

**Eastern C Scow Regatta June 13th & 14th
Lake Chautauqua, NY**

The best way to describe the Eastern C Scow Championship at Lake Chautauqua, NY was paradise! The regatta is run out of the famous Chautauqua Institute, which is a very special place indeed. The charming community on the west side of the lake in itself makes this a beautiful place to go. Throw in a gorgeous lake, a great Race Committee team, perfect weather, good friends and food, and this was easily one of the best regatta's of the year.

Jeff Butzer was the PRO and he ran beautiful big race courses with very square starting lines. A great testament to this was race four when LF-1 started next to the boat, and Stuart Strother started off the leeward end and both boats were one and two at the first mark! Mike Minor helped Jeff on the signal boat. The gate mark boat was run by Bill Karlake and Tom Rowe. The top mark boat was manned by Gary Snyder, and Blair Cathcart.

The Kitchen team was headed up by Regatta Mom and Dad, Stuart and Dawn Strother. Dave Beeson and Carol Minnerly helped open and close the YAC, and were assisted by Dave's daughter Janet Beeson. Jeff Holyrod ordered the cold Molsons.

Registration was handled by Page Woodbury and Sam Hazen. Laura Damon was in charge of housing. Great thanks to all the Chautauqua folks for once again taking us into their homes and making us feel like family. This group throws a great regatta! Special thanks to anyone else I am sure I have forgotten to mention.

Race One: Wind NNE 6 to 10 mph. W2 downwind finish. Leg length 1.8 miles. LF-1 got a nice midline start and worked the right middle to take the lead around mark number one flowed closely by the Team of Stuart Strother and Dave Beeson. Next around was team Walborn, with father son team of Glen and Alan.

Downwind Strother and Walborn stayed real close and the three boats were very tight around the bottom mark. Upwind the leaders worked the left as the wind and the buoy had moved to the left. Walborn and Strother did a better job of handling the now building breeze and worked out from under LF-1. Glen beat Strother to the lay line and took the lead around the top. LF-1 was third followed by Steve Viehe who had been nipping on the top three boats heels the whole race.

Walborn sailed a great downwind and held off Strother for the win. LF-1 was next followed by Viehe and Tad Newell.

Race Two: Wind NNW 6 to 12 mph, W2+, Leg length 1.5 miles. This race turned into the Stuart Strother and Tom Hubbel show. Tom Hubbel the VP of US Sailing got the lead early in this one. Stuart was a close second. The two boats had a personal battle at the front of the fleet. Tom doggedly stayed with Stuart covering him where ever Stuart went. On the last beat both boats were working the right middle. LF-1 had rallied to third with Glen Walborn getting closer all the time in fourth. LF-1 tried to take advantage of the battle between the lead boats and split left. Stuart tacked to block this move and Hubbel stayed right with him. Glen worked hard right to try and take advantage. Seeing Glen hard right and with no way to pass the leaders left, LF-1 worked back right and tacked to leeward of Glen. Stuart continued a loose cover and Hubbel stayed right with him. Glen tacked back

to the right and LF-1 followed trying to split with the leader's right, and contain Glen. This time the leaders stayed in the middle. Glen came back and LF-1 tacked to cover and set up on the right lay line for the finish. It was not enough. Hubbel won a hard fought race, with Stuart getting another solid second. LF-1 finished just in front of the Walborn team, with Vince Ugoletti rounding out the top five. The fleet broke for lunch with Stuart leading with 4 points, followed by the Walborns with five and LF-1 with six points.

Race Three: W 3+. Wind: NNW 7 to 14 mph. Leg Length, 1.1 miles. Stuart Strother and Dave DeLancy got the early jump in this race. On the second beat LF-1 worked through DeLancy to round second behind Strother. All three boats were very close heading downhill. LF-1 was forced high to block DeLancy, and found a funnel of air and worked ahead of Stuart. This funnel continued and allowed LF-1 to open a small lead around the bottom. Now it was LF-1 turn to cover. Unsure of the correct side to sail as both left and right had paid in this one, LF-1 stayed between Stuart and the mark. Stuart worked to get DeLancy through LF-1 and make them pay for covering. Near the top DeLancy crossed ahead of Stuart and had a chance to cross behind LF-1 and take over the right side of the course. The wind fizzled and DeLancy tacked below LF-1, but on top of Stuart.

This allowed LF-1 some breathing room rounding the mark in a big breeze with the lead. Able to plane off in the breeze LF-1 stretched out the lead downhill. Stuart worked ahead of DeLancy on the run to take over second. The last beat the three boats worked the left side and the wind was building. LF-1 downwind gap proved to much to make up on the beat, and a big battle for second was now engaged. Stuart covered well and held on for his third straight second ahead of DeLancy. Tom Hubbel followed up his second race bullet with a nice fourth, followed by Steve Viehe.

The Strother-Beeson team ended Saturday with three 2nds and were not beat by the same boat twice. They led the regatta with six points. LF-1 was next with seven points. The Hubbel-Emhardt team was third with twelve points, followed by team Walborn with thirteen points. Rounding out the top five was the Viehe-Miller boat with seventeen points.

Sunday dawned with light blowing from the south, with a forecast of NW at 10 mph and below. It did not look good. Finally around 10:00 am some light North breeze began to fill down the lake. By 11:00 am the race was getting started in a light four to eight mph breeze.

Race four: W 2 +, Wind 4 to 8 mph, NNE. Leg length 0.9. The battle for the overall lead of the regatta started right away in this one. Strother and Beeson got a good clean start off the leeward end, while Team Craig won the start next to the boat. Both boats worked towards the left. Strother tacked on the lay line while LF-1 was force to tack leeward and below, but several boat lengths forward of Strother. As the big left hander filled in LF-1 lifted up to the lay line and beat Strother around the first mark.

Downwind both boats gybed early. LF-1 was lower and had good speed and was able to open a nice gap on Strother, who had opened a big gap on the rest of the fleet. On the second beat, LF-1 rounded the west gate and went hard left. Strother rounded the east gate and went hard right. The left paid big. LF-1 had a big gap

and would not be caught. Strother posted his fourth straight second and was now tied with LF-1 for the lead, but LF-1 had the tie breaker. Vince Ugoletti sailed a solid race for third, followed by Team Digel in fourth. Tom Hubbel continued his strong regatta with a fifth.

Race Five: W 2 +, wind NNE 4 to 8 mph. Both Strother and LF-1 came off the leeward end. LF-1 was above and had Stuart pinned below, with Dick Karslake sailing in front of Strother and below. On the right side Bill DeCoste had a great start and was looking real hot on the right. Team Digel worked the right middle and was also in good shape. LF-1 took Stuart out near the left lay and tacked. Digel cleared in front of LF-1 sailed a couple boat lengths and tacked. He then did a 720 for an earlier tangle with Dave DeLancy. Bill DeCoste tacked to leeward of LF-1. The breeze freshened some on the left lay line and LF-1 again hooked to the lay line and rounded just ahead of DeCoste. Strother was next around in third. Around the offset Strother gybed first, followed quickly by LF-1. The wind now swung hard NE and both boats were broad reaching towards the bottom mark. The wind fizzled some with the shift and LF-1 worked into a large gap. DeCoste managed to battle back from leeward and beat Stuart around the bottom mark. All three boats rounded the east gate and tacked to take advantage of the NE shift. LF-1 continued to stretch out the lead. Strother worked into second, but it was too late. LF-1 rounded the top mark with a big gap and stretched it out downwind and would not be caught. Stuart had worked well ahead of the fleet and nailed down his fifth straight second place finish. Team Walborn battled back from deep for a third, while Tom Hubbel scored another top five with a fourth. Dave DeLancy rounded out the top five in this one.

The two Sunday bullets moved LF-1 into a one point victory over Strother and Beeson who had ten points. Tom Hubbel sailed a solid series for third overall with 21 points. Team Walborn was next with 26 points, followed by Ugoletti and Peterson with 31 points.

It was a great regatta with warm sunshine and great racing. Congrats to Chautauqua for running such a fine regatta. Big thanks to PRO Jeff Butzer for running such a good show! Lastly, thanks again to all the support staff who made sure everyone was taken care of! This is must visit venue!