

Doc Gilbert Memorial Potomac Cup
Potomac River Sailing Association – Fleet 50
Washington, DC
May 14–15, 2016

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Pos	Sail#	Boat	Skipper	Yacht Club	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	15240	Brown Eyed Girl	Stephen Constants	SSA	1	1	2	4
2	15336		Trevir Prior	Susquehanna Yacht Club	3	5	3	11
3	15131	Sailing to Nepal	Patrick Phelan	Havre de Grace YC	4	7	1	12
4	7603		Robert Astrove	PRSA	5	3	5	13
5	15142	Shadowfax	Nabeel Alsalam	PRSA	2	2	10	14
6	14376	No Call No Show	Will Phillippe	Potomac River Sailing / Fleet50	6	9	8	23
7	15384	Resistance is Futile	Frank Gallagher	PRSA	7	6	11	24
8	15084	Irie	Joseph Buczkowski	Hampton YC	11	8	6	25
9	15387		Andreas Adam	SUNY Maritime	9	10	9	28
10	15117	Shamrock	John Van Voorhis	PRSA	10	18	4	32
11	14592		Aaron Boesenecker	PRSA	13	13	7	33T
12	13738	Past Due	Randy Beauchamp	VISA	8	11	14	33T
13	15118	Yellow Boat	Starling Mikell III	Susquehanna Yacht Club	14	4	18	36
14	14969	Doc Ggibert Express	Chandler Owen	Harbour Island -Nashville,TN	12	16	12	40
15	14902	Ms Conduct	Carol Park	SYC	16	14	16	46
16	15363	Sundancer	Greg Kelly	SSA	20	12	17	49
17	15311	Go Green	Jim Dillard	Fleet 518	17	20	13	50T
18	14627	Blind Squirrel	Bob Gotthardt	Potomac River Sailing Association	15	15	20	50T
19	14100	3 Little Birds	Red Fehrle	Fleet 50	22/DNS	17	15	54
20	15126	As You Wish	Lisa-Marie Lane	Fleet 50 / PRSA	19	19	19	57
21	14156		Kevin Smith	Susquehanna Yacht Club	18	21	21	60

Twenty-one boats turned out for the 2016 Doc Gilbert Potomac Cup. We had fantastic weather on the first day - moderate and consistent 10-12 kt S/SW breeze with flat water -- and the RC did a great job of getting us 3 good races and also then getting us back to shore before the first storm front blew through. The wind and rain passed in time for us all to enjoy another fantastic dinner prepared by Fleet 50 Master Chef Lindsay Bach (steak, chicken, fish, homemade sides, and more!). The weather Saturdaynight was a bit chilly and windy for the campers, but nothing too extreme. Unfortunately the forecasts for very high winds on Sunday were correct and racing was cancelled as a second front with gusts of 30+ swept through the racing area as we started to head out to the race course. Several boats did head out to the race course and experienced some amazing wet and wild planing reaches in the wind and waves (myself included, along with hardy crew Lizzie and Lisbet) before the RC called things off for the day. All made it back to shore and we enjoyed a great awards ceremony recognizing regatta winners, the youngest sailor of the regatta (Zach Buczkowski), and a young Boat Grant team lead by Andreas Adam that sailed in the regatta.

A **huge** thank you to Regatta Chair Lisa-Marie Lane for organizing the entire regatta crew for another fun and successful Doc Gilbert Potomac Cup!

Aaron Boesenecker

I am really lucky to have the opportunity to attend the Potomac Cup this past weekend. It was just like the other Lightning events I have been too; Good Competition, Friendly People, Good Food, and Fun Times.

On the first day we were all pretty nervous getting out of the car because we didn't know where to start rigging. As we pulled into the parking lot, people recognized that we were new, and after a few introductions, we soon had a team of 5 people showing us our settings, and giving us hints.

The racing was great. We got three races off and we sailed in some really good completion. At times we were overpowered, but we eventually found the groove, and began to really work the boat. Racing ended due to a thunderstorm that started to move into our area.

At the end of the day we ended up getting a 9,10,9 as our scores and we followed that by some of the most delicious steak and salmon I have ever had.

On Sunday we showed up to the venue early and were met with breakfast and howling breeze. As the race committee attempted to send us out to the race course a few of the boats were so over powered that they capsized. In the end, just before we left the dock, they called off the racing for that day, and we went in and put away our boat.

At the awards ceremony, we won an APS award, and I stood up to give my thanks to the Lighting Class for making this possible. (I had a lot of sailors come up to me, telling me that they donate to the Boat Grant Program and I wanted them to know that we really appreciate this opportunity.)

I know that my team and I cannot wait for our next event. I believe we are going to try and do the Dixie Cup in Havre de Grace, Maryland in a few weeks.

Andreas Adam, 2016 Boat Grant Recipient