

Fontelieu One Design Regatta (ODR) and CT/RI District Championships

Cedar Point Yacht Club

October 4, 2020

Place	Sail	Skipper	Crew	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	14719	Bogardus, Bill	Grant Bogardus, Stephanie Swann	1	3	1	-7	3	8
2	15595	Goldman, Joshua	Rhys Goff, Francisco Lobato	3	-4	4	1	1	9
3	15315	Hayes Jr., Brian	Chris Schon, Meredith Killion	2	1	-7	2	5	10
4	14950	Patin, Paul-Jon	Christopher Batty, Andre Patin	5	2	-8	5	2	12
5	15380	Crane, Rob	Jim Crane, Kelly Crane	-8	8	2	4	4	18
6	15336	White, Edson	Allan Freedman, Eva Burpee	7	-9	5	3	6	21
7	15449	Heller, Eric	Drew Lambert, Christina Lambert	-10	7	3	9	8	27
8	15165	Loffredo, Geoffrey	James Gilmore, Kristin Hess	9	5	6	-10	7	27
9	15016	Gardner, James	Ty Whitman, Fiona McKee	6	6	-9	6	9	27
10	14679	Rulli, Francesco	Edoardo Rulli, Stefano Rulli	4	-10	10	8	10	32

On October 3, 2020, Cedar Point Yacht Club hosted the Connecticut Rhode Island Districts as part of its Fontelieu Regatta. Ten Lightnings sailed including three teams from the growing fleet in Southampton, NY. Dick Thackaberry and his experienced race committee team postponed for 90 minutes before sending the fleet out in a light SW breeze.

Race 1 started as a light affair. After a poor start we were forced right into better pressure. We did a good job connecting the patches of pressure and came home first. Brian Hayes Jr. finished second and Josh Goldman third. Fourth place finisher Francesco Rulli has a very cool GoPro video up on the class Facebook page of this race.

Race 2 saw an increase in breeze to 12-14, and Brian Hayes Jr. turned on the jets for an easy win. Lightning newcomer and Sunfish ace Paul-Jon Patin came second, and we used some fast downwind sailing to get third.

Race 3 was where the regatta turned for us. After winning the pin and heading out to what we thought was better pressure on the left, the right came in hard, and the breeze pipped up to 16. After rounding the weather mark 9th, my forward crew Stephanie Swann remained positive, remarking "next beat, we are going RIGHT!" The fleet compressed at the leeward mark, and everyone tacked looking to avoid the jam up, allowing us a clear path to the right corner. We hiked really hard and crossed everyone except Rob Crane and Eric Heller. At the weather mark we gybe set inside Rob and Eric, resulting in the race win. Hayes sailed a discard 7.

Race 4 was our opportunity to give it all back. The current had switched, making the starboard layline treacherous. We had to gybe out at the weather mark, relegating us to 7th. Josh Goldman won the race, with Hayes finishing second. Going into the last race, us, Hayes and Goldman were all close on points and could win the regatta.

In Race 5 we had a good start near the leeward end of the line and quickly pinched off Hayes. Goldman had gone right early and was near the front of the fleet with Patin. This time we benefited from the treacherous starboard layline and were able to pick up a few boats, rounding 4th. Every point mattered down the run, as Goldman took the lead, but we were able to squeeze past Crane for 3rd. After the final tally, we had 8, Goldman 9, Hayes 10. The District Championship was ours.

After racing, the teams enjoyed socially distant beers and Dark N' Stormies while rehashing the day's action.

It only took me 20 years as a driver and 32 years as a Lightning sailor to win a District Championship. My biggest thank you has to go to my crew, my 15 year old son Grant, and my lifelong friend from Metedeconk Stephanie. Stephanie does an incredible job calling tactics from the front of the boat while perfectly managing the crewwork, and our super downwind speed was a result of Grant's excellent spinnaker trimming. It has been very rewarding to see it all come together. I also have to thank my Lightning mentor Jim Carson, as well as my sailing coach/cheerleader Allan Terhune. I would not be here without you.

Finally, Fleet 126 has faced unimaginable tragedy over the past few years. This regatta win is dedicated to Lyla, Leigh, Alan and Charlie.

Bill Bogardus

Below Left Top Three Teams, Right Team Bogardus. Bottom Race 3, Bogardus with Black Spinnaker. Moved

