

1995 North American Championships 74 Boats on one line!

Regatta organizers had an inkling that this would be a big regatta. The phone had been ringing for charter boats, crews, housing and directions and registration forms the night before the regatta began! Registration chairman Craig and Mimi Boardsley had 52 boats pre-registered. Missing were the locals and many out-of-state and country sailors driving and flying to make the big regatta. All arrived with Lake Lanier Sailing Club ready to handle the 74 boat fleet.

After a day and a half of weighing boats and measuring sails, the race committee blew the starting gun in a gray, drizzle with winds from the Northeast at 5-8 knots. The course was a short sail from the Club in the largest part of the Lake. The unusual wind direction left no local advantage, and the days races tamed into a "sail your own race" contest. Californians Willie Graves with Carrie Warren as crew and Argyle Campbell and Lisa Griffith picked the Lakes shits to finish 1-2 in the first race. Local ace Steve Burke with Nancy Gilreath crewing, sailed consistently in both races with two thirds. The second race found more Californians, Jack Franco and Mike Starman, grabbing the bullet with Mark Mendleblatt and Victoria Wadsworth of St. Pete, Florida in 2nd. Other local sailors, twin Shawn Burke with Holly Gregory and Dave Pritchard with sister Jillian crewing, rounded out the top five in race one.

The convergence of Hurricane Roxanne and an oncoming front from the west hit the Lake Saturday morning. The rain was solid all morning with the fleet trying to make the 9:30 start. A paddle out and then a postponement had all Snipes scurrying back for cover from the oncoming downpour. After lunch, the fleet started and sailed a one tack beat and following course, only to have the race tossed on Rule 5.6 of the SCIRA rules ("The weather mark shall be placed upwind on the average sailing wind bearing..."). Races 4 and 5 found the rain tapering and the wind building gradually to hiking strength. Scott Nixon and Samantha Rosemont of Annapolis found the favored left side both races and led the whole way, finishing the day with 2 bullets to keep. Consistency with the top sailors was imperative, and all found a double-digit finish somewhere in their score! Henry Filer and Carol Newman followed Nixon/Rosemont the first race, Mendleblatt/Wadsworth 3rd, Eric Reinke and Melanie Clore of Annapolis 4th and Burke/Gilreath 5th the 4th race. Races 5 found Franco/Starman, Gavin O'Hare and Bill Barrett, Graves/Warren and Charlie and Michele



photo above: keesani and seemed a bit crowded and favored...photo: Gary Beck



photo above: smiling trophy winners: standing: Parara Davis (top female skipper), Pedro Larson, Jimmie Lowe, Argyle Campbell, Henry Filer, Steve Burke, Jack Franco, Will Graves. Kneeling: Sherry Eldridge, Mimi, Lori Roberts, Lisa Griffith, Carol Newman, Nancy Gilreath, Mike Starman, Carrie Warren. Photo: Gary Beck.

North American Results

Bostanante now of South Carolina, rounding out the top five. The 74 boat fleet found enough wind to actually plane around Lake Lanier on the reaches.

Sunday found the sky crystal clear and the breeze cold and zephyr-like. The 6th race started in 2-8 knots with puffs hitting the fleet randomly. The crews had a work out moving in and out, and many skippers were found sitting in the bottom of their boats. Dave and Jillian Pritchard sailed a nice race, catching Hawkoye who led the entire triangle. Sean Healey and Kne Dew from Annapolis found breeze and finished 2nd with Filzer/Newman, Burke/Gilreath and Pedro Lorson and newly married sister Mimi, rounding out the top 5. Going into the last race, any of five people could win the regatta, which also had the top 2 US finishers qualifying for the Western Hemisphere Championships next year in Larchmont. A solid breeze gave the competitors winds of 5-12 knots. Argyle Campbell and Lisa Griffith led the fleet around the course with Craig and Mimi Beardsley having a great race, Francis Sturman, Mark Beaton and Jenny Nelson and Pedro Lorson rounding out the top five.

Willie Graves sailed a "top 10 regatta" having all finishes under 10th place. Willie had already qualified for the WH, so Jack Franco and Steve Burke moved up to represent the US next year. Commodore Jimmie Lowe and Isaac Loui Roberts sailed a great regatta as the top non-US boat in 6th. Two Canadian 470 Olympic teams arrived, but only one chartered a boat, as the other had to bow out due to a family emergency.

The social aspects were first class. Sponsors Weathermark, Mt. Gay, Coen-Cola, a local beer distributor and many others helped make the regatta a success. The army of volunteers from the Lake Lanier fleet and nearby Atlanta fleet fed the masses breakfast, lunch and dinner. A bluegrass band gave local flavor during the Mt. Gay night, and new friends were met and made during the evening social hours.

Protest Committee members Mauns Davis, Steve Wrigley and Bill Adams hunkered all that was thrown at them and managed to stay dry during the days downpours.

74 boats was quite a turnout, and the comments that followed after the regatta show that the Class is alive and well, not putting too much emphasis on winning those cup spots. Everyone, from the top 10 to the middle and bringer-uppers, seemed to enjoy the sailing and camaraderie that Snipe sailing breeds.

---JWB

	Skippers/Crew	Fleet	Finishes	Total
1.	Will Graves/Curtis Warren	Mission Bay	1-5-8-4-(10)-7	24.75
2.	Jack Franco/Mike Sturman	Alamos Bay	10 1 10-2-(11)-3	25.75
3.	Steve Burke/Nancy Gilreath	Lake Lanier	3-3-5-(39)-4-14	29
4.	Henry Filzer/Carel Newman	Annapolis	6-(11)-2-10-3-11	32
5.	Argyle Campbell/Lisa Griffith	Newport Harbor	2-10-7-16-(31)-1	35.75
6.	Jimmie Lowe/Lou Roberts	Nassau	7-6-18-9-12-(21)	52
7.	Hydro Lorson/Mimi	Sea Cliff	(31)-14-19-12-5-5	55
8.	Mark McKeel/John V. Wadsworth	St. Petersburg	31-2-3-7-(38)-11	56
9.	Craig/Mimi Beardsley	Lake Lanier	11-12-13-(33)-p20-2	60
10.	David/Jillian Pritchard	Lake Lanier	5-8-(39)-34-2-16	63.75
11.	Lee Griffith/Chris Dyer	Barnegat Bay	14-9-12-(24)-9-22	66
12.	Shawn Burke/Kelly Orpury	Lake Lanier	4-20-9-22-(p20)-12	67
13.	Conrad/Nicole Coleman	Annapolis	15-25-(30)-18-6-10	74
14.	Fal Gilreath/Robert Burke	Lake Lanier	17-7-14-15-25-(37)	76
15.	Jerry Thompson/Dea Schilling	Alamos Bay	12-(34) 21 11 17-19	80
16.	Scott Nassau/Syranilla Rosemont	Annapolis	22-31-1-1-(41)-26	80.50
17.	Gavin O'Hare/Bill Barnes	Mission Bay	24-18-25-3-(54)-17	87
18.	Sean Healey/Kne Dew	Annapolis	32-4-15-37-2-(res)	90
19.	Brian/Kit Kenzie/Scott Adams	Lake Lanier	29-23-6-(35)-26-9	95
20.	Mark Beaton/Jenny Nelson	Barnegat Bay	(dnc)-21-17-8-50-4	100
21.	John/Letitia Irvine	Albuka	21-17-22-(p20-21)-(33)	102
22.	Charles/Michèle Bostanante		19-29-(35)-5-22-27	105
23.	Murina/Linda Zimmerman	Lake Lanier	19-29-(35)-5-23-27	104
24.	Eric Weinko/Melanie Clem	Annapolis	34-(46)-4-17-22-30	107
25.	Robert Dault/Jean-Paul	Annapolis	8-19-(50)-20-16-48	111
26.	Terry Timin/Kate Hoywood	Barton Pond	13-24-16-(30)-30-28	112
27.	Alex/Jac Pflue	Annapolis	18-35-37-19-8-(44)	115
28.	JR Francis/Rick Rothenbuhler		28-13-11-41-(52)-24	117
29.	John/Maggie Macintosh	Barnegat Bay	38-(53)-28-27-19-6	118
30.	Tan Weber/Karen Lorenz	Annapolis	9-(39)-20-25-p20-25	124
31.	Michael Lambell/Alex Phillips	Mission Bay	25-16-32-15-39-(40)	127
32.	Jed Zuckin/Kelli Van Wageningen	Quantico	23-30-29-(40)-15-33	130
33.	Chris/Kate/Jan McEllan	St. Petersburg	(46)-15-23-14-p20-36	130
34.	Tamara Davis/Sherry Boniga	Atlanta	30-32-33-29-(40)-15	139
35.	Gonzalo Diaz, Sr./Annon Hubler	Miami	35-(42)-27-23-29-25	139
36.	Steve Lippincott/Ashley Barnett	St. Petersburg	27-28-(38)-32-32-28	147
37.	Leigh Savage/Lyndy Biuhl	Detroit	26-(41)-21-38-37-23	148
38.	Fred/Donna/elle	Detroit	(51)-27-31-28-46-18	150
39.	Wesley/Priscilla Duffy	New Orleans	41-35-36-21-36-(47)	169
40.	Adam Bookman/Rob Fear	Canada	20-41-46-49-(p20) 20	179
41.	Scott/Clare/Clindy Kerkull	Atlanta	36-22-nd-(dnc)-18-39	186
42.	Stephan Jigons/Monica Rigand	Switzerland	40-38-43-26-44-(55)	191
43.	Jeff Beck/Chris Terrell	Lake Lanier	48-(dnc)-49-31-24-42	194
44.	Jim Lyman/Dave Laughlin	Narasackeack	53-(58)-45-46-14-38	196
45.	Matt Hoywood/Clayton Johnson	Barton Pond	37-40-(65)-58-31-45	211
46.	Frank Fontaine/Cheryl Dixon	Atlanta	39-48-(62)-56-28-46	217
47.	Colt Weeber/Jon/Wendy Puffer	Detroit	50-50-34-52-(53)-34	220
48.	Don Hackbart/Dustin Krivy	Adrian	43-45-(59)-53-48-31	220
49.	Azaly/Brian Perna	Cleveland	47-43-51-(54)-42-43	226
50.	Tommy Strath/Mark Smith	Lake Lanier	42-56-47-42-51-(dnc)	238
51.	Bill Troumen/Richard Young	Atlanta	45-37-54-48-55-(57)	239
52.	Mark Durvoin/Scott Cornell	Atlanta	(dnc)-dnc-41-45-35-44	239
53.	Kathy Brown/Steve Wright	Atlanta	56-36-56-51-47-(60)	246
54.	Hue Hammond/Michelle Morpheus	Windsor	59-57-40-50-(60) 50	256
55.	Bob Fomen/Carly Franklin	Clearwater	54-(69)-42-44-63-33	256
56.	John Szpanski/Chris Stahl	Lake Carlyle	49-63-53-(65)-45-51	261
57.	Zoe/Yezy/Tessa Henseler		44-60-44-62-(p20)-52	262
58.	Bob Coyle/Chuck D'Arco	Medford	(dnc)-51-64-57-43-49	264
59.	Steve Burns	Charleston	64-(68)-48-45-67-54	276
60.	John Mulhhausen/Andrew Cason	Atlanta	52-(64)-63-47-55-58	279
61.	Bill Moss/Clay Bump	Atlanta	58-52-60-(65)-49-40	285
62.	Peter Wells, Jr./Pete Wells, Sr.	Atlanta	65-54-58-55-(66)-56	288
63.	Peter/Elizabeth/Lynn Balhel	Cleveland	57-49-55-57-61-(dnc)	289
64.	Mike Reynolds/Jack Kircovsky	Atlanta	63-47-(67)-66-62-59	297
65.	Michael/Christina/Mark Duval	Chillicothe	62-59-61-(63)-57-60	299
66.	Mike/Patricia Nielsen	Birmingham	61-55-52-(dnc)-dnc-dnc	316
67.	John/Till/Traci Hill	Atlanta	66-67-(69)-59-64-62	317
68.	Dave/Batona Carroll	Atlanta	60-62-66-60-(dnc) dnc	322
69.	Gavin O'Hare/Harold Kresovaky	Birmingham	(7-65)-(65)-64-65-60	323
70.	Ambrose Szpanski/Alexander Aljens	Lake Carlyle	55-61-(dnc) dnc-dnc-dnc	338
71.	Jerry/Betsy Kinble	Atlanta	(dnc)-dnc-57-61-dnc-dnc	340
72.	Liz/Caitlyn/Tom Samuelson	Quantico	69-(70)-68-dnc-66-dnc	356
73.	Luc/Kate/Carver	Charleston	68-66-(dnc)-dnc-dnc-dnc	356
74.	Brian Sharpy		(dnc)-dnc-dnc-dnc-dnc-dnc	370

