

2014 CHAMPIONSHIP REPORTS

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YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

BRAZIL TEAM: FELIPE RONDINA, JOSE AFONSO HACKEROTT, THOMAS SYLVESTRE WINS YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP



It was like a dream to have the opportunity to represent my country in a World Championship. When I found out that we were going to Canada, I felt a little worried. We had one month to prepare ourselves for this tournament, and we had not yet sailed together. Each one of us arrived from a different place and different sailing backgrounds, and it was extremely exciting to be part of this amazing event. It caught our attention how organized everything was, how each team had a wonderful place to stay, how all the boats were in great condition and, especially, how beautiful the Buffalo Canoe Club area is.

One of the most striking things was the cooperation between the athletes and the teams. The level of sportsmanship between each and every competitor was outstanding—which is rare to see, as opposed to people wanting to favor or benefit themselves. We could see that attitude from the small little things, like helping each other put the boat down in the water, to help folding the sails at the end of the day. These small details make a great event like this so unique and unforgettable.

Even though we weren't one of the favorite teams, we approached the Worlds with confidence because of the coaching and preparation for the tournament. Two coaches that played great part in our learning and training, Claudio Biekarck, eight-time Pan-American medalist, and João Hackerott, national champion. It was a great opportunity to put into practice everything we learned from them.

We also really appreciate the work of CBVela (Brazilian Sailing Confederation) who sponsored a clinic for all the Brazilian sailors who were competing internationally, with a National Youth Clinic held at my home club (YCSA) which was essential in our preparation for this championship twenty days prior to the regatta.

Before the first race we felt a bit apprehensive. It is hard to put into words the feeling of representing your country. After tacking right off the start to port tack, we were able to cross the whole fleet, which put us in a more comfortable spot, relieving most of the nervousness and fear and leading us to winning the first race.

All of the races were very exciting, yet the last one was the best! After shifting back and forth between second and first place with team USA (Lutz) at the second weather mark, he had passed us but had to put a boat in between us for the win. So he held us off passed and the windward gate, while more than ten boats passed us. It was a crazy battle, and as soon as I saw all those boats sail right past us, I thought to myself, "We lost the championship, to recover will be almost impossible." We fought to shoot our spinnaker up, and finally we were able to get it flying in clean air. We rounded the leeward mark, and had about ten boats ahead of us, so we thought to ourselves it was all or nothing.

I never adjusted the backstay and traveller so much in my life. We trimmed everything we could in the boat, traveller, backstay, jib wire, jib and main sheet according to every single gust of wind so we could have as much boat speed possible. We hit three or four good puffs, and after an intense battle, we won the race, which put us in first place for the championship.

After crossing the finish line in the last race, we exploded in joy and thanked God for giving us the opportunity to glorify Him and honour us after the six races. The dream finally turned into reality. We want to thank each and everyone who participated in the regatta or helped organize in any way. It was a fantastic event and for the great friendships that we will for sure carry on and keep in touch during the years to come.

I especially want to thank Ian and Monica Jones for hosting me a few days before the regatta and making me feel so

welcomed and part of the family. They made me feel at home and were the best hosts anyone could ever ask for, treating me with so much love and kindness as if I was part of their family. It made such a big difference in my mood, comfort and emotions.

I also would like to thank the Starck/Swanson family for hosting me and my team. It was a blessing to be together at a great home with great loving people. There is nothing better than being inside a house that everywhere you look there are boats, sailboats, portraits of sailboats and all sorts of things that we sailors enjoy. Having the opportunity to be under the same roof of the current world champions and being a part of their beautiful family for the week was a great experience.

Thomas Sylvestre



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JUNE 28–JULY 2, 2014



Pos	Country	Sail#	Team
1	BRA	15333	Felipe Rondina, Jose Afonso Hackerott, Thomas Sylvestre
2	USA	15166	Jonathan Lutz, Alexandra Jones, Nicholas Sertl
3	CHI	11011	Cristobal Molina Lorca, Jens Kuhlenthal Pfeffer, Pedro Andres Vera Carrera
4	USA	15467	Rebecca Huyard, Sam Adelhelm, Liem McCarthy
5	USA	15276	Sam Jones, LEEANNE JONES, Kendra Jones
6	USA	14543	Julian Fraize, Nate Ross, Anna Heuschmann
7	USA	15251	Tanner Probst, Maya Weber, Robert Sawyer
8	CAN	15499	Frederique Tougas, Cameron Sawyer, Benjamin Strickland
9	CAN	14567	Nathan Lafrance Berger, Antoine Pacarar, Julien Brunet
10	CAN	4870	Robbie Robinson, Paige Robinson, Dan Robinson
11	USA	15208	Abbie Probst, Max Cahn, Katie Braungart
12	FIN	14534	Matti Aalto, Pyy Aalto, Lauri Virtanen
13	USA	14875	Benjamin Folds, Joseph Tomczak, Mikayla Ward
14	FIN	15415	Laura Pesola, Laura Bjork, Meeri Aro
15	USA	15464	Chris Schon, Haley Kardek, Aaron Husak
16	CAN	14895	Julianne MacDonald, Abby Bennett, Kevin Wiersma
17	FIN	15281	Rosemarie Hartman, Pirita Aromaa, Paulus Saari
18	USA	14502	John Tomczak, Jenna Probst, Grace Tomczak
19	USA	15319	Ben Yannelli, Vince Yannelli, Tom Talbot
20	USA	14672	Leah Trow, Rebecca Jordan, Joe Egloff
21	USA	14321	Knox Wolaver III, Elizabeth Wolaver, Abi Light
22	USA	15417	Kayleigh Godfrey, Erin Godfrey, Clifford Russel
23	FIN	15369	Elsa Hemming, Rosabella Hartman, Eeva Hemming
24	CAN	15495	Maggie MacDonald, Meredith Ryan, Caroline Dunbar



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CHAMPIONS: FELIPE RONDINA, JOSE AFONSO HACKEROTT, THOMAS SYLVESTRE



**RUNNER-UPS: JONATHAN LUTZ
ALEXANDRA JONES, NICHOLAS SERTL**



**2ND RUNNER-UPS: CRISTOBAL MOLINA LORCA, JENS
KUHLENTHAL PFEFFER, PEDRO ANDRES VERA CARRERA**



TEAM HUYARD



TEAM S JONES



TEAM FRAIZE



TEAM T PROBST



TEAM TOUGAS



TEAM BERGER



TEAM ROBINSON



TEAM A PROBST

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TEAM AALTO



TEAM FOLDS



TEAM PESOLA



TEAM SCHON



TEAM J MACDONALD



TEAM HARTMAN



TEAM TOMCZAK



TEAM YANNELLI



TEAM TROW



TEAM WOLAVER



TEAM GODFREY



TEAM HEMMING

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD



Members of Fleet 12 at the Buffalo Canoe Club determined a perpetual Sportsmanship Award would be an appropriate addition to the Youth World Championship. Who better exemplifies sportsmanship than Tom Allen Jr.? Thus, the trophy was named. Tom's mother, Anne, graciously donated the silver bowl that her husband, Tom Allen Sr., won for his first World Lightning Championship, and now the trophy had a name and a physical presence. The inscription:

"Tom Allen Jr. Lightning Youth Worlds Sportsmanship Award. Tom Allen Jr. is a true champion in every sense of the word. His dedication to family, friends and the Lightning Class are unparalleled. He exemplifies fairness, ethics, talent and a sense of fellowship with all ILCA competitors. These characteristics have earned him tremendous respect among all his peers. The honor of this award goes to the team who best demonstrates these qualities during the regatta, as voted on by the competitors."

After a regatta, which gave all competitors plenty of time to interact on shore as well as on the water, ballots were distributed, and the overwhelming majority chose the team of Maggie MacDonald, Meredith Ryan and Caroline Dunbar. Congratulations, girls!!

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Anyone who has ever been involved with organizing and managing a major regatta appreciates all the challenges in ensuring that the event is a success. When the fleet is 107 boats with more than 400 sailors and support staff on hand, the task seems pretty challenging.

There is no question that the NAs, hosted by Sail Sheboygan and Sheboygan Yacht Club, was one of the smoothest and seamless major regattas we all have ever enjoyed. From the amazing job of launching and retrieving all 107 boats in usually under an hour, to providing the parties and dinner for the incredible mass of people, managing the typical Lightning measurement process for the huge fleet in just two days, figuring out where all the cars will park, setting up a spectacular kids camp so parents could enjoy all the sailing and parties, thanks Denise Cornell, providing an impressive number of quality races in some exceptionally difficult conditions and all after having run a second batch of regattas just the week before (actually the Thistle Nationals was even hosted by Sheboygan just two weeks before the Masters'/Juniors' and Women's!) is nothing less than incredible. Congratulations and thanks again to Todd Wake, Bill Faude, their committees and their families for all their tremendous and unending efforts. Thanks, too, to Race Committee Chair Rich Reichelsdorfer who was dealt a set of tough conditions with too little and too much wind, and mix in a little current that made just the task of setting a race course a major challenge. In retrospect, managing to hold six races in the Championship and four qualifying races was amaz-

ing—and appreciated by all. Thank you again to Rich's race management team and everyone who made the 2014 North Americans such a great event!

Speaking of teams to thank, it would be my teammates, my wife Jo Ann and Zeke Horowitz, who made our NAs win possible. In my opinion, this regatta demanded the most focus and determination of any I've recently sailed. Boat handling in light, choppy conditions is always tough and places a premium on managing the choreography in the boat. Managing the tactical/strategic game plan was near impossible. The emotional roller coaster, as race positions turn inside out, even on a single leg, are equally tough to handle, but Jo Ann and Zeke did a superb job keeping the races and results in perspective.

Jo Ann and I haven't missed sailing a major championship together in over thirteen years. She is an incredible sailor in her own right—3rd in the NAs in 2003—and monitors our conservative, consistent tactics that we feel are so important. Fortunately, she has an incredible sense of humor that is greatly beneficial to our sailing, as well as our marriage!

Zeke Horowitz is new to our team and, in fact, this was our first regatta together and his first in a Lightning. However, I have long known Zeke's talents, as he I watched him perform on our sailing team as the team captain at the College of Charleston. Under his leadership, the team won the Team Race Nationals in 2012 and the Fowle Trophy for the best all-around team in the country. It was never surprising that Zeke was elected captain by his fellow team mates and, obviously, in the tough, trying conditions in Sheboygan, maintaining the morale when the going got tough was key.

What was really impressive was how Zeke and Jo Ann worked so well together and shared a respect for each other's abilities that led to strong tactical moves based on decision by committee. It was clear we sailed best when I focused on boat speed and relied totally on Jo Ann and Zeke for direction.

This North Americans Fleet had to field the deepest level of talent of any recent one-design class championship. Zeke counted a total of nineteen North American Champions, sixteen World Champions, three Rolex Yachtsmen/Yachtswomen of the year and four Olympians. Armed with that knowledge, it was a little easier to accept some of the trials and tribulations of the tricky sailing since there were always great sailors around wherever you looked!

At the first weather mark in the first race, in some pretty light sailing, we dipped our good friends Jody and Jay Lutz as we approached the starboard lay line. Jody leaned under the boom and said, "Congratulations, you are officially in last

place!” It took all of Jo Ann and Zeke’s humor and morale building to pull us out in that race back to a thirteen, but certainly those types of events underscored the story of the regatta for everyone. It was so easy to fall into “bad luck,” ending up stuck on the wrong corner or on the wrong side of a huge puff or shift. It was all about sailing as consistent as possible and trying, and “trying” is the key word, to avoid the big scores. Frankly, we recognize and appreciate our good fortune in avoiding those pitfalls, and that is what ultimately led to our overall win. It was interesting that our best race was only a 5th but our throw out was a 14th. Consistency was crucial. What really highlights the tough conditions are some of the following statistics:

- The boat who finished last in the first race, won the second race. The boat first in the first race was 21st in the second. Almost everyone had their opportunity it seemed to sail the course in first and last at some point!
- The first boat in the overall standings to post a first place race finish in their results was 7th.
- Our average total race finish was over a ninth, second place finisher Michael Zonnenberg overall average was over a twelve.
- At the start of the last race any one of ten boats could mathematically win the regatta!

For sure one of the heroes of the regatta was Michael Zonnenberg, with his team of Michael Booker and Adam Ceely from University of Vermont, with their impressive second overall. With their first four races in the top ten, they appeared to be unbeatable and the model of consistency. Word was this was their fourth regatta sailing the Lightning. They were popular regatta leaders and well deserved the praise. What a super long-term addition to the Class they’d make!

Dave Starck, with Class President Debbie Probst and Sarah Paisley, took the Phoenix rise-from-ashes route and exploded to third overall after a very tough first three races that left

them in an uncharacteristic 28th. Their last three races were all in the top six!

And, of course, Jody Starck and Tito Gonzales were solid potential overall winners, especially considering the bigger breeze and their apparent finishes in the last race. Unfortunately, both fell victim to the OCS/black flag penalty and had to use the last race as their throw outs.

For us though, this NAs was a great leaning, and relearning, opportunity. There were important situations that for Zeke, Jo Ann and me were game changers and meant a great deal to our overall finish.

First, you can never underestimate the value of good boat speed. We all saw how much difference moving from flat water in five mph breeze to a bit of chop made in speed and pointing ability. A major gear change was called for, and if done smoothly and properly, huge gains were immediately realized. Having a handle on the appropriate set up could only come with speed testing and experimenting “till you have it right.” We were very fortunate to be able to sail and tune up with my brother Matt before the starts of all the races in the qualifying series. We didn’t spend hours, for sure, but we just sailed until both teams were comfortable. We were struggling early on in the week, and my confidence was wiggling a bit. We adjusted some things, like ensuring we had enough pre-bend and jib luff sag, and finally felt we had our gears and regained my confidence. People kid with the saying, “Good speed will send you the wrong direction quicker.” Actually, good speed will help bring you back from the wrong direction quicker and allow you to consolidate a gain easier when its time. For us, spending the time before each race making sure we had our gear box in order was key.

Downwind, when it was light, we took Allan Terhune’s advice of a few years ago and sailed the boat more heeled—actually a fair bit where the windward chine was out almost six inches out of the water—and a slightly higher, hotter angle to build/

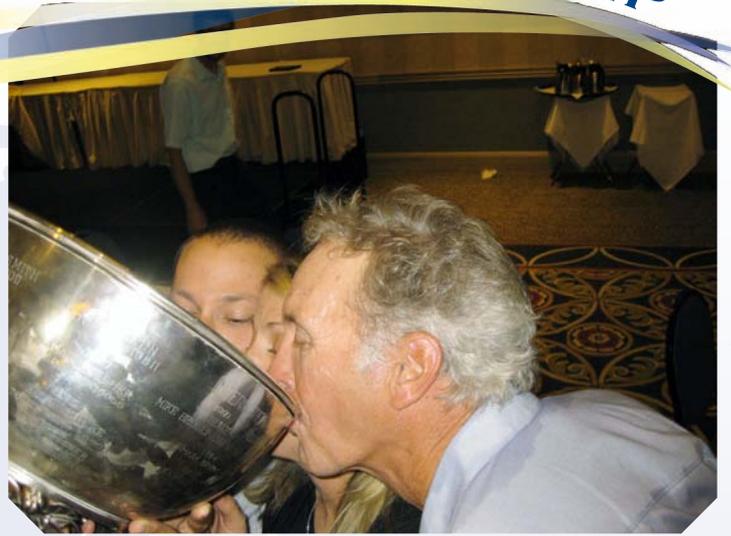


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maintain speed. This year we tried raising the pole higher than normal too—the windward clew of the spinnaker was slightly higher—which, frankly, still makes no sense sail shape wise but seemed speedier, for sure. We raised the board a bit more, almost seven-eighths, to help neutralize the helm. Jo Ann pointed out that when there's enough breeze to heel back to weather to be sure to make that change. Our guide was when there was enough wind to switch from leeward to weather heel when the boom would stay out against the shroud by itself. In breeze heeling to weather, only to the point that the helm is neutral, will encourage the boat to sail lower.

Zeke had this comment on our tactics and strategy: *We had a great balance of an ultra-conservative mind set from Jo Ann, with a slightly more aggressive focus from me. We quickly recognized our differences in strategy, but instead of arguing, we used them as an asset. We had active conversations, trusted each other and discussed both directions. This way we could hopefully diagnose the situation, weigh the options and figure out if it was time and worthwhile to take a bit of risk, or stay conservative. We tried to avoid a decision that felt like a 'wild guess,' though obviously that was easier said than done. Meanwhile Greg continued to focus on our speed and try not to become distracted. It was all about the teamwork upwind.*

When sailing the first weather leg of a race in tough conditions, we tried to stay super conservative. When a group from a side would be approaching on the opposite tack and crossing, or almost crossing, we'd usually tack below and before them and lead them back to the middle. It was almost a 'reset' button for us and would allow us to start back from the middle. Obviously, we were conceding the group of boats. We were tacking below, but we felt it would keep us in striking distance. If the breeze shifted back, hopefully, we'd tack back lifted on the inside. But on the second, and especially the final beat, when the fleet had spread out a bit, we'd allow ourselves to play a little more risky, working a bit more to a side if we felt it might present an advantage. When the potential of a gain outweighed the numbers we might lose, we allowed ourselves to test an edge a little more. Our coach at Charleston would



preach to our team conservative tactics and that it was impossible to win a race on the first beat—but you could sure lose it!

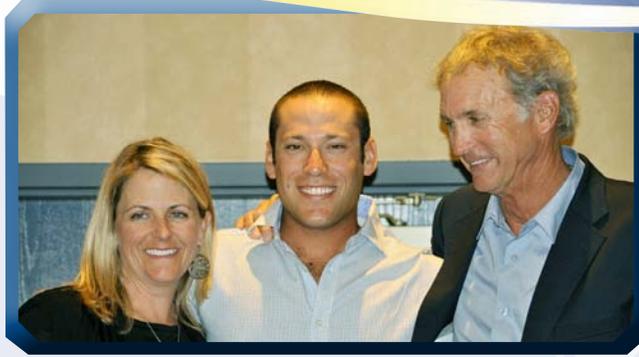
Jo Ann called the lanes and breeze downwind and thought it was usually wise to stay conservative and near the middle in the first half of the leg. This would allow us to, hopefully, at least get a piece of the big puff or shift that invariably would travel down one side or the other. However, when we got near the bottom of the leg and near the gates, it was important to approach from an edge. Being close to the layline to the gate mark was key to help maintain clear air, a hotter, quicker angle to the mark and the inside when we reached the three-length zone.

Finally, only a former team captain like Zeke could put this into words! *Another major area we have ultimate control of is fun, though sometimes it doesn't feel like it is in our control! This is something we took to heart at the North Americans. We always made it a point to remember how much fun we were having. After all, that is the main reason we do this. Things have a tendency to get a little heated in sailboat racing, especially when conditions are hard, and the racing isn't going so well. If it ever felt like frustration was taking over on board, I would say to Jo Ann and Greg, "I'm having a really good time!" and then we'd have a giggle and re-set the mentality. I truly believe that smiles and a positive attitude help win regattas, and the Lightning NAs, for us, was a prime example.*

Greg Fisher



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CHAMPIONS: GREG FISHER, JO ANN FISHER, ZEKE HOROWITZ



**RUNNER-UPS: MICHAEL ZONNENBERG
MICHAEL BOOKER, ADAM CEELY**



**2ND RUNNER-UPS: DAVID STARCK
DEBBIE PROBST, SARAH PAISLEY**



**4TH PLACE: ROB CRANE
KELLY CRANE, BRENDA CRANE**



**5TH PLACE: JODY LUTZ
JAY LUTZ, JULIANNE MACDONALD**



TEAM SCANLON



TEAM STARCK



TEAM HERMAN



TEAM MACDONALD



TEAM MARTIN



TEAM ROBLES



TEAM KING



TEAM COLANTUONO

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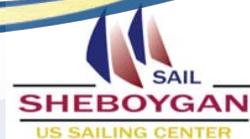
AUGUST 11–15, 2014

Championsh Blue Fleet

Pos	Bow#	Sail#	Boat Name	Skipper/Crew
1	25	USA 15181	What Kinda Gone	Greg Fisher / Jo Ann Fisher / Zeke Horowitz
2	89	USA 15381	Buffalo Bill	Michael Zonnenberg / Michael Booker / Adam Ceely
3	28	USA 15545	PatStrong	David Starck / Debbie Probst / Sarah Paisley
4	99	USA 15380		Rob Crane / Kelly Crane / Brenda Crane
5	80	USA 15166	Jules Rule	Jody Lutz / Jay Lutz / Julianne MacDonald
6	21	USA 14950		Ed Adams / Ben Cesare / Nancy Haberland
7	93	USA 15412		Tim Scanlon / Sam Williams / Bernie Roesler
8	29	USA 15499		Jody Starck / Ian Jones / Skip Dieball
9	81	CHI 14947	Adeus	Pablo Herman / Luis Felipe Herman / Mathias Robertson
10	87	CAN 14895		Adam MacDonald / Abby Bennett / Sam Jones
11	71	CHI 11011	Ojo de Lince	Alberto Gonzalez / Trini Gonzalez / Cristian Herman
12	52	BRA 15333	CBVM	Claudio Biekarck / Gunnar Ficker / Eduardo Melchert
13	1	USA 15390		Todd Wake / Kristine Wake / Neal Fowler
14	34	USA 15449	Dazzler	Allan Terhune, Jr / Marguerite Kohler / Nicole Breault
15	57	CAN 15495		Larry MacDonald / Maggie MacDonald / Joy MacDonald
16	51	USA 15385	Ultimate Pressure	Billy Martin / Alfred Hopkin / Janel Zarkowsky
17	105	USA 15391		Geoff Becker / Parker Mitchell / Eileen Welch
18	2	CHI 14794	El Doctorado	Felipe Robles / Pablo Lorca / Andres Guevaa
19	9	USA 9	Gandolf	Thomas Allen / Shelby Allen / Mandy Hofmeister
20	10	USA 14777	I'd Rather Be Lucky	Eric Oetgen / Will Jeffers / Laura Doupnik
21	30	USA 15502		Jed Dodge / Bill Dodge / Bobby Dodge
22	55	USA 15382	Money for nothing	Mark Sertl / Cory Sertl / Christine Maloney
23	50	USA 15507	Veggie sub	Ched Proctor / Meredith Killion / Rob Style
24	39	USA 15496	The Cat	Marvin Beckmann / Victor Diaz de Leon / Danielle Septembre
25	76	USA 15164	Mo	Robert King / Sarah King / Owen MacDonald
26	33	USA 15387	White Lightning	Ben Spector / Jeff Aschieris / Sam Stokes
27	14	USA 14619	More cowbell	Walter Colantuono / Theresa Colantuono / Parker Colantuono
28	45	USA 15445		Matt Fisher / Tobi Moriarty / Dan Moriarty
29	24	ECU 14163	Calico	Julio Velez / Juan Andres Santos / Rafael Quintero
30	41	USA 15464	Girl Trouble	Keith Taboada / Russell Schon / Chris Schon
31	54	USA 15251	The Second Mirror	Tanner Probst / Jenna Probst / Maya Weber
32	16	USA 14866	Something Good	Bill Mauk / Jim England / Michele Sumpton
33	8	USA 15480	Dr. Nefario	William Faude / Jared Drake / Lauren Jones
34	3	COL 15519	Magnifico	Gustavo Tamayo / Rafael Tamayo / Javier Delgado
35	49	USA 15556	None	James Crane / Larry Bone / Pete Bone

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FUN MEMORIES OF SHEBOYGAN'S 2014 NORTH AMERICANS

Ed Roseberry Jr.



After many years of not competing in the North American Championship, I decided to make the trip out to Wisconsin last August from my home waters at the Buffalo Canoe Club on Lake Erie. I recalled that both the racing and hospitality were terrific at the 1976 NAs, which was hosted by the Sheboygan Yacht Club. Although I had competed in some of the Masters' NAs in recent years, I hadn't sailed in the main event. This year's NAs was the qualifier for the 2015 World Championship at our home club. Thus, the decision to head out to Sheboygan. Our team included Erin Gregory, who has crewed for me for many years, and Julian Fraize, who had just skippered to 6th place in the Youth Worlds.

We arrived Saturday morning, unhitched the boat in the measurement area, and were welcomed by Bill Faude, Regatta Chairman on water, Todd Wake, Regatta Chairman on shore, and Bill Clausen, the Class's longtime Chief Measurer. The measurement process was superbly organized. We breezed through in forty-five minutes. What a pleasant surprise! This left the rest of the day available for relaxing, doing some boat prep work, tuning, and chatting with old friends, Jim Crane, Jed Dodge, Greg Fisher and others. Tom Allen Jr's van was nearby with a few parts we needed. During the day we became acquainted with a few of the younger members of the Class. The Class hasn't changed. Everyone was friendly and helpful.

Sunday was a fun day, although the wind was too light for the practice race. The Class' schedule now has racing for the Women's, Juniors', and Masters', finishing up on Sunday. We were able to attend the WJM Awards Ceremony as well as the NAs Opening Ceremony. This gave us the chance to catch up with more friends who had sailed in the WJMs. A cookout followed for all the competitors from all the events.

The Regatta organizers had a nice entertainment venue with free refreshments after racing each day, which gave everyone a chance to discuss that day's racing, as well as Greg Fisher's roundtable debriefs on Monday and Wednesday, which allowed

the competitors to pick the brains of the top finishers. The club offered planned dinner events on three evenings.

We took a few minutes to review the flight lists for the qualifying races on Monday and Tuesday. 107 boats! Unbelievable! There were many past champions and regatta winners—what a great turnout.

The big turnout did not affect the launching time off the dry sailing area. The club had two electric hoists, as well as two wide ramps and a bunch of garden tractors to back the boats down the ramps. We elected the latter and were launched and retrieved in a matter of minutes.

The qualifying races were held in light to medium winds. The Race Committee got one race in Monday. On Tuesday there was a strong northerly wind with high Lake Michigan seas, so the RC wisely decided to keep the boats on shore until later in the day. We went out late Tuesday, but the wind subsided with only one flight finishing. The RC did get in two more qualifying races on Wednesday, so the finals for the NAs, President's Cup, and Governor's Cup were set for Thursday and Friday.

Our team qualified for the President's Cup Green Fleet. Thursday's racing was in light air. Our team had an unusual experience, as we finished the last race of the day in third place, approaching the center of the finishing line on starboard gybe for a downwind finish. A large freighter was steaming at high speed, almost directly at us, right through the center of the finishing line. The finishing boat was at the starboard end of the line. We were attempting to finish between the freighter and the port end buoy. At the last half minute or so, we determined we could squeeze in so gybed to port and finished. Whew! We later learned the RC had radioed the freighter's Captain to change course ten degrees, to no avail.

Friday's racing featured two tricky light air races in an off shore westerly and then the wind shifted to the southeast for Sheboygan's usual heavier air thermal.

Congratulations to Greg Fisher for winning the NAs, Will Brown the President's Cup, and Peter Jones, the Governor's Cup, and their teams.

In retrospect, we had a great time at Sheboygan and thank the SYC and all the committee members for running a memorable event. The Lightning Class is surely the best in the world. Save your vacation time for next year's NAs in New Orleans and for future years.



SHEYBOYGAN YACHT CLUB



CHAMPIONS: WILLIAM BROWN, JOHN FAUS, MATTY SCHON



**RUNNER-UPS: JUSTIN COPLAN
DANIELLE PRIOR, TIMOTHY CRANN**



**2ND RUNNER-UPS: STEVE CONSTANTS
DAVE CONSTANTS, MIKE CONSTANTS**



**4TH PLACE: JOSHUA GOLDMAN
VALERIE TARDIF-HOLLY, KARL ALLEN**



**5TH PLACE: RYAN RUHLMAN
TESSE RUHLMAN, NICK TURNEY**



TEAM STIX



TEAM WALSH



TEAM SCHILLEBEECKX



TEAM SERTL



TEAM SIPEL



TEAM WERLEY



TEAM MCCREE



TEAM HUFFMAN

NORTH AMERICAN PRESIDENTS CUP

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President's Cup Yellow Fleet

Pos	Bow#	Sail#	Boat Name	Skipper/Crew
1	62	USA 15535	Pauw	William Brown / John Faus / Matty Schon
2	44	USA 15536	Nautalytics	Justin Coplan / Danielle Prior / Timothy Crann
3	79	USA 15240	Brown Eyed Girl	Steve Constants / Dave Constants / Mike Constants
4	86	USA 15456	I Can't Bear It	Joshua Goldman / Valerie Tardif-Holly / Karl Allen
5	84	USA 15420	Holy Smoke	Ryan Ruhlman / Tesse Ruhlman / Nick Turney
6	58	USA 14680	Berry 111	Edwin Roseberry Jr. / Erin Gregory / Julian Fraize
7	27	USA 14176		Ernie Dieball / Jacqueline Dieball / Bryan Bahler
8	26	USA 14922	Bad Boys	Jack Huntsman / Don Schon / Paul Krzenski
9	47	USA 15484	Checkmate	Mark Schneider / Lucinda Schneider / Jake Ellis
10	37	USA 14938	Total Recall	David Stix / Amy Simonsen / Andy Camarda
11	72	CAN 15493	Daily Affirmations	Richard Walsh / Tina Walsh / Alex Cox
12	85	USA 14901	Vollebak	Ian Schillebeeckx / Roselyne Hazard / Marc Schillebeeckx
13	91	USA 14480	PRJ	Caroline Patten / Tyler Menninger / Nick Farina
14	94	USA 15121	ish	Jim Barnash / Chad Atkins / Kelly Jordan
15	97	CHI 15355	No desesperez	Cristobal Perez / Alfred Sherman / Constanza Gallyas
16	56	USA 14298	Banana Slicer	Nick Sertl / Katja Sertl / Mike Marshall
17	59	USA 15511	Atom	Jim Allen / Bryan Milne / Cheryl Day
18	38	USA 15475	The Skip's Hammer	Jeff Coppens / Robert Martin / Tom Goddard
19	60	USA 14175	None	Edward Duffy / Ian Sandersen / Johanna Schon
20	92	USA 4870	no name	Rob Robinson / Paige Robinson / Kevin Robinson
21	98	USA 15075	WTF	Maegan Ruhlman / Abby Rowlands / Mark Wiss
22	64	USA 14249		George Sipel / Chris Snyder / Caroline Sundman
23	107	USA 15417	No Name	Peter Godfrey / Connor Godfrey / Kayleigh Godfrey
24	22	USA 15255	Nicodemus	Richard Hallagan / John Steiner / Hendrix TenEyck
25	66	USA 15158	TooKlos	Peter Orlebeke / Kimberly Orlebeke / Cole Orlebeke
26	12	USA 15015	sLitely Cantakerous	John Werley / Bertie Werley / Doug Wake
27	6	USA 15457	Spaceman Spiff	Rob Ruhlman / Abby Ruhlman / Dave Werley
28	65	USA 14120	Nickels Boat Works	Will Tyner / Colin kirby / Sara Fox
29	35	USA 15211	Bandit	Larry Frost / Watt Duffy / Paul Barnes
30	100	USA 15085	The Townie	Lenny Krawcheck / Marcus Moehlman / Mac MaKenzie
31	32	USA 15430	Horse w No Name	John McCree / Rachel Dey / Bobby Flack
32	61	USA 15137		Steven Adamski / Laurie Reinen / Mike Laing
33	40	USA 15543	NBW Racing	Ryan Flack / Emily Simon-McManus / Tom Vickers
34	15	USA 15306		Callender Herman / Jeanne Herman / Ben Herman
35	36	USA 14644	Creature of Habit	Michael Huffman / Peter Huffman / Meg Huffman
36	4	USA 15064	15064	Jason Bemis / Kip Hamblet / Caiti Dust
37	83	USA 15146	Big Meanie	Gary Sowden / Grant Hilger / Drew Hilger

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R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	T/O	Total
18	7	17	1	1	2	[18]	28
34	12	11	5	8	1	[34]	37
10	21	2	6	2	17	[21]	37
2	18	10	10	11	12	[18]	45
19	13	18	8	3	3	[19]	45
1	15	3	19	10	26	[26]	48
11	2	5	16	15	15	[16]	48
20	11	9	3	12	14	[20]	49
4	8	13	18	9	24	[24]	52
22	6	6	4	16	23	[23]	54
21	1	4	28	26	4	[28]	56
3	10	26	14	14	18	[26]	59
32	5	33	13	6	7	[33]	63
27	9	16	33	7	5	[33]	64
7	24	14	17	36	8	[36]	70
31	4	1	20	28	21	[31]	74
28	14	21	11	20	11	[28]	77
8	3	30	30	33	9	[33]	80
15	16	24	29	19	6	[29]	80
9	23	8	23	23	22	[23]	85
36	27	15	9	22	13	[36]	86
29	17	20	2	27	25	[29]	91
6	26	22	27	24	19	[27]	97
25	19	7	25	21	28	[28]	97
5	22	25	22	32	38/DNS	[38]	106
33	37	29	31	4	10	[37]	107
24	25	12	21	25	38/DNS	[38]	107
30	34	36	7	18	20	[36]	109
23	28	34	12	38/DSQ	16	[38]	113
14	30	37	26	13	38/DNS	[38]	120
13	33	28	15	31	38/DNS	[38]	120
12	20	31	34	34	31	[34]	128
16	31	23	36	29	29	[36]	128
38/OCS	29	19	35	17	30	[38]	130
26	32	27	24	30	27	[32]	134
35	36	32	32	5	38/OCS	[38]	140
17	35	35	37	35	32	[37]	154

NORTH AMERICAN KIDS' SAIL CAMP



The Kids Sail Camp that was organized during the NAs was a huge success for both sailing parents and their young kids. While still a little too young to sail in the NAs, this opportunity allowed these kids to enjoy the North Americans and also gave them the opportunity to meet new Lightning friends from across the country, friendships that will surely last for many, many more years.

A special thank you to Denise and Ken Cornell, who organized the camp, the instructors and Jenn English who made lunches and saved the day by bringing dinner the day the fleet was stuck out on the water late in dying winds and big waves.



NORTH AMERICAN GOVERNORS CUP



CHAMPIONS: PETER JONES, LEEANNE JONES, KENDRA JONES



**RUNNER-UPS: DANIEL REICHELSDORFER
MICHOU REICHELSDORFER, BAILEY DOLSON**



**2ND RUNNER-UPS: ABBIE PROBST
BECCA JORDAN, MIKAYLA WARD**



**4TH PLACE: CHRIS HAMILTON
TERRY HAMILTON, MITCH HALL**



**5TH PLACE: CRAIG POMEROY
ABBEY POMEROY, JIM KEMMERLING**



TEAM CABRALL



TEAM SCHMAHL



TEAM KENT



TEAM PRINCING



TEAM TROCHE



TEAM BAILEY



TEAM SIEGLE



TEAM THOMPSON

NORTH AMERICAN GOVERNORS CUP

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Governor's Cup Green Fleet

Pos	Bow#	Sail#	Boat Name	Skipper/Crew
1	103	USA 15276		Peter Jones / Leeanne Jones / Kendra Jones
2	74	USA 14994	Lake Effect	Daniel Reichelsdorfer / Michou Reichelsdorfer / Bailey Dolson
3	53	USA 15208	Debbie's the Best	Abbie Probst / Becca Jordan / Mikayla Ward
4	102	USA 15473	PBR Streetgang	Chris Hamilton / Terry Hamilton / Mitch Hall
5	75	USA 14880	Pegasus	Craig Pomeroy / Abbey Pomeroy / Jim Kemmerling
6	70	USA 15364	Legs	Gerry Paoli / Carson Menges / Ian Moriarty
7	20	USA 15365	Las Vegas	David Watts / Robert Watts / Dan Vought
8	73	USA 14860	Cupcake	Jim Ward / Jayme Ward / Jay Mueller
9	78	USA 14548	Painkiller	Jon Guth / Paul Whitesides / Jenn Millar
10	42	USA 15315	Quest	William Cabrall / Raeyane Farrell / Noah Bartelt
11	63	CAN 14743	Flat Bottom Girl	Peter Hansen / Shereen Hansen / Suzanne Hansen
12	68	USA 15213	Coyote (supergenius)	Jeff Schmahl / David Schmahl / Michael Schmahl
13	19	MEX 15450		Aroldo de Rienzo / Joaquin Bargallo / Mari Vivas
14	104	USA 15406	Zazu	Whitney Kent / Megan McMahon / Ian Walter
15	17	USA 15546		Philip Lange / Alister Thomson / Alexandra Lange
16	18	USA 15515	Hooch 5am Jr.	Christopher Princing / Jennifer Princing / Jaime Vanderhovel
17	77	USA 15206	Los Ninos de la Luna	William Hofmeister / Mike Osborne / Becca Hofmeister
18	23	USA 15474		Rob Linden / Casey Ray / Meghan Linden
19	31	USA 14060	Sloop Dogg	Nicholas Troche / Kevin Petrikas / Stephanie Rosenbaum
20	11	CAN 15508	People Skills	Lorrie Walsh / Tina Corness / Terry Cano
21	43	USA 15309		Edward B. Wagnon / Stewart Fossceco / John McClain
22	95	USA 15250	Wright	Timothy Wright / Andy Wright / Max Cahn
23	5	USA 15360	Siezure	Clarke Newman / Deanna Newman / Ralph Bilnoski
24	7	USA 15000	Jack's Boat	Tim Werley / Katie Werley / Samantha Maras
25	106	CAN 14878	Sparkle	Ross Bailey / Brian Cox / Caleb Vander Ploeg
26	46	USA 15119	Squito	Eric Larson / Lori Jost / Joel Lemihiew
27	101	USA 14900	HIS	Gary Hurban / Joan Hurban / Gary Hoffer
28	88	USA 14857	Mermaid	Doug Steffenson / Brandon Holton / Jonas Andersson
29	13	USA 15301	Stone Cold	Mike Knop / Denise Cornell / Erin Schanen
30	96	USA 14760	Fins	George Siegle / Ann Siegle / Ashley Logan
31	82	USA 15130	Vann Bros	Chris Vann / Karen Park / Dave Lutian
32	69	USA 13851	Motley Crew	Stuart Webster / J.R. Kendall / Alexander Lavelle
33	48	USA 14234	Crabby Mom	Paul Bartelt / Beth Bartelt / Jason Diener
34	90	USA 15228	Blue Two	David Thompson / Norm Jarvis / Lori England
35	67	USA 15512	Flying Circus	Mark Allen / Beth Groesbeck / Steve Varnum

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10	1	5	2	25	9	[25]	27
5	22	14	5	1	7	[22]	32
6	2	7	10	13	10	[13]	35
8	24	6	9	2	12	[24]	37
9	9	11	30	8	4	[30]	41
1	16	1	14	11	15	[16]	42
16	5	21	13	7	2	[21]	43
28	11	4	1	36/DSQ	1	[36]	45
17	8	17	8	10	5	[17]	48
7	32	12	3	18	11	[32]	51
19	6	3	23	6	25	[25]	57
15	7	15	6	16	26	[26]	59
3	28	2	18	15	23	[28]	61
33	3	9	19	28	3	[33]	62
12	14	23	7	36/DSQ	14	[36]	70
4	30	24	4	21	22	[30]	75
18	27	36/DSQ	20	5	6	[36]	76
24	4	30	12	36/RAF	8	[36]	78
20	13	10	27	22	13	[27]	78
13	29	27	16	4	19	[29]	79
25	10	13	32	14	17	[32]	79
11	15	36/DSQ	31	9	18	[36]	84
29	25	16	21	3	24	[29]	89
21	17	20	17	19	16	[21]	89
2	31	18	29	17	30	[31]	96
14	18	19	22	29	29	[29]	102
30	19	8	26	30	21	[30]	104
27	12	26	33	23	20	[33]	108
26	21	29	11	26	28	[29]	112
31	23	22	28	12	27	[31]	112
23	20	25	25	20	36/DNS	[36]	113
32	26	28	15	27	32	[32]	128
22	33	31	24	24	31	[33]	132
34	34	32	34	31	33	[34]	164
36/DNS	36/DNS	36/DNS	36/DNS	32	36/DNS	[36]	176

NORTH AMERICAN SPECIAL AWARDS

COLIN PARK AWARDS

to the highest finishing married couple in each division



Championship:
JO ANN & GREG FISHER
Presidents Cup:
RYAN & TESSE RUHLMAN
Governors Cup:
DANIEL & MICHOU REICHELSDORFER



ELFMAN AWARD—Highest finishing (North American) Master who also competed in the Masters NA Championship Regatta
MATT FISHER



MCDERMOTT AWARD—For the most improved in the qualifying series compared to the prior year
MARVIN BECKMAN



FALLON TROPHY—To the last boat to qualify for the Championship Fleet
MARK SERTL



SWANSON TROPHY—To promote and encourage women skippers
WHITNEY KENT



THERMIS TROPHY—To the highest finisher in the Championship Fleet who has never qualified before
MICHAEL ZONNENBERG



To the youngest competitor
BOBBY DODGE

FLEET 36
Highest placing junior skipper



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