

South American Championship

Every day should go like this:

Wake up in the Spartan but cozy yacht club cottages as the sun breaks over the hills. Walk downhill to look at the alpine lake, then back uphill to have a leisurely breakfast at the yacht club— *heuvos* complete, *frutas mixtos*, or those cheesy pancake thingies, fresh orange juice, hot cocoa, the finest Colombian coffee. Hack the Spanish, but get a smile anyhow from the kid serving you.

Chat with friends over a second round of coffee. Meander back down the green lawn and talk about Lightnings with more friends. Then head up the hill to get geared up for sailing. Stop by the clubhouse to pick up sandwiches and *agua* (SIN gas, por favor SIN gas!). Stop by the table set up by the docks for any random *cervasa* needs.

At the dock, the marienera guys ferry the sailors out to the borrowed boats on the mooring field. Sails up, boots on, and mosey on down the lake in the strong high-altitude sunshine. If possible, have your middle guy read aloud from Dave Perry's Racing Rules Quiz book as you float down the lake.

The first start, at noonish, has about a 50-50 chance of coming off; this is mountain lake racing, and the wind is going to shift, and the race committee knows its business. But the wind comes in steady around 2:00, and the game is afoot. Race up and down the far end of the lake on six-legged races in variable conditions until around 5:00 PM and then start the long sail back to the mooring field. The marienera guys ferry the sailors back to shore, where the race organizers have hot cocoa waiting if it's gotten cold. And the temperatures do drop once the sun is down with its technicolor sunset show. The yellow light of the club's fireplace shines down the lawn like a welcome mat.

Piping hot showers, warm dry clothes, and then across the lawn to the yacht club. Brace yourself, because while the racing was terrific, this is also a competitive party situation: if it's not karaoke, it's night-clubbing via tourist bus. But first, dinner and fabulous door prizes. Order what looks good from the menu—exotic soups, huge grilled slabs of tender beef, local potatoes that are like nothing from the Winn-Dixie. Then watch (or better yet, PERFORM) the giveaway show: a handful of gringos, a bagful of tiny slips of paper with names that are not at all gringoesque, a microphone, and some very sought-after door prizes.

Then more chatting, definitely more drinks, possibly some Passing of the Pigs, and then heading back across the chilly green grass to the little yacht club cottages and a well-earned night's sleep.

The Other Perspective

If you have the chance to go to the South American Championships, grab it! When ILCA prez Steve Davis and Colombian skipper Gustavo Tamayo both

invited Jeff and me to sail in Colombia at the Club Nautico Muna, we said, "Heck yeah."

One of the big surprises is that Bogota is a busy city, way way up in the mountains. They don't really experience a change of season; it's always lovely there with 70s in the day, 40s at night. No snow, no heat-waves. Not so much a surprise, but a comfort to know that Colombia has settled down considerably in terms of internal strife and personal security in the decade or so since we last visited.

All of which makes it a cool tourist destination. Since we were in town for the regatta, our Colombian hosts picked us up at the airport, wine and dined us, and drove us around. Thanks to the whole family Castillo (Jaimey, aka Pappa Castillo, Filipe, Juan, and organizer extraordinaire Andreas) for the royal treatment!

Because of the distances between the countries, nobody brought a boat to the regatta from, say, Brazil. Instead, the fleet on Lake Tomine provided twenty competitive boats for all to sail. We got hull #14700, a gray Nichols, which we sailed mindful of the boat's original owner—Colin Park.

Lake Tomine, a man-made lake with astonishingly beautiful surroundings, has classic mountain-lake conditions. Luckily the race committee, headed by our old Sunfish friend Francisco, did a great, professional job. They know their lake, and they were well-practiced at making fair courses.

Of course, we did lose track of our place on the course—not just once, but twice, earning us silly bonus points. Strangely, with all the years of experience on our boat and the amount of racing we have all done in the last year, we forgot that it was time to finish once, and started on yet another lap. But MAN were we dialed into the shifts!

Some of the fiercest competitors included skippers who don't get North often enough. Colombians Santiago Uzcategui and Phillip Jacob, for instance, were slippery fast and smart, and we knew well enough to keep a sharp eye out for Mario Buckup of Brazil and Juan Santos of Ecuador.

It's like the Oscar's awards ceremony to start thanking all the people who made the event wonderful, from Jan and Steve Davis, who invited us to go with them, to the host with the coolest name ever, Mauricio Valenzuela, to the family Castillo, who organized the seven hundred trips back and forth from the airport for EVERYONE, not just us gringos. From the folks at the Yacht Club, where instead of buying a drink, you buy the bottle—which helps explain the congenial socializing after racing—to the guys who launched and retrieved the boats (with a skill and speed to rival Buffalo Canoe Club's famous high tractor). And from the hard-working Race Committee to the hard-playing fellow competitors. Thank you!

How was it? Great club, wonderful venue, fantastic people, and a really fun event. If you aren't going to do this event every time it's held, well, at least consider doing it soon, because you'll be sure to enjoy it.



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54° CAMPEONATO SURAMERICANO CLASE LIGHTNING

CLUB NAUTICO MUÑA, BOGOTA - COLOMBIA



Fecha: Nov. 28 a Dic. 1 de 2007

Pos	Bo Vela	PATRON	TRIPULANTE	Club	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	TTL
1	50	Jeff Linton	Amy Linton Steve Davis	USA	6	1	2	3	1	4	5	1	17
2	17	Santiago Uzcategui	Jochen Raute Delio Delgado	COL	2	2	1	13	3	6	10	7	31
3	32	Mario Buckup	Telma Buckup Mark Buckup	BRA	1	11	11	15	4	9	4	2	42
4	33	Phillip Jacob	Paula Douat Antonio Tamayo	COL	8	5	3	dgm	5	12	3	11	51
5	99	Juan Santos	Samuel Herrera Oscar Viteri	ECU	3	6	17	1	2	14	15	13	54
6	3	Ched Proctor	Jan Davis Alejandro Abisambra	USA	5	7	14	14	7	2	13	8	56
7	59	Mario Fumagallo	Daniel Castillo Manuel Fumagallo	ARG	10	10	9	9	6	8	11	5	57
8	12	Carlos Luis Lecaro	Francisco Soriano Pablo Sanguinetti	ECU	16	3	6	16	15	1	9	9	59
9	72	Miguel Plaza Jr	Jaime Calderon Jose Gonzales R.	ECU	9	17	13	7	8	10	1	12	60
10	111	Gustavo Tamayo	Sergio Delgado Javier Delgado	COL	4	16	8	18	9	5	12	6	60
11	21	Miguel Plaza Sr.	Carlos Febres C. Juan Carlos Vidal	ECU	dns	12	16	10	14	3	8	4	67
1	15	Alejandro Cloos	Guillermo Sanchez Alejandro Bacot	ARG	19	15	5	12	16	15	2	3	68
13	78	Felipe Castillo	Juan P. Castillo Rodrigo Mora	COL	15	8	19	2	11	7	14	16	73
14	85	Mauricio Valenzuela	Alberto Valenzuela Tomas Valenzuela	COL	13	13	12	11	13	17	7	10	79
15	1	Andres Lisocki	Felipe Lisocki Daniel Borrero	COL	12	4	7	17	dnf	13	18	15	86
16	25	Marcelo Leon	Maria Clara Leon Sebastian Dalmau	ECU	17	dnf	10	19	10	11	6	14	87
17	10	Francisco Sola	Francisco Sola Arturo Iturralde	ECU	7	9	18	4	12	dnc	dnc	dnc	92
18	97	Julio Velez	Juan Rafael Santos Ma Beatriz Gonzalez	ECU	11	14	4	5	17	dnc	dnf	dnc	93
19	34	Julian Ramirez	Luisa Mora Nestor Parra	COL	14	18	15	8	18	16	16	18	105
20	4	Jimmy Pasmiño	Fernando Amador Fernando Amador Jr	ECU	18	19	20	20	19	18	17	17	128



First Finishers Steve Davis, Amy Linton & Jeff Linton
Deed of gift requires Trophy to go to a South American team



Champions— Jochen Raute, Santiago Uzcategui & Delio Delgado



Runnerups—Thelma, Mario & Mark Buckup from Brazil



Third Place— Paula Douat, Phillip Jacob & Antonio Tamayo

Canadian Championship

2007 Lightning Canadian Championship Royal St Lawrence Yacht Club June 30 & July 1, 2007

Sail #	Skipper	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Drop	Total	Position
14768	Peter Hall	2	2	2	3	2	1	1	3	10	1
14958	Bill Fastiggi	2	1	4	1	1	5	3	5	12	2
15336	Bobby Martin	4	3	1	4	7	2	7	7	21	3
15064	Richard Walsh	1	6	5	5	9	3	5	9	25	4
15082	Michael Holly Jr.	8	4	11	6	3	4	4	11	29	5
14905	David Gorman	9	5	6	8	8	6	2	9	35	6
14972	Patrick Zachary	12	11	3	7	6	7	10	12	44	7
14901	Ian Schillebeeckx	6	8	8	9	11	9	9	11	49	8
14013	Jim Cameron	11	15	9	2	10	8	11	15	51	9
14146	Nick Aswad	5	16	12	10	5	15	8	16	55	10
14584	Peter Hazelett	7	7	10	18	18	12	6	18	60	11
14174	Dave Sprague	10	12	7	12	4	18	18	18	63	12
15189	Stephen Waldie	13	9	13	11	12	10	12	13	67	13
15084	Lorrie Walsh	16	14	16	14	13	11	13	16	81	14
14397	John Atkins	14	10	14	13	18	13	18	18	82	15
14499	Brian Cox	15	17	15	18	18	14	18	18	97	16
14398	Mark Osterman	18	13	18	18	18	18	18	18	103	17



Atlantic Coast Championship

Cedar Point Yacht Club Westport, Connecticut—July 28-29

Cedar Point Yacht Club and Fleet 126 hosted the 2007 Atlantic Coast Championship Regatta. Forty-four boats from six states and Canada attended the event.

A stalled low-pressure system was the story of the weekend. Although five races were scheduled, the race committee did a great job in getting three races finished. All races were held in light air and only a few drops of rain.

Brian Taboada came out of virtual retirement and figured out how to play the ebbing tide and shifting breeze to win what turned out to be the only race of the day on Saturday. The wind shut down completely after all the boats were finished, and racing was called after a long postponement.

Sunday's conditions were not much better than the previous day. The breeze shifted to the left and left was the place to be. Bob King had the conditions figured out perfectly and pulled off two bullets. The last race proved to be the nemesis for many of the competitors who could not get left on the first leg of what turned out to be a two-leg race.

Vermont's Bill Fastiggi sailed the most consistent series by far with finishes of 2-2-3 and won the event by eight points. Bob King and Jon Schwartz tied on points, but King won the tie breaker for second place.

The Saturday party (which was almost longer than the racing) featured grilled steak and chicken and music from one of Fairfield County's most popular bands. We all hope to see everyone back for the Fall Classic in September.

PI	Boat#	Skipper	Crew	Crew	Club	Fleet#	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	14958	Bill Fastiggi	Suzy Coburn	Kolby Kruger	Mallets Bay	301	2	2	3	7
2	15279	Bob King	Billy Healy	Danielle Powers	Algonquin		13	1	1	15
3	14786	Jon Schwartz	Paul Krezenski	Frank Pizzo	Monmouth	70	3	7	5	15
4	15215	David Peck	Nicole Breault	Casey Williams	Niantic	85	16	5	2	23
5	14900	Rob Crane	Doug Herling	Kelly Crane	Noroton		9	8	7	24
6	14589	Brian Taboada	Ryan Dunn	Hodge	IHYC	34	1	6	25	32
7	15111	Gianni Cuccio	Adam Lewis	Ellen Starck	Cedar Point	126	4	3	27	34
8	15296	Ryan Sprole	Christopher Sprole	Steve Sprole	Nyack	75	10	10	16	36
9	14821	Ched Proctor	Debbie Dudas	Charlie Proctor	Cedar Point	126	11	4	23	38
10	15171	Josh Goldman	Jamie Ewing	Angela Schribner	Cedar Point	126	18	21	4	43
11	15154	Mark Schneider	Greta Schneider	Eric Reiting	Riverton	228	5	23	15	43
12	14417	Don Barrett	Donna Barrett	Geroge Wiederman	Niantic	85	6	9	30	45
13	15130	Chris Vann	Colette Skinner	Tiffany Skinner	Niantic	85	7	14	29	50
14	15142	Nabeel Alsalam	Russell Roberts	Lisbet Kugler	Potomac	50	8	18	24	50
15	14881	Dan Ejan	Jay Dieselman	John Townson	Squam Lake	332	14	20	17	51
16	14050	Bretton Gardner	James Unsworth	Peter Hazelett	Lake Champlain	301	32	15	6	53
17	14888	Bob Sengstacken	Daniel Zitin	Mino Tsutsui	Nyack	75	20	25	12	57
18	14706	George Harrington	Christon Thomson	Art Gurrera	Monmouth	70	15	34	10	59
19	14345	Brian Gibbs	Mike Boardman	Beth Holand		121	19	27	13	59
20	15093	Joan Hurban	Peter Jadrosich		Nyack	75	24	19	20	63
21	14942	Dick Moyer	Helen Moyer	Chrissy Van Seclen	Riverton	228	31	26	8	65
22	11385	Dick Thackaberry	Giselle Wagner	Eva Burpee	Cedar Point	126	17	16	33	66
23	14719	Bill Bogardus	Jarrett Lynn	Courtney O'Connor	Metedeconk	34	22	24	21	67
24	15116	Doug Latour	Mary Margaret Poster	Tim Maier	Cedar Point	126	30	31	9	70
25	15336	Bobby Martin	Ben Spiller	Erin Kilcline	Riverton	228	27	22	22	71
26	14727	David Watts	Robert Watts	Paul Luisi	Monmouth	70	23	11	38	72
27	15051	David Howe	Shelley Howe	Eric Heller	Cedar Point	126	36	28	11	75
28	15159	Frank Hanson	Rhea Consentino	Taylor Hanson	Susquehanna	253	28	33	14	75
29	13889	Dave Marseli	Chris Miller	Dan Levit/Chris	Cedar Point	126	29	32	18	79
30	14119	Chad Miller	Tyler Colvin	Tanya Miller	Mallets Bay	301	21	17	43	81
31	15131	Patrick Phelan	Mark Sanford	Jason Phelan	Havre de Grace	192	38	12	32	82
32	14175	Ted Duffy	Brad Thompson	Craig Mellor	Monmouth	70	12	RAF/45	34	91
33	14642	Rick Swann	Stephanie Swann	Dave Pauglko	Cedar Point	126	39	35	19	93
34	15189	Stephen Waldie	David Gelston	Christine Wheatley	Royal St Lawrence		DNS/45	13	37	95
35	14699	Alan Crew	Mike McCourt	Devon Rapp	Riverton	228	34	30	31	95
36	14073	Gary Hurban	Justin Coplan	Maude Lindsay	Nyack	75	26	OCS/45	26	97
37	14276	Cole Barney	Dale Barney	Ian Sanderson	Monmouth	70	25	41	36	102
38	14889	David Fried	Avram Dorfman	Ellie Turk	Cedar Point	126	37	37	28	102
39	14140	Eric Beck	Ann Beck	Bill Cook	Nyack	75	35	36	39	110
40	11570	Liviu Vogel	Andrew Graham	Gary Tier	Cedar Point	126	42	29	41	112
41	15319	Daniel Parietti	Jeff Sorensen	Mike Carney	Nyack	75	40	38	35	113
42	14492	Eric Kent	Linda Hagedom	Creek Iverson	Nyack	75	33	39	42	114
43	14807	Rod Ratcliffe	Lisa Simmons	Jamie Ratcliffe	Cedar Point	126	41	40	40	121
44	14278	Robert Hall	Scott Shuster	Kristen Hancox	Lake Wallenpaupack	16	43	DNS/45	DNS/45	133



Atlantic Coast Championship Regatta



Winner Bill Fastiggi and with Runner Up Bob King



Bob King, Bill Dodge, Danielle Powers & Billy Healy

