



# WJM North American Championships

Nyack Boat Club, Nyack, New York

August 14 – 17, 2013

**Junior Champions: Adam MacDonald, Abby Bennet, Allie Jones**



The largest Women's, Juniors' and Masters' Lightning North American Championships in the last ten years took place on several unusually cool, clear, crisp days August 14–17 at Nyack Boat Club. Unfortunately, the Women's division was not sailed due to lack of entries.

With a long history of holding major championships with national caliber racing for Lightnings, Thistles, Sonars and Ensigns, NBC graciously hosted 57 teams: 21 Juniors (under 20), 31 Masters (55+) and 5 Classic teams (wood or glass boats built before 1974). Juniors had strong representation from the Buffalo Canoe Club with twelve teams. The Masters' included many familiar names: Hallagan, Hurban, Proctor. The Classic Rally, held in honor of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lightning Class, included hull #2, possibly the oldest actively competing non-keel boat.

Rare for August, there was too much wind, 20 with gusts to 22, for Wednesday's practice race, although PRO Judy Hanlon tried to kick one off. Back on shore, competitors were

welcomed by NBC Commodore Kieran Quinn and co-chairs Bob Sengstacken and Eric Kent, who'd been planning the event for nearly two years.

Three very competitive races took place Thursday afternoon. Conditions tested competitors with lots of position changes on each of the four legs of each race. Several noted how challenging the Hudson River current was. John Boynton, hull #2, remarked, "On our sail to nowhere. We were able to sail our spinnakers for over an hour—but barely travel few miles in the current. It was fantastic!"

The downwind finishes were so close that the Race Committee burned the midnight oil ensuring they got the results correct. Ched Proctor, his son Charlie and Debbie Dudas as crew, led the day with two bullets and a second.

Postponed on shore Friday morning, participants perused 75 years' worth of Class yearbooks and enjoyed other activities organized by International Lightning Class Association Executive Secretary, Laura Jeffers, and NBC's Jan Crittenden. Without winds over four knots, sailing was abandoned for the day. Everyone enjoyed another beautiful, cool evening, including a special slide show celebrating Dick Hallagan, his long-time dedication and support of the Class and his participation in twenty Lightning World Championships.

On Saturday all headed off the docks about 10:00 AM. After a short postponement on the water, but with time for Ched Proctor to get a UPS delivery to the middle of the Hudson, racing started in light air. When the breeze completely died and the time limit for the Masters' and Classics' was nigh, PRO Hanlon abandoned racing for them.

A junior, on his last upwind leg, radioed the RC asking what to do, as he was moving backwards. Propelled by the strong current, however, several juniors had already completed the race. So with the time limit reached, the race was called, and the remainder of the junior fleet was scored TLE.

After packing up their boats, many competitors remained at NBC enjoying a few last beers and buying a few more raffle tickets. Junior sailor, Meredith Ryan (left), won the 50/50 raffle and was immediately encouraged by the crowd to "go buy a boat," and NBC was thrilled to add to its Sandy Recovery Fund. Thank you to all the competitors, our sponsors and the ILCA for their support and generosity!

# *Juniors' North American Championship*



## *2013 NA Juniors' Championship*



Champions: Adam MacDonald, Abby Bennet, Allie Jones



Runner-ups: Julian Fraize  
Nate Ross, Anna Huebschmann



2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-ups: Christine Moloney  
Kayla Oak, Julianne MacDonald



4<sup>th</sup> Place: Jonathan Lutz  
Charlie Nunn, Connor Swikart



5<sup>th</sup> Place: Sam Jones  
Leanne Jones, Kendra Jones





# 2013 Juniors' North

Pos	Skipper	Crew	Boat Name	
1	Adam MacDonald	Abby Bennet	Allie Jones	
2	Julian Fraize	Nate Ross	Anna Huebschmann	
3	Christine Moloney	Kayla Oak	Julianne MacDonald	
4	Jonathan Lutz	Charlie Nunn	Connor Swikart	
5	Sam Jones	Leeanne Jones	Kendra Jones	
6	Kayleigh Godfrey	Connor Godfrey	Erin Godfrey	
7	Tanner Probst	Robert Sawyer	Maya Weber	
8	Chris Schon	Aaron Husak	Haley Kardek	
9	John Tomczak	Grace Tomczak	Jenna Probst	
10	Dylan Farrell	Grace Adams	Sarah Noyes	
11	Benjamin Folds	Mikayla Ward	Joseph Tomczak	Duma
12	Robbie Robinson	Paige Robinson	Dan Robinson	
13	Becca Huyard	Ben Huyard	Evan Swartley	
14	Leah Trow	Katie Braungart	Regan Flemming	
15	Knox Wolaver III	Elizabeth Wolaver	Skyler Kilgore	
16	Abbie Probst	Max Cahn	Steve Ressel	
17	Ben Yannelli	Vincent Yannelli	Parker Stone	Legacy
18	Harry Waskow	Mike Scales	Bradley Selitto	Bunbury
19	Teddy Schon	Ali Blisnuk	Harry Forbes	
20	Maggie MacDonald	Caroline Dunbar	Meredith Ryan	
21	Kevin ODonnell	Katherine ODonnell	Kathleen Wright	Fat Chance



Team Godfrey



Team Folds



Team Henderson Harbor



# American Championship



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Sail#	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
15495	12	1	7	1	4	13
14543	12	2	10	5	1	18
15470	12	3	1	12	7	23
15166	34	4	9	8	2	23
14811	12	7	5	2	9	23
15417	12	12	8	3	3	26
15251	12	10	3	4	12	TLE 29
15471	34	8	4	13	5	30
14502	12	9	11	7	12	TLE 39
15400	129	11	18	6	6	41
14875	12	5	15	11	12	TLE 43
14479	12	17	6	14	12	TLE 49
15467	196	19	12	10	12	TLE 53
14672	12	14	13	15	12	TLE 54
14321	225	6	19	18	12	TLE 55
15208	12	16	16	17	8	57
15296	75	13	17	19	12	TLE 61
15487	196	18	2	2\ OCS	22	RET 64
14882	34	20	14	20	10	64
14895	12	15	21	16	12	TLE 64
14140	75	21	20	21	12	TLE 74



Team Schon



Team Robinson



Team Waskow



Team Huyard



Team A Probst



Team C Schon





# Masters' North American Championship

Nyack Boat Club, Nyack, New York

August 14 - 17, 2013

**Champions: Ched Proctor, Debbie Dudas, Charlie Proctor**



I had a great time sailing the Master North Americans at the Nyack Boat Club. The Hudson River always produces a challenging combination of current and wind to make the racing interesting. The close proximity of the race course to the club helps to make good use of the time on the water. You don't have to spend a lot of time sailing to and from the starting area. All the racing took place on Thursday. PRO Judy Hanlon was VERY smart to run three races on that day. Although Master's events typically do not race more than two a day she recommended departing from this convention at the Wednesday evening competitors briefing. The master's skippers unanimously concurred. It was very prescient.

My team for this event was Debbie Dudas and my son Charlie Proctor. Charlie starts his senior year at Tufts this fall. He is majoring in Engineering and sails on the Jumbo's Sailing team. The three years of college sailing have helped him to become an accomplished sailor. The scheduling of this regatta allowed for Charlie to participate. It was between the end of his summer employment and return to the busy schedule of academic studies and sailing team activities. Debbie has sailed many infrequent events with me over the last 30 years or so. She claims I only wanted her for her age to get myself and Charlie up the required 130 years. But she is a pleasure to sail with too. They were a perfect team.

The sailing was very similar to a short college course type of racing. The wind was post frontal from the North West. Since it was coming off the shore it was oscillating through about 30 degrees. The Juniors started before us. We had plenty of time before the first race to evaluate the course options. The Juniors had three general recalls. The average wind direction favored the pin end of the line, but the position of the weather mark combined with the ebb tide pushing across the course to the left, made it likely that you could run out of race course on the left very quickly. All three races seemed to have this feature to a degree. Consequently, Charlie advised trying for a start that would have a strong likelihood of enabling an early tack to port.

The first two races we were able to execute this plan fairly well off the middle of the line. We were able to tack fairly soon in the first race. We lead all the way around the course. The first downwind was starboard jibe favored which made it easy to defend our lead. The last downwind to the finish was more challenging. The wind went into a down strength phase and came back with a Northerly component. Jim Crane rounding the weather mark in second, started to eat into our lead as he brought the breeze down with him. The next group of boats held the South breeze and kept Starboard jibe for a large part of the leg. With the feeling of breeze to the left, breeze to the right, the question was how do we get it here in the middle so we could get to the finish before the fleet overruns us? We got a little of the South puff in time and were fortunate to hold on for the win of the first race. The second and third races of the regatta were run right after the first.

Although we won the second race I do not have a good memory of the details. I'm sure it was eventful as the wind shifted several times. In the third race, we started poorly and had a challenge to work back to finish second behind Dick Hallagan. That's the great thing about racing on the river. If the course is set well, there are always opportunities to gain and lose. Friday we never left the dock as we waited all day for breeze. Saturday we had a light west wind. It was only enough to get in part of a race before it was abandoned. The juniors were able to stretch what little wind there was into one race before completely dying.

My hats off to the Race Committee, the Nyack Boat Club and of course my excellent teammates of Debbie and Charlie. It was a great time being able to sail with them both. See you all next year in Sheboygan!

# *Masters' North American Championship*



## *2013 Masters' NA Championship*



Champions: Ched Proctor, Debbie Dudas, Charlie Proctor



Runner-ups: Brian Phelan  
Patrick Phelan, Barbara Hill



2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-ups: Rochard Hallagan  
Hendrix Ten Eyck, Ryan Sprole



4<sup>th</sup> Place: Bob Wardwell  
Mike Healy, Tom Tomlinson



5<sup>th</sup> Place: Georges Peter  
C H Rite, Eva Burpee





# 2013 Masters' North

Pos	Skipper	Crew	Boat
1	Ched Proctor	Debbie Dudas	Veggie Sub
2	Brian Phelan	Patrick Phelan	Green Bay Express
3	Richard Hallagan	Hendrix Ten Eyck	Nicodemus
4	Bob Wardwell	Mike Healy	Tom Tomlinson
5	Georges Peter	C. H. Ritt	Eva Burpee
6	Clay Murphy	Andrew Murphy	John Steiner
7	Ed Roseberry, Jr	Monica Jones	Ned Roseberry
8	Richard Warren	Susan Warren	Randy Swartley
9	Jack Jones	Tom King	Mary Lou Carlucci
10	Christopher Vann	Tim Millhiser	Amy Williams
11	Edward Brad Wagnon	Daphne Wagnon	Karen Park
12	James Crane	Rob Crane	Kelly Crane
13	Jed Dodge		
14	Steve Warren	Darryl Waskow	Christian Geary
15	George Glenn	Johanna Schon	Laura Jeffers
16	Hugh Hutchison	Marc Venables	Gary Swangler
17	Joan Hurban	Gary Hurban	Peter Browne
18	John Sengstacken		
19	John Butler	Diane Butler	Aaron Boesenecker
20	Bill Mauk		
21	Bob Sengstacken	Daniel Zitin	Maud Lindsay
22	Bob Harkrider	Sharon Harkrider	Clay Rumble
23	Lawrence Decker	Jan Crittenden	David Helmick
24	John Bates	Trevor Prior	Gary Hoffer
25	Dick Moyer	Helen Moyer	
26	Richard Dishaw	Mike Hecker	Norm Burns
27	Ron Buchanan	Jeff Ullman	Catherine Cieri
28	Bruce Finsilver	Salo Korn	Chris Matora
29	Rod Hayes	John Sauter	Clark Trow
30	Richard Leonard	Laura Rice	Penny Sengstacken
31	Daniel Parietti	Jeff Sorensen	Bryan Kressler
32	Joe Friebele	Jill Williamson	Collin Kirby



Team Sengstacken



Bob Sengstacken



Team Parietti



Team Vann



Team R Warren



Team Wagnon

# American Championship



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Sail#	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	Total
15507	126	1	1	2	4
15131	112	3	3	7	13
15255	77	6	8	1	15
15205	9	4	2	15	21
14688	151	16	7	3	26
14849	164	7	6	16	29
14680	12	14	5	11	30
15421	196	19	9	4	32
14923	225	8	10	14	32
15130	85	12	12	9	33
15309	154	22	4	8	34
15380	134	2	14	20	36
15502	108	18	17	6	41
15175	196	5	27	10	42
15377	109	10	15	17	42
15055	228	17	13	13	43
15257	329	13	16	19	48
14277	0	24	21	5	50
14592	50	11	29	12	52
14866	226	21	11	22	54
14888	75	9	23	23	55
13877	257	15	26	18	59
14363	75	20	19	28	67
14525	253	23	20	26	69
15428	228	28	18	25	71
15509	54	29	22	21	72
14485	50	25	24	24	73
15185	54	27	25	30	82
14443	215	26	28	29	83
14238	75	33\DNF	30	27	90
15319	75	30	31	31	92
15425	329	33\DNC	33\DNC	33\DNC	99



Team Murphy



Team Decker



Team  
Hutchinson



Team Roseberry



Team Glenn





# Classic Rally

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**Champions: John Boynton, Jamie Boynton, Bob Shapiro**

Pos	Skipper	Boat	Sail#	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	John Boynton, Jamie Boynton, Bob Shapiro	Upset	2	301	1	2	3	6
2	Robert Astrove, Steve Totdea, Emily Slade	Pandora	7603	493	6\ RET	1	1	8
3	Roger Slade, Steven Slade, Doug Axtell	Cirrus II	8004	47	3	4	2	9
4	Michael Seibert, Corky Gray, Pam Gray	Teaser	6343	50	2	3	6 DNS	11
5	Barry Brogan	Incontinent	10490		4	5	4	13



Champions: John Boynton, Jamie Boynton, Bob Shapiro



Runner-ups: Robert Astrove  
Steve Totdea, Emily Slade



2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-ups: Rober Slade  
Steven Slade, Doug Axtell



4<sup>th</sup> Place: Michael Deibert  
Corky Gray, Pam Gray



5<sup>th</sup> Place: Barry Brogan