

US Sailing's 2018 Chubb U.S. Junior Sailing Championship for the Sears (Triple Handed) Trophy

North Cape Yacht Club | August 06-10, 2018 - Sailed in Lightnings

Pos	Sail	Skipper	Crew	Crew	Yacht Club	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Race 8	Race 9	Race 10	Race 11	Total
1	9	Douglas Wake	Ashley English	Noah Bartelt	Sheboygan Youth Sailing Center	2	3	1	1	2	[7]	1	1	3	1	1	16
2	4	Cameron Feves	Christopher Salas	Justin Zmina	Cabrillo Beach YC	1	[12/DNF]	2	2	1	6/ARB	7	7	5	4	8	43
3	1	Grant Gridley	Christopher (Kit) Stoll	Kieran Banyard	Willamette Sailing Club/ SEATTLE Edgewater Yacht Club/ Gross Isle YC	3	[12/DNF]	7	4	4	1	5	2	4	7	9	46T
4	10	Jack Vanderhorst	Annika Vanderhorst	Meghan Dieball	Richmond Yacht Club	[8]	8	4	7	7	5	2	3	2	3	5	46T
5	6	Owen Lahr	Connell Phillipps	Nick Nash	Austin Yacht Club	4	6	3	8	[11]	4	3	5	10	2	6	51
6	7	Lucy Brock	Julius Heitkoetter	Taylor Snyder	James Island Yacht Club	6	5	5	[9]	3	9	6	4	6	6	2	52
7	8	Joey Chomyn	Britton Durst	Megan Fetterley	Wianno YC	7	4	[9]	3	6	8	4	8	1	5	7	53
8	11	Francis Selldorff/	Nat Edmonds	Timothy Hibben	Cooper River Yacht Club/ Avvalon Yacht Club	[12/OCS]	2	11	5	5	6	10	9	11	9	4	72
9	5	Zachary York/	Conner Schiela	Patrick York	Waikiki Yacht Club/ Hawaii Yacht Club	9	7	8	10	9	11	[12/OCS]	6	7	10	3	80
10	3	Gabriel El Hajji/	Adeline Ruiz	Ryan Murray	The Waterfront Center	5	[12/DNF]	10	6	10	2	9	11	9	8	11	81
11	2	Richard Kertatos/	William Centeno	Jack Farrell		10	1	6	[11]	8	10	8	10	8	11	10	82





Lightning sailors perform at US Sailings Youth Triple Handed Sears Cup! Congratulations to Doug Wake, Ashley English and Noah Bartelt (Photo Left) for winning the regatta by a 27 point margin! Tied for third is Jack Vanderhorst, Annika Vanderhorst and Meghan Dieball (Photo Right).

Great job representing the Class in this prestigious competition!

A special Thank You to the Fleet 42, the North Cape YC and the MI District Sailors for organizing boats and sails.



2018 US Sailing Junior Championship – Sears Cup Team Wake

In the third week of July, US Sailing Area K held its annual qualifier regatta for the US Junior Championships in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. This is my team's home club, and we were thrilled to sail Sonars to attempt to qualify for the Sears Cup, a nearly 100-year-old competition to select America's top youth 3-handed sailing team.

After qualifying our team for the 2018 Sears Cup, our team wasn't quite sure where to go. We knew that we wanted to move onto the national finals but were not sure how. We had anticipated a large entry fee, but when an even more substantial charter fee was thrown our way, we turned to Lake Michigan Sail Racing Federation for help. And, we are so thankful for the generous grant that we received; this truly made our regatta possible.

The championship was to be held in Lightnings, with teams swapping boats to equalize the playing field.

We came to North Cape Yacht Club, the host, shortly after a third-place finish at the Lightning Junior North American Championship. Upon our arrival at NCYC, we checked in and were introduced to our host family and "regatta mom". We cannot thank the Flory family enough for their hospitality in housing us for this regatta.

Tuesday, the second day of the regatta, was a clinic day. We worked with Cappy Capper and 2008 Olympic gold medalist Anna Tunnicliffe to hone our Lightning skills and become familiar with the race area. We sailed a practice race, and I unfortunately had redress hearings for the entire evening, even before the regatta started! We were feeling confident heading into the first day but knew that we had to watch out for 2017 Sears Cup Champions team Feves, as they were the incoming regatta favorites.

Wednesday was the first day of championship racing, and we were greeted by a light 4-7 knots of Westerly wind as the day opened. Team Feves won the first race and we finished a close second. In race two, the wind died and shifted hard left at the start. We tacked, played the left side, and finished third in the race, while Feves did not finish within the time limit. In race three, we followed Feves around the first windward mark, but eventually made our move on the second beat to pass the regatta leaders and gain the overall lead! After day 1, we held a 7-point advantage over the second-place team.

The second day of racing saw slightly more breeze and a build throughout the day. We won race one after a close battle, and again made our move on the second beat to claim the victory. Race two was not quite as strong, as we had a slow start. But, we gradually moved up to second place and finished in that position. The third race of the day ended up being our drop race from the series. We had a slow start, played the first beat poorly, and ended up in a tacking duel with team Feves. But, as the breeze built, we bounced back and took resounding wins in the fourth and fifth races of the day! With only three races left, we carried a 15-point advantage over two teams tied for second before the final day.

We knew that in the final day of racing, we only needed two fifth place finishes to clinch the regatta, even if a second place team won all three of the scheduled races. We started the first race of the day towards the pin and worked our way up a beat, finding a few unfavorable shifts. We rounded the windward mark, much to our surprise, in front of both of the teams that could still catch us, and in third place. We held this position for the rest of the race, finishing third with the teams that were chasing us in fourth and fifth. At this point, we had clinched the regatta as long as we did not incur "letter" scores in the final two races. We definitely did not do that, as we won race two of the day by over a minute, and won the final race to secure our Sears Cup victory!

It has been quite a long time since a team from Lake Michigan has won the Sears Cup, and we are proud to hopefully start a trend of talented and motivated youth sailors outside of 420s and Lasers, who want to stretch their boundaries and move into Sears boats.

Again, we want to express our gratitude to LMSRF, Sheboygan Yacht Club, Sheboygan Youth Sailing, the Flory family, North Cape YC, the Lightning community and everyone who has helped us become national champions. We hope that we have made you all proud!

[History and previous winners of the Sears Cup](#)