

Finn Eastern Championship
7/7-7/8 2007
Lake Champlain YC
Shelburne, VT

Derek Mess won the 2007 Finn Eastern Championship, followed by Dave Powlison in second and Chuck Rudinsky in third. Held at the Lake Champlain YC, the race committee did a great job of dealing with a series of squalls passing through the area that produced a wide range of wind conditions, from light and variable to surfing conditions with 18-knot winds with gusts into the low 20s—all in one day! The second and final day was a wash out with rain and no wind.

Dave Powlison won the first race, sailed in 5-8 knot winds, breaking away from the fleet on the first weather leg and going on to and win with a small horizon job. After that, it was the Derek Mess show, especially in the final race, where Derek, Adam Nicholson and Chuck Rudinsky, the “big dogs” of the fleet, demonstrated their ability to keep the boat moving well in waves and breeze.