

# 2018 CAD Lightning Districts at LEHYC

**June 16-17, 2018**

It was a beautiful day in Beach Haven with pleasant breezes for the CAD districts. Boats started arriving on Friday and were invited to participate in the standard happy hour at LEHYC. 16 boats competed, all from within the NJ/Philadelphia PA area. It seemed the breeze was nonexistent both mornings but by the time the boats were towed to the racecourse, it had filled in to a 6-10 level and the races were off on time. One race started with a westerly and the shift late in the race was well managed by the race committee. Followed by a lunch break. A light/moderate sea breeze filled in from the south for the remaining races on Saturday, and both races on Sunday. Breezes built during the races to 12-14. Current played a role in course side selection. The racing was tight. 11 of the 16 boats all had finishes in the top half of the fleet; it wasn't uncommon for a boat's position to change by 5 places on any one leg of the race. Even 3 of the top 4 boats had places deep into the mid-fleet: 7th or 8th. Keith Taboada from Metedeconk prevailed to win overall, with Rich Warren (SCYC) coming in second and Jon Lutz (Metedeconk) 3rd. Charlie Wardwell (SCYC) and Hugh Hutchinson (RYC) while not in the top 3 also had firsts.

LEHYC did a superlative job hosting the regatta – down to the weather. The breakfasts, lunches, and an outstanding dinner were top notch. The race course decisions, and course management were first class. The course management was excellent with square lines, appropriate changes, on race course with deep water and long legs. Come enjoy LEHYC for their Down Bay Regatta August 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.