

47th Annual Bluenose Regatta
Harbour Island Yacht Club
Old Hickory Lake, Tennessee
November 3-4, 2012

Pos	Sail	Skipper	Crew 1	Crew 2	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	15430	Carrie Houtman	John McCree	Amy Abramczyk	2	4	7	1	3	17
2	15172	James Taylor	George Auer	Stan Cummins	3	8	2	4	5	22
3	9	Thomas Allen	Sara Paisley	Laura Jeffers	OCS	1	1	3	2	30
4	14975	Rob Linden	Ernie Dieball	Meghan Walter	7	3	12	2	6	30
5	15201	Robert Bernhardt	Mike Arndt	Dustin (LNU)	17	2	11	5	8	43
6	15100	Brad Currie	Nate Currie	Sarah Karp	10	14	6	6	7	43
7	14249	George Sipel	Mike Scott	Jeff Hagman	1	11	12	10	11	45
8	15078	Duane Hatch	Denis Colby	Bruce Richards	5	19	3	9	10	46
9	14952	Tom Varley	John Varley	Dave Samanich	15	7	10	14	1	47
10	15308	Bill Killebrew	Mike Osborne	Leif Asgeirssen	11	13	5	8	16	53
11	15206	Becca Hofmeister	Amanda Hofmeister	Anthony Passafume	9	5	9	12	18	53
12	14603	Terry Hart	Caleb Hart	Kalyn Froeschle	21	9	8	11	9	58
13	15180	Pam Burke	Jim Burke	Big Ray	6	6	20	19	12	63
14	14969	Chandler Owen	Mark Paoli	Ania Gork/Patty Grissom	12	OCS	14	15	4	68
15	14488	William Baxter, Jr.	Claire Hollahan	Rich Hall	20	10	4	13	DNS	70
16	15225	Chris Jacobson	Justin Dey	Dave Corcoran	18	17	13	7	17	72
17	14015	Doug Steffenson	Brandon Holton	Jonas Andersson	4	15	22	20	15	76
18	14938	AmySimonsen	Matt Peters	Matt Ayers	8	16	18	17	20	79
19	14533	Robert Mattix	Jan Mattix	Johh Coolidge	13	12	21	OCS	13	82
20	14666	Crit Currie, Jr.	Tim Ryan	Alexander	14	18	19	16	DNS	90
21	14064	Carl Panetta	Lynn Jones	Mark Gorman	16	21	16	18	19	90
22	14260	Trey Rose	Josh Hevron	Grace (LNU)	19	20	17	21	15	92

Carrie Houtman becomes the first female skipper to take the Bluenose title in 47 years!

[Photos from Captain Hofmeister](#)

Nashville's Bluenose Regatta
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Harbor Island Yacht Club on Old Hickory Lak



The Bluenose Regatta, as it turns out, is an excellent way for those of us from the Great Lakes and other northern clubs to extend a short racing season. This year marked the 47th time the event has been held, with past winners reading like a who's-who in the Lightning Class: Goldsmith, Park, Allen, Fischer, Stark, Dieball and others. Last year was my first time to Nashville, sitting forward crew for light wind wizard John McCree. This year, John committed himself to fleet-building and offered to teach me some of his tricks at the helm of his new boat. We had enough fun with it over the summer that we decided to make another trip to Music City. We brought first-year sailor Amy with us as our forward crew.

It was beautiful on Saturday morning, a little cool early (in the mid-40's) but felt warmer in the sunshine, and an afternoon high near 70. The breeze slowly filled and settled in, a light North wind at 3-5 with occasional puffs. Steering and tactics were made a bit easier with no real waves and easy reference for speed and pressure with boats against the shoreline. Four races sailed, 3-leg W-L's.

Once the racing started, we caught a nice little shaft left off the starting line and crossed the fleet a little under the left-layline, leaving the corner and the win for George Sipel. We had a couple of decent middle races, despite dropping a few boats on a gybe in the third. We had great final race of the day, a start-to-finish win, with Tom Allen and Linden/Dieball on our heels.

The steak dinner seemed even better than last year, and we followed it up with a walk down Broadway, a drink or two and some music.



Sunday morning we were still sorting out time zones and time changes, and arrived late to the club to find it chilly with a nice breeze. One and 1/3 races sailed. We squeaked away from on the starting line, and worked our way back up to a third with conservative mid-course McCree tactics.

The final race was abandoned as Tom Allen was drifting down the top of the run in the lead again, so, much to our amazement, our regatta lead was preserved as the throw-out evaporated. The win capped a terrific season at the helm made possible by the patience and generosity of a good friend and mentor from Bay City's Fleet 216.

