

Central Atlantic District Championship
Barnegat Light Yacht Club – Fleet 335
Harvey Cedars, New Jersey
June 27-28, 2015

Pos	Sail#	Skipper/Crew	Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	15536	Justin Coplan/Danielle Prior/Ian Sanderson	PA	1	1	1	1	3	7
2	15464	Keith Taboada/Schon Russ/Schon Chris *Central Atlantic District Champions	Metedeconk Rivery Yacht Club	3	6	3	5	1	18
3	14960	Mitch Hnatt/Lehnes Alex/Stagaard Ryan	Metedeconk River YC	6	9	4	2	2	23
4	15166	Jody Lutz/Jason Lutz/Jonathan Lutz	Metedeconk River YC	2	4	10	4	4	24
5	14619	Colantuono Larry/Taboada Brian/Colatuano Parker	Niantic	5	3	2	12	8	30
6	15420	William Brown/Matty Schon/John Faus	Barnegat Light Yacht Club	4	7	12	6	7	36
7	15498	Bill Mergenthaler/Frank Mergenthaler/Graham Mergenthaler	Surf City YC	9	13	7	3	5	37
8	15467	Steve Warren/Arielle deLisser/Mashini Jenn	Surf City Yacht Club	8	11	6	7	9	41
9	14922	Huntsman Jack/Watts Dave/Watt Robert	Metropolitan	7	5	18	8	6	44
10	15484	Mark Schneider/Lucinda (Cindi) Schneider/Ashley Schneider	Riverton Yacht Club	16	8	11	10	10	55
11	15204	Dixon Pearce/Carrter Pearce/Carrson Pearce	Surf City Yacht Club	10	10	9	15	11	55
12	15428	Dick Moyer/John Depenbrock/Helen Moyer	Riverton Yacht Club	12	12	13	14	15	66
13	14833	Peter Menninger/Tyler Menninger/Frazee Doug	Barnegat Light Yacht Club	27/DNS	15	5	11	14	72
14	15055	Hugh Hutchison/Marc Venables/Gary Swangler	RYC	13	14	14	18	18	77
15	15259	Michael Darrah/Angela Darrah/Nate Champlin	Ocean City YC	14	16	15	22	19	86
16	15421	Rich Warren/Randy Swartly/Sue Warren	Surf City YC	27/DNF	2	8	27/DNF	27/DNS	91
17	14940	Mark Kaplan/Adam Kaplon/Tim Cornell	Barnegat Light Yacht Club	11	18	17	19	27/DNF	92
18	13708	Alex Klein/Jim Clark/Gasorek Chris	Barnegat Light Yacht Club	15	19	19	21	27/DNS	101
19	15111	Gianni Cuccio/P.J. Schaffer/Laura Cuccio	CPYC	27/DNF	27/DNS	27/DNS	9	12	102
20	15385	Peter Denton/Bill Martin/Janel Zarkowsky	RIVERTON YACHT CLUB	27/DNF	27/DNS	27/DNS	13	13	107
21	15154	Liam McCarthy/Becca Huyard/Sean Adelhelm	Barnegat Light Yacht Club	27/DNF	27/DNS	27/DNS	16	16	113
22	14450	Francis George/Thomas Richard/Zimmerman Doug	Metedeconk River Yacht Club	27/DNF	17	16	27/DNS	27/DNS	114
23	15487	Darryl Waskow/Harry Waskow/Emily Casella	SCYC	27/DNS	27/DNS	27/DNS	17	17	115
24	14635	Eric Reitinge/Olivia Gugliemini/Cindy Ciccotelli	Brant Beach Yacht Club	27/DNS	27/DNS	27/DNS	20	27/DNS	128
25	14325	Glenn Reitinge/Beth Reitinge/Carl Reitinge	Brant Beach Yacht Club	27/DNF	27/DNS	27/DNS	27/DNS	27/DNS	135
26	15310	Sean Bradley/Ryan Bradley/Sianna Bradley	Metedeconk River Yacht Club	27/DNS	27/DNS	27/DNS	27/DNS	27/DNS	135

Notes:

Scoring System is Lightning LowPoint

Information is provisional and subject to modification

Principal Race Officer: Wayne Shaner

Jury Chair: Larry Murphy

[Awesome Action Photos!](#)

The 2015 Central Atlantic Districts brought out twenty six boats to Barnegat Light Yacht Club on LBI. Twenty six brave teams ready to show up despite the small craft advisory in place for the entire weekend.

Saturday morning came with wind speeds in the twenties on shore, and a forecast to build as the day went on. Rumors of a postponement ashore and a one day regatta were circulating. But Lightnings have a backstay for a reason and so the ten o'clock harbor start came without delay and out to the north course we went. The plan was to get at least one race in before the conditions got out of control.

Well the sailing conditions could not have been better. There is nothing like the potential for gale force winds and an impending torrential downpour as motivation to keep the races rolling. The BLYC race committee was on top of their game and fired off no less than three races in quick succession. The wind was pipping at 15-20 from the south east with bigger gusts during the first race. Because of the easterly wind direction the water was incredibly flat compared to the sea state you would expect for such high velocity. This led to two interesting distinctions. First there was a much lower penalty for tacking allowing for tactical moves up the beats (more fun). Second was a lesson team Lutz schooled the fleet in on the first run; you have got to sail high angles in big breeze and flat water. Without the usual large waves to surf going low just does not work. Instead you put the bow up, move the weight to windward, and bomb down the runs on reaches with the spray whipping into your face. This coupled with downwind finishes made for very intense pedal to the medal finishing legs.

After the sailing on Saturday the fleet got busy drying themselves out before the party started and more weather rolled through. BLYC's hospitality was fantastic. With the storm coming through Saturday evening the party, band, and open bar were all moved indoors but that didn't stop a good time from being had by all that evening.

Sunday came around with thick fog in the morning, but this regatta was destined to happen. Just in time for a nine o'clock harbor start the fog lifted, the sun came out, and the fleet went out in a twelve knot westerly. However this was not meant to be a regatta for light (or medium) wind. At the first gun the wind was back in the 15 to 20 range and the fleet blasted out two more exciting races in similar to Saturday but sunnier conditions.

After everything was said and done our team sailed a strong regatta to take the top spot. In the heavy conditions so much falls to crew work and Danielle Prior and Ian Sanderson were on target the entire weekend. Finishing second and taking home the Central Atlantic Districts Trophy was Keith Taboada sailing with Russ and Chris Schon. Mitch Hnatt and team found some wheels on Sunday to finish third.

A big thank you needs to go out to both the BLYC shore crew and race committee for putting together a fantastic regatta. They hit the perfect weather windows for getting quality racing in and threw a great party. And thanks to all the sailors for coming out to LBI in spite of the forecast and showing what a blast these boats are to sail in big breeze.

- Justin