



International Masters' & European Championships

Club Velico Castiglione, Castiglione del Lago, Italy

June 3-7, 2013

Champions: Ched Proctor, Jamie Ewing, Jay Lurie



After deciding to compete in the Worlds in Castiglione del Lago, Italian, Jamie and I discussed options for the European and International Master Championships. Since our normal forward team member, Meredith Killion, didn't feel she could take the extra days off work and isn't old enough to get us to the required 130 years total to qualify for the Masters', we had to find an alternate team mate to qualify for that regatta. After a few inquiries to likely candidates, I asked our fellow Cedar Point Yacht Club member Jay Lurie. We were talking summer sailing plans after a cold Sunday of Laser Frostbiting. I asked if he'd be interested in taking a week to go to Italian. He said he'd consider it. I have to say I was surprised when he called Sunday morning and said he had researched the location and timing and was in. So Jamie and I sailed the European and Master Championships with Jay Lurie filling in for Meredith Killion to get us up to age. Jay and I come close to making the age by ourselves!

The practice day set the wind expectations pretty low. There was a bit of a local thermal right off the club that might have reached four knots at most. But out in the Lake where the course needs to be set, it was pretty dead all day. The attempt at a practice race was eventually abandoned. With a noon start time for the first race on Wednesday, we sailed out to the lake in the morning thermal only to see it die and cloud cover move in. We had been trying to figure out what would generate raceable breeze in this beautiful spot.

It took us until the end of the first day to appreciate what generates the wind on Lake Trasimeno. After sitting and waiting for wind for a long time, thunderstorms developed

on two sides of the lake. We saw enough lightning bolts to make us a bit nervous. When it appeared logical that the committee would send us ashore, they hoisted an L (follow me) flag and headed further out into the lake. The thunderstorms skirted the lake and a wind filled in from the north at 6-9 knots, and Race 1 commenced.

We started about a third of the way down the line with a fairly nice hole below us. We sailed most of the way to the left layline before we had a clean lane to tack into. Tito Gonzales had started nicely to weather of us and was moving well. Dave Spira, sailing with Randy Shore, had a nice start to leeward of us. About two thirds of the way out to the left hand layline they tacked on a lefty and ducked us and Tito but were easily across the rest of the fleet to the right. We chose to keep going, as we didn't want to duck Tito.

We seemed to be moving nicely on the boats to our left and felt in danger of losing out to boats on our right if the wind went more right. We saw what looked like nice pressure to the left and decided to use it as reason to continue until we were close to the port tack layline. When we tacked to port, Tito couldn't quite cross us and tacked ahead to leeward. I think he wanted to give us space figuring this was a practice regatta, for the Worlds, and wanted to test speed against us more than he wanted to stuff us. We figured he probably wouldn't be so nice next week.

We were in a little more pressure and worked to weather and gained on Tito. At the starboard tack layline, Tito ducked Dave Spira, and we crossed easily and tacked around the weather mark in the lead. The offset leg was very long for an offset, and we set soon after rounding to sail



pole on the head stay to the offset. The wind seemed to be to the left of the course axis, so we jibed right at the offset. The run was a fetch, and the boats close behind stayed low, and we had a pretty easy time extending our lead to the leeward mark.

On the next beat we tried to cover most of the fleet as best we could. Cristobal Perez rounded the leeward mark probably third to fifth behind Tito and Peter Hall. While Tito and Peter played the middle, Cristobal continued all the way to the left corner. When we came back together at the top, he was bow to bow with us and tacked under, forcing us back to the right. We were able to get him to duck us at the top mark. As it turned out, he had been over at the start and failed to recognize his number called on the radio.

Understanding the recall numbers on the radio was quite difficult in both regattas. The course for this race was the shorter one, with a leg down to the left gate mark, looking downwind, then a short reach to the finish line. We again jibed right at the offset, and no one challenged to weather. We were able to extend our lead and win the race.

Race 2 was held right after Race 1. It was getting late since Race 1 was started sometime around 1600. This was to become the pattern for the two regattas other than the one day of the Worlds when we had three races.

The raceable wind comes around 4:00 PM when the thunderstorms build up. At the time of Race 2 the thunderstorms were moving off to the south and pulling the wind with it. The race started with the leeward end significantly favored. The fleet pretty much tacked right over to port. We were somewhat conservative on the start, being further up the line. We succeeded in getting out on port tack before the left end of the line rolled over us.

Peter Hall seemed to have the best start off the left end and tacked across to lead at the first mark. He was able to lay it without tacking to starboard. There was significant chop in the water that favored being able to keep the bow down, jib eased fully to spreader tip and jib lead forward. We were in about tenth place at the weather mark. Actually, the offset had become the weather mark, as it couldn't be laid with the left shift that occurred right before the start. We picked off a couple on the beam reach with spinaker to the leeward mark by holding a little high early and taking advantage of any inattention to trim and heel angle while reaching.

For the third leg (this was a five leg course with the final leg as a beat to weather with the finish set in the middle of the leg) the weather mark was moved to the left but not nearly enough to make a true beat. We took a move to the left for pressure and ended up over standing the mark

and losing two of the boats we had passed on the reach (run?) leg. The breeze strengthened to about 15 at the start of this leg and pretty much held for the rest of the race. Jamie felt it seemed to be following the thundercloud around. The next fetch leg was good for getting a couple of boats back. Felipe Robles passed Peter Hall by tacking to port tack right around the gate mark and pretty much laying the finish line. We pulled off a fourth, second master, which felt pretty good in such a screwy race. Positions were largely determined by being able to tack right off the line.

Race 3 and Day 2

We had a great day on Thursday. Having taken time to get to writing this, the memory of what happened has become a little fuzzy in my head. I went back and found the internal report Jamie wrote for our team and supporters. I don't think I can add a whole lot of detail, so I will just quote Jamie.

"The left paid today. We did a decent job of collecting, finishing 1-1.

After many hours of onshore postponement, then a couple out on the lake, we started our first race at 4:30 PM in about seven knots out of the ENE (070). The remnants of a thunderstorm to our north-northwest was the only real idea for breeze we could ascertain, so we decided to start well and work left.

As it turned out, there was both real pressure on the left lay line and a slight lift, and it was one of those days where further worked better. With the long tack on port, we found a lane just shy of the layline where Ched was able to really work the boat in the chop. We led at the first mark by about eight boat lengths over Tito Gonzalez and just defended the left for the rest of the four-leg race, winning by about ten boat lengths.





Over the course of the race, the breeze built slightly and worked further left by about ten degrees. More importantly, there was simply more pressure on the left (north) side. In retrospect, and given both the geography and the late hour of the day, it might be worth speculating that we were catching the edge of a local down thermal off the mountains to the north (the right/south side of the course is marsh and plains, with less thermal energy). That they were under cloud and rain for a while abets this thesis.

The second race was more difficult. The left had been established, but the marks had not been moved, meaning one approached the port-tack layline very quickly off the starting line. With a slight boat favor, we decided to work the mid-line to have the ability to tack at will. We started with speed and were soon able to tack at the right moment. Holding until we were about five degrees shy of the layline, we tacked onto port (another 10 degrees higher now—holding 080-090 versus 090-100 in the first race) and ground out through the chop, which was still orientated towards the earlier, more right, breeze.

One Chilean boat (bow 07, Cristobal Perez) got a little further out to the left and rounded a couple of boat lengths in front of us. On the run, we made the mistake of soaking low to cover the boats behind, when the fast path was to stay with the waves. While we held second, the Chileans gained about five boat lengths on us by working the waves. On the second rounding, we followed them in a clear high lane out to the left, tacking about ten degrees shy of the layline. We took advantage of a slight right oscillation to cover most of that remaining left space about 2/3 of the way up the beat, and our boat speed ground us back into contention.

We rounded the third mark about two boat lengths behind them. On the second run, we stayed high and worked the waves, eventually catching them to the outside and rounding right behind, but slightly above, the Chileans. The next pack was about fifteen boat lengths back. With a

short leg and fleet of spinnakers approaching, we tacked immediately to get on the long port tack and, more importantly, hold starboard on the finish approach (the final leg was much shorter than the prior ones, only about 1/3 mile). In the end, we had both better boat speed and a better lane (they got hit by the chutes coming downwind), and we crossed without needing the starboard advantage. We ended with another first, and it felt great to grind into it and apply a little U.S. college tactics to close it out..."

Day 3

With a "No race may start after time of 3:00 PM, it seemed doubtful we'd have wind to race on the last day. With an on shore postponement displayed, we waited at the club while the usual harbor thermal doing the usual tease. At some point the onshore postponement was removed, and we went afloat. The thermal gave us enough to sail to the start area but no more. The cancellation for day's racing was signaled to end the regatta, and tow made up to return to the club. We declined the tow in favor of a leisurely sail around in the harbor thermal and enjoy the beautiful countryside.

The European Championship was won by the Greek Team of Angelos Vasilas, G. Vasilas and Evangelos Kafetzidakis. This regatta also served as the Italian National Championship where the Rustichelli Family of Sergio, Barbara and Margherita took top honors.

On Saturday Jamie and I delivered Jay to the train station for his return. We rented a car and headed off to be tourists. We went to Assisi, which is about an hour's drive from Castiglione. We drove back around the eastern side of Lake Trasimeno.

The whole Italian experience was fantastic—lovely countryside, very nice and outgoing people, and there is incredible food! We stayed in the old walled city. We enjoyed quick access to restaurants within a three-minute walk. The walk down the hill to the club took five minutes. It was all a once-in-a lifetime experience.



International Masters' Championship



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**Runner-ups: Peter Hall
Megan Armitage, Mark Osterman**



**2nd Runner-ups: Mario Buckup
Marc Buckup, Telma Buckup**



**4th Place: Richard Hallagan
Hendrix Ten Eyck, John Steiner**



**5th Place: Jed Dodge
Tom Allen IV, Elizabeth Dodge**



2013 International

No	Numero	Nome	
1	15507	38- Ched Proctor, USA, J. Ewing, J. Lurie	Cedar Point Yacht Club
2	14821	03- Peter Hall, CAN, M. Armitage, M. Osterman	Royal St.Lawrence Yacht Club
3	14378	02- Mario Buckup, BRA, T.M. Buckup, M.M. Buckup	Yact Club Itaipu
4	15255	36- Richard Hallagan, USA, H.Ten Eyck, J. Steiner	Newport Yacht Club
5	4811	29- Jed Dodge, USA, E. Dodge, T. Allen IV	Sodus Bay Yacht Club
6	15456	35- Joshua Goldman, USA, W. Jeffers, M. Fisher	Cedar Point Yacht Club
7	15457	57- Rob Ruhlman, USA, A. Ruhlman, N. Turney	Pymatuning Yacht Club
8	14688	47- Georges Peter, USA, C.H. Ritt, E. Burpee	Annisquam Yacht Club
9	15330	34- Scott Finkboner, USA, G. Tondreau, I. Baldwin	Mission Bay Yacht Club
10	15265	33- Steven Davis, USA, L. Jeffers, A. Linton	Denver Sailing Association
11	15405	42- David Spira, USA, T. Whitman, R. Shore	Denver Sailing Association
12	13790	08- Gilbert Durr, SUI, W. Durr, M. Durr	Segelclub Murten
13	15510	01- Ian Edwards, AUS, A. Lee, P. Harris	Northbridge Sailing Club
14	15498	49- Bill Mergenthaler, USA, F. Mergenthaler, S. Allen	Surf City Yacht Club
15	15495	04- Gary Hurban, USA, J. Hurban, P. Jadrosich	
16	15428	48- Richard Moyer, USA, H. Moyer, J. Depenbrock	Riverton Yacht Club
17	14361	16- Iannis Pangakis, GRE, A. Stumatopoulos, A. Kalpakas	Yacht Club of Voula
18	13346	12- Mark Heckman, ITA, R. Bozzi, Z. Bortolaso	Club Nautico Falconara
19	15326	27- Gary Schwantz, NGR, R. Kerscher, D. O' Neal,	Lagos Yacht Club
20	15371	13- Markku Paloma, FIN, E. Hartman, B. Hartman	Oulun Purjehdusseura (OPS)
21	11037	19- Francesco De Regis, ITA, A. Camillo, F. Rossi	Club Velico Castiglione



Masters' Championship



2013 I'natl Masters' Championship

Punti	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4
5,0	1	2	1	1
15,0	2	1	9	3
16,0	5	6	3	2
17,0	4	5	4	4
34,0	OCS	3	2	7
34,0	8	9	12	5
36,0	10	4	16	6
37,0	16	7	6	8
38,0	6	18	5	9
39,0	7	8	14	10
41,0	3	13	13	12
44,0	11	11	11	11
51,0	17	10	8	16
51,0	14	14	10	13
52,0	9	OCS	7	14
62,0	13	17	15	17
63,0	15	12	17	19
69,0	12	15	DSQ	20
70,0	18	16	18	18
74,0	20	19	20	15
79,0	19	20	19	21



Richard Hallagan 55 Years of Lightning Sailing

ILCA Honors Richard Hallagan at the 2013 World Championships in Italy!

ILCA President John Faus – *"We would like to honor a man of few words but whose actions reflect a deep commitment to the Lightning Class. This living legend has skippered at more World Championships than anyone else in the Class."*

His first Worlds were in 1969 in Argentina. He has sailed in eleven different countries representing eight different languages. He has sailed in the dark with flash lights and also at night under the light of the sun. This world traveler would not have visited so many places if not for supporting the Lightning Class.

His dedication to the Class is not only on the International level. He is very active nationally in the USA and also in his home District of Central New York. His crew estimates he has towed his boat over a million miles over the past 55 years. You are truly an inspiration to all. Thank you for your commitment to the Lightning Class.

Throughout his travels, Dick has collected or put together posters from each World Championship he has participated in. In honor of his 20th World Championship, he was presented with a poster from the Italy Worlds signed by all of the sailors.

Contratulations on participating in 20 World Championships





2013 European Open, National

No	Numero	Nome	
1	15507	38- Ched Proctor, USA, J. Ewing, J. Lurie	Cedar Point Yacht Club
2	14794	28-Felipe Robles, CHI, A. Guevara, P. Lorca	Confradia Nautica del Pacifico
3	11011	11- Tito Gonzalez, CHI, C. Herman, A. Gonzalez, Jr	
4	14821	03- Peter Hall, CAN, M. Armitage, M. Osterman	Royal St.Lawrence Yacht Club
5	14378	02- Mario Backup, BRA, T. M. Backup, M. M. Backup	Yact Club Itaipu
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9	15355	07- Cristobal Perez, CHI, A. Sherman, J. Lopez	
10	15457	57- Rob Ruhlman, USA, A. Ruhlman, N. Turney	Pymatuning Yacht Club
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18	14958	09- Kimmo Aromaa, FIN, M. Aromaa, P. Bollstrom,	Merenkavijat ry
19	15495	04- Gary Hurban, USA, J. Hurban, P. Jadrosich	
20	14228	23- Sergio Rustichelli, ITA, B. Rustichelli, M. Rustichelli,	Club Velico Castiglione
21	15510	01- Ian Edwards, AUS, A. Lee, P. Harris	Northbridge Sailing Club
22	14554	24- Daniele Sepiacchi, ITA, L. Coppetti, F. Rocchini	
23	15428	48- Richard Moyer, USA, H. Moyer, J. Depenbrock	Riverton Yacht Club
24	14102	18- Marco Crucitti, ITA, R. Crucitti, E. Martinez	Circolo Velico Marsala
25	15369	22- Lauri Hemming, FIN, M. Hemming, A. Varheenmaa	Helsingfors Segelklubb
26	14364	15- Samppa J Salminen, FIN, T. Kotimaki, A. Kanninen	Jyvaskylan Veneseura
27	15245	17- Nick Vazakas, GRE, K. Venetsanos, D. Kinnin	Yacht Club of Voula
28	14361	16- Iannis Pangakis, GRE, A. Stumatopoulos, A. Kalpakas	
29	15415	14- Sakari Pesola, FIN, L. Pesola, A. Henderson, TP	
30	13706	21- Roberto Giancalone, ITA, P. Prinzivalli, G. Maggio	Circolo Velico Marsala
31	13346	12- Mark Heckman, ITA, R. Bozzi, Z. Bortolaso	Club Nautico Falconara
32	14243	40- Mario Forgione, ITA, Danilo Pelosi, T. Montaini/G. Matteucci	Club Velico Castiglione
33	15372	10- Henry Elfving, FIN, E. Pukki, A. Lappalainen	Lahden Purjehdusseura r.y.
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35	15281	05- Rosemarie Hartman, FIN, P. Aromaa, P. Saari	Merenkavijat
36	15371	13- Markku Paloma, FIN, E. Hartman, B. Hartman	Oulun Purjehdusseura (OPS)
37	15270	50- Graham Gips, NGR, K. Gips, C. Page	Lagos Yacht Club
38	13462	25- Vito Pietro Tripoli, ITA, P. M. Tripoli, A. F. Di Benedetto	Circolo Velico Marsala
39	11037	19- Francesco De Regis, ITA, A. Camillo, F. Rossi	Club Velico Castiglione

European & Italian Championships



Punti	R1	R2	R3	R4	Div	
7,0	1	4	1	1		Open European Champion
15,0	5	1	2	7		
20,0	2	12	3	3		
24,0	3	2	14	5		
25,0	7	8	6	4		
26,0	6	7	7	6		
42,0	8	10	10	14	European	European Champion
49,0	11	13	17	8		
50,0	OCS	3	5	2		
52,0	13	6	24	9		
56,0	9	27	8	12		
57,0	10	11	20	16		
59,0	OCS	5	4	10		
59,0	30	9	9	11		
60,0	4	20	18	18		
62,0	14	15	16	17	European	
77,0	21	21	15	20		
78,0	15	18	32	13	European	
85,0	12	OCS	11	22		
87,0	23	17	13	34	European/Italian	Italian National Champion
88,0	32	14	12	30		
96,0	19	30	19	28	European/Italian	
99,0	20	26	22	31		
100,0	31	29	21	19	European/Italian	
100,0	33	23	23	21	European	
100,0	25	24	28	23	European	
101,0	26	19	31	25	European	
103,0	27	16	27	33	European	
110,0	17	36	33	24	European	
113,0	18	OCS	DSQ	15	European/Italian	
113,0	16	22	DSQ	35	European/Italian	
114,0	22	28	25	39	European/Italian	
116,0	24	32	34	26	European	
120,0	34	25	29	32	European	
123,0	29	35	30	29	European	
131,0	36	31	37	27	European	
132,0	28	33	35	36	European	
135,0	37	34	26	38	European/Italian	
145,0	35	37	36	37	European/Italian	