

Magnus Pederson Regatta
Nyack Boat Club - Fleet 75
Nyack, New York
June 5-6, 2010

| Pos | Sail # | Crew | Total | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 | R6 | R7 | R8 |
|-----|--------|--|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|----------|-----------|
| 1 | 14036 | Justin Coplan, Mike Carney & Danielle Prior | 13 | 1 | (4) | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| 2 | 14688 | Brian Hayes, Jay Mueller & Mary Mueller | 24 | 5 | (7) | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 2 |
| 3 | 14942 | Dick Moyer, Helen Moyer & John Depenbrock | 30 | 2 | 1 | (10) | 3 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 7 |
| 4 | 15345 | John Faus, Tyler Menninger & Ian Sanderson | 33 | 3 | (18\ RAF) | 1 | 6 | 4 | 14 | 2 | 3 |
| 5 | 14727 | Paul Luisi, Cole Barney & Autumn Hanover | 36 | (13) | 3 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 4 |
| 6 | 14888 | Bob Sengstacken, Daniel Zitin & Maud Lindsay | 40 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 8 | (14) | 6 | 1 | 10 |
| 7 | 14900 | Gary Hurban, Judy Hanlon & Mike Constantz | 41 | 6 | (11) | 5 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| 8 | 15093 | Joan Hurban, Sarah Hatsell & Alistar Thomson | 44.4 | 7 | (9) | 2 | 9 | 9 | 4 | 6.7\ RDG | 6.7\ RDG |
| 9 | 15055 | Hugh Hutchinson, Marc Venarles & Ed Smith | 49 | 8 | 10 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 9 | (18\ DNF) |
| 10 | 14363 | Larry Decker, Shea Thorvaldsen & Jan Crittendon | 54 | 9 | 2 | 11 | (14) | 8 | 10 | 8 | 6 |
| 11 | 14140 | Bill Cook & Penny Sengstacken & Jeff Sorensen | 64 | 10 | 8 | (13) | 10 | 11 | 5 | 11 | 9 |
| 12 | 14492 | Eric Kent, Andrew Graham & Monique Romero | 80 | 11 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 12 | 11 | 10 | (18\ RAF) |
| 13 | 15059 | Stephanie Mayo, Bill Mayo & Ron McCormack | 81 | 12 | 6 | 8 | 12 | 13 | 12 | (18 RAF) | 18\ DNF |
| 14 | 14277 | Beryl Bell, Karl Coplan & Chelsea | 95 | (15) | 14 | 14 | 15 | 15 | 13 | 13 | 11 |
| 15 | 15356 | John Griefzu Jr, Elizabeth Ervin & Melissa Scott | 103 | 14 | 12 | (18\ DNF) | 13 | 10 | 18\ DNF | 18\ DNC | 18\ DNC |
| 16 | 15296 | Ryan Sprole, Mike Dean & Derick Dean | 110 | (18\ DNC) | 18\ DNC | 18\ DNC | 18\ DNC | 18\ DNC | 18\ DNC | 12 | 8 |
| 17 | 14238 | Dick Leonard, Michael Celona & Lori Walsh | 126 | (18\ DNC) | 18\ DNC | 18\ DNC | 18\ DNC | 18\ DNC | 18\ DNC | 18\ DNF | 18\ DNS |



When I began thinking about the highlights of this year’s Magnus one phrase came to mind. “Expect the unexpected.” It seemed like the perfect way to describe the challenging sailing conditions seventeen Lightnings that came out to Nyack for the Magnus this June faced. It fit so well till I realized that was the same phrase I used to describe last years Magnus Pederson at Nyack. Some things never change, and Hudson River sailing will always present a wide variety of challenges.

The weekend started with a beautiful Saturday morning, an eight knot south westerly, and a chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon and on Sunday. Competitors were treated to bagels and coffee as they prepped their boats for a good day of sailing. I was stoked for this weekend as I always am glad to be sailing with my good friends Mike Carney and Danielle Prior, with Mike in the bow and Danielle in the middle. At the skippers meeting the race committee led by an eager Bill Mann announced the plan to get as many races in as possible in lieu of Sunday’s deteriorating weather forecast. And being true to his word a long day of short track racing followed.

We had no less than six quality races run on Saturday. I can’t ever remember sailing six Lightning races in one day and to be honest it was loads of fun. The Race Committee did a terrific job of always turning the fleet around and starting another race as soon as the pervious one had ended. Sometime around the end of the fifth race I gave up getting a chance to eat the second half of my sandwich.

With such quick turnaround and so many races it really kept the competitors on their toes all day. And as the wind built from eight to twelve to sixteen the sailing got more and more exciting. By the end of the day there were gusts to twenty plus and at least one boat had gone swimming.

Six races are just far too many to go over in great detail but there are certainly highlights that stick out from that day. The races were all puffy, shifty, and wide open. There were always opportunities for big loses and big gains. In the first race my team catching the windward mark’s anchor line and narrowly avoiding hitting the mark, swearing to be more careful in the future, and going on to catch the very next leeward mark square on. Watching Brian Hayes hit the windward mark as well. In the second race Larry Decker jumped out to a nice lead by catching on to an early right shift and he led most of the race only to be caught at the very end by Dick Moyer. I was proud to see my little sister skippering a Lightning for the first time and finishing every race and flying the chute the whole time.

Racing ended at three o’clock, and the fleet went in to recover from some an intense amount of racing. Everyone was treated to the Magnus’s traditional grill your own with your choice of salmon or steak, followed by some delicious watermelon to end the meal. Afterwards Brian Hayes led a winner’s circle to discuss what people found was fast today. We went to bed not knowing what tomorrow would hold.

When Sunday morning came around the weather system was moving slower than forecasted and the gusts to 40 plus were no longer expected until the afternoon. So out we went again to sail two more races. The racing quickly became very exciting as the winds built to a sustained 18 for the first race. Bob Sengstacken and John Faus both sailed very fast downwind finishing first and second respectively. The wind kept building and by the second beat of the second race we had reached the point where at times we had to blow both sails to just keep the boat upright. Come the second run, there was enough sense to not fly the chutes in the sustained 25 knots of breeze. But even without spinnakers it was a really fast ride back down to the finish.

When everything was wrapped up we had a solid first overall, followed by Brian Hayes in second and Dick Moyer in third. All in all the Magnus had no less than eight races and I can safely say that each and every one of them was of top caliber. It is a real credit to our Race Committee Bill Mann for putting on such a terrific regatta. Our regatta organizer Eric Kent did a terrific job with the Saturday night dinner and the lunches included for on the water on Saturday as well. I’d like to invite everyone to come out for some more terrific sailing come this Fall when Nyack hosts its annual one day regatta, the Last Blast. See you on the water!