

**2018 Lightning Class Texas District  
Championship  
The Houston Yacht Club | April 07-08, 2018**



**Lightning (9 boats) (top)  
Series Standing - 3 races scored**

**Information is final.**

**Regatta results last updated: Sunday, April 08, 2018 12:17:46 PM CDT**

Pos	Sail	Boat	Skipper	Yacht Club	1	2	3	Total
1	15360	Meme Machine	Clarke Newman	Rush Creek Yacht Club	2	3	1	6
2	15462	Lucile	Steve Harris	EYC	1	1	6	8
3	15501	Mystique II	Gary Schwantz	Lagos Yacht Club	4	5	2	11
4	15211	Bandit	Lawrence Frost	Southern yacht club	10/RET	2	3	15
5	154101	Ragnot	Charlotte Rose	Houston Yacht Club	3	6	7	16
6	15485	Ripple	Stefan Boettcher	Houston Yacht Club	10/RET	4	4	18
7	14964	Portugee Jr.	Christopher Shipman	EYC	10/RET	7	5	22
8	15201	Bob'Sled	Robert Bernhardt	Buccaneer	10/DNS	10/DNS	10/DNS	30T
8	15496	Dilly Dilly	Marvin Beckmann	HYC	10/DNS	10/DNS	10/DNS	30T

On Saturday breeze was up right at the class limits for a sanctioned regatta. It was frontal, and backside, so, it was dry--no squall. We had a safety briefing at the Skipper's Meeting, which proved helpful. We had one boat go over in the first race. The race was great and competitive. Newman gave it away by getting the spinnaker fouled in the last jibe to the finish and Steve Harris planed right by.

In the second race, on the first downwind leg, we had a series of about five gusts that caught the fleet under spinnaker and knocked four boats over. Team Newman, being one of the four, was in front and in complete control on a plane, and just got pushed over before they could react. The gust was so strong it exploded the Harken cleat on the guy.

PRO Darren Rose immediately abandoned with the gusts now above the limit. We got everyone back to the club. Except for Darren's daughter, all of the boats were none the worse for wear—a few mast flies, a broken cleat, and a lost paddle. Darren's daughter, Charlotte Rose (the Laser Radial World Youth Champ), got the mast stuck in the bottom and it broke. It was a pity. She only had around 400 lbs on the boat, and she still managed third in the first race and was third or fourth when they went over.

Sunday was light air, and we got two races in before it died. Ian had an extra mast, so, Charlotte was able to sail. Unfortunately, they had a mishap at the hoist after the regatta and managed to break the new one as well. Darren was shell shocked. He said the acronym for BOAT was, "Break out another thousand."



First Place:  
Clarke Newman, Deanna Newman,  
Ralph Bilnoski



Second Place:  
Steve Harris, Eric Harris, Alan Woodyard



Third Place:  
Gary Schwantz, Patty Harris, Dan Cox