

10th Annual Wild Oyster Regatta

Carolina Yacht Club

Charleston, SC

October 16-18, 2020

By: Phunktown – Pop. 3 – Josh Putnam, Stanton Bost, Emory Williams

Wild Oyster 2020 was a great entry back into Lightning sailing! As always Carolina Yacht Club put on a great event, even in these interesting times. Wild Oyster has always been a favorite regatta of ours. Lenny Krawcheck, regatta chair and Kate O'Donnell, CYC Sailing Director, did a wonderful job with the event, giving the class another great regatta. The top-notch racing and hospitality is second to none. If you have access to a Lightning, you need to come to Wild Oyster. It is an awesome time, both in the parking lot and on the water, surrounded by friends and fun!

The conditions were great, we started out Saturday morning with stiff cool NE-ish breeze, but it settled into a nice, gusty 12-18 with some big blasts coming down the course. Big tides this weekend made for ripping current and intense chop on the harbor Saturday. Walking the parking lot Saturday afternoon, you could see there had been some carnage on the course earlier that day. The elements made for some gnarly capsizes, breakdowns, and blow-ups, us included, with a boom vang block exploding in race 2! Sunday the wind had diminished to 6-10 knots of shifty breeze, but race committee got the necessary races in to complete the series. A big thanks to the race committee team for keeping up with the constantly changing conditions and putting on a great regatta.

People had asked about our setup this weekend, we used North Sails, M5 Main and M5A+ Jib. After a two-year racing hiatus, we were a little rusty, and these new sails definitely made the difference. Big shout out to Brian Hayes, for all his assistance with setup and tuning, as well as, answering a million questions. Our strategy going into this regatta was to be conservative on the starts (especially with the big ebb tides) and sail our own race. We tried to keep clean lanes, sail to the breeze and keep the "bow down and rumbling". Saturday afternoon we left the dock, setup for medium breeze and immediately changed to the heavy air setting before the first race. Sunday, we started at medium and shifted to the light setting as the wind diminished throughout the afternoon. This weekend, our backstay and traveler were an integral part of our transition through these conditions. Fortunately, our team has sailed in the Lightning for some years now, and we are great friends. No matter what the conditions, our communication is fluid, and we know what to expect from one another. This pays big in the breezy events; and it also makes for a lot of fun!

We were excited to be sailing again and cannot wait to see everyone again at the next event. The Wild Oyster is always a fantastic regatta, I hope everyone can come next year and experience what fall sailing in the Holy City has to offer!

A special thank you to Priscilla Parker for taking some [fantastic photos](#) Click on the link to see more!



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Pos	Sail	Boat	Skipper	Yacht Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total	
1	14045	Phunktown - Pop. 3	Josh Putnam	Stanton Bost, Emory Williams	Augusta Sailing Club	5	[6]	3	3	3	4	18
2	15181		Jo Ann Fisher	Greg Fisher, Stefan Kuehn	James Island YC	1	3	4	[15]	9	5	22
3	15315	Lil Boat	Brian Hayes Jr.	Chris Schon, Jackie Morrison	Cedar Point YC	6	4	[15]	5	4	8	27
4	14684	Rum Front	Ezra Zankel	Scott Weller, Kate Weller	Charleston YC	2	2	12	6	10	[20]	32T
5	15147	Blue Weenie	Ryan Davidson	Sean Hannigan, Jordan Wiggins	Balboa YC / Co-CYC/ Cofc	7	5	9	4	7	[19]	32T
6	15557	Pretty Girl	Leonard Krawheck	Beau Samuelson, Kate O'Donnell	Carolina YC	10	15	2	[18]	1	12	40T
7	15605	Soul Sister III	John Sawyer	Rebecca Sawyer, Dan Morton	CYC NC	[17]	12	7	8	12	1	40T
8	14748	Gen5	Jeff Hayden	Mitch Powell, Hannah Sellers	Lake Monroe Sailing Assn	3	[32/ DNC]	32/ DNC	1	2	3	41T
9	15582	Half Duma	Tanner Probst	Jacob Folds, Joseph Tomczak	Buffalo Canoe Club	9	1	10	14	[17]	7	41T
10	15382	Deez NutZ	Robbie Robinson	Gunnar Grenauer, Garrett Grenauer	Buffalo Canoe Club	4	9	8	10	13	[16]	44
11	14636		Drew Lisicki	Amy Kubie, David Furst		12	10	[14]	12	6	13	53
12	1475	Square Grouper	Batton Kennon	Megan Riddle, Ryan Smoker	Delta Sailing Assn	19	7	6	[21]	8	15	55
13	14777	I'd Rather Be Lucky	Laura Jeffers	Mike Mergenthaler, John Porter/ Jamie Ewing	ILCA	[18]	14	5	2	18	18	57
14	13897	Spyder Pig	Andrew Bercovici	Jeff Woodard, Jack Gower	JIYC	11	8	1	16	22	[23]	58
15	14701		Patrick Hogan	Will Sloger, Katie Hogan	Carolina YC	[32/ RET]	13	13	11	16	6	59
16	14975	Green Wing	Carter Cameron	John Cameron, harlie Lomax	Carolina YC	13	21	[32/ DNC]	13	11	2	60
17	15345	Lunch Meat	Scott Harris	Chip Till, James Harris	Carolina YC-NC	8	[32/ DNC]	32/ DNC	7	5	11	63
18	15381	Cobra Kai	Ron Medlin	Rick Scott, Alize Proisy	CYC-NC	14	11	11	17	14	[21]	67
19	15141	Figjam	William McKenzie	Catie Yeager, Katie Mallory	CYC-SC	16	16	17	[19]	15	10	74
20	14866	Something Good	Bill Mauk	Rafael Melendez, Sarah Deloach	Coral Reef YC	[32/ RET]	18	19	9	19	22	87
21	14710	Royal Pig	Ryan Hamm	James Roe, Sydney Register	ChYC JIYC	[32/ RET]	19	16	20	23	14	92T
22	14780		Carson Shaw	Jeffrey Woodard, Mason Baird, Owen McKenzie	James Island YC	20	17	18	[23]	20	17	92T
23	15580	Clair De Lune	William Baxter	Richard Hall, Niles Grosvenor	Delta Sailing Assn	22	20	20	22	[24]	9	93
24	14044	RWS	Patrick Chisum	Konstantin Bulgakov, Sarah Schail Colarusso	JIYC	23	22	[32/ DNC]	25	25	25	120
25	14688		William Jones	Chris Calhoun, Corrine Kent	YIYC	24	[32/ DNC]	32/ DNC	24	21	24	125
26	15600	Cacique	George Scarborough	Elizabeth Hundt, Edward Scarborough	Carolina YC	15	[32/ RET-AF]	32/ DNC	32/ DNC	32/ DNC	32/ DNC	143
27	15555	Winspear	Richard Hallagan	John Steiner, Gary Schmidt	Canandaigua YC/ none	21	[32/ DNC]	32/ DNC	32/ DNC	32/ DNC	32/ DNC	149
28	15377	Mr Pinky	George Glenn	Chappy Hopkin, John Faus	Ocean City YC	[32/ RET]	32/DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	160T
28	14116	Crazy Horse	Briggs Monteith		Public boat landing shelter#3	[32/ DNC]	32/DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	160T
28	14875	Old Duma	Benjamin Folds	Josh Folds, James Bright	Buffalo Canoe Club	[32/ DNC]	32/DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	160T
28	15507	Veggie Sub	Ched Proctor	Monica Morgan, Greiner Hobbs	Cedar Point YC	[32/ DNC]	32/DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	160T