

Six 4.7's, 24 Standard rigs and 43 radials gathered at the US Sailing Center Martin County in Jensen beach for this year's District 13 Championships. We were treated to some nice breeze both days. Saturday featured 5 half hour races in a warm southeasterly up to 18 kts that was slowly wanting to veer around to the west as the day progressed. Sunday the forecast front materialized but we were able to complete 4 more races. Thunder threatened but never delivered and the frontal wind shift was between races, although I would have preferred it about 20 minutes earlier when I played the right, looking for it during the final beat. The race committee mixed it up with triangles on Saturday in the more consistent breeze and windward-leewards on Sunday.

The 4.7 fleet was small but filled with very competent young sailors who did a decent job of starting with the Standard rigs and holding their own, especially in the higher winds. The 4.7's also finished with the Standards as they went to a shorter leeward mark. Gage Wilson from Edison Sailing Center swept this fleet with 7 bullets and two seconds. Louisa Nordstrom of Team FOR picked up second place with Abby Naughton, visiting from chilly Massachusetts, in third.

Several fast guys from out of town showed up to put us local Masters in our place, who can get kind of uppity in the summertime when we just race each other. Robert Davis from Kingston Ontario won the Standard class with 6 bullets in 9 races. Chris Barnard from Newport Beach CA finished second, with Luke Muller of Lauderdale YC (US Nationals winner in Santa Cruz) one point behind in third. Eric Bowers (Minnetonka YC) rounded out the top four, while Buzzy Heausler finished 6th and was the top Master sailor. The fleet finished pretty close, especially on Sunday with more moderate winds. Shifts on Sunday were a bit tricky.

The Radial fleet was a good size and had their own start. Claire Dennis (St Francis YC, CA) is training in Florida all winter and almost won the event but Addison Hackstaff from St Pete edged her out by one point for first place. Girls still rule, though, especially in the Radial class. St Pete has a strong team in the Radials with Patrick Shanahan finishing in 3rd and Nic Baird in 7th out of a 43-boat fleet. The Lauderdale YC Laser program was also well-represented with James Pulsford in 6th, Paul Streater in 9th and Dana Rohde in 10th.

A huge shout-out to Alan Jenkinson, Campbell Rich, John Hansen, John Fox Carl Schellbach and the rest of the crew at US Sailing Center Martin County for hosting a great event.

-Michelle Davis, D13 secretary

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