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PRESIDENT'S INTRODUCTION to the Fall Starlights Magazine

2008 has been a very active and exciting one for the Star Class. Whether you are an Olympic athlete or weekend warrior, the past year provided lots of opportunities for everyone.

The class again had the privilege of competing in the Olympic games, and by all accounts provided perhaps the most exciting drama of the sailing events. All the medals were decided on the last run to the finish in surfing conditions just off the breakwater in Qingdao, with the crowds cheering. In the end, congratulations go to Iain Percy and Andrew Simpson for winning the gold medal, Robert Scheidt and Bruno Prada for the silver and Freddy Lööf and Anders Ekström for the bronze. All the Olympic athletes are to be congratulated as well. Our class is so balanced that any of the competitors could have been up on the podium.

I thought it was very interesting that 4 builders were represented in the top 5 boats. There has been considerable investment over the past 4 years to try to get a "breakthrough" boat. I have long maintained that if a boat measures in according to our strict rules, then a breakthrough in speed is extremely unlikely. A look at the race results shows extremely close competition, indicating that recently designed boats and stock boats from each builder were very even. The winner had

45 points, an average of 4th, and the top 5 places were separated by only 14 points.

While the class is very proud to be involved in the Olympics, which represents the epitome of our sport, the strength of our class remains in our fleets and districts around the world. We have over 3000 members sailing in more than 35 countries, most of whom are sailing the Star for the pure enjoyment of the boat. We are virtually the only class that has successfully combined top level world class competition with weekend warrior racing for 97 years and counting!

I was able to attend 2 of the Class Continental Championships in 2008, and have talked at length to many attending the other 3. Our Silver Star events truly provide the best combination of top competition, camaraderie, and great fun! We have 5 outstanding venues for continental championships next year, and I hope you all will plan to compete in at least one of them. I plan to make them all!

I hope you enjoy this annual fall issue of Starlights. Thanks to David Bolles for his fine editing work, to all the contributors, especially Fried Elliott, Lynn Fitzpatrick and Melinda Berge, and to the advertisers for making it another excellent issue.

I hope to see many of you at Star Class events in 2009.

Good Sailing

Bill Allen



Photo: Clive Mason / Getty Images

Iain Percy and Andrew Simpson of Great Britain,
2008 Olympic gold medalists in the Star Class

THE OLYMPICS

The following is a report about the Stars at the Olympics. It begins with profiles of the top three teams, accompanied by a list of accomplishments of the various competitors supplied by the Star Class webmaster Melinda Berge. That is followed by a report by Lynn Fitzpatrick on the “open races” in which all 16 teams competed in order to earn the right to compete in Medal Race. The commentary on the Medal Race is by Gary Jobson. To conclude are some comments to the media by the members of top three teams after the award ceremony.

OLYMPIC PROFILES

By Lynn Fitzpatrick

GREAT BRITAIN



Photo: Clive Mason / Getty Images
Andrew Simpson and Iain Percy

Percy and Simpson came off America's Cup campaigns, hopped into the Star and qualified Great Britain for the Olympics. They have spent a lot of time working on developing a Mader Star for the Olympic regatta in Qingdao. This is Percy's third Olympic appearance. He won the gold medal in the Finn in 2000 and was 6th in the Star in 2004. Simpson started crewing for Percy as part of the Team Origin America's Cup Team and started crewing in the Star in 2007. This is Simpson's first Olympic competition, although he was always a strong competitor in the Finn class.

BRAZIL



Photo: Clive Mason / Getty Images
Bruno Prada and Robert Scheidt

Not only did Robert Scheidt and Bruno Prada win the 2007 ISAF Sailing World Championships in the Men's Keelboat last year to be crowned the Star World Champions but they won two other tough regattas that give a clear indication of how they would perform at the Olympics – the 2007 Pre-Olympic Regatta and the Star Rio de Janeiro Championship, which doubled as the Brazilian Trials. They were third at the 2008 Star World Championships in a borrowed boat. Scheidt has two Olympic gold medals and one silver for his performances in the Laser at the Atlanta, Athens and Sydney Olympics, respectively. Scheidt will be the flag bearer for the Brazilian Olympic Team at the Opening Ceremonies in Beijing on August 8th.

SWEDEN



Photo: Clive Mason / Getty Images
Anders Ekström and Freddy Lööf

Freddy Lööf goes into his third Olympic regatta with bronze medal from Sydney in the Finn. He also is the 2001 and the 2004 Star World Champion helmsman and won the Finn Gold Cup in 1997 and 1999. This is Ekström's second Olympics in the Star with Lööf. The pair was 12th in Athens.



Photo: Clive Mason / Getty Images
On the Podium
Bruno Prada / Robert Scheidt; Andrew Simpson / Iain Percy;
Anders Ekström / Freddy Lööf

DID YOU KNOW?**The sailing honors of the Star Olympic Competitors****ISAF Rolex World Sailors of the Year**

1999 - Mateusz Kusznierewicz
 2001 and 2004 - Robert Scheidt

Gold Medalists

1996 - Mateusz Kusznierewicz, Finn
 1996 - Robert Scheidt, Laser
 2000 - Iain Percy, Finn
 2004 - Robert Scheidt, Laser

Silver Medalists

2000 - Robert Scheidt, Laser
 2000 - Ingo Borkowski, Soling

Bronze Medalists

2000 - Fredrik Lööf, Finn
 2004 - Xavier Rohart, Star
 2004 - Pascal Rambeau, Star
 2004 - Mateusz Kusznierewicz, Finn

Star World Champions

2001 - Fredrik Lööf
 2002 - Iain Percy
 2003 - Xavier Rohart and Pascal Rambeau
 2004 - Fredrik Lööf and Anders Ekström
 2005 - Xavier Rohart and Pascal Rambeau
 2006 - Hamish Pepper and Carl Williams
 2007 - Robert Scheidt and Bruno Prada
 2008 - Mateusz Kusznierewicz and Dominik Zycki

Other Olympic Competition

1992
 Fredrik Lööf - 5th, Finn
 Xavier Rohart - 7th, Finn
 Hans Spitzauer - 8th, Finn

1996
 Hans Spitzauer - 4th, Finn
 Fredrik Lööf - 5th, Finn
 Hamish Pepper - 10th, Laser

2000
 Mateusz Kusznierewicz - 4th, Finn
 Xavier Rohart - 5th, Finn
 Afonso Domingos - 7th, 49er
 Hamish Pepper - 7th, Laser
 Diego Negri - 8th, Laser
 Pascal Rambeau - 9th, Soling
 Marc Pickel - 12th, Star
 Flavio Marazzi - 15th Star

2004
 Flavio Marazzi - 4th, Star
 Enrico de Maria - 4th, Star
 Iain Percy - 6th, Star
 Fredrik Lööf - 12th, Star
 Anders Ekström - 12th, Star
 Hans Spitzauer - 13th, Star
 Diego Negri - 13th, Laser

THE 2008 OLYMPIC STAR REGATTA

By Lynn Fitzpatrick

The 2008 Olympic Sailing Regatta was truly a five ring circus. The early days of the Star Preliminary Series were upstaged by the Yngling Medal Race and all of the attempts to have a Finn Medal Race allowing Ben Ainslie to win his third consecutive Olympic Gold medal.

What follows is a brief recap of what started out to be a light and shifty regatta that left even those who had a good day of racing wondering what they did right and those who ended up on the wrong side of a shift or the current scratching their heads too. Keeping to the two-race a day schedule immediately proved to be impossible – one day there would be light air and the next the committee boat would be sinking and the guys would be breaking masts. There was even a point when it looked as if the Preliminary Series would end after seven races, but then the Star sailors, particularly Robert Scheidt and Bruno Prada, had a spectacular three-race day to finish off the Preliminary Series. The most exciting racing of the entire Olympic Regatta came down to the very last race – the Star's Medal Race. More than a few avid spectators lost their voices while cheering for their favorites and watching positions change right down to the very last wave that Xavier Rohart and Pascal Rambeau and Freddy Lööf and Anders Ekström used to surf across the finish line in ninth and tenth place.

John Dane III Arrives

Like it or not, the Stars Class claimed the oldest sailor at the 2008 Olympic Regatta. At 58, John Dane III was also the oldest member of the entire US Olympic Team. Dane arrived at the Olympic Sailing Center in Qingdao to practice for the regatta and immediately pulled out the signature edition of the Trinity Yachts baseball cap. This one broke all Olympic trademark rules – Trinity's Logo was emblazoned across the front; US Sailing's logo on one side and the 2008 Beijing Olympics logo, complete with the Olympic rings on the other side. Somehow he got away with it!

John was a hit with the media and was probably one of the most written about athletes immediately before the Olympics and even during the first couple of days of the Star regatta. They just ate up the story about 40 years of trying to make the US Olympic Team. "This is it! It's the real thing. Austin and I have been focused on this for 40 months, but it has taken me 40 years to get here!" Dane said while wet sanding his P-Star before he lowered it into the water for the first time in August.

Dane was recognized by President Bush in a White House Olympic sendoff speech and even was invited, along with three other US athletes to a private meeting with the President prior to the Opening Ceremony in Beijing. He and Austin were a hit on the NBC Nightly News during the regatta.

A Shot at his Third Gold

Robert Scheidt was also much talked about before the regatta. He, like Ben Ainslie in the Finn and Roman Hagara in the Tornado, was hunting for his third Olympic Gold medal.

Robert took home Golds in the Laser in Atlanta and Sydney and won a Silver in Athens.

Scheidt was also Brazil's flag-bearer during the Opening Ceremony in Beijing. He was the third Brazilian sailor to have been handed such an honor. Eduardo Souza Ramos carried the flag at the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games and Torben Grael carried the flag at the Opening Ceremony in Athens in 2004. Grael went on to win the Gold in the Star during that Star event.

There was one other sailor at the 2008 Olympics with three Gold Medals, one of them in the Star. Valentin Mankin, with his indelible smile and platinum hair, was coaching the Italian team, but eager to help all and make everyone happy. Sailing the Star for the Soviet Union, Mankin won his final Olympic Gold Medal in 1980.

Olympic Experience

Ten of the helmsmen and four of the crews had competed in the Olympics before. Many had risen through the ranks of the Laser and Finn classes and had won world titles and Olympic medals. Many had been, or are involved in America's Cup campaigns.

Opening Day Aborted

August 14 – Still air and low visibility kept the Star fleet postponed ashore. At 15:00 racing was abandoned for the day. That meant that the Stars did not have a practice race.

Day 1 -Löf and Ekström Eke out their First Win

The first Star race of the 2008 Olympic Regatta started in eight knots of breeze. The breeze did not hold and by the time the fleet limped down the final run, sails were slatted and making lots of noise. Freddy Löf and Anders Ekström led around the first weather mark and managed to hold onto their lead for the remaining three legs. Four teams protested the RC under RRS 62.1, but the Jury decided in favor of the RC, although the verdict did mention a sizable shift and pressure holding for awhile and then leaving boats stranded.



Photo: Paul Gilham / Getty Images
Winners of Day 1: Fredrik Löf / Anders Ekström

Day 2 – A Day for the Old Man

John Dane and Austin Sperry took a 2, 4 in the two light-air races completed to top the overall standings in the Star fleet. The pair were matched on the day by Athens Bronze medalists Xavier Rohart and Pascal Rambeau, who posted a 1, 5 for the day.

Dane / Sperry had the biggest comeback for the day in Race 2 (the second race of the regatta) when they went from ninth to third on the first run and picked up one more boat on the next windward leg. Their training partners, Marc Pickel and Ingo Borkowski won the race.

Dane's quote following the day was insightful. "You could lose 100 yards in three minutes. On the last beat of the second race (Race 3) it looked like we were 1, 2 with the Germans, but Hamish (Pepper and Carl Williams) and (Iain) Percy (and Andrew Simpson) got a shift and beat us to the mark. It is never over out there and that's a good thing." He also said, "It's a long regatta and anything could happen. There are a lot of good teams who could win this regatta." His comments were prescient.



Photo: Paul Gilham/Getty Images
John Dane III and Austin Sperry of the USA have moved into the overall lead

Day 3 – Ouch! An Expensive Day

While fans were enthralled by the Yngling and the Finn Medal Races that were held that day, few noticed that the Stars and the Tornados went all the way out to the most distant course in 17 – 25 knots and waited around before they were told to return to the marina. They waited in the marina for a while and then were invited to return to a course that was obscured from the view of spectators even on the clearest of days. They flogged their sails in pelting rain for nearly two hours while the pin end of the line was being set for what turned out to be their only race of the day. (Rumor has it that they were sent back to the dock the first time because the committee boat was sinking).

As at other regattas this year, Robert Scheidt and Bruno Prada broke away from the fleet in the heavy air and won the race. 2008 Star World Champions Mateusz Kusznierewicz and

Dominik Zycki were second in the race and emerged as the overall leaders in the regatta.



Photo: Clive Mason / Getty Images
The Star fleet in action

Conditions were near the upper limit of the wind and sea ranges for the Stars, as the carnage on the last leg of the race suggested. Both the Australians and the Croatians lost their mast near the spreaders on the final run and managed to surf downwind with their mangled messes to finish the race.

Said Zycki as he searched for a replacement whisker pole, "It was a long day for only one race. There is very little difference between being first or sixth because so few points separate the fleet."

Once again, there were several protests filed against the RC in this race also. In this race many who were scored OCS petitioned for redress.



Photo: Clive Mason / Getty Images
The leader after the third day:
Mateusz Kusznierevicz / Dominik Zycki

Day 4 – Lööf / Ekström Regain the Lead with Three Races during the Day

Racing started early on Day 4 and it was a bit of a miracle that three races were sailed. Some were happy that three were scored while others wished they had not gotten out of bed that day.

Hamish Pepper and Carl Williams won Race 5. Freddy Lööf and Anders Ekström won Race 6 and Iain Percy and Andrew Simpson won Race 7. At the end of the day Lööf / Ekström were winning the regatta. Percy / Simpson were second and Xavier Rohart and Pascal Rambeau were third for the regatta. John Dane and Austin Sperry plummeted to 12th with a 15, 15, 16 for the day.

Andrew Simpson summed up the Brits' outcome for the light and shifty day when he said, "Perhaps we had a bit more luck." At the end of the day, with seven races of the Preliminary Series sailed and a discard factored in, only nine points separated third through ninth place. It was anybody's regatta.

Day 5 – Oops. No one Expected That Shift

A race was started, but thank god it was abandoned. This was the same day that Anna Tunnicliffe, who had sailed a very conservative regatta, went for broke after rounding the second leeward mark of her Medal Race in the back of the pack. She headed for a corner, only to catch a shift so large that she ended up reaching into the final weather mark and went on to win the Gold medal in the Laser Radial fleet.

That same shift hit the Star and the Tornado course, well east of the Medal Race area, first. It was enough to have some of the laggards in the Tornado class douse their gennakers so that they could get around the leeward mark only to pop their chutes again on what was supposed to be a beat but had turned into a run.

Most of the Star fleet had made it around the first lap of the course before the massive shift came through. Only Marc Pickel and Ingo Borkowski were sorry to see that race not scored. The shift had taken them from near DFL to the lead.

After seven races and one discard the top ten teams were: Sweden, Great Britain, France, Poland, Germany, Portugal, New Zealand, Brazil, Switzerland and Italy.

Day 6 – Robert Scheidt and Bruno Prada Pour it on

Some woke up on Wednesday, August 20th and looked out at the water and thought, "Wow. Maybe who was going to go on to the Medal Round was already determined two days ago and we just didn't realize it." Racing was scheduled to begin at 11:00 and there would be no warning after 16:30. This was the final day allocated to the Preliminary Series for the Star, and Fushan Bay was like glass while the fleet rigged up.

An easterly breeze filled quickly, however, and the fleet had the best day of racing on the final day of the Preliminary Series. Andrew Simpson spoke for all when he said, "We were expecting 6 knots, but we got 12 to 13 knots!" The fleet's first race was sailed in 8 to 11 knots with plenty of waves and a blue sky. At one point, I thought to myself, "This is as close to Biscayne Bay as Qingdao is ever going to get."

In each of the three races sailed that day, the fleet rounded the first weather mark overlapped and even at the second weather mark boats were overlapped. In fact, there were some photo finishes in every race. The competition was that close.

Robert Scheidt and Bruno Prada had an amazing day and posted three thirds. They pulled from eighth into third and 14 points behind the leaders, Freddy Lööf and Anders Ekström. Iain Percy and Andrew Simpson were in second only two points behind Lööf / Ekström.

Going into the Medal Race only 18 points separated third through eighth place, meaning eight of the ten teams in the double-point Medal Race had a shot at a medal. The Star and the Tornado Preliminary Series proved to be the tightest of all of the fleets' in the 2008 Olympic Regatta. The two fleets that were in the most precarious positions during the ISAF meeting held to determine which sailing disciplines would remain on the 2012 Olympic roster prove to be the closest and provided the greatest spectacles during the final Medal Races and the last two races of the 2008 Olympic Regatta.



Photo: Clive Mason / Getty Images

Fredrik Lööf and Anders Ekström of Sweden hold a two-point lead going into Thursday's Medal Race

PERCY AND SIMPSON WIN GOLD IN STAR MEDAL RACE

GARY JOBSON'S MEDAL RACE REPORT:

NBC Olympics.com

Photos by Clive Mason / Getty Images

The sailors and fans watching the Star class on a rainy, blustery day off Qingdao were given quite a treat. The scores were close. Sweden's Fredrik Lööf held a 2 point advantage over Britain's Iain Percy. Each boat beaten is worth two points in the medal race. Sweden would win on a tie because they had more firsts.

The lead would change four times before the finish. And just to add a little more spice to the scenario Brazil's superstar Robert Scheidt was 8 points behind Lööf. So here we go.

It was very tough maneuvering before the start in towering waves off the sea wall. Percy is a more experienced match racer and worked Lööf into a bad position at the start. GBR was right at the committee boat, Lööf was two lengths back, and crossed the line late. To many it looked like it might be over right there. But Lööf tacked away, and GBR did not follow. For a while Lööf wanted to tack back to cover GBR from behind, but Portugal blocked his path. The wind shifted

to the left and GBR tacked. So far GBR was looking good. And then the inevitable penalty for not covering blew in with the wind suddenly swinging back to the right giving the advantage to Sweden. Brazil rounded the first mark in the lead. Just 14 seconds later SWE rounds in 5th and GBR 6th.



Photo: Clive Mason / Getty Images

Marc Pickel and Ingo Borkowski leading
Mateusz Kusznierewicz / Dominik Zycki

Downwind we go and the Stars start surfing beautifully. Scheidt was a master in the Laser while surfing. His skill earned him 8 World Championships, two Gold and 1 Silver medal in 10 years. Scheidt worked his Star hard on every wave with the assistance of his crew Bruno Prada. Meanwhile Percy weaved his way through fleet to round the second mark in 2nd, just 12 seconds behind Scheidt. Lööf was 5 seconds back in third. Where was this heading?

Back on the wind and all six sailors on the 3 boats started hiking hard. Every wave must have felt like torture. The attitude was to just keep hiking, because the other guy would surely cave. But no one gave in. SWE worked the right and slowly ground past GBR. Brazil sailed to the left side, and fell out of the strong wind. Scheidt was dropping fast, and was now in 5th. Percy fell back to 7th.



Photo: Clive Mason / Getty Images

Robert Scheidt / Bruno Prada and
Diego Negri / Luigi Viale during the Medal Race

At the final windward mark BRA, GBR and SWE all rounded within 27 seconds. Meanwhile Poland's double Olympic

medalist Mateusz Kusznierewicz took the lead. Could he become the spoiler? As the boats surged forward on every wave the crews trimmed hard for acceleration. Lööf started moving up. Percy got stuck in the wind shadow of three trailing boats and was looking for a clear lane.

With 200 yards to the finish a gust propelled every boat. The group behind inched up. On shore several hundred rain soaked fans screamed like crazy. Scheidt passed two boats on a wave careening on the edge of control. Poland crossed first, Brazil third. Out of nowhere Britain planed across in 5th. Unfortunately the pack sailed right by Lööf, who finished last. And with that Great Britain clinched the Gold, Brazil a Silver and poor Sweden was lucky to hold on to a Bronze.

On the way back to the harbor the sailors on all the Stars looked exhausted. A tough physical day is the essence of Olympic sailing.



Photo: Clive Mason / Getty Images
Iain Percy and Andrew Simpson of Great Britain,
2008 Olympic gold medalists in the Star Class

IT'S A WRAP

By Lynn Fitzpatrick

It was pelting rain when Andrew Simpson turned back to his skipper, Iain Percy, and screamed over the wind and the roaring crowds, “We’ve just won a ___ Gold medal!” (Don’t bother reprimanding them, they have already been through that and THEY DID WIN THE MOST EXCITING MEDAL RACE AND THEY DID WIN THE GOLD MEDAL! and if you were sitting where Bart was sitting, you would have said the same thing.)

While Iain and Bart and all of the Brits celebrated at the top of their lungs, there was a pow wow by the Race Committee boat. There was some confusion as to the posted scores and it was unclear for a while who won the Silver and the Bronze. The good news for Freddy Lööf and Anders Ekström was that they finished the Medal Race with a Medal. However, they went into the Medal Race with the Gold and came out with the Bronze. Robert Scheidt and Bruno Prada won the Silver.

Freddy and Anders went for a celebratory swim in the basin. Once back on deck again, Freddy hung his head while he

waited for the hoist’s hook to be lowered to him. Robert and Bruno posed with the Brazilian flag as the Brazilian contingent cheered them with glee. Iain and Bart returned to the marina with most of Team GBR aboard their Star and the support boats rafted to them.

Theirs was the last Victory Ceremony of the 2008 Olympic Regatta and it was the first to be held in a torrential downpour. Few photographers went out to cover the event fearing that their cameras could not stand another dousing.

After the Victory Ceremony, the Medalists took part in a press conference. What follows are excerpts from the press conference and additional interviews:

Iain Percy commenting on winning the Gold Medal:

“It’s just about sinking in. Andrew and I have been best mates for 25 years. I felt that I had a special responsibility out there not to let my best friend down.”

Andrew (Bart) Simpson on his Olympic experience:

“Sailing with your best friend is always great. It has been a fantastic week. We’ve had a great time in Qingdao.”

Robert Scheidt on his 2008 Olympic Regatta:

“We had a bad beginning but were fast after the second day. Yesterday we were eighth but we were confident that we could get a Medal. These guys sailed a fantastic week, especially Freddy and Anders. We are very happy that we won the Silver.”

As for Bruno Prada:

“I’m feeling great. I hope that this is not a dream and that there is still a Medal Race or an 11th race to be sailed. Congratulations to everyone.” Turning to the other five sailors on the dais with him, he said “They are great sailors.”

A recovered Freddy Lööf:

“Thank you Anders, for putting up with me for eight years. At Kiel Week we had a good fight against Robert and Bruno. It gave us confidence.”

“I had a dream that Iain and Bart and Anders and I would end up here. We’ve been sparring partners for the last two years. It’s been great.”

Anders completed the panel’s comments:

“I want to thank Freddy for putting up with me. Congratulations Iain and Bart, Robert and Bruno.”

“The facilities here have been fantastic. Martin (Gahmberg, their coach) has done an amazing job with our sails and with us. He deserves a lot of credit.”

Bruno on staying cool out on the water and going into the final three races of the Preliminary Series in eighth:

“Never give up. Never surrender. Fight until the end. I always believed that we could make it. All of the guys out there fought until the last finish line of the last race.”

Freddy on the difference between winning his first Olympic Medal in the Finn and winning the Bronze at the 2008 Olympics in the Star:

“This is special. The Star Class brings the best sailors together. There are a lot of good sailors in the Star class right now. We had a really good (Finn) fleet in Sydney, but adding another talented sailor like Robert makes it special. It’s the ultimate challenge. It’s really special. That’s for sure.”

Iain Percy on the difference between winning an Olympic Gold medal in the Finn and the 2008 Olympic Gold medal in the Star:

“I worked a lot harder for this one. I had to. Winning with Bart means a lot more to me than winning a medal on my own.

Doing it in the Star Class is really special and really difficult. I had to put a lot more effort into this campaign. In the Finn it came easier. We had lots of highs and lows in this regatta and no one was rolling over making our lives easy. “

Andrew Simpson on Olympic sparring partners:

“It was fantastic training with Robert and Bruno in Brazil and with Freddy and Anders in Valencia. We’ve been training in Qingdao for two months and it has all paid off.”

Robert on overcoming seasickness:

“I’ve had so much adrenalin. Racing has been so intense that I didn’t have time to think about being seasick.”

2008 OLYMPIC RESULTS

Pl.	Country	Skipper	Crew	Cty	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	Med	Points
1	GBR	Iain Percy	Andrew Simpson	GBR	Sol	7	13	3	5	8	2	1	1	2	6	10	45
2	BRA	Robert Scheidt	Bruno Prada	BRA	GuB	10	11	6	1	9	10	2	3	3	3	6	53
3	SWE	Fredrik Lööf	Anders Ekström	SWE	Bk	1	4	15	3	6	1	8	2	1	7	20	53
4	POL	Mateusz Kusznierewicz	Dominik Zycki	POL	Isol	5	6	8	2	10	9	3	5	9	13	2	59
5	SUI	Flavio Marazzi	Enrico De Maria	SUI	TB	9	7	9	9	5	5	6	11	4	1	4	59
6	FRA	Xavier Rohart	Pascal Rambeau	FRA	NI	12	1	5	4	7	6	9	9	8	2	18	69
7	GER	Marc Pickel	Ingo Borkowski	GER	Brm	2	14	1	8	3	8	14	10	6	10	8	70
8	POR	Afonso Domingos	Bernardo Santos	POR	CP	3	3	10	ocs	13	3	5	7	7	9	12	72
9	NZL	Hamish Pepper	Carl Williams	NZL	Isol	4	9	2	11	1	12	11	13	5	11	14	80
10	ITA	Diego Negri	Luigi Viale	ITA	VE	13	8	12	7	11	7	7	6	13	5	16	92
11	USA	John Dane	Austin Sperry	USA	MoB	8	2	4	12	15	15	16	16	10	4	--	86
12	AUT	Hans Spitzauer	Christian Nehammer	AUT	Att	14	10	11	6	14	4	12	4	12	14	--	87
13	IRL	Peter O’Leary	Stephen Milne	IRL	Isol	6	12	7	10	12	13	13	8	11	12	--	91
14	AUS	Iain Murray	Andrew Palfrey	AUS	LMac	11	15	13	15	2	11	10	12	14	8	--	96
15	CRO	Marin Lovrovic Jr	Sinisa Mikulicic	CRO	Kv	15	5	14	13	4	14	4	14	15	15	--	98
16	CHN	Hongquan Li	He Wang	CHN	Isol	16	16	16	14	16	16	15	15	16	16	--	140



Photo: John Koopman

The Star Contingent at the Olympics

Left to right Valentin Mankin, Robert Scheidt, Marko Misura, Marin Lovrovic Jr., Rod Davis, Sinisa Mikulicic, Stephen Milne, Peter O’Leary, Diego Negri, Luigi Viale, Iain Murray, Iain Percy, Xavier Rohart, Andrew (Bart) Simpson, Pascal Rambeau, Anders Ekström, Hans Wallen, Freddy Lööf, John Dane III, Andrew Palfrey, Marc Pickel, Ingo Borkowski, Austin Sperry, Hans Spitzauer, Hans Christian Nehammer, Dominik Zycki, Mateusz Kusznierewicz, Mark Reynolds, Enrico de Maria, Jean-Claude Vuithier (hidden in the back), Flavio Marazzi

Past Star Olympic Gold Medalists present in the photo include Valentin Mankin, one of the most decorated Olympic sailors and Mark Reynolds.

Past Silver medalists pictured include Rod Davis and Hans Wallen.

Missing, but waiting for everybody at a different flag pole – Bruno Prada.

STAR CLASS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Biscayne Bay
April 4-18, 2008
Photos by Fried Elliott

(Based on reports by Lynn Fitzpatrick, Janet Maizner and Trevor Nederlof. The full reports by Lynn and Janet are available on www.starclass.org and the full report by Trevor on <http://tnderlof.com/>.)

The 2008 Star World Championships offered the 208 competitors from 31 countries a little bit of everything. Those who mastered the sea breezes, shifty unsettled air and arctic blasts on Biscayne Bay's playing field took home trophies, fame, unforgettable experiences and the confidence that if they could succeed among such a large fleet of champions in tricky conditions, they may even have a chance at an Olympic Gold medal in Qingdao, China later this year.



Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremonies started with the march of countries. One by one a flag carrier would march through the grass stage with the sailors from each country in tow. Also they played each country's national anthem and it was interesting to hear all of the anthems, especially from the lesser-known countries. All in all there were 31 countries with United States marching in last.

After the countries marched through, several prominent people gave their speeches. The Vice President of the International Sailing Federation, The President of the Star Class, Mayor of Miami, Commodore of the Coral Reef Yacht Club, and one of the best star sailors to ever live, Durward Knowles.

Race One: Friday, April 11, 2008

The race started under mostly sunny skies with clouds building over the mainland. Winds were out of the southeast at 130 degrees at 10-12 knots. The 104-boat fleet looked spectacular as it lined up for the start. The top guns were fairly evenly dispersed down the line, but those who could keep clear air in such a large fleet and get left were rewarded on the first beat.



Mateusz Kusznierewicz and Dominik Zycki had a game plan and they stuck to it. During each of the starts before the black flag went up during the first race of the 2008 Star World Championships, they were right near the boat. As they set up for the start under the black flag, Kusznierewicz / Zycki timed it perfectly so that they were right on the money. The Polish team took a quick hitch onto port, realized that they were in control of the right side and tacked out for more. Their game plan put them in third around the top mark behind Marc Pickel and Ingo Borkowski and Kunio Suzuki and Daichi Wada.

Kusznierewicz / Zycki rounded the second weather mark a couple of boat lengths ahead of Mendleblatt / Strube and Pickel / Borkowski trailed by the distance between the weather mark and the offset mark. Flavio Marazzi and Enrico de Maria, in fourth, were the first among the teams and countries that have not yet qualified for the Olympics. While the teams set off on the second run, the wind had shifted to 120 degrees and had slackened off to 8.5 to 9 knots with white caps here and there and nothing to surf.

Kusznierewicz / Zycki got to sail their own race all the way up the final beat. They played the middle of the course and kept an eye on Mendleblatt / Strube and Pickel / Borkowski who were slightly to the right of them during the leg. There was some excitement to the finish as Diego Negri and Luigi Viale and Marc Pickel and Ingo Borkowski shot the pin end of the finish line together (and finished in that order).



Ross Macdonald and Steve Mitchell with plenty of company

Race Two: Saturday, April 12, 2008

The wind on Biscayne Bay picked up with 14 knots and choppy water. Squalls in the west and uneven wind caused several gang ups of competitors at several points on the line resulting in two race postponements with a subsequent line adjustment.

When the race finally got off 25 boats were black-flagged including several Star World champions and Olympians. Almost half of the initial two dozen boats rounding the first upwind mark were notified that they were black-flagged at the start line.

The top ranked Star Class sailing team of Mateusz Kusznierevicz and crew Dominik Zycki made it two bullets in a row in this second race of the 2008 Star Class World Championships.

“We are smiling today,” said Kusznierevicz. “Sometimes people have just a good couple of days.” He and Zycki crossed the finish line one minute and 20 seconds ahead of second place finishers Marin Lovrovic Jr., and crew Sinisa.

The Italians, Diego Negri and crew Luigi Viale, ranked second in the world, took another third place finish moving them up to 2nd place overall. “We decided to be more conservative at the start line then we went left looking for the first big shift and found it,” said Negri. Mark Mendelblatt and crew Mark Strube move to 3rd place overall with a sixth place finish today behind the Irish team of Peter O’Leary / Stephen Milne, who are now in 7th overall.



Mateusz Kusznierevicz and crew Dominik Zycki

Race Three: Sunday, April 13, 2008

John MacCausland / Kevin Murphy in Overall Lead at Star Worlds

Two-time World Champions Rohart / Pascal Win Day Three

With less than four knots of wind, the Race Committee at the Star Worlds Championship waited, reset the start line, and waited again for the wind to pick up. Almost an hour and a half later, it edged up to a shifty seven knots. The 104-boat fleet crossed the start line with only four boats black flagged.

Both John MacCausland / Kevin Murphy, who finished eighth, and Iain Murray / Andrew Palfrey, who took a fifth

place, ended the day with 27 points each. Yesterday’s fourth place finish by MacCausland broke the tie.

“I feel wonderful!” said MacCausland. “We’ve sailed a lot this winter with reasonable finishes in several events, but nothing great.” He explained that he and Kevin made some changes in their sails and in other areas and can now “race the race with the other guys.”

In third place overall is the Italian team of Diego Negri and crew Luigi Viale despite a 25th place finish today.

Kostya Datsenko / Olexandr Yevseyenko were first to round the weather mark followed by defending Star Worlds Champions Robert Scheidt and crew Bruno Prada, Star World Champion Hamish Pepper / Carl Williams, Xavier Rohart / Pascal Rambeau and Gastão Brun / Fábio Kraiczyk.

The Race Committee made a course change on the downwind leg when the wind shifted to the right. At the first leeward gate, Scheidt / Bruno grabbed the lead from the Ukrainians and Iain Murray / Andrew Palfrey and Marc Pickel / Ingo Borkowski moved ahead of Brun / Kraiczyk and Rohart / Rambeau.

The course was changed again on the fourth leg with another wind shift to the right. Two-time Star Worlds champions Rohart / Rambeau rounded the second windward mark in first position with Pepper / Williams behind them and Murray / Palfrey in third followed by Scheidt / Bruno and Benny Anderson / Mogens Just.

At the second leeward gate, Rohart / Rambeau was still leading with Scheidt / Bruno and Pepper / Williams close behind and Murray / Palfrey overtaken by Carl Buchan / Jamie Buchan.



Rohart / Rambeau and Scheidt / Prada with their large lead over the fleet

Rohart / Rambeau and Scheidt / Prada were only eight seconds apart as they crossed the finish line. Pepper / Williams finished a minute later.

“Today we had good clean air with a start right near the Committee Boat and we used our magic speed especially on the second upwind leg,” Rohart explained. “It was just like

always, Scheidt on one side, Pepper on another, but we were happy that they were behind us," he said.

According to Scheidt, "The French team sailed well and protected themselves once they got the lead. It will be a mixed up series," he said, "and the game is still open." Scheidt thought the right shift would come and it did and he had good speed coming around the first mark and the second leg. "Biscayne Bay is hard to predict – sometimes you'll be right."



John MacCausland / Kevin Murphy
Winners of the Vanderveer Trophy

Lay Day: Monday, April 14, 2008

The lay day was laying on the beach at Nikki Beach Club for many of the 208 Star sailors at the 2008 Star World Championships. While temperatures hit the 80s, the 150 Coral Reef Yacht Club volunteers and Race Committee were busy prepping for the next three days of the regatta.

In the evening Tropical Night at Shake-A-Leg Miami had junkanoo dancers on stilts, parrots, food and beverages. CRYC's own Star World Champion, Magnus Liljedahl, who won in 2000 with Mark Reynolds and is the founder of Team Paradise, helped present the Mid-Week Awards.

The regatta's Heineken Poolside Pubs have been hubs of post sailing activity especially with their co-hosts (Sperry Top-Sider, Harken, New England Ropes, SLAM and Fiji Water). There was more fun to come with cocktails hosted by Biscayne Bay Yacht Club and the Awards Dinner at CRYC.



Hamish Pepper / Carl Williams

Race Four: Tuesday, April 15, 2008

It was a wild and windy day on Biscayne Bay for the 102 boats racing the fourth of a six race series in the 2008 Star World Championships at Coral Reef Yacht Club. The race start was delayed almost an hour and three boats were black flagged at the start after a postponement and a general recall. Some 27 boats did not finish, more than eight masts were lost, one boat capsized, and one of the top three finishers fell out of his boat just seconds before the finish line. What a day!

Rounding the first weather mark was Kusznerewicz / Dominik Zycki, followed by the Irish team of Peter O'Leary / Stephan Milne, Hamish Pepper / Carl Williams, John Dane / Austin Sperry, and O'Connell / Cooke. Not far behind the first pack were Mendelblatt / Strube and Percy / Simpson.

After the triangle, at the leeward mark Kusznerewicz / Zycki was still leading. Rounding the mark behind him were Pepper / Williams gaining a spot, followed by O'Leary / Milne, Dane / Sperry, and yesterday's winner Xavier Rohart / Pascal Rambeau.

At the second weather mark, the Polish team continued to lead by 10 seconds with the Kiwis close behind. Next around the mark were Rohart / Rambeau, O'Leary / Milne, Alan Adler / Ronald Seifert, Dane / Sperry, and Mendelblatt / Strube. Robert Scheidt / Bruno Prada, Maurice O'Connell / Ben Cooke, Luca Modena / Sergio Lambertenghi and Flavio Marazzi / Enrico De Maria were in the next pack.

This last downwind run is when all hell broke loose. The gusts and lulls were coming fast and for a few teams who didn't respond quick enough, their masts snapped in two. Steve Mitchell, crew with Ross Macdonald of Canada said he saw broken masts on at least six boats including Peter O'Leary / Stephen Milne who were running a great race in the top five from the first weather mark to the rounding of the windward mark and looked like they would make it to a solid finish.

Luigi Viale confirmed that masts were falling everywhere on the last downwind run. "Peter Bromby lost his mast just 50 meters in front of us," he said.

The top three leaders cleared the leeward gate in the same positions with Scheidt / Prada moving into the fifth slot.

The winds were from the NW at 18 knots with gusts up to 30 knots on the downwind run. As crew Bob Carlson described it, "There were streaks of white foam running down from the tops of six foot waves, and our cockpit filled with water twice."

Defending World Champion Robert Scheidt / Bruno Prada grabbed the lead and crossed the finish line five boat lengths ahead of everyone else. "At the last mark we were in 6th position and decided to go to port where there were fewer waves," said Scheidt. "A 30 knot wind hit just behind us and put us back in the race," he said.

Second place Hamish Pepper / Carl Williams and third place Mateusz Kusznerewicz / Dominik Zycki were neck and neck to the finish. According to Kusznerewicz, who had been in the lead since the first weather mark, "We made a very tight

tack behind the Committee boat and I missed my hiking strap. Dominik's reflexes were brilliant; he grabbed me and we only lost a few seconds."

The Italian team of Diego Negri and crew Luigi Viale finished in ninth place and moved up to first place overall with 40 points. The Poles moved into second overall with 49 points and the Swedish team of Frederik Lööf / Anders Ekström finished fifth and moved up to third.



4th Race winners Robert Scheidt with Bruno Prada holding the weed whacker

Race Five: Wednesday, April 16, 2008

Big wind shifts from the Northwest to the East with winds ranging from 8 to 20 knots were accommodated with two start line resets and a change on the course after the second weather mark today.

Iain Percy and crew Andrew Simpson took first place and sailed like the world champions they are. However, their black flag in race two and a disqualification in race four put them out of the running for anything but a mid-fleet finish overall. Diego Negri / Luigi Viale finished second and John Dane / Austin Sperry came in third.

"We had a good race today and sailed like we should have sailed the rest of the week," said Percy. "It was tricky with no wind and big shifts all the way around the course, but we got the right side on the first shift and did better than our disasters earlier this week." Simpson added, "We finally got it right."

Mateusz Kusznierewicz / Dominik Zycki finished fourth today and moved into first place overall after the fifth race. "Everyone near us on the start got a black flag," said Kusznierewicz. "It was a difficult beginning and we started late, but safe."

Deep in fleet rounding the first weather mark, the Poles picked up great speed, changed their tuning three or more times, and made their way to the top of the fleet. "The communication between me and Dominik was great. When I didn't know what to do, he did and when he didn't know, I did," explained Kusznierewicz.

By the second leeward gate, the Poles had passed almost 30 boats and were in 10th and striking distance for the beat to the finish line.



Winners of Race 5: Iain Percy and Andrew Simpson

Race Six: Thursday, April 17, 2008

The final race got off in 10 knot winds with seven boats black flagged. At the first weather mark Carl Buchan / Jamie Buchan were leading with Mark Mendelblatt / Mark Strube, Hamish Pepper / Carl Williams and Marc Pickel / Ingo Borkowski just behind them.

The sixth race was won by Patrick O'Leary and Stephen Milne who could be deemed the comeback kids of the series. They were a solid candidate for a top five finish in race four but they lost their mast on the second downwind run.

Mateusz Kusznierewicz and Dominik Zycki won the World Championships with a fifth place in the sixth race and a total of 14 points overall. "We sailed and fought with the best sailors in the world today" said Kusznierewicz.

"We made a great decision on the downwind leg and used every opportunity to stay close to the Italians," he said. According to his crew Zycki they have dreamed of putting a gold star on their sails. "One of our dreams came true today," he said.



Mateusz Kusznierewicz and Dominik Zycki
World Champions

Awards Ceremony

by Harry Walker

The trophy presentation was held on the front lawn of the Coral reef Yacht Club in front of tables set up for 200 and with the view of the yachts backed up to the seawall on one side and the clubhouse on the other. Presentations were made by numerous officials headed up by Rich Raymond who did double duty as the excellent PRO of the Worlds and Co-Chairman of the Worlds and former Coral Reef Commodore Carol Scott Ewing who acted as Co-Chair. They had orchestrated a fabulous series and this evening was to be no let down.

Bill Allen, Star Class President, spoke on behalf of the Class and the competitors and thanked the club and presented them with our traditional half hull (of which they have several from running other big events) and a handsome clock and barometer. The sponsors were acknowledged and thanked along with the various Committee heads.

The prizes for the last three daily races were passed out and all recipients were photographed with the presenters (who were numerous and dignified). Each winner received a “keeper” and a framed photograph of the permanent trophy they had won.



The 5 top crews as shown in the result sheet given below were then recognized.

The roar of acclamation for the winners, young, strong and very fast Polish lads was heartwarming! As they held up the Queen of the Seas and were photographed endlessly, their smiles never faded.

Mateusz spoke eloquently about the honor of winning in the Star, and called up his coach, the always popular Andy Zawija. Our young champion is no newcomer to fame as he already has an Olympic Gold medal. Following the presentations there was a bounteous buffet and dancing under the full moon.

At the Awards Ceremony the following perpetual trophies were awarded:

George W. Elder Memorial Trophy (winner, 1st race)
Mateusz Kusznierevicz / Dominik Zycki

Paul H Smart Trophy (winner, 2nd race)
Mateusz Kusznierevicz / Dominik Zycki

Duarte Bello Trophy (winner, 3rd race)
Xavier Rohart / Pascal Rambeau

Commodore Henry G. Nye Trophy (winner, 4th race)
Robert Scheidt / Bruno Prada

Heinz Nixdorf Memorial Trophy (winner, 5th race)
Iain Percy / Andrew Simpson

Tim Parkman Perpetual Trophy (winner, 6th race)
Peter O’Leary / Stephen Milne

Bud Vanderveer Trophy (series leader after 3rd race)
John A. MacCausland

Robert S. Halperin Trophy (leading crew after 3rd race)
Kevin Murphy

Agostino Straulino Trophy (series leader after 4th race)
Diego Negri / Luigi Viale

Seniors’ Trophy
Alessandro Pascolato / Henry Raul Booning

Stanley Ogilvy Trophy (series 3rd place finisher)
Robert Scheidt / Bruno Prada

John W. Bennett Memorial Trophy (series 2nd place finisher)
Diego Negri / Luigi Viale

Mary Etchells Trophy (winning crew)
Dominik Zycki

International Star Class Championship Trophy
Mateusz Kusznierevicz



Dominik Zycki and Mateusz Kusznierevicz



Mateusz Kusznerewicz / Dominik Zycki; Mark Mendelblatt / Mark Strube; Andy Horton / Andrew Scott



World Champions Mateusz Kusznerewicz and Dominik Zycki



Second in the World's: Diego Negri and Luigi Viale



Third in the World's: Robert Scheidt and Bruno Prada

2008 WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Pl.	No.	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Points
1	POL 8170	Mateusz Kusznierevicz	Dominik Zycki	Isol	1	1	44	3	4	5	14
2	ITA 8266	Diego Negri	Luigi Viale	VE	3	3	25	9	2	6	23
3	BRA 8255	Robert Scheidt	Bruno Prada	Gua	37	12	2	1	14	4	33
4	SUI 8296	Flavio Marazzi	Enrico De Maria	TB	6	14	47	10	8	2	40
5	GER 8333	Marc Pickel	Ingo Borkowski	Bre	5	bfd	6	18	5	11	45
6	NZL 8187	Hamish Pepper	Carl Williams	Isol	12	bfd	3	2	15	19	51
7	USA 8267	Mark Mendelblatt	Mark Strube	TaB	2	6	32	17	11	20	56
8	AUS 7836	Iain Murray	Andrew Palfrey	LMac	11	11	5	24	31	18	69
9	FRA 8107	Xavier Rohart	Pascal Rambeau	NI	26	21	1	4	20	27	72
10	USA 8312	Rick Merriman	Brian Sharp	LH	58	20	29	19	6	3	77
11	SWE 8331	Fredrik Lööf	Anders Ekström	BK	27	8	9	5	49	30	79
12	CRO 8339	Marin Lovrovic Jr	Sinisa Mikulicic	Isol	29	2	64	21	25	9	86
13	USA 8260	Carl Buchan	Jamie Buchan	PS	31	7	12	16	39	21	87
14	IRL 8158	Maxwell Treacy	R Anthony Shanks	Isol	7	bfd	17	15	26	26	91
15	CAN 8291	Ross Macdonald	Steve Mitchell	EB	25	9	7	dnf	30	23	94
16	AUT 8226	Hans Spitzauer	Christian Nehammer	Att	14	18	23	man	21	84	95
17	IRL 8261	Peter O'Leary	Stephen Milne	Isol	19	5	36	dnf	36	1	97
18	POR 8309	Afonso Domingos	Bernardo Santos	CP	21	10	37	14	22	33	100
19	USA 8195	John A MacCausland	Kevin Murphy	CR	15	4	8	27	56	54	108
20	ITA 8290	Silvio Santoni	Dodo Natucci	NG	22	23	42	12	47	16	115
21	GER 8109	Robert Stanjek	Markus Koy	BF	18	bfd	26	25	18	31	118
22	USA 8230	John Dane III	Austin Sperry	MoB	10	bfd	40	6	3	62	121
23	USA 8273	George Szabo III	Rick Peters	SDB	39	25	50	35	12	25	136
24	ARG 8003	Alejo Rigoni	Gustavo Gonzalez	BA	33	29	38	41	27	10	137
25	BRA 8284	Lars Schmidt Grael	Marcelo Jordão	Par	62	bfd	20	26	17	12	137
26	JPN 8144	Kunio Suzuki	Daichi Wada	Isol	9	15	10	dsq	19	85	138
27	USA 8285	Augie Diaz	Phil Trinter	BisB	49	13	28	23	32	42	138
28	ITA 8348	Luca Modena	Sergio Lambertenghi	NG	24	17	33	dnf	53	13	140
29	USA 8177	Jud Smith	Terry Yuill	CA	51	16	14	dnf	38	22	141
30	ARG 7907	Fabian Mac Gowan	Federico Engelhard	OL	50	26	34	33	40	17	150
31	SUI 8232	Henrik Dannesboe	Edward Morey	Sem	34	37	11	38	41	35	155
32	DEN 8218	Benny Andersen	Mogens Just	DF	36	bfd	4	29	59	29	157
33	BRA 8337	Alan Adler	Ronald Seifert	RdJ	16	32	56	7	bfd	48	159
34	USA 8250	Andrew Macdonald	Brian Fatih	NB	52	27	18	36	29	49	159
35	ESP 7581	Roberto Bermudez	Marcelo Ferreira	P-San	28	bfd	16	13	61	47	165
36	CHI 8319	Rodrigo Zuazola	Robert Riegel	Val	65	bfd	19	30	43	14	171
37	CAN 8143	Brian Cramer	Tyler Bjorn	WLOC	47	22	68	20	48	34	171
38	ITA 8332	Enrico Chieffi	Nando Colaninno	PDV	32	19	45	raf	34	56	186
39	GER 7860	Werner Fritz	Uli Seeberger	B	44	31	15	31	bfd	67	188
40	NOR 8183	Eivind Melleby	Petter Morland Pedersen	Nor	20	bfd	48	11	dsq	8	192
41	USA 8156	Andy Horton	Andrew Scott	NB	13	bfd	24	dnf	10	41	193
42	SWE 8298	Tom Lofstedt	Krister Carlsson	Ras	69	48	58	39	13	40	198
43	BRA 8282	Alessandro Pascolato	Henry Raul Booning	Gua	bfd	43	41	man	16	50	201.3
44	NED 8277	Sjaak Haakman	Wietze Zetzema	Med	45	40	53	43	42	37	207
45	GRE 8192	Leonidas Pelekanakis	George Stylianos	Gre	38	56	ocs	42	66	7	209
46	DEN 8343	Joegen Svendsen	Jens Christian Jurlander	DF	46	55	81	22	35	53	211
47	GER 8213	Peer Wilhelm	Nils Hollweg	Kf	43	41	30	46	70	52	212
48	RUS 8305	Sergey Shevtsov	Roman Sadchikov	StP	23	bfd	59	37	51	44	214
49	IRL 8254	Maurice O'Connell	Ben Cooke	Isol	30	bfd	21	8	bfd	51	215
50	RUS 8119	Vitaliy Tarakanov	Maxim Karelsky	Mosc	bfd	61	51	49	24	32	217
51	CRO 8280	Dan Lovrovic	Marin Lovrovic Sr	Isol	40	30	ocs	28	50	70	218
52	GBR 8345	Iain Percy	Andrew Simpson	Sol	8	bfd	60	dsq	1	45	219
53	NED 8263	Alexander Jorissen	Erik Veldhuizen	Hol	64	34	71	bfd	7	43	219
54	ARG 7777	Julio Labandeira	Enrique Della Torre	OL	73	bfd	13	34	60	55	235
55	CAN 7570	Hunter Lowden	Brett Wilson	EB	35	36	65	58	45	68	239
56	USA 8136	Henry Filter	Will Wagner	AN	54	45	74	47	23	bfd	243
57	CRO 7828	Mate Arapov	Ognjen Uljevic	Isol	60	bfd	57	dnf	9	15	246
58	USA 7462	Dave Watt	Dave Martin	PS	42	bfd	22	55	58	72	249
59	UKR 8096	Eugen Avksentiev	Kostyantyn Kondratuyk	Ukr	79	33	75	45	65	36	254
60	SUI 7990	Daniel Stegmeier	Beat Stegmeier	TB	48	dsq	49	64	71	24	256
61	HUN 8166	Tibor Tenke	Jozsef Bendicsek	Ore	63	44	43	32	bfd	74	256
62	USA 8320	Mark Reynolds	Hal Haenel	SDB	17	bfd	67	dnf	33	46	268
63	GER 8256	Hubert Merkelbach	Gerrit Bartel	UB	bfd	35	84	40	44	66	269
64	USA 8159	Ched Proctor	Matt Semler	CLIS	78	28	55	bfd	52	57	270

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65	ESP 8301	Franciso Sanchez	Manuel Roca	Lar	dnf	24	52	dnf	62	28	271
66	SWE 7978	Ingvar Krook	H. Johanson Hasselgren	AR	66	64	46	61	bfd	39	276
67	USA 8253	Richard Brethorst	Scott Anderson	LS	41	52	79	48	76	63	280
68	BRA 8283	Gastão Brun	Fábio Kraiczuk	RdJ	53	bfd	35	dnf	54	38	285
69	USA 8269	Jock Kohlhas	Larry Scott	BisB	71	38	76	54	67	61	291
70	UKR 8205	Konstantin Datsenko	Olexandr Yevseyenko	Ukr	77	42	31	dnf	37	dnf	292
71	ITA 8164	Valerio Chinca	Massimo Ciano	FDM	59	57	80	53	46	bfd	295
72	USA 8215	Bill Allen	Brad Lichter	WH	88	51	27	dnf	57	77	300
73	BUL 7437	Nedko Vassilev	Boycho Nikolov	Isol	83	46	69	51	78	59	303
74	BER 8272	Peter Bromby	Lee White	Isol	4	bfd	63	dnf	28	bfd	305
75	SUI 8009	Christoph Gautschi	Alex Gouda	Bod	84	39	78	44	69	75	305
76	BRA 8300	Peter Ficker	Arthur Lopes	San	72	66	70	57	75	64	329
77	ITA 8344	Antonio Tamburini	Renzo Ricci	SI	70	62	ocs	59	64	78	333
78	CHI 7972	Vicente Gimeno	Ignacio Pablo Hasbun	Val	76	73	62	52	73	bfd	336
79	USA 7713	Ben Fransen	Ian Coleman	AN	81	dns	61	66	72	58	338
80	USA 8175	Jim Babel	Bill Hawk	GL	56	50	66	dnf	80	bfd	357
81	USA 8061	Derek Decouteau	Trevor Nederlof	BI	90	54	82	56	82	87	361
82	GER 7865	Peter Lehnert	Peter Menning	Bre	86	bfd	83	50	55	88	362
83	GER 7750	Jens Burmester	Markus Mehlen	Ed	91	65	ocs	62	79	71	368
84	GER 8016	Hubert Rauch	Felix Kling	And	67	76	91	60	77	90	370
85	USA 8279	Claude Bonanni	Richard Burgess	Tab	80	49	88	dnf	81	73	371
86	UKR 8247	Vasyl Gureyev	Volodymyr Korotkov	Ukr	68	bfd	72	dnf	68	60	373
87	RUS 8281	Dmitriy Vokhmintsev	Yury Pinegin	StP	61	53	93	bfd	63	bfd	375
88	USA 7814	Keith Donald	Sean Bryson Quinn	AN	89	58	95	65	86	83	381
89	SUI 8329	Daniel Wyss	Urs Joss	ZU	75	59	89	dnf	83	76	382
90	USA 8163	Ryan Staszko	Jack Donahue	BH	93	69	92	63	84	79	387
91	USA 8083	John Chiarella	Robert Carlson	Sun	95	70	98	68	74	80	387
92	SUI 8085	Lorenz Zimmermann	Michael Mutti	LUV	bfd	47	54	dnf	dnf	86	397
93	USA 8245	Joe Zambella	Peter Costa	BH	74	63	73	dnf	dns	91	406
94	USA 7	Bill Babel	Trevor Davis	GL	85	60	77	dns	dnf	81	408
95	FIN 8292	Jali Makila	Erkki Heinonen	Fin	57	bfd	39	dnf	bfd	dns	411
96	GER 7816	Marko Hasche	Philip Behn	HF	96	75	94	67	dnf	82	414
97	CHN 7784	Hong Quan Li	He Wang	EB	92	68	85	dnf	dsq	65	415
98	GER 7866	Dierk Thomsen	Darin Jensen	Glu	82	72	87	dns	dsq	69	415
99	GER 7946	Hermann Weiler	Niklas Dietrich	Neu	98	77	97	69	85	89	417
100	ITA 7562	Stefano Bettarini	Corrado Cristaldini	Viar	87	74	86	dnf	dnf	dns	457
101	AUT 8021	Harald Wirth	Jim Pickering	AU	94	71	96	dnf	dns	92	458
102	USA 8043	John Manderson	Roman Gotsuyak	Mid	55	bfd	dsq	dnf	dns	dns	475
103	CAN 7451	Dennis Burgess	Gordon Clay	EB	97	bfd	90	dnf	87	bfd	484
104	AUT 8216	R. Tomasini Grinover	Gunnar Bahr	AU	bfd	67	dns	dns	dsq	dns	487



Peer Wilhelm / Nils Hollweg to leeward of Bill Allen / Bruce Hatfield



Iain Percy / Andrew Simpson leading the pack at the reach mark



Xavier Rohart / Pascal Rambeau, Robert Scheidt / Bruno Prada and Maurice O'Connell / Ben Cooke during the 4th Race

ALL IN A DAY OF SAILING

During the 4th race of the World's the wind picked up on the last downwind leg with some shots of about 30 knots coming through. Several boats were caught by surprised and lost their masts. However, for Francisco Sanchez and Manuel Roca it was a different story. Fried Elliott caught the action as their boat death-rolled. Fried has the following comment:

"It was quite an exciting moment. We were at the last leeward mark of the race and were conscious of leaving early so we could catch the finish. We made the decision to leave and head up the course. The other photographer had put his gear away, and I had my camera strapped to my chest, which is the way I prefer to carry it. Just as we were applying power to leave, the other photographer was looking back and saw what was happening. I got my camera into action as quick as I could all the while we're screaming at the driver to not go. Bear in mind its blowing 30+ knots. When I found them in my viewfinder I couldn't believe what I was seeing. I had my 300mm on the camera so it was hard to frame. I just started firing away hoping something would make it. The sequence is about 30 seconds in length.

"I grew up sailing dinghies and J-22. I've always thought of the Star as a keelboat. For me, the Star became a dinghy in this very moment as I watched it pop up like a Laser."



into position



for a jibe.

Francisco's head is just visible above the mast at the deck.



Over she goes!

Note the head of the crew Manuel to the right some way off from the boat to the right of the photo.



And now a jibe back as the boat rights itself with Francisco holding on tight.



And now for the round-up

Editor's note: Having had the pleasure of having gone through this experience, I can note a couple of things. One is that once the rudder is out of the water of course now the boat is completely at the mercy of the wind on the mainsail and hull. In this case the boat was driven around with the mast to windward causing the boom to jibe. Once the pressure is off the mainsail the boat rights itself. Because here the mast was pointing to windward as the boat righted itself the wind caused the boom to jibe back. For me that would be the scary part.



And they are off! History does not record if they managed to pick up the whisker pole just visible to the right of the bow. Francisco and Manuel decided they had enough for the day and scored a DNF, but were out again for the final two races.



A couple of minutes before the death roll incident Fried caught this action shot with Xavier Rohart / Pascal Rambeau leading Fredrik Lööf / Anders Ekström.

Fried's Centerfold

Fried's Centerfold



Opening Ceremony
Joe Zambella, John Chiarella, Bill Allen, Rick Burgess



Top three finishers: 3rd - Guy Avelon / John MacCausland; 2nd - Shane Zwingelberg / Peter McChesney; 1st - Phil Trinter / Rick Merriman

EASTERN HEMISPHERE CHAMPIONSHIP

June 1-7, 2008

Split, Croatia

Text and photos by Lynn Fitzpatrick

Preview

Situated on a peninsula, Split has two naturally designed harbors that have stood the test of time and have been fiercely fought over by Illyrians, Romans, Croats, Franks, Venetians, French, Austrians, Germans and more. Croatia's second largest city has limestone quarries and a commercial and military port that have been the envy of all would-be conquerors, including the Venetians in the 15th century and the Germans in the 20th century. JK Labud occupies a prime spot on the western side of Split's half moon shaped harbor.

Practice Race

Following some practice starts in light air, a practice race was started. A crowd at the pin end of the start had their eyes set on a breeze line that was being sucked toward the course by a slow moving thunderstorm moving to the northeast. Iain Percy and Andrew Simpson were among the first to catch the shift. They sailed the shortest distance while fetching the mark, rounded first and held their position on the rest of the fleet on the run.

Days One & Two: no wind**Day Three: Races 1 & 2**

After two days windless days, everyone breathed a collective sigh of relief today when the Jugo, the wind from the south, finally filled in at about 2:00 pm. The Croatians also sounded a big cheer when local champion Laser sailor recently turned Star sailor, Mate Arapov, and crew, Ognjen Uljevic, rounded the first weather mark in the lead. Marin Lovrovic Jr. and Sinisa Mikulicic were also in the top of the 37-boat fleet.

During the run, Lovrovic Jr. / Mikulicic were the first to catch a 15-degree shift and jumped into the lead on the boats that were sailing closer to Split's southern shore. Lovrovic Jr. / Mikulicic held off Scheidt / Prada during some close exchanges on the second beat and sailed higher than Scheidt / Prada down the run. With nearly the entire flotilla willing them to win, Lovrovic, Jr. and Mikulicic crossed the finish ahead by a boat length. Once again, the locals let out a cheer.

Mateusz Kusznierevicz and Dominik Zycki had a very clear strategy for the second race. They started at the pin and went left toward the shore and the shallower water to minimize the effect of the adverse current. Diego Negri and Luigi Viale and Iain Percy and Andrew Simpson were sailing a similar game plan but couldn't reel the new sail with a freshly minted gold star in.

Day Four: Race 3

The Stars had a long day. They arrived at J.K. Labud with the intention of being prepared to start the first race of the day by 10:00; however the wind didn't fill from the south until later.

The first and only race of the day started a little after 13:00 under mostly cloudy skies with 6-8 knot winds.

A third of the way up the beat it was clear that Iain Percy and Andrew Simpson had control middle left. They were in great company with Freddy Lööf and Anders Ekström and Hamish Pepper and Carl Williams. From the left, Percy / Simpson were first to the mark followed by Eivind Melleby and Petter Morland Pedersen, Lööf / Ekström and Flavio Marazzi and Enrico De Maria.

Percy / Simpson crossed the finish line thirty seconds ahead of Marazzi / De Maria. Lööf / Ekström crossed in third.

A second race was started but abandoned as the wind died.

Final Day: Race 4

Everything went as scheduled on the final day of the 2008 Star Eastern European Championships. The Dalmatian sun shone during the morning and heated up the land enough so that the Bora, the sea breeze, started to fill. The winds reached 8 knots and brought a gentle chop and white caps.

Iain Percy and Andrew Simpson boxed Robert Scheidt and Bruno Prada out at the start leaving Prada to fend off of the RC boat and giving the fleet a jumps start. Scheidt / Prada's only option was to do their circle and tack onto port immediately. Percy / Simpson rounded with a handful of boats ahead of them and Scheidt / Prada hand even fewer behind them.

Marazzi / De Maria won the final race and Percy / Simpson sailed a tactically brilliant race, but were unable to control Scheidt / Prada's appetite for passing boats and winning the 2008 Eastern Hemisphere Championship. Scheidt / Prada finished eighth in the race and held on to the series, finishing just one point ahead of Percy / Simpson and three points ahead of Kusznierevicz / Zycki.

J. K. Labud did an excellent job of hosting the regatta and making the most out of the unusual wind conditions for this time of the year.



Eastern Hemisphere Champions Robert Scheidt and Bruno Prada

EASTERN HEMISPHERE CHAMPIONSHIP

Pl. No.	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	Points	
1	BRA 8255	Robert Scheidt	Bruno Prada	Gua	2	4	4	8	18
2	GBR 8345	Iain Percy	Andrew Simpson	Sol	12	3	1	3	19
3	POL 8170	Mateusz Kusznierewicz	Dominik Zycski	Isol	4	1	11	5	21
4	CRO 8339	Marin Lovrovic	Sinisa Mikulicic	Kv	1	7	6	9	23
5	ITA 8266	Diego Negri	Luigi Viale	VE	10	2	5	6	23
6	SUI 8296	Flavio Marazzi	Enrico De Maria	TB	6	18	2	1	27
7	NZL 8187	Hamish Pepper	Carl Williams	Isol	8	9	9	4	30
8	NOR 8183	Eivind Melleby	Petter Morland Pedersen	Nor	14	16	8	2	40
9	GER 8140	Alex Schlonski	Frithjof Kleen	LuB	9	8	15	11	43
10	BRA 8284	Lars Grael	Marcelo Jordão	Par	15	10	7	12	44
11	POR 8309	Alfonso Domingos	Bernardo Santos	CP	11	19	10	7	47
12	CRO 7287	Mate Arapov	Ognjen Uljevic	Kv	3	17	20	14	54
13	SUI 8232	Henrik Dannesboe	Edward Morey	H	17	5	16	18	56
14	CRO 8280	Dan Lovrovic	Marin Lovrovic	Kv	7	21	14	15	57
15	SWE 8352	Fredrik Lööf	Anders Ekström	Bk	5	6	3	dnc	60
16	GER 9	Johannes Babendererde	Philipp Stanjek	Moh	21	14	19	10	64
17	CRO 8360	Marin Misura	Ivan Misura	Kv	ocs	12	12	13	83
18	ITA 8242	Lucio Boggi	Edoardo Natucci	Gar	20	26	21	17	84
19	HUN 8166	Tibor Tenke	Jozsef Bendicsek	Ore	19	24	29	16	88
20	AUS 7836	Iain Murray	Andrew Palfrey	LMac	13	15	17	dnc	91
21	FRA 8196	Raoul Dabry	Tristan Cotte	FdeM	24	28	22	21	95
22	ITA 8290	Silvio Santoni	Manuele La Porta	NG	22	11	18	dnc	97
23	HUN 7026	Viktor Martin	Miklos Bezereti	Ore	31	27	27	19	104
24	GER 8311	Axel Hampe	Chris Conrads	ZuW	25	25	13	dnc	109
25	RUS 8359	Andrei Berezhnoy	Sergei Masalov	StP	28	30	30	22	110
26	GER 8213	Peer Wilhelm	Nils Hollweg	KF	23	23	25	dnc	117
27	AUT 7809	Theodor Prey	Matthias Poell	AU	32	35	32	20	119
28	SUI 8085	Lorenz Zimmermann	Beat Stegmeier	LuV	16	13	dnf	dnc	121
29	GER 8154	Tobias Schott	Peter Linke	CBM	26	20	33	dnc	125
30	IRL 8261	Peter O'Leary	Stephen Milne	Isol	18	22	dnc	dnc	132
31	AUT 8146	Franz Kloiber	Michael Muller	SMA	29	32	26	dnc	133
32	GER 7960	Frank Thurner	Lars Krumnacker	ZuW	27	29	31	dnc	133
33	SUI 8329	Daniel Wyss	Urs Joss	ZU	dnf	31	24	dnc	147
34	GER 8346	Herman Weiler	Thomas Schmid	Neu	33	34	34	dnc	147
35	UKR 8119	Bondar Pavlo	Dmytro Shapovalov	Ukr	34	dnf	28	dnc	154
36	ITA 8081	Renato Irrera	Corrado Cristaldini	Pal	30	33	dnf	dnc	155
37	GER 7577	Christian Paucksch	Christian Knoll	Sta	dnf	dnf	23	dnc	161
38	AUT 8226	Hans Spitzauer	Christian Nehammer	Att	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	184
38	LAT 8135	Eizens Cepurnieks	--	isol	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	184
38	ITA 8200	Riccardo Improta	Andrea Lupol	Cap	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	184
38	IRL 8158	Max Treacy	Anthony Shanks	Isol	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	184
38	ITA 8344	Antonio Tamburini	Bento Ricci	Sal	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	184
38	ITA 7549	Andrea Nevierov	Alessandro Nevierov	FdiT	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	184
38	ITA 8014	Nando Colaninno	Santino Brizzi	Cap	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	184
38	AUT 8249	Roberto Tomasini	--	AU	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	184



Start of the Practice Race of the Eastern Hemisphere Championship

SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

January 3-8, 2008

Marina Verolme - Angra dos Reis,
Iate Clube do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
Report by UOL Sport in Sao Paulo:

Owner of two Olympic medals, Lars Grael won the Star South American Championship. With 14 points, he was ahead of the 2nd place Gastão Bruno / Fábio Kraicyk, 15 points, and his brother, Olympic champion Torben Grael, who sailed with son Marco, who had 17 points.

The last day of competition was marked by much rain and strong winds in Angra dos Reis. As on Sunday three races were held, with two races needed to complete the official program.

Lars went into the last race of the competition with a good great chance to win overall. The last race was marked by heavy rain and a decrease in the wind. Before starting, Torben Grael, who had to get four points of the leaders to win the competition, had problems with the mast and started more than two minutes late.

With Torben out of the running, Lars and Bruno was marked each other for the championship fight. Adler / Ermel won the race, with Lars and Bruno second and third, which gave the victory to the Olympic medalist.

“Despite the absence of current world champions, Robert Scheidt and Bruno Prada, the fleet had sailors of a high level, which only makes me more happy to have won this title once again,” said Lars.

SOUTH AMERICAN SILVER STAR CHAMPIONSHIP

Pl. No.	Boat	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Points	
1	BRA 8284	Imagine	Lars Schmidt Grael	Marcelo Jordão	Par	2	1	3	1	2	4	2	3	14
2	BRA 8283	Sex-age-nario	Gastão Brun	Fábio Kraicyk	RdJ	3	2	1	5	3	1	3	2	15
3	BRA 8834	Brasil II	Alan Adler	Ricardo Ermel	RdJ	4	4	4	4	1	2	1	1	17
4	BRA 8210	Vida Bandida	Torben Grael	Marco Soffiatti Grael	Gua	1	3	2	2	4	3	4	4	19
5	BRA 7218	Pardal	Guilherme Raulino	Marco Aurelio Lagoa	Par	6	5	6	3	5	11	5	5	35
6	POR 7760	Feitico	Patrick M De Barros	Henrique Anjos	FdeL	5	8	8	13	6	6	6	10	49
7	BRA 7772	Ninotchka	Francisco Siemsen	Norman MacPherson	Cop	12	6	7	7	7	5	9	8	49
8	ARG 7213	--	Gerardo Dellatorre	Jorge Monteiro	BA	11	7	5	11	8	7	10	6	54
9	BRA 8046	Black Neptunus	Andre Mirsky	Rodolfo Moraes	SP	7	10	10	8	11	9	7	7	58
10	BRA 80	Catica	Admar Gonzaga	Alexandre F. De Freitas	Par	8	11	12	6	10	dsq	8	9	64
11	BRA 7212	Dacha	Sergio Goretkin	Renato Cruz	RdJ	9	9	11	10	9	10	12	dnf	70
12	CHI 7237	--	Vicente Pablo Gimeno	Vicente Gimeno Baras	Val	10	12	13	9	12	8	11	11	73
13	BRA 8189	FFWD 5	Luiz Felipe G Mosquera	Denis Plambeck	GuB	14	14	ocs	12	13	dnf	13	dns	106
14	CHI 7310	Schiasol	Domenico Schiapacasse	Manlio Shiapacasse	Val	13	13	9	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	115
15	BRA 7590	Nathalia	John King	Daniel Santiago	Cop	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	140
15	CZE 7850	Bohemia Express III	Richard Vojta	Yan Hirnsal	--	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	140
15	ARG 7909	Manijos	Jorge Perez	Enrique Della Torre	OL	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	140
15	BR 8109 A	Born Free Again	Peter Ficker	Arthur Lopes	SAN	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	140
15	BRA 7074	Madona	Joao Almeida Marcos	Rafael Pariz	Gua	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	140



Photo: Hédi Tumbász / SVE

Lars Grael and Marcelo Jordão at the European Championship

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

June 11-18, 2008

Lake Balaton, Hungary

by László Visy

Photos by Hédi Tumbász / SVE

Day One, Race 1: - Stormy beginnings

The competition of the OVB Star European Championship at Balatonföldvár, Hungary took a very stormy start in an exceptionally strong northerly. Only twenty four boats finished the very tough race of the thirty nine boats of fourteen nations. Three masts broke, two crew fell overboard, there were many smaller and bigger technical problems. Fortunately no one was hurt.

The first race was won by the Germans Robert Stanjek and Markus Koy who finished 500 or 600 meters ahead of the fleet. The most promising Hungarian crew, the Tenke-Bendicsek crew dropped their jib on the first beat, after a quick repair they took up their speed finishing finally as eighth. There were two other Hungarians in the first ten, a good omen for the rest of the seven races. The northerly 14-15 m / sec wind blew steady without major wind shifts, it was mostly good sail trimming, good steering and the speed that decided the success of the ones among the first.

The wind blew relentlessly in the afternoon at Balatonföldvár, thus the general manager of the race, Béla Erdélyi decided not to hold another race on the first day. This was to give time to fix the damages, and get ready for the races tomorrow.

**Day Two, Races 2, 3 & 4**

The blistery strong north westerly wind of yesterday was much weakened, the morning brought fairly breezy conditions, by the afternoon it almost left the Lake but shifted, a northerly and a north westerly competed on the course.

There were three very difficult races needing excellent tactics at Balatonföldvár today. Most successful were the leading Germans Robert Stanjek and Markus Koy with a third, a first and a second place; they certainly increased their advantage in the overall results.

The young Hungarian pair, Márton Gereben and Péter Gereben sailed in front of the best Germans. In the end they finished a close second. They sailed very well all day and their overall result is a fourth place.

Of the eight planned races we already have four.

Day Three, Races 5 & 6

Two more races were held today at Balatonföldvár finishing six of the eight planned. Every Star boat now can drop their worst results already and this can change the leading positions. In the overall results the Norwegian Melleby-Morland pair rank third due to their excellent tactics today, they placed second and first place respectively in races five and six.

The German Stanjek-Koy pair strengthened their leading position. They won the first race of today and their fourth place in the afternoon was the result of brave competition.

The morning race was sailed in a fresh north-northwesterly. Later when it shifted to the northeast, the very well attuned race manager set a totally new course. It took two starts to get the race started; the second start needed the black flag. The wind shifted again, the course was modified to meet the new conditions. A good start and special attention to the wind shifts was most important today.

**Day Four, Race 7 & 8**

The OVB Star European Championship is over at Balatonföldvár. The European Champions are Robert Stanjek and Markus Koy.

The two races today accomplished the program. It took only four days to finish the eight races.

The day started with postponement, and the first start was around noon in a breezy southwesterly. There were many wind shifts and to make it even more challenging it was fresher near the shore, those were more successful who compromising a lot could sail hard against the wind near the south shore to tack to the mark.

It was about the same in the second race of the day although a longer than normal southerly wind shift challenged the skill

and flexibility of the race committee. The fleet started on the second black flag start.

The new European champions finished third in the first race and did not have to start in the afternoon. The first race winner, the Miller-Voigt pair won the race with ease and they did the same in the second, thus securing the silver medal.

The two young German pairs were exceptional in the fleet, used great tactics, were very disciplined and their spectacularly athletic racing introduced a new style of Star sailing. This strengthens the opinion that the oldest Olympic class secures its place in the program of the future Games.

The bronze winner Norwegian Melleby-Morland pair used good tactics in the brand new southwesterly, their second and third place proved their excellence.

The Masters (skipper over 50) category was won by the Tom Löfstedt / Krister Carlsson. The Grand Masters (skipper over 60) was won by the Alessandro Pascolato / Henry Raul Boening.



Eivind Melleby / Petter Morland; Robert Stanjek / Markus Koy;
Matthias Miller / Manuel Voigt

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Pl.	No.	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Points
1	GER 8109	Robert Stanjek	Markus Koy	BF	1	3	1	2	1	4	3	dnc	15
2	GER 7991	Matthias Miller	Manuel Voigt	UB	2	2	5	6	3	2	1	1	16
3	NOR 8183	Eivind Melleby	Petter Morland	NOR	12	1	3	15	2	1	2	3	24
4	BRA 8284	Lars Grael	Marcelo Jordão	Par	4	5	4	4	5	3	5	dnf	30
5	BRA 8282	Alessandro Pascolato	Henry Raul Boening	Gua	6	8	14	1	8	10	6	6	45
6	SWE 8298	Tom Löfstedt	Krister Carlsson	RS	3	4	12	13	6	dnc	4	4	46
7	HUN 7799	Marton Gereben	Peter Gereben	Ore	9	7	2	5	10	6	15	11	50
8	HUN 8166	Tibor Tenke	Jozsef Bendicsek	Ore	8	9	7	19	9	9	8	dnf	69
9	UKR 8310	Konstantin Datsenko	Oleksandr Yevseyenko	Ukr	5	14	11	17	17	5	12	9	73
10	HUN 7366	Gabor Bankuty	Gyula Monus	Ore	19	13	8	8	dnc	16	10	5	79
11	GER 9	Johannes Babendererde	Philipp Stanjek	Moh	dnf	18	6	29	14	8	7	2	84
12	SUI 8232	Henrik Dannesboe	Edward Morey	Sem	16	6	13	31	4	22	9	17	87
13	NED 8070	Chris Frijdal	Rob Edens	LO	11	16	9	23	7	18	20	13	94
14	RUS 8047	Dmitry Vokhmintsev	Alexandr Shishkin	Isol	10	19	21	7	16	19	18	8	97
15	GER 7577	Christian Paucksch	Peter Andra	Sta	21	15	18	20	12	13	16	7	101
16	HUN 7900	Robert Forintos	Istvan Horvath	Ore	7	28	17	12	35	12	11	21	108
17	SUI 8257	Christoph Gautschi	Juerg Koenig	Bod	17	10	33	35	15	11	21	16	123
18	GER 8016	Hubert Rauch	Felix Kling	And	13	12	35	11	21	7	25	dnc	124
19	UKR 8119	Bodnar Pavlo	Mikola Shapovalov	Ukr	14	11	25	14	18	dnf	14	32	128
20	HUN 7961	Huba Holovits	Zoltan Szokolay	Bud	rdg	20	20	25	11	14	dnf	18	129
21	CZE 7372	Igor Sterba	Jiri Fetterle	CZ	dnf	24	10	9	23	27	29	20	142
22	HUN 8160	Sebestyen Erdelyi	Carlos Contreras	Ore	dnf	17	23	18	24	15	32	15	144
23	NED 7427	Nik Petersen	Rudolf Ter Haar	LO	dnc	21	29	22	30	21	19	12	154
24	AUT 8249	Roberto Tomasini	Gunnar Bahr	AU	18	22	34	16	13	26	30	30	155
25	UKR 8054	Sergiy Shevchenko	Oleksandr Maslo	Ukr	22	30	26	24	25	30	28	10	165
26	POL 7858	Arkadiusz Wierzbicki	Krzysztof Pawlowski	Isol	dnf	25	24	33	32	24	13	14	165
27	HUN 7733	Andras Ujhelyi	Laszlo Visy	Ore	23	26	19	34	19	23	31	25	166
28	HUN 7026	Viktor Martin	Miklos Bezereti	Ore	15	29	16	28	34	33	24	22	167
29	EST 3	Ergo Kosk	Kristjan Kruus	Isol	dnf	dnf	31	3	26	17	17	dnf	174
30	GER 8346	Hermann Weiler	Josef Matrai	Neu	24	36	22	30	33	25	23	26	183
31	SUI 7854	Roman Juchli	Philipp Juchli	Bod	dnf	27	15	32	28	28	26	28	184
32	RUS 7347	Konstantin Starunov	Vladimir Lyasnikov	StP	20	23	36	38	27	32	22	24	184
33	HUN 8026	Sandor Ember	Ferenc Aubeck	Ore	dnf	32	30	10	31	29	33	27	192
34	GER 7414	Michael Schultz	Lars Keilwitz	LuB	raf	dnf	dnc	27	20	20	27	23	197
35	HUN 18166	Istvan Hevesi	Andras Felegyhazi	Bud	dnf	31	37	21	22	36	35	29	211
36	RUS 8359	Andrei Berezhnoy	Sergei Masalov	StP	25	34	32	26	29	35	dnc	dnc	221
37	HUN 7964	Tamas Holovits	Csaba Nazer	Bud	dnf	33	28	37	36	34	36	19	223
38	HUN 7138	Agnes Gomory	Zsolt Durbak	Bud	dnf	35	27	36	38	31	34	31	232
39	HUN 7833	Mihaly Olasz	Csaba Olasz	Bud	dnf	37	38	39	37	37	37	33	258



Huba Holovits and Zoltan Szokolay in 7961 find themselves tangled with Michael Schultz and Lars Keilwitz in 7414 during the first race.



European Champions Robert Stanjek and Markus Koy

NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

September 11-13, 2008

Hargor Springs, Michigan

By Eric Lind and Barbara Beigel Vosbury

September 10: by Eric Lind

The Little Traverse Yacht Club and Irish Boat Shop have been marvelous hosts for the Star North American Championship being held this week on Little Traverse Bay in beautiful Hargor Springs, Michigan.

The event is being organized by the Gull Lake Star Fleet and chaired by Jon VanderMolen with racing scheduled for today through Saturday. Promising wind this morning got everyone out on the water, but a predicted breeze of 7 knots from the South never happened and the fleet of 30 Stars was towed in after about an hour.

Afternoon report by Barbara Beigel Vosbury

How do you spell beautiful? We, those of us who were smart enough to enter the North American Championship, spell it Harbor Springs Michigan! It is fabulous here. We cannot say enough good about Dave Irish. He is the consummate host, with the cleanest boatyard and most outgoing staff you can imagine. AND he got to sail a Star for the first time the other day, returning to the dock with that smile we all have after our first time. We want for nothing.....except wind.

At 1100 we were under postponement. The Race Committee and some of the competitors witnessed a water spout. The seas and breeze were calm today. The RC fired two guns and hoisted November over Hotel and we were back at the dock by 1300. At 1305 Don Parfet was making a tee time. At 1430 we were abandoned for the day.

Kevin Farrell, Commodore, and the Little Traverse Bay Yacht Club membership are very excited to host a Star event. The Junior Program is putting on breakfast each day. Their Yacht Club is just next-door and across the street making everything handy and tidy.

The temperature here is perfect - mid to upper 40's at night and 60-70 during the day!

Jon VanderMolen, Tom Londrigan Jr. and the Gull Lake Star Fleet, and I mean ALL of the Gull Lake Star Fleet, have picked a perfect venue and done a fabulous job of coordinating and organizing. A thank you to our sponsors, North American Sailing Center, Bravo! beer and StarGear.net.

Did I mention the beer truck? There are 14 kegs in there and it is a great end to a great day on the water!

September 11, Races 1, 2 & 3: by Eric Lind

WOW!!! This has to have been one of the best days on the water that I can remember. We got 3 races in just over 4 hours and everyone is back at Irish Boat Shop enjoying some Bravo! beer.

All 3 races were 4 leg W/L with a 1.5 nm leg. Wind was in the low to mid teens during the first race and maybe some higher gusts as one mast was broken while races 2 & 3 saw the wind subside to the 9 - 12 range. Star Class veteran John

MacCausland from Cooper River in New Jersey and crew Kevin Murphy put together 3 strong finishes of 3, 1, and 4 for a total of 8 points and an 8 point lead over Rick Merriman and crew Phil Trinter. In 3rd place is Star Class President Bill Allen with crew Brad Lichter at 17 points. We are hoping to get 3 more in tomorrow and 2 on Saturday to complete the championship.

September 11 report by Barbara Beigel Vosbury

The forecast was for the wind to build and rumor had it that the wind would then clock. As with all regattas and venues, "it's never like this here". The wind started out around 15 knots with higher gusts and diminished to about 10 with gusts, but not so high.

John Koopman, Eric Lind and the great RC got three races off, playing catch up for the day before. Did I mention yesterday that this is a great venue? The waves were challenging and the skies were beautiful blue with white puffy clouds. The puffs blasted down the course with determination and the water that hit your face was refreshing.

The carnage was minimal, one mast, one pole and a few bruised egos, but that is to be expected with a fleet like this. Not as many boats as we would like to have but the talent is strong and the racing is fierce. One mistake and well, you know the story.

One great thing about smaller events is the camaraderie. You really get to know your competitors. We have some new members here, Jack Jennings, Dan Coughlin and Dave Irish. I hope that they have found our class to be as classy, friendly and competitive as we feel we are. Dave Irish last night described his impression of the Star as 'intimate'. Everything is compact and right at your fingertips and it is the only way two men can spend so much time with a feminine object and get away with it!

Rick Merriman and Phil Trinter were the recipients of the Jack Daniels Trophy as winners of the first race.

The dinner at Bay Harbor Yacht Club was traditional Michigan food, corn on the cob, ribs, corn bread, everything from here and very yummy! Thank you to everyone who helped put this together.

September 12, Races 4 & 5: by Eric Lind

After yesterday's wonderful conditions we awoke to light rain and cool, gray skies this morning with wind from the North. Reports that the wind was blowing out on the bay were not correct and we spent 3 frustrating hours with wind just not quite strong enough and not quite consistent enough to race.

We finally got a race started just after 2 pm this afternoon. The wind was in the 7 - 8 range with some left over chop coming in from Lake Michigan. Lots of shifts brought lots of position changes between marks, but in the end the top 2 boats from Thursday, Merriman / Trinter and MacCausland / Murphy, fought each other hard for the top 2 spots.

The RC got another race off under the black flag after 2 general recalls and as the sky cleared the wind diminished making for more challenging conditions. Again it was

Merriman first and MacCausland second and after 5 races with a throw out kicking in the standings show Merriman / Trinter in 1st with 4 points and MacCausland / Murphy 2nd with 8 points. In 3rd place, and leading the Masters Division, is Ched Proctor and Kip Gardner with 20 points.

Tomorrow is the last day of the regatta and the wind is forecast at 6, building to 10, from the Southeast. With a 1400 cutoff time the chances of getting more than 2 races in are slim.

September 13, Race 6 & 7: by Eric Lind

John MacCausland & Kevin Murphy Win Star North American Championship

Wind for the day was predicted to be Southeast at 6 building to 10, but the 30 Star boats sailed out of the Harbor to find East wind at 12 to 13 that held for the duration. PRO John Koopman called for another 4 leg W/L and the fleet started clean with no recalls. Second place team of MacCausland / Murphy won the race and cut the 4 point lead of Merriman / Trinter to 1 point as they finished 4th.

With a 1400 cutoff time looming and with the conditions deteriorating it appeared that the next race would be the last. The start of the race was the defining moment as Merriman / Trinter were OCS and did not return. When they were notified at the weather mark they chose to head for the hoist. Knowing that Merriman / Trinter would have to now count their 14th in Race 2 and that they would only have to count a 4,

MacCausland / Murphy chose to drop out the next time around and head for the barn with the championship.



Johnny Mac with Tod Raynor at the Tomahawk Regatta
Johnny Mac's N.A. crew, Kevin Murphy, is right behind them.

Overall it was an excellent regatta and everyone raved about the great job that the Irish Boat Shop staff and Little Traverse Yacht Club membership did in hosting this event. Jon "Who Has More Fun" VanderMolen and the Gull Lake Star Fleet did a tremendous job of organizing even though the venue was 300 miles away and we are all looking forward to doing it again in the future.

NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Pl.	No.	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Points
1	8195	John MacCausland	Kevin Murphy	CR	3	1	4	2	2	1	dnf	13
2	8362	Rick Merriman	Phil Trinter	LH	1	14	1	1	1	4	ocs	22
3	7997	Hyde Perce	Rick Peters	WH	10	7	3	9	3	22	7	39
4	8250	Andy Macdonald	Brian Fatih	NH	9	16	2	15	8	2	5	41
5	8159	Ched Proctor	Kip Gardner	CLIS	5	5	11	6	4	15	12	43
6	8157	Arthur Anosov	Mark Dolan	SL	2	11	17	3	13	14	1	44
7	8168	Greg Smith	T C Belco	--	17	22	10	5	6	8	3	49
8	8215	Bill Allen	Brad Lichter	WH	7	4	6	13	14	6	13	49
9	8143	Brian Cramer	Matt Johnston	WLOC	13	8	8	14	7	11	6	53
10	8253	Rick Brethorst	Mike Nichol	LS	20	10	15	7	9	13	4	58
11	8324	Todd Gay	Chris Harden	LS	12	3	22	10	11	12	11	59
12	7626	Mark Passmore	Ivan Bunner	WLOC	4	13	7	21	12	16	9	61
13	8333	Jon VanderMolen	Steve Ticknor	GL	8	12	5	16	15	17	8	64
14	8170	Tom Londrigan Jr	Stewart Hall	LS	11	2	19	ocs	18	9	10	69
15	8037	Peter Wright	Nathan Quist	Isol	dnf	dnc	dnc	4	5	5	2	78
16	7105	Bill Babel	Trevor Davis	GL	22	18	21	19	20	7	14	99
17	8153	Donald Zinn	Jon Klerk	GL	16	20	25	12	23	10	18	99
18	8175	Jim Babel	Bill Hawk	GL	6	9	20	dsq	dsq	3	ocs	100
19	8077	Jack Jennings	Tim Ray	LS	18	6	16	20	22	19	ocs	101
20	8318	Dan Coughlin	Paul Larkin	HB	14	23	13	8	24	23	dnf	105
21	8217	Mike Phinney	Brad Balmert	SLE	24	26	14	23	10	24	15	110
22	8208	Mac Waldorf	Darin Jensen	GL	21	17	12	24	26	21	17	112
23	17	Terry Line	Larry Scott	WLOC	15	25	9	17	19	dnc	dnc	116
24	8125	Don Parfet	Craig Lockerbie	GL	26	15	23	22	21	28	21	128
25	7986	Barbara Biegel Vosbury	Read Biegel	AN	19	24	18	dnf	dnc	25	16	133
26	8235	David Irish	Mark Strube	--	dnf	dnc	dnc	18	17	18	20	135
27	7824	Richard Burgess	Tom White	SL	dnf	27	dnc	11	16	20	dnf	136
28	8036	Jack Rickard	Chris Wallner	WH	23	21	24	26	25	26	19	138
29	8015	Tom Londrigan Sr	Rick Rundle	LS	25	19	26	25	27	dnc	dnc	153
30	7507	Donald Taylor	Nathaniel Taylor	WLM	dnf	dnc	dnc	27	28	27	dnc	175

50TH ANNUAL TOMAHAWK REGATTA

May 31 – June 1, 2008

Lake Hopatcong Y.C.

Photos supplied by the Murphy family

Due to the organizing efforts of the Murphy family 23 boats from 12 fleets and 4 countries participated in the 50th running of the Lake Hopatcong Tomahawk Regatta. As someone commented, it almost appeared to be a commonwealth games, with Bermuda, the Bahamas and Canada being represented.



The festivities began in fine shape on Friday evening with a good dinner. There were rumors going about that Saturday would prove to be an interesting day on the water with a strong front due to come through.



Johnny Finch's woodie, 4895

John Lombard / David Bolles in the lead at the leeward mark in the 2nd race with John MacCausland / Tod Raynor close behind

Saturday's weather did not disappoint those expecting some excitement. Gusty winds out of the southwest were the order

of the day, with frequent and fairly significant shifts with varying wind strengths coming through. The wind varied between 10 to 18, with some occasional local stronger shots coming through. Johnny Mac / Tod Raynor had the most consistent day with two firsts and a 4th to take the day.

After racing the party continued with dinner and rum provided by one of the event's sponsors. Again there was a rumor about what the following day would bring in terms of wind, with most agreeing that there would be very little wind.



Saturday Night Party

Well, so much for that rumor! By the time the boats were getting ready to sail the wind was already up with about the same strength as Saturday, although more westerly. In fact Sunday was a little bit more trying on the gear with various things breaking, from hiking straps to backstay ropes, and a few death rolls added in for good measure, forcing various teams to quit for the day.

Peter Bromby / Brian Murphy leading in the 4th race with Johnny Mac / Tod Raynor to leeward.

Jimmy Lowe sailing with Kevin Murphy in 7729 came in 2nd in this race.

The final race proved to be very exciting for the two front-runners, MacCausland / Raynor and Bromby / Murphy. It looked as if MacCausland / Raynor would win the race and thus the series, but in the last 100 yards the wind shifted in favor of Bromby / Murphy allowing them to take the race and the series.

To finish off the festivities, following the races there was a nice barbeque lunch which was followed by the awards ceremony. A good time was had by all.

TOMAHAWK REGATTA										
Pl.	No.	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Points
1	7756	Peter Bromby	Brian Murphy	Ber	2	3	4	1	1	11
2	8195	John MacCausland	Tod Raynor	CR	1	4	1	5	2	13
3	8295	Rick Merriman	Luis Balzac	LH	3	2	2	4	4	15
4	8013	Clark Dhein	Rick Dhein	LG	5	8	9	6	3	31
5	8269	Jock Kohlhas	Kim Hussey	BisB	14	7	8	9	5	43
6	7726	Jimmy Lowe	Kevin Murphy	N	4	9	5	2	dns	44
7	7998	Dave Cutler	Magnus Liljedahl	CLIS	6	11	3	3	ocs	47
8	7824	Rick Burgess Jr.	Rick Burgess Sr.	SL	11	13	10	7	7	48
9	7814	Keith Donald	Sean Bryson Quinn	AN	16	12	11	8	6	53
10	7993	Andy Ivey	Tom Reed	Sun	7	1	6	dnf	dns	62
11	7709	R. Murphy	J. Allen	LH	15	10	dnf	10	8	67
12	7728	John Lombard	David Bolles	Mid	8	5	7	dnf	dns	68
13	7009	P. Flinn	J. Lennox	LH	9	17	dnf	12	9	71
14	8086	Stu Miller	Jack Winthrop	LH	17	18	15	14	10	74
15	7940	Jack Dunnigan	Terry Comerford	LH	19	15	14	13	dns	85
16	8099	Bill Farrar	Matt Freeman	Sun	12	16	12	dns	dns	88
17	6306	Bill Nutzel	Burt Rosevear	LH	13	14	dnf	15	dns	90
18	6255	Christopher Klabe	P. Klabe	CR	21	21	dnf	17	11	94
19	7729	Thomas Flinn	Kaitlin Flinn	LH	dnf	dns	13	11	dns	96
20	7015	Peter Brzechffa	G. Skinner	LH	20	22	16	16	dns	98
21	4985	John Finch	B. Kitchin	WLOC	ocs	6	dnf	dns	dns	102
22	7630	Sam McMillan	Steve McMillan	LH	10	20	dns	dns	dns	102
23	6808	Gene Murphy	Alfredo Rodriguez	LH	18	19	dnf	dns	dns	109



Tomahawk Winners Peter Bromby and Brian Murphy

1ST DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

July 11-13, 2008

Rockport, MA

by Ed Desmarais

Friday, July 11 - After a short postponement ashore, with very light winds, the fleet headed out to Thacher's Bay, where the wind filled from the Southwest at 5-6 knots. Two races were held.

Saturday, July 12 - The fleet headed out to Thacher's Bay, where 2 races were held with wind from the South going to Southeast at 5-6 knots. The first race was abandoned.

Sunday, July 13 - Once again, the fleet headed out to Thacher's Bay, where 2 races were held with wind from the South at 12-17 knots. With large swells from an offshore hurricane (Hurricane Bertha) combined with the wind, the waves were about 5 feet, with some larger ones in the mix. It was certainly a demanding day for both the competitors and the Race Committee!

1ST DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

Pl.	Sail#	Yacht Name	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Points
1	8159	--	Chad Proctor	Kip Gardner	CLIS M	1	3	5	4	2	10
2	7265	More Pressure	Josh Phypers	Fritz Koopman	CA	7	1	2	2	7	12
3	7728	Mona Lisa	Peter Cusick	Patrick Bodden	Mid	3	4	4	7	4	15
4	7471	--	John Edenbach	Will Christenson	NB	4	7	1	5	6	16
5	8067	Pampero	Tomas Hornos	Luis Hornos	BH JR	9	2	8	3	3	16
6	8177	--	Jud Smith	Tyler Doyle/Terry Yuill	CA M	16	6	11	1	1	19
7	8007	--	Bill Watson	Roger Sharp	CLIS GM	2	5	3	dnf	dns	29
8	7715	Ciao Bella	William Swigart	Carroll McCallum	CLIS M	6	9	6	10	9	30
9	7629	--	Ken Woods	Jim Pickering	BH	8	12	10	8	5	31
10	8132	Claudina	Thierry de La Villehuchet	Witold Gesing	Mid GM	5	8	13	6	dns	32
11	7963	It's About Time	Bruce Engel	Steve Engel	CA M	11	10	14	9	8	38
12	7101	Kalypso	Scott Rosen	Ben Warfield	BH G	12	13	7	dns	dns	51
13	8052	Don't Look Back	Stephen Braverman	Jim Mullane	BH	17	14	9	11	dns	51
14	7386	Connection	Jim Kubik	Mason Browne	CA EGM	13	16	16	12	10	51
15	7330	The Continental	Mike Trotsky	Shimi Elkon	CA	14	11	12	14	dns	51
16	7565	Telluride	Jack Button	Dave Schutz	Mid EGM	10	15	15	13	dns	53
17	7555	--	Ed Desmarais	Bill Chambers	CA M	ocs	18	17	15	11	61
18	7076	One Plus Gemini	Ted Engel	Bruce Gowans	CA VGM	15	17	18	dns	dns	69



2nd: Josh Phypers / Fritz Koopman; 1st: Kip Gardner / Chad Proctor; 3rd: Pete Cusick / Patrick Bodden

2ND DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

September 5-7, 2008

Seven Sailing Association

The day before tropical storm Hanna was to come through we had great conditions for sailboat racing on the Chesapeake Bay. Winds were from the south starting out at around 6 knots and building to 15. Being a Friday, together with gas prices, the sailing did not have to contend with much power boat wake.

Pete McChesney and Shane Zwingelberg repeated as 2nd District champions, Ben Fransen and Ian Coleman sailed well to take second place. Bob Oberg and Mike Zuschnitt had a good series except for the misfortune of finding out they were OCS after finishing first in the second race.

Seven Sailing Association, the host club, cancelled all sailboat racing the next day in anticipation of Hanna. Thank you SSA for hosting the 2nd District Championship and Pete and Margaret McChesney for hosting the Star / J22 party.

2ND DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

Pl.	No.	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	Points
1	8264	Pete McChesney	Shane Zwingelberg	AN	1	1	1	1	4
2	7713	Ben Fransen	Ian Coleman	AN	2	3	3	5	13
3	8038	John Vanderhoff	Adam Dolezal	NCB	5	4	4	3	16
4	8095	Gunti Weissenberger	Aaron Serinis	NCB	4	2	8	6	20
5	8131	Bob Oberg	Mike Zuschnitt	AN	6	ocs	2	2	25
6	7986	Barbara Beigel Vosbury	Read Beigel	AN	7	6	6	7	26
7	7814	Keith Donald	Sean Quinn	AN	10	5	10	4	29
8	8063	Bert Collins	Thomas Gibbs	AN	3	ocs	7	8	33
9	7497	Kris Wilson	Bill Hughes	AN	8	7	9	11	35
10	7718	Mark Oberg	Chris Klabe	CR	9	ocs	5	10	39
11	8113	Joseph Pro	Nick Pro	WJ	12	9	11	9	41
12	7970	Sam Hopkins	Bart Kaplan	AN	13	8	12	13	46
13	7688	Walter Risse	Remo Casaco	AN	14	10	13	12	49
14	7939	Elliott Oldak	Chris Hardin	AN	11	ocs	dnc	dnc	56



Back row: Ian Coleman, John Vanderhoff, Adam Dolezal, Kris Wilson. Front row: Pete McChesney, Ben Fransen.

4TH DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

June 6-8, 2008

Sailed at Lake Springfield, Illinois, USA.

Report by Michael Pick

As you all may have heard, Lake Springfield's favorite son and last years winner, recaptured the Blue Star with 6 points out of a 5 race event. Tom "twinkle toes" Londrigan with Stewart Hall put on a great display in a regatta that was light on participation, 15 boats, but heavy on everything else. Day one - Friday was cancelled due to sustained winds of 20-25 with 35+ gusts. Not to be bored, the always thinking Tom Londrigan Jr. came up with the idea to sail a Laser around a jibe course. It was great fun to do and to watch. Before the event there was a bit of betting to add to the incentive. The winner, Geoff Ewenson (Jon VanderMolen's crew) put on a great display of boat handling in high winds, probably aided by his "extensive" experience in the Finn.

Day two saw the winds settle down to 12-16 and the race was under way. The first race started with light air which quickly picked up to the 12-16 range. The winds shifted to the south with the increase in velocity but we finished the day with three good races and the regatta was at least official. As far as mishaps, we had a broken backstay and a broken tiller resulting in a death role with the crew losing the boat, but no major injuries or broken masts.

Day 3, Sunday, saw the velocity pick up to 16-20. this was the day that Tom pulled out his secret weapon as before the race, his daughter Cookie painted his toenails pink and BLUE. That was all it took for Tom and Stewart to take the regatta. We had

a great time thanks to a combination of great people, weather, food and a great race committee.



Tom Londrigan and Stewart Hall

4TH DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

Pl.	No.	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Points
1	8170	Tom Londrigan	Stewart Hall	LS	1	1	1	2	1	4
2	8253	Rick Brethorst	Arthur Anosov	LS	3	2	5	1	3	9
3	8324	Todd Gay	D Jensen	LS	2	3	2	5	2	9
4	8333	Jon Vandermolen	Geoff Ewenson	GL	4	4	3	3	dnf	14
5	7602	Patrick Londrigan	M Thomas	LS	5	7	6	4	7	22
6	7905	Robert Maine	Rick Rundle	WH	6	5	4	7	dns	22
7	8036	Jack Rickard	T Ferrier	WH	8	10	rdg	6	5	26.5
8	8045	Mark Lewis	Scott Smith	LS	9	6	rdg	9	6	28.5
9	8227	Patrick Gudat	Roger Huber	IR	10	8	9	8	4	29
10	7533	Al Covington	Tomasz Milczarek	IR	12	11	10	11	9	41
11	7206	Peter Bennett	A Wise	IR	11	12	dnf	10	10	43
12	8244	George Preckwinkle	Trevor Wallner	LS	7	9	dnf	dns	dns	48
13	7179	Bradley Downen	Erik Fines	LS	dns	dns	dns	12	8	52
14	7664	Michael Pick	Jim Wise	LS	13	dns	dns	dns	dns	61
15	8037	Peter Wright	Danny Wright	JP	14	dns	dns	dns	dns	62



7TH DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP - CAMPEONATO VII DISTRITO

January. 24-25, 2008

Final results for six races sailed at the Iate Clube do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on Jan. 24-25.

7TH DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

Pl.	No.	Boat	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Points
1	8255	Guarani	Robert Scheidt	Bruno Prada	Gua	3	1	1	1	6	6	12
2	8284	Imagine	Lars Schmidt Grael	Marcelo Jordão	Par	4	4	3	3	2	1	13
3	8170	Isabella	Alessandro Pascolato	Henry Boening	GuB	2	3	2	8	4	5	16
4	8337	Clementine	Alan Adler	Ricardo Ermel	RdJ	1	11	6	2	5	4	18
5	8046	Black Neptunus	Andre Mirsky	Mauricio Bueno	RdJ	12	7	5	7	1	7	27
6	8210	Guga	John King	Marcelo Ferreira	Cop	9	8	4	4	3	8	27
7	8109	Born Free Again	Peter Ficker	Arthur Lopes	SAN	7	6	7	5	16	3	28
8	8251	Sem Nome	Reinaldo Conrad	André Lekszycki	--	5	5	9	6	12	16	37
9	8145	Carro B	Fabio Bodra	Ubiratan Matos	GuB	13	10	8	12	7	2	39
10	7966	Feitico	Augusto Barrozo	Fabio Kraiczuk	Gua	6	9	11	11	13	9	46
11	8127	Licca	Henrique Imbassahy	Ronald Seifert	--	8	13	10	9	11	12	50
12	7074	Madona	Rafael Pariz	Alessandro Assis	--	11	2	dnf	dnf	10	10	53
13	7200	Ninotchka Too	Francisco Siemsen	Manfredo Floricke	Cop	10	12	12	dnf	8	14	56
14	7770	Xu	Carlos Dohnert	Fernando Ilha	Cop	dnf	dnc	13	10	9	11	63
15	7850	Tudo em Cima	Marco A. De Sa Ribeiro	Rodolfo Castro	--	14	14	dnf	13	18	13	72
16	7358	Rafaela	Flavio Monnerat	Alexandre Barroso	RdJ	15	16	15	14	14	15	73
17	8189	FFWD 5	Luis F Mosqueira	Samuel Gonçalves	--	dnf	15	14	16	17	18	80
18	7823	Julieta	Joao Marcos M De Almeida	Flavio Gama	Gua	dnc	17	16	dnf	15	17	85
19	7079	Bad News	Luiz Carlos Santa Cruz	Jorge Bueno	--	dnc	dnc	dnc	15	dnc	dnc	95



Photo by Vincentebar

Top three crews at the District 7 Championship

3rd: Alessandro Pascolato / Henry Boening; 1st: Robert Scheidt / Bruno Prada; 2nd: Lars Grael / Marcelo Jordão

12TH DISTRICTS CHAMPIONSHIP

July 11-13, 2008

National Yacht Club

by Jeffery Imai

Friday got off to a slow start. We waited until 2:45 pm before the race committee boat left the dock to set the course. In light winds from the south east, Mark Passmore scored the first bullet of the regatta. After a wonderful BBQ back at National a small group headed off for an evening of spherical arts (billiards).

Saturday morning started off with no winds, rain and foggy conditions. Although there was a decent breeze from the southeast, at times it was difficult to see the leeward gate in front of the race committee boat. A further postponement lasted for about an hour with the first casualty of the regatta, a broken mast. After the disabled boat was removed, the postponement flag came down and racing was on. After 2 general recalls, race 2 started clean under a black flag. The second casualty of the day was a collision resulting in one boat withdrawing as it was taking on water. Passmore was able to find the marks in the fog and finished first.

The second race of the day had a clean start. The winds were building slightly and the fog was clearing. This time Cramer finished first followed closely by Passmore. The third race saw the fog lift but dark storm clouds going north of the course. After another clean start, Passmore had a fast start, pretty much leading the entire race to finish first.

The host club, The National Yacht Club, put on a great banquet dinner, followed by the presentation of the daily keepers. After two days, Passmore had clinched first place in the regatta and did not need to sail Sunday.

Sunday morning saw some rain and light winds. The winds were from the southwest. Terry Line sailed high to the left and rounded the windward mark first and continued to finish first. The second downwind leg saw an exciting finish with the 5th through to the 15th boats finishing within a couple of boat lengths of each other.

Congratulations to Mark Passmore and Ivan Bunner for winning the 2008 12th District Championship; Tom White: Green Star; Brian Cramer: Masters; Richard Burgess: Grand Masters; Josh Asermily: Leading Youth; Amanda Karahanas: Leading Lady.

12TH DISTRICTS CHAMPIONSHIP

Pl.	No.	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Points
1	7626	Mark Passmore	Ivan Bunner	WLOC	1	1	2	1	dnc	5
2	8143	Brian Cramer	Tyler Bjorn	WLOC	8	6	1	2	2	11
3	7601	Terry Line	Larry Scott	WLOC	5	2	5	3	1	11
4	7133	John Finch	Ruari Duffield	WLOC	2	5	4	4	4	14
5	7824	Richard Burgess	Josh Asermily	SL	3	12	3	8	3	17
6	7775	Hans Fogh	David Caesar	LOC	9	3	6	7	7	23
7	8157	Thomas White	Arthur Anosov	SL	6	7	8	5	9	26
7	7783	Dan White	Doug Carey	SL	4	4	9	13	12	29
9	8013	Rick Dhein	Clark Dhein	LG	7	11	7	6	13	31
10	7501	Amanda Karahanas	Tony Karahanas	LOC	14	10	12	10	5	37
11	8083	John Chiarella	Bob Carlson	SUN	12	9	11	9	11	40
12	7927	David Ivey	Greg Meyer	SUN	16	13	13	dns	8	42
13	7127	Bob Westcott	Kevin Westcott	SL	15	8	10	12	dnc	45
14	8236	Philip Hofer	Simon Foucreau	Q	10	15	14	11	10	45
15	7308	Brian McKay	Michelle Tan	LOC	11	14	16	14	14	53
16	7930	Terry Hofkirchner	Jeffery Imai	LOC	19	18	15	15	6	54
17	6729	Vadim Panna	Harri Palm	WLOC	13	20	19	16	16	64
18	6450	Steve Stobridge	Will Phipps	SL	20	16	18	17	15	66
19	6853	Bob Magtanong	Rommel Santos	LOC	21	19	17	18	17	71
20	7111	Francis Fougere	Dory Barone	LOC	18	17	20	19	18	72
21	6357	Greg Poole	Dave Winter	LOC	17	dnf	dns	dns	dnc	86
23	6770	Marshall Wilde	Phoebe McAuley	LOC	22	dnf	dns	dns	dnc	91
23	6317	Jim Thorndycraft	Eriks Rugelis	LOC	dnc	dnf	dns	dns	dnc	92

12th District Championship Competitors

13TH DISTRICTS CHAMPIONSHIP

August 21-24, 2008

Sailed at Plau am See, Germany

Pl. No.	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Points
1	GER 8020 Michael Ilgenstein	Kai Falkenthal	HF	4	1	1	7	3	5	14
2	GER 8140 Alexander Schlonski	Philipp Stanjek	Lub	6	2	2	8	8	2	20
3	GER 7971 Robert Stanjek	Markus Koy	BF	9	5	8	1	4	3	21
4	GER 8149 Alexander Hagen	Marko A Hasche	Glu	dns	13	4	2	1	4	24
5	NED 8188 Sander Jorissen	Erik Veldhuizen	Hol	2	10	10	4	dnf	1	27
6	DEN 8343 Jorgen Svendsen	Jens Chr. Jurlander	DF	1	9	6	5	10	6	27
7	DEN 8066 Johnny Jensen	Jacob Groth	DF	5	11	3	10	2	13	31
8	GER 7887 Phillip Rotermund	Tom Huber	Glu	7	4	17	6	5	14	36
9	GER 7991 Matthias Miller	Manuel Voigt	UB	3	3	5	dsq	6	dnf	45
10	GER 8213 Peer Wilhelm	Nils Hollweg	KF	15	8	15	3	7	17	48
11	NED 7753 Abs Ekels	Bart Schipper	Hol	8	18	12	13	11	9	53
12	NED 8070 Chris Frijdal	Ane Nofkamp	Med	10	14	18	dnc	9	7	58
13	GER 8233 Joseph Pieper	Martin Huchel	Moh	19	12	7	11	17	12	59
14	POL 7858 Arkadiusz Wierzbicki	Krzysztof Pawlowski	Isol	17	7	23	12	16	10	62
15	GER 7412 Nadine Stegawalner	Ulrich Daub	Ess	16	6	16	dnf	15	18	71
16	GER 8055 Jochen Diercks	Herbert Braasch	Lub	24	15	26	9	12	16	76
17	GER 8018 Robert Niemczewski	Michael Umlauf	BF	13	27	22	16	19	8	78
18	GER 7418 Michael Schulz	Christian Schulz	Lub	23	17	9	18	20	15	79
19	GER 7863 Klaus-Juergen Meyer	Joerg Mueller	Brm	18	20	11	14	18	22	81
20	GER 7908 Dominik Fallais	Simon Fallais	Aac	12	24	13	dnf	13	20	82
21	GER 7272 Reiner Petersen	Oliver Berger	BF	20	16	19	17	23	11	83
22	NED 7427 Nik Petersen	Rudolf Ter Haar	LO	14	22	24	dnf	14	19	93
23	COL 7859 Reginald Schlubach	John Schlubach	HF	11	19	20	dnc	21	dnc	99
24	GER 7750 Jens Burmester	Andree Nolte	ED	21	25	14	20	24	21	100
25	GER 8074 Lutz Dickow	Lutz Kramer	BF	25	23	21	15	22	23	104
26	GER 7013 Claus-Peter Luxa	Rolf Roettger	Ess	22	21	25	19	dnf	dnc	115
27	GER 7866 Dierk Thomsen	Phillip Dehn	Glu	dns	26	27	dnf	dnf	dnc	137



Jorgen Svendsen and Jens Chr. Jurlander at the Warnemünder Woche

Photo: Pepe Hartmann

**14TH DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP
CAMPIONATO XIV DISTRETTO
TROFEO SERGIO SANTELLA**

July 4-6, 2008

Sailed at Club Nautico Marina di Carrara, Italy.

by Andrea Tarabella

The District Championship at Marina di Carrara ended after only two days of racing. Three races on Friday and three on Saturday. Twenty-eight Stars took part, lacking only a couple of names so that all the best sailors might be there.

Diego Negri and Luigi Viale won and took home the trophy, being in grand form and also the team that, two weeks earlier, won the Trofeo Benetti at Viareggio. They will soon be going to the Olympics – next Monday they leave for China.

Waves and little wind characterized the six races making the regatta very difficult, more or less the conditions that Diego and Luigi will find in the Olympic venue, only with the waves being shorter. Great training for them.

Thanks so much to all the participants.



Diego Negri and Luigi Viale

CAMPIONATO XIV DISTRETTO

Pl. No.	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Points
1	8266 Diego Negri	Luigi Viale	VE	2	1	1	3	3	7	10
2	8332 Chieffi Enrico	Manlio Corsi	PDV	5	4	4	1	4	9	18
3	824 Giulio Gatti	Stegmeier Beat	IC	4	2	ocs	5	1	13	25
4	8180 Ferdinando Colaninno	Santino Brizzi	Cap	19	5	3	2	15	2	27
5	7 Albino Fravezzi	Fabio Fravezzi	SG	11	12	6	ocs	2	1	32
6	8030 Pierpaolo Cristofori	Giovanni Stilo	Rom	8	3	2	9	10	10	32
7	8335 Roberto Righi	Davide Bortoletto	Viar	7	11	7	15	5	3	33
8	8344 Renzo Ricci	Antonio Tamburini	SI	6	9	ocs	8	11	14	48
9	7562 Stefano Bettarini	Alessandro Giacchetti	Viar	13	17	5	10	6	15	49
10	8057 Antonio Balderi	Roberto Cinquini	PDV	10	14	10	12	12	8	52
11	8373 Guido Falciola	Paolo Valle	FdAL	15	19	8	4	22	12	58
12	8294 Stefano Fusco	Alessandro Meloni	LdB	14	6	ocs	ocs	9	5	63
13	8118 Andrea Tarabella	Carlo Corrado Gualandri	FDM	9	21	13	18	8	16	64
14	8206 Alessandro Lanfranchi	Alessandro Cinquini	PDV	3	13	ocs	ocs	14	6	65
15	82 Massimo Canali	Francesco Lattuada	Lec	1	8	ocs	11	19	dnc	68
16	8081 Renato Irrera	Corrado Cristaldini	Pal	18	18	9	7	21	19	71
17	7845 Andrea Poli	Silvio Dell Innocenti	Cap	21	26	dnf	13	13	4	77
18	8029 Riccardo Improta	Andrea Lupoli	Cap	ocs	16	ocs	16	7	11	79
19	8242 Lucio Boggi	Edoardo Natucci	Gar	23	10	12	6	dnc	dnc	80
20	7276 Marco Augelli	Renzo Simoni	FdiT	20	22	11	14	20	21	86
21	8178 Vito Moschioni	Matteo Ceruti	FdAL	12	24	ocs	21	18	17	92
22	7995 Luca Massacesi	Massimo Costanzo	Viar	ocs	7	14	ocs	24	20	94
23	7705 Graziano Bonanno	Massimiliano Ticulin	PDV	17	28	ocs	20	16	18	99
24	7889 Guido Sodano	Mauro Portoni	IS	ocs	15	ocs	19	17	dnc	109
25	8129 Giuseppe Ritucci	Stefano Buri	Cap	ocs	25	15	17	23	dnc	109
26	8330 Daniele Mugnaini	Davide Mugnaini	PDV	16	20	ocs	dnc	dnc	dnc	123
27	7280 Aldo Ceriotti	Roberto Zappatore	Man	22	23	dnf	dnc	dnc	dnc	132
28	1 Stefano Lillia	Gualtiero Zarri	Mu	24	27	dnf	dnc	dnc	dnc	138

17TH DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

September 12-14, 2008

Sailed at the Union Yacht Club Attersee, Austria.

Pl. No.	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Points	
1	AUT 7481	Hans Spitzauer	Tobias Harring	Att	6	1	2	1	1	dnc	11
2	GER 7860	Werner Fritz	Uli Seeberger	B	7	11	8	10	2	1	28
3	AUT 780	Stephan Schurich	Michael Fischer	Att	2	17	7	8	9	2	28
4	AUT 8249	Franz Kloiber	Michael Mueller	SMA	1	12	14	2	dnf	7	36
5	GER 8311	Axel Hampe	Chris Conrads	ZuW	5	2	5	20	18	8	38
6	GER 7577	Christian Paucksch	Johannes Sussbauer	Sta	3	18	10	19	4	4	39
7	AUT 7458	Thomas Stelzl	Johannes Eder	Att	12	6	1	17	16	5	40
8	GER 8160	Florian Von Linde	Tobias Steffens	ZuW	13	15	23	6	8	6	48
9	GER 7837	Sybille Merk	Michael Merk	Neu	8	8	27	7	15	13	51
10	AUT 8226	Christian Nehammer	Benedikt Wenk	Att	22	5	4	18	23	3	52
11	GER 8122	Klaus Kappes	Steffen Rutz	UB	4	3	6	29	29	12	54
12	AUT 7572	Andreas Denk	Thomas Mueller	Att	10	20	3	14	17	11	55
13	AUT 8154	Dietmar Greiner	Anne Pasemann	Att	17	14	16	5	24	9	61
14	AUT 7411	Erhard Haupolter	Florian Leitner	SMA	9	32	9	12	5	dnf	67
15	AUT 7519	Armin Raderbauer	Martin Lux	Att	16	16	17	4	25	15	68
16	AUT 7846	Gerhard Weinreich	Alexander Kagl	H	19	13	11	9	27	dnc	79
17	GER 8102	Heiner Frowein	Dietmar Hobbie	UB	18	25	30	3	dnf	10	86
18	HUN 7026	Viktor Martin	Miklos Bezereti	Ore	23	10	22	24	14	dnc	93
19	AUT 7795	Franz Mastnak	Robert Rastinger	TR	26	4	32	13	19	dnc	94
20	GER 8016	Hubert Rauch	Felix Kling	And	20	9	19	16	31	dnc	95
21	AUT 7886	Anton Cuber	Markus Mosing	--	11	22	35	15	13	dnf	96
22	AUT 7928	Josef Urban	Nikolaus Urban	TR	15	28	12	21	20	dnc	96
23	GER 7842	Manfred Belgardt	Bastian Fischer	And	24	7	29	32	6	dnc	98
24	AUT 7818	Michael Felzmann	Markus Gnan	Att	14	23	20	34	10	dnf	101
25	AUT 8216	Wolfgang Koechert	Michael Bergthaler	TR	29	19	34	11	28	14	101
26	AUT 8369	Roberto Tomasini Grinover	Gunnar Bahr	AU	21	34	15	26	7	dnc	103
27	AUT 7809	Theodor Prey	Matthias Poell	AU	32	29	25	22	3	dnc	111
28	GER 7989	Hugo Kroth	Hermann Pollack	Sta	30	26	18	25	12	dnc	111
29	CRO 79	Robin Han	Robert Mikac	Kv	34	31	24	28	30	16	129
30	GER 7625	Christian Stoll	Patrick Haussler	ZuW	27	27	31	23	21	dnf	129
31	HUN 7961	Huba Holovits	Zoltan Szokolay	Bud	25	24	13	dnf	dnc	dnc	136
32	AUT 8322	Peter Beisteiner	Christian Scheinecker	Att	dns	21	dnf	33	11	dnc	139
33	AUT 8106	Andreas Polanka	Maxim Polanka	CZ	31	33	21	30	26	dnc	141
34	GER 7981	Juergen Janson	Manfred Joppich	Teg	28	30	33	27	32	dnc	150
35	CZE 737	Vitezslav Ott	Stanislav Ott	CZ	dnf	dnc	28	31	22	dnc	155
36	AUT 8321	Harald Wirth	Andreas Schwammel	AU	33	35	26	35	33	dnc	162



Action at the Delta Lloyd Regatta

DISTRICT 21 CHAMPIONSHIP

September 5-7, 2008
 Lake Dillon, Colorado
 by Rick Peters
 Photos by Greg Schertz

It was quite a windy weekend at the 21st District Championship, held on Lake Dillon. The bigger “puffs” were reported at 40 knots! 10 boats were participating this Blue Star event held September 5-7th. Only one mast went down but there were quite a few wipeouts. A skipper fell out of his boat during the race, came back to finish 2nd in the next race. On the way in he wiped out again, holding on fast to the tiller, it

broke off and went in the drink with him! In the worst incident of the day both team members went in the lake, less a fingertip that got wrapped up in the jib sheet. The Star sailed off on its own for a minute or so then center punched a rock wall! The unfortunate crew was taken to the hospital where they stitched up his damaged digits.

Conditions on Sunday were similar to the previous two days. Having plenty of tales to tell of wild times out sailing Stars, they decided before launching the boats to have a barbeque instead. Even the crew with the missing fingertip was there to enjoy the feast!

21ST DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

Pl.	No.	Name	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	Points
1	7579	Ghost	Tim Seeling	John Kidder	CD	8
2	8100	--	Hans Bucher	Kirk Vanderwall	CD	24
3	7902	Hall Pass	Stephen Gunther	Dwight Beal	CD	24
4	7615	--	Richard Sears	Adam Tamme	CD	25
5	8227	Racer X	August Voegeli	Josh Vandermeer	CD	26
6	7977	Quick Feet	Paul Kresge	Bill Carlson	CarL	27
7	6903	--	Keith Park	Jame Goforth	CD	32
8	7030	--	Aaron Smith	Mick Lavy	Aspen	35
9	8012	Star	Jinx Stone	Peter Selucky	Aspen	40
10	6708	Karpi Diem	Steve Karp	Jerry Karl	CD	49



It all started off peacefully enough.



And then the wind picked up a bit.



Downwind things started to get a little wild.



And maybe a little out of control.



It was hard to know which way to go...



To avoid being dumped into the water.



But for some it was a great ride.



And the end result was a nice weekend of sailing.

WELCOME TO THE 52ND NICE CHRISTMAS REGATTA!

Organizers: Club Nautique de Nice and Fleet of Nice
(27), 28, 29, 30 December 2008
Historical Event of the Star Class

Nice, capital of the French Riviera, La Côte d'Azur, is a very good opportunity to unite Star sailing and New Year's festivity. Generally, weather is sunny and the early 12 knots north wind allows good races in the morning, and in the afternoon if there is enough sea breeze. The landscape is beautiful, the Cap Ferrat and the town and beach along La Baie des Anges in foreground.

ISAF had ranked Nice Christmas Regatta Grade 3 Event. Every year, talented teams are sailing here. Last year the twice World Champions, Bronze medalists Xavier Rohart / Pascal Rambeau were the winners again. 31 entries of eight nations. Swiss and Italian friends are regular customers and of course British and numerous members of the French fleets.

Schedule of events of the 52nd Nice Christmas Regatta

Saturday, December 27, 2008:

9:00 / 12:00 AM – 2:00 / 5:00 PM: Launching, Registration, Sailing Instructions.

6:30 PM: Welcome party, open bar (beer)

Sunday, December 28, 2008:

9:00 AM: Start of the 1st Race of this day

Hot wine on the quay at the return

About 7:00 PM: Bailey's party

Monday, December 29, 2008:

9:00 AM: Start of the 1st Race of this day. Hot wine on the quay at the return

8:00 PM: Free Dinner for skippers and crews. Tombola, everybody wins! (guest tickets available at the registration)

Tuesday, December 30, 2008:

9:00 AM: Start of the 1st Race of this day.

Hauling from 1:00 PM

About 3:30 PM: Prize giving

Race Committee President: Georges Korhel

Number of races: Minimum 3 races, if more than 3 races, the worst will be discarded

Skippers must be members of ISCYRA and have an insurance certificate or sport license.

Fees: 100 € if entry form received before 1st of December 2007, after this date 130 €

Address: Entry forms must be sent to Jacques Puisségur, 4 Avenue Salonina, 06000 Nice (France) or

Email: jacquespuissegur@aol.com

Parking: Free parking for cars and trailers inside the secured harbor area.