

Lightning Open Canadian Championships 2018										
Place	Sail	Skipper	Crew 1	Crew 2	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	RACE4	RACE 5	Total
1	14905	Jamie Allan	Chantal Leger	Jay Deakin	2	2	2	3	2	11
2	14867	Ernie Dieball	Jacqueline Dieball	Amy Simonson	1	1	4	5	3	14
3	15082	Michael Holly	Marc Robin	Valerie Tardif	3	6	1	8	1	19
4	14591	Alain Boucher	Stephen Waldie	AJ Boucher	5	3	7	2	6	23
5	14821	Peter Hall	Antoine Pacarar	Stephanie Boucher	8	4	3	1	8	24
6	15493	Richard Walsh	Mitchel Sandberg	Travis Halls	9	5	9	4	4	31
7	14398	Mark Osterman	Jane Lalonde	Helene Osterman	4	7	6	10	5	32
8	14567	William Hall	Heather Myatt	Lindsay Moore	6	8	5	6	9	34
9	14174	David Sprague	Ann Rouget	Alyssa Longbough	10	9	8	7	7	41
10	15089	Ross Bailey	Don Shanks	Nancy Bailey	7	10	10	9	10	46
11	1482	Julien Brunet		Dylan Stermer	11	11	11	11	12	56

“It’s normally never like this...”

The Canadian Open was sailed on Lake St Louis during a hot, steamy Canada Day weekend. Hosted by the Royal St. Lawrence YC’s Fleet 215, a small (11 boat) but very competitive fleet prepared on the Friday, pondering weather forecasts of nuclear winds on Saturday and maybe nothing on Sunday. But hot! DAMN HOT!

Gale force winds did not materialize as predicted for Saturday, and we had a superb four races in very shifty winds. It was snakes and ladders all day as the teams figured out the persistent and oscillating shifts, all the while trying to sail in the best pressure. Indeed, the pressure varied from one person on the rail to all three hiking full out! No lead was safe and positions shifted regularly, both upwind and down.

Ernie Dieball, sailing with Jacky and Amy Simonson started out pretty hot with two bullets, but faded in the day with a 4-5. Meanwhile, local sailors Jamie Allan, Jay Deakin and Chantal Leger demonstrated complete mastery of the conditions, completing the day with a 2-2-2-3 score line.

The post race beers were cold and Al Boucher showed that he could master the BBQ, if not the day’s conditions, as we had a lovely evening by the water swapping stories and tall tales of maritime exploits. Not sure anybody made it to the Montreal Jazz Festival...

Sunday dawned hot and light. A tow up the lake enabled us to get in one race before the breeze pooped and the motor boat wakes dominated. This race was all about seeking pressure, with some winning big, and others, not so much!

Congrats to Jamie Allan, Jay Deakin and Chantal Leger for winning the Canadians, without winning a single race! Consistency in tough conditions sure paid off, as it usually does. And a huge thank you to PRO Madeleine Palfreeman and team, for running a superb regatta under very trying conditions. And finally, thanks to Margo Hall for the catering!

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