

Pacific NW District Championship  
 Vancouver Lake Sailing Club – Fleet 283  
 Vancouver, Washington  
 June 6-7, 2015

Pos	Sail#	Helm	Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total	Points
1	14600	Darrell Peck	Lori Daily, Abby Boudouris	3.0	1.0	1.0	(4.0)	1.0	2.0	12.0	8.0
2	14654	Robert Bush	Sterling Bush, Dean Shipman	2.0	(13.0 OCS)	3.0	1.0	4.0	3.0	26.0	13.0
3	14079	Doug Hickman	Gail Hickman, Simon Cutter	1.0	(13.0 OCS)	5.0	2.0	2.0	7.0	30.0	17.0
4	14233	Gerald Neuburger		5.0	3.0	(7.0)	5.0	7.0	1.0	28.0	21.0
5	13788	Chris Duncombe		6.0	2.0	4.0	(10.0)	6.0	4.0	32.0	22.0
6	14288	Philip Parshley		4.0	(8.0)	6.0	6.0	3.0	5.0	32.0	24.0
7	14040	I R Hicks		7.0	6.0	2.0	3.0	8.0	(13.0 DNF)	39.0	26.0
8	13896	John DeBenedetti		8.0	(9.0)	9.0	7.0	5.0	6.0	44.0	35.0
9	14308	Dave Mcallum		9.0	4.0	(11.0)	8.0	9.0	8.0	49.0	38.0
10	13869	Jeff Stong		10.0	5.0	8.0	9.0	(12.0)	9.0	53.0	41.0
11	14089	Menno Bos		(11.0)	10.0	10.0	11.0	10.0	10.0	62.0	51.0
12	14152	Erik Troelsen		12.0	7.0	12.0	(13.0 DNC)	11.0	11.0	66.0	53.0

[Photos from the Regatta!](#)

On Saturday, June 6th, 12 Lightnings and great weather arrived at Vancouver Lake Sailing Club for the 2015 Pacific Northwest District Championships.

For the 1st race we had 6 – 8 kts from the NNW and the RC posted a twice-around course. After a general recall, the RC moved and extended the start line, providing everyone an opportunity to get a clean start on the next try. The 1st time around the course Darrell Peck led, but on the second lap Bob Bush passed Darrell on a right shift, and their tacking duel let Doug Hickman get out further right and win the race.

For the 2nd race the pressure built slightly to 8- 12kts, and the RC posted a once-around course. Darrell led wire to wire. Bob and Doug crossed the finish line 2nd and 3rd only to find they were both OCS at the start. Chris Duncombe from Vancouver B.C. was reeled in 2nd place followed by Jerry Neuburger in 3rd.

By the 3rd race the afternoon thermals arrived in earnest, with the pressure building to 12 – 15 kts with heigher gusts. The RC posted another once-around course, and the fleet triggered their 2nd General Recall of the day. The restart put Darrell in front again, who covered the fleet and held on to the finish. Roger Hicks took a flight to the right edge on the 2nd beat and it paid off with a 2nd place, followed by Bob in 3rd, and Chris in 4th.

Between the 3rd and 4th race, in a brief moment of collective inattention friends Jeff Stong and Erik Troelsen had a full-on T-bone crash just before the starting sequence. Suddenly a lot more people were alert and watchful.

The 4th Race brought winds up 18kts with the RC posting a twice-around course. General recall again. Restart put Darrell ahead of Bob at the windward mark. Darrell rounded right, and Bob rounded left, with the breeze still building. Bob got on top of Darrell, caught a puff downwind and planed out to a 100 yd lead. Doug sailed a great beat climbing up to 2nd, followed closely by Roger in 3rd, with Darrell slipping to 4th.

Sunday started with a brilliant blue sky and predictions of 90 degree temps. The fleet got the first race off shortly after 11am with 5 – 6 kts. from the NNW. The twice-around course was beset with shifty and variable winds, resulting in several lead changes between Darrell, Doug, Bob, and Philip Parshley. Darrell and Doug slipped by Philip on the last leg to finish 1st, and 2nd, with Bob slipping to 4th.

Conditions remained nearly the same for the 6th and final race. Jerry Neuburger sailed perfectly in phase with the wind changes, opening a huge lead and disappearing from view. Darrell easily covered the fleet for 2nd place and winning the Regatta, while Bob prevailed in a tacking duel on the last leg with Philip for 3rd place, allowing Chris to slip into 4th place behind Bob.

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