball — Administration / Chairpersons Psychologist

Heidi Schultz — Head of finances, banquet coordinator, registration

Special Awards



Fleet 36 Award

Adam MacDonald

Highest placing junior skipper



Kaleigh Wilday Trophy

Jenna Probst

To the youngest competitor
11 years old



Swanson Trophy

Caroline Patten

To promote and encourage
women skippers



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Colin Park Award

David & Jody Starck

Highest finishing couple



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Colin Park Award

Ian & Lindy Edwards

Highest finishing couple



Appreciation Awards

Dean Cady — Judge

Heidi Schultz — Head of finances,
banquet coordinator, registration

Dean Cady — Judge

George Griswold — Judge

Jim Keane — Judge

June Shaw — Judge

Hank & Ester Calahan — Honorary Regatta Chairpersons

Ernie Dieball — Dock and Grounds

Jeff Hagman — Support Boat Coordinator

Mike Scott — Social Chair

Phyllis Lark — Public Relations and Design

Vice Commodore Ken Kania — NCYC Liason

Travis Weisleder — Title Sponsor

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