North Americans - Qualifying

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Skipper	R1	R2	R3	R4	Tota	
Ched Proctor Matt Fisher	3	1	DNC	1		
Sean Fidler	2	2	2	4	(
Jeff Linton	1	5	1	DNC	-	
David Peck	5	ocs	2	2	3	
Bill Faude	4	2	12	3	,	
Jed Dodge	4	1	15	4		
Hector Longarela Tito Gonzalez	2	3	5	5	1	
Bill Healy	3	2	6	DNC	1	
Steve Hayden	5	4	3	DNC	1	
Bill Fastiggi	1	ocs	2	11	1	
Charlie Hess	7	6	16	2	1	
David Gorman	9	3	12	3	1	
Bill Mauk	16	4	6	5	1	
Tom Allen, Jr.	7	8	1	ocs	1	
Philip Grotheer	3	ocs	5	9	1	
Lenny Krawcheck	6	9	6	6	1	
Kevin Robinson Rob Ruhlman	8	OCS 8	13	7	1 2	
Paul Wurtzebach	17	10	4	6	2	
Gianni Cuccio	4	9	10	7	2	
Alain Boucher	10	7	4	ocs	2	
James Taylor	11	6	5	DNC	2	
Eamonn deLisser	10	5	7	DNC	2	
Jack Elfman	10	11	3	15	2	
Dan Moriarty	14	3	8	ocs	2	
George Lewis Rider Colin Park	5	16	10	RDG\10.3	25.	
Jack Huntsman	9	10 9	7	12 OCS	2	
John Werley	16	5	8	14	2	
Bob Wardwell	15	16	11	3	2	
Bob Bush	RDG\ 10	RDG\ 10	13	10	3	
Don Barrett	19	12	10	9	3	
Franz Edson	22	10	9	12	3	
Jim Alman	13	12	7	ocs	3	
PRESIDENTS CUP						
Jim Carson	17	8	17	8	3	
Richard Walsh Jim Allen	13	16 7	18 13	8 OCS	3	
Steve Contants	21	11	14	9	3	
Richard Hallagan	8	17	9	ocs	3	
Brian Hayes	1	ocs	DNC	2	3	
Paul Coleman	11	14	11	ocs	3	
Jamie Brickell	26	13	19	6	3	
David Watts	7	ocs	15	16	3	
David Nickels	20	15	17	7	3	
Paul Gelenitis William Hofmeister	23	7	9	ocs	3	
Gerry Paoli	17	19 17	22 16	5	4	
Gary Hurban	12	13	26	17	4	
Peter Wenzler	12	6	24	ocs	4	
Don Brush	14	14	14	ocs	4	
Michael Hnatt	13	ocs	19	11	4	
Bob Sengstacken	19	12	21	12	4	
John Faus	14	17	12	DNC	4	
Bob Harkrider	20	22	14	11	4	
David Helmick	15	24	16	15	4	
Ryan Ruhlman Marc Schillebeeckx	DNF 23	22 18	15 17	10	4	
Carter Utzig	16	21	20	13	4	
Cully Ward	18	15	19	ocs	5	
Brian Taboada	6	13	DNC	ocs	5	
Diana Fernando	22	20	20	13	5	
Tom Allen, Sr.	20	18	DNC	16	5	
Terry Burke	18	19	18	18	5	
GOVERNORS CUP			8,			
Frank Gallagher	24	21	18	17	5	
Jon Schwartz William Cabrall	15 28	OCS	20	OCS 10	5	
Bob Stoller	28	21	20	15	5	
Paco Sola	25	DNC	21	14	6	
Dick Moyer	25	25	22	14	6	
Doug Steffenson	DSQ	18	24	21	6	
Stuart White	29	20	25	19	6	
Geoff Becker	26	11	28	DNS	6	
Carl Muska	23	22	21	ocs	6	
Juan Santos	19	14	DNC	DNC	6	
Nabeel Alsalam	DNF	26	24	17	6	
Mike Thomas	12	23	DNC	DNC	6	
W. Terry Patrick Joseph Buczkowski	25	DNF	25 DNC	20 DNC	7	
2036pii Duczkowski	22	19	DNC	DNC	7	
Richard O. Bukowsky	21	20	DNC	DNC	25	

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Sunday August 13

from Kate, Andy and Bill.

Richard O. Bukowsky

Julio Velez

John Guth

David Meiser

John Butler

Darryl Waskow

Chandler Owen

Jim Dillard

Clarence Johnson

Joan Hurban

Scott Anderson

Scott Finkboner

So you thought it would be light in Annapolis in August... Sunday was the first day of qualifying for the Lightning North American Championship. A storm over New Jersey moved into the area blessing the fleet with 14-20 knots out of the north - about four times the breeze anyone expected. Ninety-two boats braved the unexpected wind and weather for some mixed results.

2 races, LOTS of wind and big waves. A lot of capsizes and some breakdowns. It has been reported that the water is quite warm, however. There were a lot of OCS's in the second start. Click here to read the daily report

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The series begins with four qualifying races of which the best three count. The top 33 boats will tough it out Tuesday thru Thursday in the championship blue fleet. The rest of the fleet is split in half and will race hard in the green and yellow fleets.

Racing Sunday was dominated by shifty breeze and adverse current with the course crossing the shipping channel. Highlights included a few capsizes, one holed boat, a few bruised egos, but no broken masts or bones. The big leader is Matt Fisher with a 2, 1. Other leaders are Ched Proctor with a 3, 1 and Jed Dodge with a 4, 1. OCS's plagued the fleet in race two; some of the victims included Bill Fastiggi (us), Brian Hayes, Phil Grotheer, Dave Peck, and Dave Watts. Hopefully we will get two more races Monday and these folks will get a throw-out. If the storm moves out and the weather clears up, we should have typical Annapolis conditions. Three time

Lightning World Champion Tito Gonzales commented, "We did eh not have good a speed in the first race, but we hang in there." This is really what the qualifying series is all about - making it through to the championship series. The fleet will be divided Monday night, all scores will be discarded, and the scoring will start over in each of the three fleets. Of course the other half of doing well at this regatta is moderating consumption. This is especially difficult with

this year's ambitious social program. If you can't avoid the free beer everyday after sailing there is little doubt you will make it through the huge Millenium party Tuesday night at the Clipper.

Quotes of the Day "She said she was not ready and he did it anyway." Third wheel Larry Colantuono

- "Aeh #?!*, I brought my light crew for Annapolis, Aeh!" Alain Boucher of Montreal
- "Not enough sun to hook anyone." The crew of "Thong Bait" "If you don't make the blue fleet you have to come home." Jon Schwartz's wife
- "Lunch in the Park with Colin and Karen." Will Jeffers, ultimate middle man

More to Come

Monday: Postponement this morning - too much wind, too much rain, flashes of lightning (the other kind), patches of fog.

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BUT, they're out there now. So far, we've seen some of them limping in already, with reports of big winds and waves.

Finally, they got in two races, so everyone gets a throw-out. Many people need that because of the many breakdowns and OCSs - always a problem in these big winds and waves. Tomorrow the "real" series starts! And, of course, the forecast is for more typical August Annapolis - light and warm.