

# **Bow Lake Ed Hinds Memorial One Day Lightning Flash Regatta and New England District Women's, Junior's and Master's Championships**

**Saturday, September 14, 2019**

## **Bow Lake in Strafford, NH**

Winds were quite shifty and light for the first race or two but got stronger and somewhat steadier as the day went by. Temperatures were in the 60s and skies were mostly cloudy, and were especially cloudy and wet during several periods of rain. But everything dried out by the time we were packing up boats and hanging out, so all was good.

All four active Fleets in the New England District were represented, with Ned Daly and Mike Seibert attending from Burlington, Art Cunningham coming from Squam Lake, Toby Frank visiting from Lake Massabesic and Ned Hinds, Bob Shapiro and Rob Donle present from the Bow Lake fleet.

Ned Hinds, sailing Lady in Red 14296 with Guillaume Joffrees and Nate Legere, pulled off the repeat win in the Ed Hinds Memorial. Ned started out OK and then caught fire winning the last 3 races for the win. Luckily his total crew age was 3 years short of qualifying for the Masters or nobody else would have seen any of the big hardware!

Bob Shapiro had Jim Lerner and Ryan Gershuny on board 15617 Three Bean Salad and finished in second place for the second year in a row.

Art Cunningham finished third in 14360 Lightning Macqueen sailing with wife Sandra Czibik and spinnaker whisperer Tom Brady (who had to hop a quick flight to Miami for the Patriots game the next day).

Rob Donle raced Runaround 14396 (sail numbers 14577) with Josh Pfosi and Jim Anderson into 4<sup>th</sup> place, just one point behind third.

Pura Vida 14396 had co-skippers Toby Frank and 2018 Junior Champion Gavin Divelbiss along with Madeline Frank on board.

And we were treated to an appearance by one of the newest Lightnings (hit the water in June for the first time – about 2 weeks after 15617 first got wet) – a brand new hand made from scratch woody built over the last 9 or so years by Mike Seibert. Guest skippering for Mike was Ned Daly, also from Vermont. The boat is number 15451 - spinnaker number in the photos is 6343, a restoration project Mike pulled off a few years back. All eyes were on 15451 at the boat ramp as it is GORGEOUS! In proof that wooden boats can be fast, Ned and Mike were right in the action going to windward. Lack of a third crew made it tough going for them downwind, as with all the shifts a lot of gybes were required – tough to pull off with only 2 on board.

Pam and Werner Daigneault came out to do Race Committee and managed to get 6 great races in before the 4:00 PM stop time. They've been doing race committee for many years at Bow Lake and we are forever grateful for their service.

Wayne Donle and Amy Root Donle provided crash boat service, although it must be noted that they took off for shore at about 100 knots when the rain started coming down heavily. Wayne and often Amy do crash boat duty regularly and we appreciate it!

After the racing, it was time for appetizers, drinks, dinner, awards and stories at the yacht club. Huge thanks to our yacht club hosts Ned and Karen Hinds. Grateful to them opening up their home for us! Big thanks to Margo for her world famous guacamole and dessert bags for out on the race course, to Karen for providing all the taco fixings, Jim/Deb for a bunch of pizzas, Nate for an incredible middle eastern dip of some kind, Deb and Karen for various pies, Bob/Jane for brownies and cookies, Rob for drinks, the Boyntons for whatever they brought in the evening and for the AMAZING donuts from the microbrewery pastry shop, and to all the others appreciated but left out by accident.

Trophies were also awarded for the Bob Evans Bow Lake Fleet 493 championship – a set of 23 races held on Sundays in July and August. Repeat winner this year was Bob Shapiro, with crews of Anya George, Tim Bartos, Jim Lerner, Ryan Gershuny, Nathaniel Hendrickson, Greg Shapiro, Bernie Metzger and Margo Krukonis. Ned Hinds and steady crew of Nate Legere and Devon Smith finished in second place and Ron Donle and team of Josh Pfosi, Emmet Todd, Jeff Choate, Nathaniel Hendrickson, Laurel Daniels, Andy Gillis, Bob Heigis and Amy Donle took third. Special thanks to Nathaniel Hendrickson who sacrificed his position to fill out crews for Bob and for Rob. Also special thanks to Tara Bickford Bailey and friends who did most of the race committee duty for us this summer.

Last award of the night was the Martha Comstock award which went to the very deserving Guillaume Joffrees.

Come join us next year, usually in mid-September, for a fun regatta with a great social program on the lake where the sounds of the loons in the movie *On Golden Pond* were recorded.

## Results

Boat/Sail #	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
14296	Lady in Red	Ned Hinds	Guillaume Joffrees, Nate Legere	Bow Lake	3	1	4	1	1	1	11
15617	Three Bean Salad	Bob Shapiro	Jim Lerner, Ryan Gershuny	Bow Lake	2	2	2	4	2	3	15
14360	Lightning Macqueen	Art Cunningham	Sandra Czibik, Tom Brady	Squam Lake	5	4	1	2	4	2	18
14396/14577	Runaround	Rob Donle	Josh Pfosi, Jim Anderson	Bow Lake	1	3	5	3	3	4	19
14480/14396	Pura Vida	Toby Frank	Madeline Frank, Gavin Divilbis	Lake Massabesic	4	5	3	5	6	5	28
15451/6343	---	Ned Daly	Mike Seibert	Malletts Bay	6	6	6	6	5	6	35

## Photos

Collection of all 530 pictures, in 4 albums

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At the Boat Ramp (223 pictures courtesy Ryan Gershuny)

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At the Party (29 pictures courtesy Ryan Gershuny)

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