

Connecticut/Rhode Island
& Metropolitan District Championships
Cedar Point Yacht Club – Fleet 126
Wwestport, Connecticut
June 16-17, 2012

Pos	Sail #	Crew	From	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Total
1	14036	Justin Coplan, Danielle Prior & Bjarki Gunnarsson	Metro	6	1	4	(11)	1	3	1	16
2	15487	Will Brown, John Faus & Matthew Schon	CAD	3	2	(7)	6	6	7	2	26
3	14950	Ed Adams, Carol Cronin & Sam Hallowell	CT RI	5	8	(13)	1	8	5	3	30
4	14175	Ted Duffy, Rob Ruffus & Craig Mellor	Metro	1	3	(19)	12	4	1	11	32
5	15111	Gianni Cuccio, PJ Schaffer & Laura Cuccio	CT RI	(12)	5	2	3	5	10	7	32
6	14619	Theresa Colantuono, Parker Colantuoro & Larry Colantuoro	CT RI	4	(14)	1	4	11	9	6	35
7	15380	Rob Crane, Kelly Crane & Becca Liggins	CT RI	(14)	4	9	9	3	6	4	35
8	14417	Don Barrett, Donna Barrett & Adrienne Barrett	CT RI	2	11	5	2	10	12	(18)	42
9	15406	Jamie Simmons, Caroline Hall & Caroline Patten	CT RI	7	6	6	10	2	15	(23)	46
10	14719	Bill Bogardus, Jarrett Lynn & Steph Swann	CT RI	10	10	3	14	9	4	(15)	50
11	15484	Mark Schneider, Cindi Schneider & Josh McCaully	CAD	13	9	11	(22)	14	2	5	54
12	15365	David Watts, Robert Watts & Marian Bloodgood	Metro	(18)	17	8	8	13	8	8	62
13	14900	Joan Hurban, Gary Hurban & Peter Jadrosich	Metro	(16)	15	10	5	15	13	14	72
14	15400	Tim Millhiser, Dylan Farrel & Mo Castuccio	CT RI	(19)	12	17	7	12	14	10	72
15	14888	Bob Sengstacken, Daniel Zitin & Maud Lindsay	Metro	17	(18)	12	13	7	17	12	78
16	14688	Georges Peter, CH Ritt & Eva Burpee	NE	8	7	15	16	(20)	16	19	81
17	15130	Chris Vann, Len Vann & Amy Williams	CT RI	9	19	(20)	15	16	11	16	86
18	15456	Josh Goldman, Charlotte Saxe & Dave Pavelko	CT RI	15	13	16	18	17	(21)	9	88
19	14277	Peter Browne, Amy Villalba & Justin Bohan	Metro	11	16	(24)	23	24	18	13	105
20	14055	Robert Stack, Jeff Stack & Ty	CT RI	(22)	21	22	21	18	20	17	119
21	14287	Dave Lutian, Britton Tullo & Greg Bachman	CT RI	21	20	18	17	23	22	(30\ZFP)	121
22	14819	Eric Heller, Christina Beale & Carole Heller	CT RI	24	24	14	(25)	21	19	20	122
23	15356	John Greifzu, Joseph Quick & Mary Schmid	CT RI	20	(27)	27	19	19	25	24	134
24	14492	Eric Kent, Dan Leinweber & Monique romero	Metro	23	22	23	20	25	(27)	27	140
25	15319	Dan Parietti, Jeff Sorensen & Bryan Kressler	Metro	25	25	25	(26)	22	24	21	142
26	15136	Tom Compton, Tony Iacono & Ben McAndrews	Dixie	27	23	21	24	26	(30\ZFP)	22	143
27	15395	Alan Bates, Natalie Bates & Lydia Bates	CT RI	26	26	26	(27)	27	23	25	153
28	14807	Rod Ratcliffe, Paul Lajos & Mallon Fitzpatrick	CT RI	28	(30\DNS)	30\DNS	30\DNS	30\DNS	30\DNS	30\DNS	178
29	14808	Jim Crane	CT RI	(30\DNS)	30\DNS	30\DNS	30\DNS	30\DNS	30\DNS	30\DNS	180

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Congratulation's to overall regatta and Metropolitan District winner, Justin Coplan with crew Danielle Prior and Bjarki Gunnarsson from Nyack Boat Club!



When I heard talk that this year’s Metro Districts would be combined with the Connecticut / Rhode Island Districts at Cedar Point I was very excited. It sounded like the perfect combination for an event jam packed with strong competition and sure to have the hospitality to match it. The event certainly lived up to my expectations.

Twenty-eight boats came out to play and it was certainly a strong field across the board. A light to southwesterly welcomed the competitors on Saturday morning as everyone was setting up their boats and giving out their hellos. It was a long sail out in the morning to the race course. After everybody made it out the race course the wind was hovering around six to eight knots.

Day one saw a different race winner in each of the four races. This was truly a testament to how challenging the conditions were over the day. With a fairly strong ebbing tide and moderate winds no one seemed to be able to put the pedal down and consistently extend, leading to lots of turnover throughout each race. The theme seemed to be one boat would get out ahead and stay there, but the rest of the fleet was fighting tooth and nail for every position. Especially the lighter portions the runs saw lots of place changes with the fleet spreading out all across the course with hotter reaching angles. Add to that a single leeward mark and boat positioning required a surgical precision that we could never seem to get just right.

Ted Duffy, Rob Ruffus and Craig Mellor from Monmouth Boat Club started with a bang sailing a 1, 3 off the bat but then fell victim to the ever changing conditions in the second two races. Team Colantuono with Theresa at the helm took the third race convincingly and Ed Adams, Carol Cronin and Sam Hallowell the fourth. At the end of the day it was consistency, not race wins that put the leaders in front.

Will Brown, John Faus and Matthew Schon had the lead with 18 points, never finishing with a double digit score. Their 18 points over four races really shows how difficult the sailing was, averaging a 4.5 but still in the lead. Team Barrett from Niantic was sitting in second and we rounded out third. The pack was in a tight spread though and with three more races scheduled and a throw out after six, there were about six boats that all had the very real potential for winning the event and were all within a matter of two points after a throw out.

Cedar Point put on a fantastic party Saturday evening with great dinner, two taps going and plenty of festivities with a solid classic rock band to top it off. There was a strong crowd of partiers going late into the night and if it ever comes down to it, trust Dave Lutian to throw a good party.

Sunday morning brought a moderate southeasterly going through a range from eight to fourteen knots. The conditions became more challenging than normal for that breeze range as it quickly went from the fourteen knots with both crew on the rail, back to the eight knots where the skipper starts shouting for weight in and desperately looking around the boat from more ways to generate power. To further complicate matters there was some fairly large swell throughout the course that had built up from the strong breeze throughout the previous night.

We went into the first race of the day with the attitude that we needed a win to put some points on the boats around us. After an aggressive start winning the pin we led out left feeling confident there was more breeze there. It paid off as the right could never touch us and we extended throughout the race for ideal start to the second day. Finishing second that race with an impressive performance was 2012 boat grant recipient Jamie Simmons.

What seemed to be working best in the last two races as the breeze came back up just a little bit was focusing on changing gears for the ever changing conditions. We would get a flat spot and really work the boat as hard as we could, fighting for any extra height. Then a large set of waves would come our way and we’d just focus on getting through them. Focusing on always changing gears upwind really helped us keep the boat moving and get an edge on the boats around us.

When it was all said and done we held onto our lead with Team Brown finishing second and Team Adams nipping past Team Duffy and Gianni Cuccio, PJ Schaffer and Laura Cuccio for third. Rounding out the District standings for the CT / RI it was Team Adams with the win, Team Cuccio in second, and Theresa Colantuono, Parker Colantuono and Larry Colanuono from Niantic Bay YC in third. On the Metro side we took first, with Team Duffy in second and David Watts, Robert Watts and Marian Bloodgood from Monmouth Boat Club in third.

Saving the best for last, I need to thank my crew Danielle Prior and Bjarki Gunnarsson. This team was great to have onboard and they did a fantastic job. They provided the technical boat handling skills you dream of and on top of it were full of strategic input throughout the weekend. They were an absolute pleasure to sail with.

Many thanks to Cedar Point YC for putting on a fantastic regatta. The PRO Dick Thackaberry ran seven excellent races, Dave Lutian ran a fantastic event showing great hospitality to everyone and throwing a great party, and Josh Goldman did great job setting visitors up with housing. These guys ran a top notch regatta and I don't doubt that next year’s NA’s will be as every bit a well run event.

~ Justin Coplan

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We look forward to seeing everyone come back next year for the 75th Lightning NAs @ CPYC (August 17 - 23, 2013)! - See [www.2013LightningNAs.com](#).

