**2023 Lightning Fleet 50 Index**

***Racing***

* Fleet 50 sailors sailed a total 39 races at WSM not including regattas
	+ - * 20 races over 6 race days in the Spring Series;
			* 19 races over 5 race days in the Fall series.
* Fleet 50 sailors sailed in 7 different regattas:
	+ 4 Fleet 50 boats attended in a total of 6 away regattas, including No Gas, Dixie Districts, Champagne/Classic, NA/ Masters, Duck Challenge and Frigid Digit;
	+ As for home regattas, 5 sailed in the Potomac Cup/Doc Gilbert regatta held at WSM in 2023.
	+ Fleet 50 skippers placed in several regattas:
		- Nabeel Alsalam won the Potomac Cup/Doc Gilbert;
		- Aaron Boeseneckar placed second in the Dixie Districts and the Duck Challenge;
		- Bob Astrove placed second in the Champagne/Classic Regatta.
* Fleet 50 did not sail in the PRSA Spring Regatta.
	+ PRSA’s President’s Cup regatta was cancelled because of Hurricane Ophelia.

***Participation***

* Altogether, 10 Fleet 50 skippers actively raced during the 2023 Sailing Season:
	+ 9 skippers raced in the PRSA Spring Series with a median of 5 boats on the course each race;
	+ 6 skippers raced in the PRSA Fall Series with a median of 3 boats on the course each race.
* In terms of days sailed, using the metric of how many days a skipper and a given boat raced (*skipper days),* Fleet 50 sailed a total of 44 skipper days for both the Spring and Fall series (28 for the Spring Series and 16 for the Fall Series).
* The difference in skipper participation between the Spring Series and the Fall Series represented a decline of 42 percent.
* Fleet 50 lost one member in Liz Williams, who relocated to Chicago.

***Weather***

* Fleet 50 lost 7 race days to inclement weather: no wind, too much wind, or steady rainfall:
	+ 2 race days were lost to inclement weather during the Spring Series;
	+ 3 race days were lost to inclement weather during the Fall Series;
	+ PRSA Presdent’s Cup Regatta was cancelled because of Hurricane Ophelia.
* All totaled: Fleet 50 lost 7 race days to inclement weather on the river during 2023 or nearly a third of available race days (31 percent).

***Crew Summary***

* 27 crew participated during the 2023 season:
	+ 27 in the Spring Series and 17 in the Fall Series.

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| **Spring Crew** | **Days** | **Fall Crew** | **Days** |
| 1 | ? , Sophie | 2 |  |  |  |
| 2 | Bradford, Scott | 2 | 1 | Albert, Laura | 1 |
| 3 | Brady, Lilly  | 4 | 2 | Alsalam, Nabeel | 1 |
| 4 | Brady, Melissa  | 1 | 3 | Boeseneckar, Aaron | 2 |
| 5 | Brunino, Sebastiano | 2 | 4 | Bradford, Scott | 1 |
| 6 | Callahan, Sheila | 6 | 5 | Brady, Lily | 3 |
| 7 | Donahue, Abby | 1 | 6 | Cabrall, Bill  | 1 |
| 8 | Dower, Ben | 1 | 7 | Callahan, Sheila | 3 |
| 9 | Dunn, Emily | 1 | 8 | Gotthart, Bob | 1 |
| 10 | Gipone, Marco | 5 | 9 | Hart, John | 1 |
| 11 | Gotthardt, Bob | 5 | 10 | Hill, Eli  | 2 |
| 12 | Guggolz, Gary | 1 | 11 | Hutton, Tom | 1 |
| 13 | Harrington, Jess ? | 1 | 12 | Moran, Josh | 3 |
| 14 | Hart, John | 2 | 13 | Murhpy, Jen | 3 |
| 15 | Hill, Eli | 2 | 14 | Pompeii, Everett | 1 |
| 16 | Hutton, Tom | 3 | 15 | Scheib, Ivy | 1 |
| 17 | Knutson, Cody | 1 | 16 | Scheib, Xander | 1 |
| 18 | Kugler, Lisbet | 3 | 17 | Welch, Rick  | 1 |
| 19 | Moriellas, Pedro | 1 |  | ? |  |
| 20 | Ott, Stefan | 1 |  |  |  |
| 21 | Owen, Chandler | 2 |  |  |  |
| 22 | Pompei, Everett | 3 |  |  |  |
| 23 | Rickling, Mark | 1 |  |  |  |
| 24 | Rinamen, Tim | 1 |  |  |  |
| 25 | Scheib, Zander  | 2 |  |  |  |
| 26 | Schieb, Ivy | 1 |  |  |  |
| 27 | Welch, Rick | 1 |  |  |  |

Note: this list may have inadvertenty omitted several crew and does not include regatta crew.