2019 Hampton Fall Fling

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Hampton, VA

By - Joe Buczkowski

The Hampton Fall Fling was another success this year with 27 boats across fleets of Lightnings, Vipers, 505's, Sonars and J-24's with the Lightnings leading the charge with 8 boats. The RC did a great job in challenging conditions over the 2 days as the big current and shifting winds kept everyone thinking hard and crew moving a lot in the boats. However, the bright sun and warm weather in the low 60's made November sailing pleasant!

Day 1 brought a challenging north easterly breeze in the 5-8 kt range with some gusts higher and an incoming tide making upwind a challenge. We did get 3 races completed that had all the skippers mentally worn but that was over-come by the great oyster roast in the evening. For those who have not been to Hampton a local family hosts an oyster roast in a "block party style" no charge, just bring your own beverage of choice and it is so much fun.

Sunday came with slightly cooler weather but still the bright sun in the sky giving an overall nice day. Wind was more challenging as the 15 kt breeze never materialized and the north wind went west and back north then back west causing a significant delay between races one and two on the day. IN another great decision by the RC after the wind shifted significantly before our start a postponement went up while we waited for the wind to settle in. Again, it was a challenging day with patience being key.

In the end Kayla showed us all how to get the job done and I was excited to see she and her team make the trek to Hampton from up north. I hope it was as great experience that it becomes a yearly event! My thanks to Ed Lane and Zach Buczkowski as they put up with me and kept the boat going in very tough situations for us to take second. And as always, my applause to Mike Darrah and his wife Angie on tying for 3rd with Jim Alman. They make all these regattas with a young daughter (Josie) and always able to find a babysitter and make it work. I may not remember all the challenges of having a toddler but I do remember it being tough and they have it more as Dina is not a sailor! In conclusion a big thanks to all the sailors that came, to the Hampton Yacht Club and the RC for the efforts they put into this event. Without all the volunteers this regatta would not have been a success. We look forward to hosting future events and seeing more teams come and enjoy our hospitality. See you on the water soon! – Joe

	Sail	Boat	Skipper	Yacht Club	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	Total	Pos
1	15522	High Maintenance	Kayla Neuman	Riverton YC/ Brant Beach YC	1	1	1	[3]	2	5	1
2	15084	IRIE	Joe Buczkowski	Hampton YC	2	2	2	2	[5]	8	2
3	15208	Bubbles	Jim Alman	RDYC	5/TLE	[6]	3	4	1	13T	3
4	15259	Humuhumunukunukuapua'a	Michael Darrah	PRSA	4	4	[6]	1	4	13T	4
5	15498	Heavy Boat	Trevor Prior	Susquehanna	3	3	5	[8]	3	14	5
6	15257	HERS	Joan Hurban	SSA	5/TLE	5	4	[6]	6	20	6
7	15315	Here We R	William Cabrall	Severn Sailing Association	5/TLE	7	7	5	[8]	24	7
8	15126	As You Wish	Lisa-Marie Lane	PRSA	5/TLE	[8]	8	7	7	27	8









Top Left: Team Neuman,
Right, Team Buczkowski.
Middle Left: Team Darrah,
Right, Oyster Roast
Bottom: Group Picture!

