



Lightning Atlantic Coast Championship
Carolina Yacht Club – Fleet 511
Wrightsville, North Carolina
July 27-28, 2013

Pos	Bow#	Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	25	Jody Starck, Ian Jones & Debbie Probst	3	2	5	6	16
2	23	Ched Proctor, Jamie Ewing & Meredith Killion	5	8	7	7	27
3	46	Keith Taboada, Chris Schon & Tim Crann	10	4	13	2	29
4	01	William Brown, John Faus & Kelly Crane	4	6	22	1	33
5	10	Patrick Hogan, Peter Hogan & Nancy Hagood	8	14	8	3	33
6	47	Lenny Krawcheck, Beau Samuelson & Chase Shaw	2	3	26	4	35
7	02	Steve Constants, Dave Constants & Chloe Constants	7	19	2	12	40
8	04	Justin Coplan, DAnielle Prior & Trevor Prior	15	1	3	23	42
9	32	Matt Fisher, Greg Fisher & Joanne Fisher	1	29	1	18	49
10	11	Gary Hurban, Joan Hurban & Jon Guth	31	9	6	10	56
11	43	Eric Oetgen, Laura Jeffers & Will Jeffers	27	5	20	5	57
12	03	Craig Cobbum, Alon Finklestein & Jon Ward	11	12	9	26	58
13	15	Bill Mauk, Cameron Carlin & April Richards	6	13	10	32	61
14	07	Mitch Hall, David O'Reilly & Ali Blumenthal	19	15	11	19	64
15	38	David Watts, Dan Vought & Molly Lucyk	14	16	16	21	67
16	28	Charlie Wardwell, Malcomb Cobb & Mark Buchanan	16	18	28	11	73
17	29	Jim Harris, Chip Till & Ryan Taro	17	22	27	8	74
18	35	Paul Whitesides, Dillon Paiva & Pete Gindhart	18	7	17	34	76
19	21	Patrick Phelan, Jason Phelan & Brian Debrincat	12	36	4	29	81
20	08	Chris Hamilton, Terry Hamilton & Jon Colarusso	21	11	34	15	81
21	18	Marcus Moehlman, Cicely Loar & Eli Putnam	28	23	15	16	82
22	30	Thomas Allen, Mac McKenzie & Cailin McManus	26	10	12	35	83
23	17	Joe Menis, Ryan Hamm & Danny Havens	13	17	30	24	84
24	27	Will Tyner, Sara Fox & Reese Wilkins	24	26	21	20	91
25	20	Georges Peter, CH Ritt & Eva Burpee	36	24	24	13	97
26	40	Jeff Irvine, Laura Doupnik & Tom Loutrel	32	20	18	31	101
27	37	James Taylor, George Auer & Paul Taylor	46\OCS	27	19	14	106
28	06	Josh Goldman, Ed Stewart & Tayna Kupnik	25	33	14	37	109
29	22	Joe Pitcavage, Mandy Pitcavage & John Bowden	39	25	41	9	114
30	05	Bob Cowen, Ben Bowie & Teresa Kramer	9	39	37	30	115
31	42	Nick Troche, Stephanie Rosenbaum & Andrea Royer	34	21	46\OCS	17	118
32	16	Tuathal MacColgain, Pete Menninger & Tyler Menninger	29	32	32	27	120
33	13	Pierce Barden, Adam Keen & Emily Aspland	37	35	29	22	123
34	31	Ron Buchanan, Jeff Ullman & Hadley Greene	23	40	35	25	123
35	09	Bob Harkrider, Sharon Harkrider & Tom Shroeder	35	42	25	28	130
36	33	Philip Lange, Alister Thomson & Rebecca Espinoza	20	30	36	46\DNC	132
37	36	Rick Essman, Toby Wells & Donald Whitlock	40	31	31	33	135
38	41	Cole Barney, Ian Sanderson & Dr. Hodge	22	37	38	46\DNC	143
39	19	Tony Pascone, Eric & Stephanie	38	28	43	39	148
40	24	John Sawyer, Becky Sawyer & Dan Morton	46\OCS	34	33	38	151
41	14	Billy King, Chris Stone & David Powell	33	41	39	40	153
42	34	Andy Wittman, Scott Wittman & Mike Walsh	30	44	42	41	157
43	26	Jay Taylor, Phil Taylor & Lauren Wienstien	46\OCS	38	40	36	160
44	39	Jamie Simmons, Conner Aswad & Caroline Hall	46\OCS	46\OCS	23	46\DNC	161
45	12	Steve Johnston, Anne Allen & Tom Hissam	41	43	46\OCS	46\DNC	176

When Chris and Terry Hamilton suggested we Buffalonians should attend the Atlantic Coast Championship, we were quick to point out the many reasons we shouldn't go. Too far—13 hour drive for a 2 day event?—way too far. Busy time of year—we all have kids going in many directions and eating up our precious sailing hours, as well as jobs—way too busy. Too hot—North Carolina at the end of July—we Northerners melt in that heat!! However, after a little persuasion from our Southern friends we threw all logic out the window and started making plans.

Jody Starck and Ian Jones are good friends of mine, as well as the current Lightning World Champions. They know how to do a regatta right!! Step one—how will you get there? Easy enough, we'll take my van so sleeping is easy while travelling. Step two—where to stay? The Hamiltons kindly took care of this with their offer to share their accommodations next to the Carolina Yacht Club. Step three—we'll take Jody's boat which is the newest and cleanest. Step four—who would be the forward crew? Jody had already laid claim to the tiller, so Ian and I had to fight over the middle of the boat. Okay, there wasn't much of a fight—Ian uses the term "Bull" regarding my negotiating style—so he got to handle the front end (as well as a good portion of the middle job!).

The drive wasn't short, but not terrible (Ian drove 9 of the 13 hours). The Carolina Yacht Club is absolutely wonderful—right on the beach, with the boat lot just across the road. The weather was extremely pleasant, and the regatta volunteers even more so. With a beautiful beach to walk on, gorgeous ocean water to swim in and great Lightning sailors to chat with, the sailing quickly faded to a small (but A+) factor in our enjoyable weekend.

Yet, sail we did. Greg Fisher and Tom Allen helped run a productive clinic on Friday afternoon, which was very helpful in working out the kinks before Saturday. Three races on Saturday in a Northeasterly breeze of 4-9 knots, run by an efficient and skilled race committee were nothing short of enjoyable. 47 boats on the line made the start extremely tricky, although Jody and Ian nailed it every time. I would like to think that my countdown vocals were solely responsible, yet even I can't make that stretch! The racing was tough—Coplan, Proctor, Taboada, Fisher, Brown etc. etc.—these teams don't often make mistakes so we had to be on our toes from start to finish. With no throw-out in the scoring, we were happy to end day one with a 3-2-5. The lack of a throw-out would hurt many—consistency really paid off.

After a very relaxing harbor cruise to avoid the line at the hoist, we took a very refreshing dip in the ocean waves and then headed to the ACC meeting to decide the fate of future ACC regatta dates. Due to the limitations of the ACC charter it has been mandated to be held the last weekend of July, regardless of other conflicts. After some discussion, a vote was taken to allow future ACCs to be held in any of the last 3 weekends of July, with Executive Committee approval required before the date is set.

Sitting in a rocking chair on the upper deck of the Carolina Yacht Club in Wrightsville Beach, enjoying dinner while chatting with friends and being cooled by the breeze coming over the water is nothing short of perfect. A fantastic club with fantastic weather and fantastic people. I would be ready to hop in the van to return tomorrow!!

Sunday dawned with a few clouds, and a nearby storm which caused the Race Committee to wisely delay the start. Eventually the skies somewhat cleared and the breeze came up to a reasonable level to get one race in. A hard-fought 6th place finish sealed the event for us in terms of the results. However, the chuckles, belly-laughs and beautiful atmosphere in Wrightsville Beach had already made it a winner in our book. This is always a good event—the Atlantic Coast has many talented, quality Lightning Sailors and it perennially attracts quite a few of us from non-Coastal locations. That "logic" that we "threw out the window" in order to attend this year has been rethought—from now on it would not be logical to miss an ACC or a return to Wrightsville Beach!!