

## 2019 Star 45 National Championship Regatta - Nov. 2-3, 2019

Star 45 skippers traveled to Naples, FL from seven states to see David Ramos of Stevensville, MD top a talented field of 17 Star 45s to become the 2019 Star 45 National Champion. All 17 boats sailed as a single fleet, making for a long, jam-packed start line, at a distance that made ascertaining one's position challenging, but competitors managed it surprisingly well. The fleet included several handsome wood boats.

Day One was hot with variable NE winds in the 5-7mph range, but with some stronger gusts. Nearby structures and topography produced unpredictable catspaws at the surface, with different and changing wind directions evident at various locations around the course; this provided opportunities (or predicaments) for skippers throughout the day. The wind shifts mitigated the difficulty of starting, for even if one got off to a poor start, the shifts provided a chance to regain ground if one could take advantage of them.

Day Two temps were also in the 90s, but winds were firmly in the 12-15mph range with occasional lulls and higher gusts. It was less turbulent than the previous day but there was some oscillation to work with, as well as topographic influences at various parts of the course. With relatively flat water on the pond, the Stars were flying, especially if one caught a gust downwind. It was great sailing, rewarding good racecraft. The competitive fleet would usually arrive at marks all together, and the race committee made adjustments to the course throughout the day to improve mark rounding traffic jams.

Many members of Naples Model Yacht Club gave generously of their time to make this an enjoyable regatta for skippers they mostly didn't even know; see Regatta Committee and Valuable Assistants below. Old friends were greeted and new friends were made. Thanks to all who made it happen, and all those who traveled to compete. Final scores follow.

Place	Skipper	Sail No.	Points
1	David Ramos	238	36
2	Don Ouimette	345	52.4
3	Scott Graf	936	71
4	Calvin Obara	1023	100
5	Chuck Millican	90	106
6	Don Barker	225	109
7	Aaron Housten	829	128
8	David Branning	93	129
9	Kelter/Wubbe	943	137
10	John Jerse	931	137
11	Rick Ferguson	926	164
12	David Boulanger	946	171
13	Jack Ward	947	176
14	Nick Mortgu	00	194
15	Richard Flach	948	225
16	Roger Baldwin	104	236
17	Frank Vella	812	287

## Summary of 2019 Star 45 National Championship Regatta

Class: Star 45

Chevrons: Gold

Date: November 2-3, 2019

Location: North Collier County Regional Park

Host Club: Naples Model Yacht Club

# of Entries: 17

Winds: 5-7mph variable, 12-15mph

Races completed: 21

Scoring System: Low Point

Regatta Committee & Valuable Assistants:

Jack Wubbe - Regatta Chairman

Randy Williams - Race Director

Ron Stryker & Winston Matthews - Line Judges

Jack Wubbe & Dick Daniel - Scoring

Denny Ginsburg, Bruce Budelmann, Izzy Kelter, Mary Ellen Wubbe - Food & Drinks

Denis Blaise & Ron Stryker - Chase Boat Crew

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