

Long Island District Championship
Southampton YC, Southampton, NY
July 20, 2019

Place	Skipper	Sail	Crew	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Total
1	J. Bauman	14742	Brian Hayes, Cooper Bradle	1	1	1	3
2	J. Halsey	11071	Josh Halsey, Adrian Mahlstein	2	4	2	8
3	J. Lewandowski	14551	Joann Lewandowski, John Drake	3	2	5	10
4	K. Rydberg	14032	Kathy Nowicki, John Holdrer	5	3	3	11
5	H. Davoli	15165	Henry Davoli, Rob Press	4	5	4	13

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Not only was it extremely hot on Saturday, but there wasn't much of a breeze, either, at least for the first half of the day, creating a bit of a delayed start for the Long Island District Lightning Championships, hosted by Southampton Yacht Club. Eventually, the wind picked up, allowing the regatta to get the minimum of three races in.

By the end of the day, it was John Bauman and crew winning it all, earning a qualification for the North American Championships, which are next month at Buffalo Canoe Club in Ridgeway, Ontario, Canada. Halsey placed second while John Lewandowski placed third out of the five boats that competed.

Kent Rydberg, race committee chairman for Southampton Yacht Club, said he and the group were expecting winds at 7 to 8 knots, but there was barely a trace of wind while sailors were getting their boats in the water before noon. With a 12:30 p.m. start time, boats had to tack their way up Old Fort Pond and into Shinnecock Bay where, on the open waters, they found a little more wind.

By the time racing really got underway though, winds picked up considerably, ranging anywhere from 8 to 15 knots, allowing for some competitive races, Rydberg said. There were expected to be closer to five races initially though.

"These guys are big sailors, so we like to give them three to four hours of racing," Rydberg said. "But even with the wind picking up, there were some holes, which two different guys sailed into and they watched the whole fleet go by them, so we went with the minimum of three races.

"All five boats were capable of winning, so it made for some good racing," he added.

Rydberg noted that a barbecue was held afterward, followed by an awards ceremony.