

Women's North American Championship

Pontiac Yacht Club/Fleet 54

August 3-5, 2018

Place	Sail #	Bow #	Skipper	Crew	Crew	Yacht Club	First Time	8/3/2018		8/5/2018				Drop	Total points
								Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6		
1	14572/50	86	Katie Eagan	Jody Starck	Bergen Swanson	Buffalo Canoe Club	Yes	1	1	5	1	2	3	5	8
2	14730	81	Laura Jeffers	Johanna Schon	Theresa Colantuono/ Becky Starck		No	2	2	3	2	11	2	11	11
3	15508	84	Lorrie Walsh	Tina Corness	Jean Evans	Temple Reef Sailing C	No	5	3	1	3	11	1	11	13
4	15251	87	Addie Perez	Katherine Starck	Debbie Probst	BCC	Yes	3	5	2	6	1	4	6	15
5	15048	85	Bonnie Nickels	Ruth Lyons	Tracy McClure		No	4	4	6	4	11	5	11	23
6	14323	88	Jo McGlew	Peggy Menzies	Susanne Denner	Lansing Sailing Club	No	10	6	10	8	3	7	10	34
7	15126	82	Lisa-Marie Lane	Jess Harrington	Kyra Talon	Potomac River Sailing	No	8	10	4	5	11	10	11	37
8	14022	80	Kaylin Froeschle	Maureen Kadleck	Jaime Vanderhovel	Bay City	Yes	7	7	8	10	11	6	11	38
9	15125	83	Sam Swartzmiller	Alli Harris	Anna Harris		Yes	6	9	9	7	11	8	11	39
10	14937	89	Jennifer Princing	Hannah Monville	Jenna Princing	Bay City Yacht Club	No	9	8	7	9	11	9	11	42

On the Water Photos by Jim Allen: <https://photos.jimsboathouse.com/Lightning-WJM-2018-PYC>

Award and on land photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/125154754@N06/albums/72157699598640004>

Day 1 Video Recap by Bryan Burke: <https://www.facebook.com/IntLightning/videos/10155330067181572/>



Report by: Katie Eagan

I want to start by saying thank you to all of the volunteers, the organizers, and to everyone who made the 2018 WJM North Americans possible. It was my first experience with a major Lightning regatta and I certainly wasn't expecting to win. It goes without saying that it went better than I could have imagined.

Generally, I am a fairly shy and quiet person, so I was naturally nervous going into this. That being said, I was incredibly fortunate to have been asked to sail with Jody Starck. Jody immediately put me at ease, and I am forever grateful for this opportunity.

For the first two days of the regatta, there was a minimal amount of wind. So, we spent a lot of time on land. It was a bummer that we weren't getting lots of races in on those days, however, Pontiac Yacht Club was prepared. Wherever you looked you could see groups of kids having fun. Whether it was spikeball, corn hole, water volleyball, or swimming, everyone was having a blast.

Pontiac Yacht Club also did an amazing job by providing sailors with everything that we needed. We were thrilled by all of the delicious meals, the never ending table of snacks, and the seemingly bottomless freezer of ice cream.

Though there were tough sailing conditions, the race committee did a phenomenal job of running as many races as possible. The first day, we got 2 races in. The second day, the committee was wise enough to call races off, and the third day we had a nice breeze and were able to sail 4 races.

It was a privilege for me to sail at such a high level of competition. Thank you to all of my competitors. I am a better sailor today as a result of this regatta and the skilled female sailors in my fleet.

One of the sailors that I look up to most was beside me throughout the regatta. Sailing with Jody Starck was the opportunity of a lifetime. I learned an enormous amount over a short weekend and I can truly say that I am 10x more confident in a Lightning. It was also a privilege to sail with Jody's niece, Bergen Swanson. It was also Bergen's first major regatta and I know that she learned as much as I did.

Lastly, I want to say thank you. Thank you to Jody and Bergen for sailing with me. Thank you to the race committee for running an excellent regatta. Thank you to PYC for hosting such an amazing event. Thank you to my competitors for the opportunity to sail against you. Thank you to my parents for your continuous support. Thank you to Jody and to all of the coaches who have taught me over the years. Finally, thank you to David and Jody for giving me this opportunity. Thank you!

