

56th Long John Regatta  
 Monmouth Boat Club – Fleet 70  
 Red Bank, New Jersey  
 April 29–30, 2017

Pos	Skipper	Crew 1	Crew 2	Sail #	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total
1	Justin Coplan	Danielle Prior	Ian Sanderson	15536	1	2	2	1	1	3	10
2	Mitch Hnatt	Ryan Stagaard	Colleen Kenedy	15439	2	3	1	3	2	2	13
3	Keith Taboada	Sandy Wittman	Russ Schon	15464	6	1	9	5	8	1	30
4	David Watts	Robert Watts	Johanna Schon	15365	5	9	4	6	3	5	32
5	Jack Huntsman	John Huntsman	Paul Krzenski	14922	4	5	3	4	10	8	34
6	Bill Bogardus	Rob Zerban	Stephanie Swann	14719	3	6	5	DNF	4	4	40
7	Dick Hallagan	Hendrix TenEyck	John Steiner	15555	7	7	7	13	6	6	46
8	Dick Moyer	Helen Moyer	Chappy Hopkin	15428	8	4	6	9	9	12	48
9	George Harrington	Molly Lucyk	Christine Lewis	15367	10	8	10	8	7	11	54
10	Ted Duffy	Carl Rodenberg	Emily Ruitter	14175	9	10	11	2	16	10	58
11	Hugh Hutchison	Mark Venables	Bob Keppel	15310	12	12	8	10	11	9	62
12	Kyle Hansen	Rich Hansen	Alex Razzork	13381	13	11	DNF	11	5	14	72
13	Dale Barney	Cole Barney	Kailey Savacool	15514	14	13	13	7	12	13	72
14	Pat Corr	Dr. Hodge Burge	Brad Carpenter	15	11	DNF	12	12	13	7	73
15	Nate Hendrickson	Rob Dresser	Chris	12687	15	15	14	14	17	15	90
16	Rachel Holick	Elizabeth Husack	Matt Miceli	15122	16	14	15	16	15	17	93
17	Bill Jaeger	Rob Nunn	Jeanne Mautzan	15471	17	16	16	15	14	16	94

**Justin Coplan Wins His Second MBC Long John Regatta**

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Justin Coplan, one of the International Lightning Class star sailors, took his second Monmouth Boat Club Long John Regatta championship April 29-30 recording three wins in six races to top two-time winner Mitch Hnatt of Metedeconk River Yacht Club who won the event a year ago. Hnatt had two firsts, two seconds and two thirds in the event, Coplan finished with 10 points to Hnatt's 12. Hnatt won the regatta in 2008 and 20014. Coplan won in 2015 and finished second in 2016.

A force in the United States Lightning Class for more than a decade, Coplan burst on the scene several years ago winning the New York District championships at MBC against strong competition. He has not looked back since. Coplan who finished second in the 2013 Lightning World Championships as well as in the 2015 PanAm games, representing the United States. He got the Long John started Saturday with a convincing win in the first race. Weather conditions on the Navesink for Saturday racing was better than the best. Mother Nature delivered sunny skies, winds between 12-15 mph steady from the west, and pleasant temperatures.

Coplan, living in Central Pennsylvania, sailed with long-time crew Danielle Prior and MBC's Ian Sanderson. He followed his Saturday first race win with two seconds and another first in the final three races of the day.

On Sunday, the wind blew from the East and not at the strength of Saturday's westerlies, Hnatt and Coplan each won a race and had a second and third respectively.

MBC sent six boats to the line in the two-day event with Past Commodore David Watts finishing fourth and past multi-Long John winner Jack Huntsman fifth. Some 17 boats from the region took part in the regatta, the first one in the area for the Lightning Class. It was the regatta's 55th renewal of an event started by the late Mary Huntsman. Past Commodore Denis Farley served as the regatta's principal race officer.