

Buffalo Canoe Club Youth Invitationals  
 Buffalo Canoe Club – Fleet 12  
 Crystal Beach, Ontario, Canada  
 August 6, 2016

**Photos**

Pos	Skipper, Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Tanner Probst Jenna Probst, Maya Weber (15251)	1	1	1	1	1	5
2	Ben Folds, Jake Folds Joe Tomczak (14875)	2	3	2	2	2	11
3	Robbie Robinson Gunnar Grenauer, Maggie MacDonald(15382)	4	2	3	3	DNF	29
4	Max Balanevsky Sam Balanevsky, Rob Sawyer(14522)	7	4	7	8	6	32
5	Maddie Ray Jamie Starck, David Starck(15125)	6	5	8	5	9	33
6	Peter Sciaconi Emma Vogan, Mike Maywalt (14680)	14	7	6	4	4	35
7	Caroline Dunbar Mikayla Ward, Becca Jordan, Katherine Dunbar(15473)	11	6	4	7	7	35
8	Sabrina Starck Lindsay Whistler, Jody Starck(14807)	5	10	11	10	3	39
9	James Eagan Ethan Stoffman, Garrett Grenauer (14744)	15	8	5	9	5	42
10	Charlie Robinson Quade Richards, Adam MacDonald (495)	3	9	13	12	12	49
11	Leah Trow Morgan Tanski, Gabby Myers(14416)	9	11	10	11	8	49
12	Colin Ray Tess Weber, Aidan Young (14672)	8	DNF	9	13	11	58
13	Anneliese Schall Katie Eagan, Joe Marynowski, Jeff Schall(14572)	13	13	12	6	DNS	61
14	Izzy Redding Addie Perez, Adam Probst (14543)	12	12	15	14	10	63
15	Keller Waldron Grace Tomczak, Katie Braungart(14502)	10	DNF	14	DNS	DNS	75
16	Julia Matora Matora, Matora (15230)	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	85

Annually at the Buffalo Canoe Club on the Southern Canadian Shore, a unique event is held—The BCC Lightning Youth Invitational. Eight years ago, Lightning Class Legend Larry MacDonald decided an event was needed to meld together the skills the junior lightning teams had been working on all summer prior to heading off to the Lightning Junior North Americans. This event would also serve as a platform to launch future junior teams by allowing one adult aboard, although not in the skipper position.

We have seen upwards of 20 teams at this event and visiting sailors are encouraged to drop by as they travel towards the Junior NAs. Coaching is allowed and spearheaded by our designated regatta coach—usually Larry himself—and we have yet to field a complaint concerning the quality of coaching from this former World Champion! Not only are racing skills emphasized, the social side of things has a clear focus as well. Beach volleyball, bonfires and this year’s cookout/pool party rank up there with the quality racing memories. Check out the Lightning Class Flickr page to see many pictures.

This event also serves as Race Committee training and as a fundraiser to upgrade our local Boat Grant boat. Under the mentorship of seasoned mark set and Race Officers, those interested in learning various Race Committee positions are encouraged to show up and give it a try in a low-stress environment. Although the entry fee is low (\$30), 100% of the proceeds go towards a fund supporting local youth sailing thanks to some generous local families supplying the regatta dinner and a donation of trophies. The competitors work on their skills, the race committee works on theirs, the local Sean Gregory Fund gets a donation, and everyone comes out ahead.

The event this year had 16 teams participating: 9 all junior teams and 7 boats included an adult. Topping the regatta overall was the team of Tanner Probst, Jenna Probst and Maya Weber but everyone came out a winner if the smiles are any indication!