

Classic Rally
Nyack Boat Club – Fleet 75
Nyack, New York
August 14-17, 2013

Pos	Skipper	Crew		Boat Name	Sail#	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	John Boynton	Jamie Boynton	Bob Shapiro	Upset	2	301	1	2	3	6
2	Robert Astrove	Steve Totdea	Emily Slade	Pandora	7603	493	6RET	1	1	8
3	Roger Slade	Steven Slade	Doug Axtell	Cirrus II	8004	47	3	4	2	9
4	Michael Seibert	Corky Gray	Pam Gray	Teaser	6343	50	2	3	6DNS	11
5	Barry Brogan			Incontinent	10490	0	4	5	4	13

2013 Junior and Master Lightning North American Championships and Classic Rally By Amy Villalba

The largest Women's, Juniors' and Masters' Lightning North American Championships ("WJMs") in the last 10 years took place on several unusually cool, clear, crisp days August 14-17th at Nyack Boat Club ("NBC").

With a long history of holding major championships with national caliber racing for Lightnings, Thistles, Sonars and Ensigns, NBC graciously hosted 57 teams: 21 Juniors (under 20), 31 Masters (55+) and 5 Classic teams (wood or glass boats built before 1974). Juniors had strong representation from the Buffalo Canoe Club with 12 teams. The Masters included many familiar names; Hallagan, Hurban, Proctor. The Classic Rally, held in honor of the 75th Anniversary of the Lightning Class, included hull #2, possibly the oldest actively competing non-keel boat.

Rare for August, there was too much wind (20 with gusts to 22) for Wednesday's practice race although PRO Judy Hanlon tried to kick one off. Back on shore, competitors were welcomed by NBC Commodore Kieran Quinn and co-chairs Bob Sengstacken and Eric Kent who'd been planning the event for nearly two years.

Three very competitive races took place Thursday afternoon. Conditions tested competitors with lots of position changes on each of the four legs of each race. Several noted how challenging the Hudson River current was. John Boynton (hull #2) remarked "on our sail to nowhere we were able to sail our spinnakers for over an hour...but barely travel few miles in the current... It was fantastic!"

The downwind finishes were so close that Race Committee burned the midnight oil ensuring they got the results correct. Ched Proctor, his son Charlie and Debbie Dudas as crew, led the day with two bullets and a second.

Postponed on shore Friday morning, participants perused 75 years' worth of Class yearbooks and enjoyed other activities organized by International Lightning Class Association ("ILCA") Executive Secretary, Laura Jeffers, and NBC's Jan Crittenden. Without winds over 4 knots, sailing was abandoned for the day. Everyone enjoyed another beautiful, cool evening including a special slide show celebrating Dick Hallagan, his longtime dedication and support of the Class and his participation in 20 Lightning World Championships.

On Saturday all headed off the docks about 10 AM. After a short postponement on the water, but with time for Ched Proctor to get a UPS delivery to the middle of the Hudson, racing started in light air. When the breeze completely died and the time limit for the Masters and Classics was nigh, PRO Hanlon abandoned racing for them.

A Junior on his last upwind leg radioed the RC asking what to do as he was moving backwards. Propelled by the strong current, however, several Juniors had already completed the race. So with the time limit reached, the race was called and the remainder of the Junior fleet was scored TLE.

After packing up their boats, many competitors remained at NBC enjoying a few last beers and buying a few more raffle tickets. Junior sailor, Meredith Ryan, won the 50/50 raffle and was immediately encouraged by the crowd to "go buy a boat" and NBC was thrilled to add to its Sandy Recovery Fund. Thank you to all the competitors, our sponsors and ILCA for their support and generosity!

John Faus, ILCA President, Laura Jeffers and Bob Sengstacken helped celebrate the following winners:

75th Anniversary Classic Rally 2013 Champions: Skipper John Boynton, crew Jamie Boynton and Bob Shapiro

Juniors' North American 2013 Champions: Skipper Adam McDonald, crew Abby Bennet and Allie Jones

Masters' North American 2013 Champions: Skipper Ched Proctor, crew Charlie Proctor and Debbie Dudas