

Pennsylvania Governors Cup
Susquehanna Yacht Club – Fleet 253
Wrightsville, Pennsylvania
October 1–2, 2016

Pos	Sail#	Skipper	Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	TOTAL
1	15240	Steve Constants	Mike Constants, Dave Constants	4	5	1	3	13
2	15336	Trevor Prior	Daniel Rau, Luke Corish	3	3	6	4	16
3	15536	Justin Coplan	Danielle Prior, Petrikas	1	2	8	10	21
4	15205	Bob Wardwell	Mel Keen, Adam Wolnikowski	5	7	4	5	21
5	15131	Pat Phelan	Jen Adams, Mike Maygar, and Rob Pheris	8	10	3	1	22
6	14902	Carol Park	Jim Godfrey, Sharon Slieker-Jay	7	1	7	7	22
7	14890	Mary Keppel	Bob Keppel, Gary Hoffer	2	13	10	2	27
8	15200	Kyle Hanson	Gordon Black, Will	6	8	2	11	27
9	15257	Joan Hurban	Gary Hurban, Barb Hill	9	4	5	9	27
10	15055	Hugh Hutchison	Marc Venables, Cecile Steinriede	10	6	9	12	37
11	15084	Joe Buczkowski	Zach Buczkowski, Maddie Madore	14	9	12	8	43
12	15126	Jim Lane	Lisa-Marie Lane & Bob Gotthardt	13	12	14	6	45
13	14525	John Bates	Lou Matalon, Steve Hahn	11	11	11	17	50
14	14156	Kevin Smith	Kathie Wild, Kelly Leckemby	12	14	16	13	55
15	14808	Rick Kinder	Linda H., Gil Fitzhugh	15	15	15	16	61
16	2033	Albert Paxson	John Paxson, Hodge Shienk	18	16	13	15	62
17	14365	Ken Kuzdro	Amy Matula, Karen Hurd & Charlie D.	16	17	17	14	64
18	15296	Chris Gibbons	Karl Karpa, Bryan Hungarter	17	18	18	18	71

Four races and four different winners ... that speaks to the depth of experience and talent that competed on the Susquehanna River recently.

The Susquehanna Yacht Club's Lightning Fleet 253 hosted the Pennsylvania Governor's Cup Regatta October 1st and 2nd for 18 Lightnings that came from 5 different States (NY, NJ, PA, MD, and VA) to race on Lake Clarke on the Susquehanna River.

Winds were from the East but with swings. Several lead changes occurred while the wind provided advantages on the left, right, and center. The first race had a clear winner, Justin Coplan's team dominated. Some of you will recall that Justin and Danielle Prior represented the USA in last years' Pan Am Games, finishing with Silver. (Thanks for coming to the PA Gov Cup!)

At the start of the second race a different wind whispered to a local; Carol Park's Team took advantage of it and held the lead from start to finish. Team Coplan/Prior/Petrikas came in a close 2nd and looked to be well on the way to defending the Cup. The other Prior on the race course, Trevor, finished 3rd with his long-time crew Daniel Rau and a newcomer, Luke Corish.

The 3rd race had diminishing wind strength but several Teams kept their boats moving fast. The Constants brothers were closely followed by two Havre de Grace Teams: Kyle Hanson and Pat Phelan.

What became the final race of the regatta probably had the most lead changes. At the 1st mark Carol Park had a ½ boat lead over her twin sister, Mary Keppel. Team Constants had a quick spinnaker set to move into 1st. During the final leg Team Keppel took the lead only to get blindsided by fluky conditions that Pat Phalen took advantage of to quickly move from 4th and finish 1st.

The first 3 races actually had good wind strength. And the wind directional changes kept it challenging. Overall one boat figured out how to stay ahead better than the others, congratulations to Steve, Mike, and Dave Constants from the Annapolis Maryland Fleet. Just three points behind was Trevor Prior with crew Daniel and Luke. Trevor has family bragging rights (at least until the next regatta) over his daughter and Justin Coplan, who finished 3rd overall. Bob Wardwell and Pat Phalen finished in 4th and 5th. Way to go!

A BIG thank you to everyone that participated and to the Race Committee.
And a BIG shout out to the EIGHT Lightnings from Fleet 253 that raced this year!!!

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Park
Fleet Captain, Lightning Fleet 253

