

Last Blast Regatta
Nyack Boat Club – Fleet 74
Nyack, New York
October 4, 2014

Pos	Skipper	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Total
1	Halligan, Dick	1	1	1	3
2	Sengstacken, Bob	2	2	2	6
3	Shields, Robert	4	5	3	12
4	Hurban, Joan	7	7	5	19
5	Mayo, Stephanie	3	9	8	20
6	Vann	13	4	4	21
7	Browne, Peter	13	3	6	22
8	Parietti, Dan	13	6	7	26
9	McCormack, Ron	5	8	13	26
10	Leonard, Dick	6	10	13	29
11	Bogardus, Bill	13	13	13	39
12	Foglizzo, Olivier	13	13	13	39

The Lightnings held their final invitational regatta of the season, The Last Blast, on stormy Saturday, October 4 2014.

The forecast was fairly grim, at least as far as the wind was concerned. Gust predictions of 28-32 mph are nothing to sneeze at. So, despite having renowned safety expert, John Rousmanniere, crewing for Dick Leonard, the race officer postponed the start for an hour.

Competitors hit the start line in a cold rain and the RC greeted the fleet with a course 2 in moderate winds of 6 kts from the south east. The winds petered out with roughly 2/3rds the fleet around the windward mark and the remaining boats struggled immediately after rounding. While winner Dick Halligan enjoyed a leisurely lunch, four boats TLE'd and one retired.

The second race was sailed in a puffy 9 knots southerly and felt very different from the first. The final downwind leg was a bit wild with one boat capsizing while flying its chute, others choosing not to fly the spin or frantically dousing them.

The sun came out bright and strong and the wind moved further west for the final race. Dick Halligan again led the fleet and won the event. Bob Sengstacken, in Lucky Dog, nipped at Halligan's heels finishing 2nd in all three races and 2nd overall. Robert Shields, finished 3rd overall. Thank you to regatta co-chairs, Dan Parietti and Piotr Broszkowski and to those who traveled to Nyack to sail. Congrats to the winners.



Champions: Halligan Team



Sengstacken Team



Shields Team



Dan and Dick