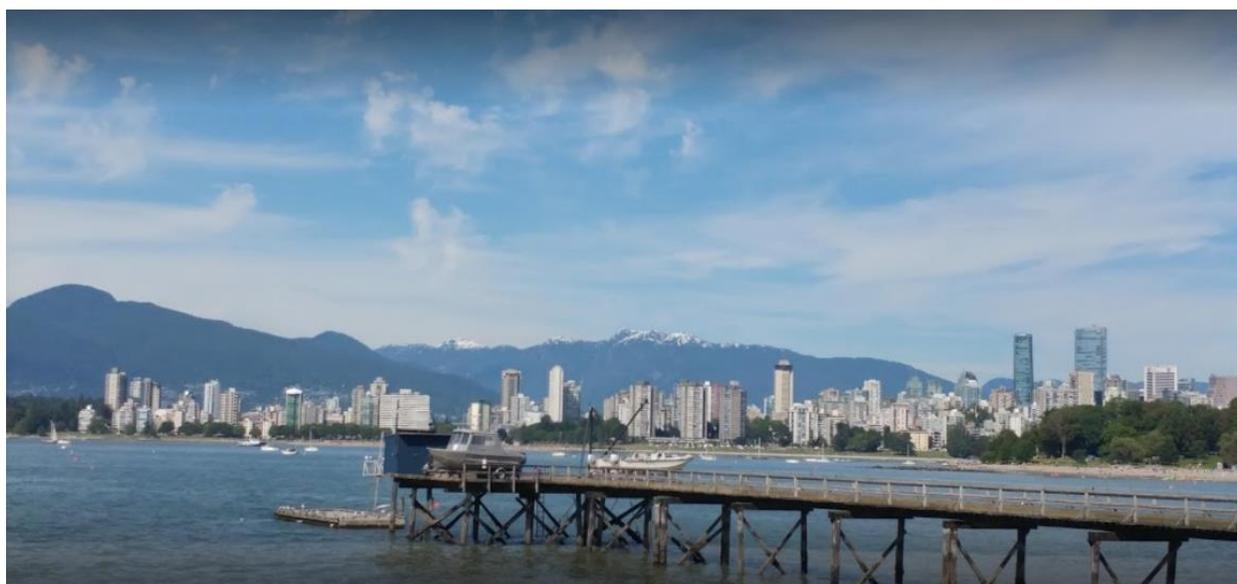


## Kitsilano Yacht Club Annual Regatta - Lightning Class Pacific Northwest District Championship July 13-14, 2019

Rank	Class	Sail No	Nat	Helm Name	Crew Names	Club	Boat	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Net
1st	Lightning	14654	USA	Robert Bush	Sterling Bush, Ben Westerterp	VLSC	Ambush	6.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	10.0	10.0
2nd	Lightning	13949	CAN	Claire Rawlinson	Jane Henley, Ian Weekes	KYC		1.0	1.0	6.0	4.0	12.0	12.0
3rd	Lightning	14841	CAN	Matthew Henley	Johanne Berube, Peter Henley	KYC	Isabelle	3.0	6.0	2.0	2.0	13.0	13.0
4th	Lightning	14308	USA	David McCallum	Rob Postma, Kurt Watkins	VLSC	Ida	2.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	17.0	17.0
5th	Lightning	14600	CAN	Menno Bos	Ury Segal, Tracy Lau	KYC	O3zone	5.0	3.0	7.0	3.0	18.0	18.0
6th	Lightning	14453	CAN	Ran Vered	Eli Mann, Yair Halamish	KYC	3 one	7.0	4.0	3.0	6.0	20.0	20.0
7th	Lightning	13896	USA	John DeBenedetti	Todd Lasher, Bryan White	VLSC	foamheads	4.0	7.0	4.0	7.0	22.0	22.0
8th	Lightning	14089	CAN	Doug Ash	Gerry Clark, Sam Shetty	KYC		9.0 DNF	9.0 DNC	9.0 DNC	9.0 DNC	36.0	36.0

The Pacific Northwest District Championship was hosted by Kitsilano Yacht Club, sailing on English Bay near Vancouver BC. English Bay consists of the south side of Burrard inlet, a 7 x 7 km square of water off the Strait of Georgia which separates Vancouver Island from the mainland. The views of the city of Vancouver and the surrounding mountains make for a spectacular backdrop to the sailing.



The moon was nearly full, with the tidal drop of about 3.5 meters – normally plenty for a 2 knot current across the race course at max flood. Yet, unexpectedly, the current was quite weak – maybe 1/8 of knot. This weak current was needed this weekend. English Bay many times has a very nice 10-15 knot thermal breeze directly from the west – but not this time. This weekend the very competent RC team had to find the wind, as the wind worked its way around the compass. The volunteer mark set crew certainly earned their dinners this weekend. Saturday started with a north west wind ranging from 2-6 knots. The RC got all fleets started and Clair, Ian and Jane pulled away from the fleet on the second lap, finding wind on the right side to win the race by hundreds of meters. Dave McCallum was second and Matt Henley third. The rest of the day, we spent watching breeze come in various angles, only to die off 15 minutes later. All fleets edged closer to the dock and finally the RC had to say enough was enough.

Sunday brought more of the same, but the earlier start allowed us to get a morning race in on a Northeast wind that died by the end. Clair's and Bob's teams dueled in this one, with Clair taking the race with a low and slow run to the finish line. After a 90-minute wait – the RC was rewarded with some decent wind coming in from the northwest – not the typical thermal (directly from 270). The wind was enough to get the middle crew up to sitting in the center of the boat, but not any more than that. Bob, Sterling and Ben got some good starts and banged out two wins. The last race featured a shut down in the wind for 2 minutes and the fleet all bunched together with the regatta in the balance. The Bush boat got to the new air just a few seconds before the rest, made it around the windward mark and to the downwind finish to take the race and the series. Clair – sailing in her second regatta at the helm, with Ian and Jane sailed superbly and were second overall, with Matt, Jo and Peter third.