



**2025 Can-Can Regatta**  
**Sullivan's Pond Dartmouth, NS**

### **2025 CanCan Regatta Report**

#### **A Detailed Account of Competition, Camaraderie, and Sharp Sailing**

The gentle ripple of a south west breeze and the crisp morning air set the stage for an exhilarating Soling 1Meter regatta, drawing passionate competitors and avid spectators alike to Sullivan's Pond. This report details the event's proceedings, highlights standout performances, and reflects the spirit that defines this close-knit sailing community.

#### **Event Overview**

The regatta unfolded over a weekend of spirited racing, skillful maneuvering, and unyielding sportsmanship. Hosted by the Halifax Area Model Yacht Club, the event welcomed thirteen participants from Nova Scotia and Ontario, however we had an international flavour with sailors hailing originally from Austria and Finland.

The Soling 1Meter, a popular radio-controlled yacht known for its responsive handling and

classic lines, provided the perfect platform for competitive yet friendly racing. On Friday evening competitors and partners were invited to an informal get together to kick off the weekend at the home of Jim and Silvia Goddard

### **Conditions and Course**

Saturday dawned with an unsteady breeze out of the southeast, sending small patches of wind skittering across the water. Race officers set a windward-leeward course, testing sailors' upwind tactics and downwind agility. Temperatures hovered around 23°C, making for warm conditions, though the variable wind directions in the afternoon kept competitors on their toes.

Sunday brought lighter winds—barely six knots at their peak—and cloudy conditions, introducing another layer of complexity. The course was a repeat of day one, emphasizing mark roundings and starts due to the light air.

### **The Fleet**

The fleet was a mosaic of experience, with seasoned veterans and newcomers eager to make their mark. Boats ranged from meticulously maintained models to newly built kits, each displaying the distinctive Soling 1Meter silhouette. Friendly rivalry flourished onshore, with skippers sharing last-minute tuning tips and stories from past regattas.

### **Day 1: Tight Racing and Early Leaders.**

The first starting sequence began around 9:50, sending the fleet off in a flurry of manoeuvres and anticipation. Early races saw close battles at the windward mark, with shifts creating passing opportunities for the keen-eyed. Consistency proved key—those who started strong and read the pressure lines gained an early advantage.

By midday, the leaderboard began to take shape. Jim Goddard, known for his disciplined tactics, posted a string of top finishes, while Brian Lugar impressed with aggressive starts and close finishes. Close behind, Roland Steindl demonstrated remarkable boat speed, making steady gains in every race.

The breeze strengthened in the late afternoon, requiring quick adjustments in sail trim and strategy. Jim Goddard retired from racing in the early afternoon while experiencing some painful joints.



The first day closed with a social event hosted at the Bedford Basin Yacht Club. Sailors and partners had a choice of main course with most opting for the lobster. Some events of the racing day were recounted though the accuracy of such recollection is suspect.

## Day 2: Shifting Winds and Dramatic Finishes

Sunday's lighter air introduced unpredictability, favoring those who could coax maximum performance from their rigs.

The morning session was marked by frequent lead changes. Races were tightly contested, with several finishes decided by mere boat lengths. Tactical positioning at the start line became even more crucial, as clear air often translated to an early lead.

In the morning Jim Goddard, Roland Steindl, Don McDermaid and Brian McDonah scored multiple top three finishes with others close behind. By afternoon Jim Goddard was again sidelined and Brian Lugar, Roland Steindl, Don McDermaid and Brian McDonah continued to dominate the top finishes.

## Race Results and Standings

After twenty-five races and five discards, the final leaderboard reflected the depth of talent and tenacity in the fleet:

- 1st Place: Roland Steindl – Consistency and cool heads prevailed, with Roland rarely finishing outside the top five. His mastery of shifting conditions and steady nerves under pressure were decisive.

- 2nd Place: Brian Lugar – Steady and consistent sailing thrust Brian to second place.
- 3rd Place: Brian McDonah – Speed and tactical awareness had Brian lurking close to the leaders all weekend, capitalizing on opportunities the conditions provided.
- Honourable Mentions: Don Mcdermaid, Jim Goddard, Gary Bugden and Richard Joules.

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September 6-7 2025

Results are final as of 15:00 on September 7, 2025

Overall

Sailed: 25, Discards: 5, To count: 20, Entries: 13, Scoring system: Appendix A

### Day One

Rank	SailNo	HelmName	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	R13	R14
	815	Roland Steindl	(7.0)	(9.0)	5.0	(10.0)	(8.0)	1.0	3.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	5.0	2.0	1.0
1	959	Brian Lugar	3.0	3.0	4.0	1.0	1.0	(8.0)	2.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	6.0	(9.0)	(11.0)	6.0
	127	Brian McDonah	6.0	6.0	2.0	4.0	5.0	(13.0)	5.0	(10.0)	3.0	(7.0)	1.0	2.0	1.0	5.0
	132	Don McDermaid	(10.0)	5.0	3.0	6.0	(13.0)	(7.0)	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	(9.0)	3.0	6.0	3.0
	544	Jim Goddard	1.0	7.0	1.0	2.0	7.0	3.0	9.0	4.0	5.0	(14.0 DNF)	(14.0 DNS)	(14.0 DNC)	(14.0 DNC)	(14.0 DNC)
	213	Gary Bugden	4.0	2.0	(12.0)	5.0	2.0	4.0	(10.0)	6.0	6.0	(10.0)	3.0	(10.0)	4.0	9.0
	04	Richard Joules	8.0	4.0	(11.0)	3.0	6.0	6.0	4.0	(13.0)	7.0	(11.0)	4.0	1.0	8.0	2.0
	967	Blake Moran	(11.0)	10.0	6.0	(13.0)	4.0	5.0	8.0	2.0	8.0	9.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	4.0
	333	Bob White	5.0	1.0	10.0	7.0	3.0	2.0	6.0	7.0	10.0	5.0	7.0	(12.0)	9.0	10.0
h	102	Dave Cunningham	(13.0)	(13.0)	8.0	9.0	(11.0)	9.0	(12.0)	8.0	9.0	8.0	11.0	11.0	10.0	8.0
h	200	Bill Fioratos	(12.0)	8.0	7.0	11.0	10.0	11.0	11.0	9.0	11.0	4.0	8.0	6.0	7.0	11.0
h	135	Mike McDonah	9.0	(12.0)	(13.0)	8.0	(12.0)	12.0	(14.0 DNF)	12.0	(13.0)	12.0	12.0	8.0	5.0	12.0
h	71	Ben Rusi	2.0	11.0	9.0	12.0	9.0	10.0	7.0	11.0	12.0	6.0	10.0	7.0	12.0	7.0

### Day Two and Final Results

SailNo	HelmName	R15	R16	R17	R18	R19	R20	R21	R22	R23	R24	R25	Total	Nett
815	Roland Steindl	5.0	2.0	2.0	(8.0)	3.0	2.0	4.0	3.0	6.0	3.0	1.0	97.0	55.0
959	Brian Lugar	3.0	3.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	3.0	(11.0)	2.0	(7.0)	3.0	114.0	68.0
127	Brian McDonah	7.0	7.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	(9.0)	1.0	2.0	3.0	5.0	(9.0)	117.0	69.0
132	Don McDermaid	1.0	5.0	5.0	4.0	6.0	1.0	7.0	4.0	(10.0)	2.0	2.0	118.0	69.0
544	Jim Goddard	2.0	1.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	3.0	9.0	1.0	11.0	11.0	14.0 DNC	167.0	97.0
213	Gary Bugden	4.0	4.0	(12.0)	7.0	5.0	6.0	10.0	9.0	1.0	4.0	6.0	155.0	101.0
04	Richard Joules	(10.0)	6.0	7.0	5.0	(12.0)	8.0	2.0	6.0	5.0	6.0	4.0	159.0	102.0
967	Blake Moran	(11.0)	8.0	8.0	(11.0)	9.0	(11.0)	8.0	8.0	9.0	1.0	5.0	181.0	124.0
333	Bob White	6.0	10.0	(11.0)	(12.0)	7.0	7.0	5.0	7.0	7.0	(12.0)	(14.0 DNC)	192.0	131.0
102	Dave Cunningham	(12.0)	9.0	10.0	6.0	8.0	4.0	6.0	5.0	8.0	10.0	8.0	226.0	165.0
200	Bill Fioratos	9.0	11.0	6.0	10.0	10.0	(12.0)	(12.0)	(12.0)	(12.0)	9.0	7.0	236.0	176.0
135	Mike McDonah	8.0	12.0	9.0	9.0	11.0	10.0	11.0	10.0	4.0	8.0	10.0	256.0	192.0
71	Ben Rusi	(14.0 DNC)	(14.0 DNC)	(14.0 DNC)	(14.0 DNC)	(14.0 DNC)	14.0 DNC	14.0 DNC	14.0 DNC	14.0 DNC	14.0 DNC	14.0 DNC	279.0	209.0

### Reflections and Looking Forward

The 2025 CanCan Regatta was more than a contest of skill—it was a celebration of camaraderie, and the enduring appeal of radio-controlled sailing. Skippers left the pond with new stories, new friendships, and a renewed appreciation for their craft. Of course none of the is possible without the hard work of the race committee, many thanks to Sarah and Marc.

Discussions are underway on the future of the event, with organizers soliciting feedback to enhance the racing experience and broaden participation. As the sun set on another successful regatta, we can expect great things for the seasons to come.



Report by Jim Goddard