

LONG JOHN REGATTA

Monmouth Boat Club

April 27-28, 2019

Place	Skipper	Crew	Crew	Boat	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total
1	Theresa Colontuano	Larry Colontuano	Nico Colontuano	14619	10	1	3	6	20
2	Brian Taboda	Stu Challoner	Johanna Schon	14589	9	9	1	2	21
3	Jack Huntsman	Jon Schwartz	John Huntsman	14922	5	11	4	1	21
4	George Harrington	Jack Harrington	Colin Gurera	15367	7	10	2	3	22
5	Justin Coplan	Danielle Prior	Ian Sanderson	15536	2	2	11	8	23
6	Bill Bogardus	Jarrett Lynn	Stephanie Swann	14719	6	7	7	4	24
7	Doug Clark	Ched Proctor	Pat Modine	15154	1	6	12	7	26
8	Keith Taboda	Russ Schon	Quinn Collins	15464	3	3	8	12	26
9	Mitch Hnatt	Ryan Stagard	Jamie Wasco	15439	8	4	5	9	26
10	Dave Watts	Dan Vought	Robert Watts	15365	4	5	9	10	28
11	Dale Barney	Cole Barney	The Doctor	15514	11	8	6	5	30
12	Bill Jaeger	Jeannie Mauritzen	Rob Nunn	15471	12	12	10	11	45

Tight and Fishy.

By Theresa Colantuono

The 2019 Long John Regatta at Monmouth Boat Club can be described with these two words, tight friendships, tight racing, tight scores. I'll get to the fishy later.

Saturday roared in with sustained breeze close to 30 knots with gusts reaching up to 40. The Race Committee prudently postponed and eventually abandoned instructing sailors racing would begin Sunday promptly at 9am. With the responsibility of racing taken off their plates the small but experienced field found themselves pleasantly whiling away the afternoon gathered around a stocked cooler (aptly provided by the good folks at MBC) in the lee of the building catching up on the happenings of the winter and recalling the good 'ol days. It was truly a special afternoon that comes along only so often. The lovely afternoon was followed by a scrumptious feast entertaining to every palate from carnivore to vegan and every thing in between. The MBC always knows how to feed a crew!

With prompt work by the RC, lead by Dennis Farley, we were racing by 9 am in a light NE wind. I really cannot comment on what was happening at the front of the fleet since I was significantly over early and was busy clawing our way back into the fleet. I can only tell by the score sheet the race was won by Doug Clark, Ched Proctor and Pat Modine.

It was hard not to be distracted by all the flying fish! They were everywhere, jumping out wildly. Apparently it is due to a phenomena that occurs every spring when there is too little oxygen in the water. The fish get jumping! During the second race, which we were leading yet had competitors in striking distance on all sides, a fish jumped directly into our boat! Of course we went into a bit of a frenzy! I tried to grab it but it jumped over the centerboard to the leeward side. A good bit of teamwork between Larry and Nico finally returned the fish to the river and us back to racing. The fish turned out to be our good luck charm and we held onto the first.

With the third race came some drizzle and a few more knots of ever shifting breeze allowing my spry forward crew, Larry, to intermittently stretch his legs. The fleet was very close with many lead changes especially on the last downwind leg. In the end it was Brian Taboada, Johanna Schon and Stu Challoner who did it the fastest!

Monmouth Boat Club legends, Navesink River experts ,Jack Huntsman, Jon Schwartz and John Huntsman took the fourth race.

All the shifting wind and shifting positions lead to very tight scores. The first five positions were separated by 3 points and the top eleven by only 10. That is one tight fleet.

Thank you to everyone at Monmouth Boat Club, George Harrington, Jon Schwartz, Danny Voight, Dave Watts, Ted Duffy, Dennis Farley, Les Hathaway and all I have missed, for putting on another great Long John. In one way shape or form the Colantuonos will always be there!



Above Left and Right - Team Colantouno! First woman to ever win the Long John Regatta!



The Traditional Top 5 Team Photo!