

2010 Laser Suncoast Regatta II

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International Laser Class Association

Colt Carnevale of Tampa won a hard-fought five-race series to best Buzzy Heausler of Tampa on a tiebreaker in the Laser Suncoast Regatta II held at Davis Island Yacht Club on August 14.

The first race for the 15 competitors was contested in a dying southeasterly, won by the host club's Michael Booker over Heausler and Donna Steele of Sarasota. After a short postponement, the seabreeze filled in, and settled in the 8-10 range for the afternoon.

Principal Race Officer Tom Turton and his team got the second race off quickly in the new wind, as Heausler held off Carnevale for the win, ahead of Eric Robbins, also from Tampa. The third heat saw Heausler, who had swept the Suncoast I Regatta in June, sailing to a solid bullet, besting Carnevale again, with Booker posting a third.

Carnevale and Heausler battled to the finish of the fourth race, with the teen squeezing ahead by a couple of feet. Rob Krentel of Orlando took third. At this point Heausler's string of 2-1-1-2 looked safe, but Carnevale could still win the regatta with a victory in the last race.

Robbins led off the line, but Heausler edged inside at the first mark, with Carnevale close behind in third. When Carnevale got on Heausler's wind, Robbins slid into the lead at the bottom of the WL2 course. Robbins covered Carnevale up the left side of the second beat, but Heausler found a hole and fell back into the pack.

In a light spot, Carnevale, to leeward of Robbins, surged ahead, so Robbins tacked away, but soon came back to attack on starboard. Twice Carnevale tacked directly in front of Robbins, forcing him to tack away before returning to engage again. When Robbins setup on the starboard layline, Carnevale again faced him, but during his tack, Robbins accelerated to get the inside hook and claim room at the mark, regaining the lead.

The teenager eased by the grandmaster on the run, but when he merged in front, Robbins attacked his air and again got an inside overlap. Carnevale expertly held Robbins low, then turned up to break the overlap at just the right time and round in front. Carnevale covered Robbins out to the left on the short last beat, both missing a shift that brought Krentel and Heausler back into the mix.

Robbins, on port, had to duck Krentel about 50 feet below the finish line, and Krentel went for the slam-dunk. Robbins got his bow in front, but Krentel was in control, for the moment. With Heausler converging on starboard, Robbins hailed for room to tack, then shot across the line just in front of Heausler and Krentel, but well behind Carnevale.

Carnevale's win in the final race earned him the tiebreaker over Heausler. Robbins placed third ahead of Krentel and Steele.

The next regatta in the inaugural Laser Suncoast Series will be at Tampa Sailing Squadron on September 11.

Eric Robbins

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	Race	Race	Race	Race	Race	Base	Throw	Final
Place	Sail#	Name	1	2	3	4	5	Pts out Points Prize
1	173	181 Colt Carnevale	8	2	2	1	1	14 -8 6 1

2 181 131 Buzzy Heausler 2 1 1 2 3 9 -3 6 2
3 184 547 Eric Robbins 10 3 4 4 2 23 -10 13 3
4 11 Rob Krentel 5 7 5 3 4 24 -7 17
5 191 968 Donna Steele 3 8 7 5 5 28 -8 20
6 190 301 Michael Booker 1 4 3 dnf dns 40 -16 24
7 191 963 Dave Hillmyer 7 6 9 6 6 34 -9 25
8 180 070 Ethan Laisbury 11 5 8 8 7 39 -11 28
9 155 456 Antolin Rivera 12 9 6 7 9 43 -12 31
10 194 541 Craig Carlson 6 10 10 10 10 46 -10 36
11 173 637 Evan Olson 9 11 11 9 8 48 -11 37
12 158 782 Rob Hunter dnf 12 12 11 12 63 -16 47
13 184 412 Ashley Weed dnf 14 13 12 11 66 -16 50
14 155 199 Lloyd Weed 13 13 14 13 13 66 -14 52
15 167 000 Ian Lineberger 4 dns dns dns dns 68 -16 52