

2013 Rock Hall RC Laser Regatta Results
September 14, 2013

The annual Fall Rock Hall Regatta was dealt a spectacular Chesapeake late summer day. Temps in the 70's, blue skies and a northerly that stayed in one place the entire day. Regatta Chairmen, Tom Lippincott and Chip Lieber, of the host Rock Hall Fleet, were able to sail thanks to the RC management by Joe and Amy Manley who ran the show. They did a great job keeping the day rolling along. Eleven skippers came from four different fleets including Hank Buchanan, who drove down from New York City to be with us. Rock Hall Yacht Club has been a host for the North American RC Laser Championship a few years back and a great facility to host many regattas, large boats or small, over the course of their sailing season.

Tom Lippincott set up the course, a windward leeward, that keep us hopping to select the right sail, an A or B. Skippers raced off the dock, dodging a large snake at the edge, to quickly change sails to match the wind velocity of the moment. The windward mark was a little frustrating as the wind from the cove played with us all day. Most of the day was spent in A sails but the sleigh ride on the way to the leeward mark was wrought with occasional nose dives and lurches left or right as our boat reacted on its own to recover.

Oxford's Don Barker won the day with consistent sailing and seven firsts over the fourteen fleet races sailed. Second went to West Jersey's Rob Lippincott, three points behind Don. Rob won three races himself. Third overall went to Hank Buchanan, who won a race as well. The other race firsts went to Jim Flach, who won two and Dave Branning, who won the last race. The fleet welcomed John Wagner, racing his RC Laser for the first time and David Manley, his first regatta and he was the regatta junior winner.

The Results over 14 races with 2 throw outs:

Don Barker	29
Rob Seidelmann	32
Hank Buchanan	42
Dave Branning	47
Tom Lippincott	54
Jim Flach	60
Victor Oberg	61
Skip Lippincott	72
Chip Lieber	94
David Manley	99
John Wagner	122