

# 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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## PROVISIONAL 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT REGATTA DATES

Here are the provisional 2008 regatta dates for the 1<sup>st</sup> District. Please check them and get back to me or Luis Hornos to make any changes.

June 7-8	Marshall Brown Secretary's Cup (BH)	
June 21-22	Arms-White (Mid)	Focus
July 11-13	1 <sup>st</sup> District Champs. (CA)	Focus
July 26-27	Marblehead NOOD (BH)	Tri-Dist Qual, Focus
Aug. 2-3	Sunapee Open (Sun)	Tri-District Qualifier
Aug. 23-24	New England Masters' (BH)	
Sept. 13-14	Bedford Pitcher (CLIS)	Focus, Nash
Sept. 27-28	Nutmeg Regatta (Mid)	Nash
Oct. 11-12	Larchmont Columbus Day Regatta	Nash

Please note that, as shown above, in 2008 the Ned Hay Regatta will not be held. The Cape Ann fleet is limited to holding only one regatta each year at their yacht club, and has elected to hold the 1<sup>st</sup> District Championship and forego holding the Ned Hay Regatta.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES AND ITEMS IN STARLIGHTS

The January – February issue of Starlights is now in the mail and you should be receiving it soon. I would like to draw your attention to a number of items in this issue.

First: Barbara Beigel-Vosbury is now the Executive Director of the Star Class. The Central Office has been moved to Barbara's home town of Annapolis. The Central Office is now at:

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Second: On the bottom of the front page of Starlights there is a note which reads:

TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE PRINTED STARLIGHTS you must contact the Central Office to request to be on the Starlights mailing list. Please contact Executive Director Barbara Beigel-Vosbury at the address given on this page for further information.

Be sure to contact Barbara if you wish to continue to get Starlights through the mail. The alternative will be to go on line on the Star Class website and download the pdf of Starlights.

Third: The next item which needs your attention is that on pages 2-5 are the 2008 for 2009 resolutions for Star Class rule changes. These will be voted on at the 2008 Annual Meeting by fleet representatives and/or proxies during the 2008 World

Championship in Miami, Florida at Coral Reef Yacht Club on 9 April 2008. Please make sure that your fleet representative has your fleet's instructions on how your fleet wishes to vote on these resolutions.

## PROFILES OF 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT SAILORS ON THE STAR CLASS WEBSITE

(Editor's note: As you may have noticed, Lynn Fitzpatrick has been actively contributing to the Star Class website and Starlights. The following profiles, about Tomas Hornos of the Boston Harbour fleet and John Manderson of the Mid-Connecticut fleet, are preludes to profiles on Star Class members who are beginning to congregate in Miami for the upcoming Winter Season and Worlds' Championship. But first comes a profile of Lynn.)

US and foreign sailing teams are streaming into Miami. Everyday, more boats arrive at the US Sailing Center. Masts are stepped, shrouds are adjusted and rigs are tuned. At some point during the first day, the T shirts come off and the sailors start to work on their tans. The Australians, the South Americans and the South Africans have a base, but the Europeans look as if they have spent a lot of time indoors this winter. On the second or third day, teams launch their keelboats and keep their fingers crossed hoping that everything works and they haven't forgotten to put their battens in their sails. While a few of the aspiring Olympians admit to having been skiing, most are playing it safe and not risking injuries so close to world championships and regattas that count for either qualifying their countries for the Olympics, qualifying for their Olympic teams or qualifying for more funding. Between cardio, core and strength training; eating; sailing and going through debriefing sessions, their days are full, and they wouldn't have it any other way.

Everybody is looking forward to the sailing season in Miami and everyone has a story to tell about their quest for the Olympics. As we approach the Rolex Miami Olympic Classes Regatta and the Star Worlds, Lynn Fitzpatrick will be profiling some of sailing's familiar and unfamiliar personalities and teams so that we can follow them this season and during the run up to the Olympics and beyond. She's not likely to run out of material because sailors of all kinds head to Florida and the Caribbean during the winter for at least one regatta in warm waters and under sunny skies.

## JOURNALIST LYNN FITZPATRICK

Lynn's sailing journalism career started when she was Regatta Chairperson of the 2006 Snipe Western Hemisphere & Orient Championship, the largest regatta in the event's 56-year history. The regatta was a finalist for the St. Petersburg Trophy, awarded by US Sailing for the best regatta in the United States during the year. Lynn's sailing articles, columns and event coverage have appeared in North American and international publications such as *Seahorse International*

*Sailing Magazine, BoatInternational USA, Cruising World, Sailing, Star Lights, Sailing Scuttlebutt, Scuttlebutt Europe, Sail-World* and numerous other sailing-related websites. She provided extensive coverage of the Star class during the 2007 ISAF Sailing World Championships in Cascais, Portugal, on behalf of the class. As the only non-Chinese member of the Sailing Committee of the "Good Luck Beijing" Olympic Test Regatta in Qingdao, China in August 2007, she provided daily previews and recaps of all 11 Olympic Classes to the organizers for distribution to media throughout the world. She was also the primary written journalist covering the Monsoon Cup, the grand finale of the 2006-07 World Match Racing Tour. The regatta was held in Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia. Lynn capped off the year as one of two American journalists at the 21st Annual King's Cup in Phuket, Thailand, the largest regatta in Asia. She is a member of the Miami-Dade County Olympic Development Committee.

### **TOMAS HORNOS**

by Lynn Fitzpatrick

If you win the Snipe World Championship you put yourself in the company of sailing legends. Now a sophomore at Tufts University, Tomas Hornos was one of the youngest to achieve such a great accomplishment. Tomas returned from Oporto, Portugal to the US with lots of fanfare. Cottage Park Yacht Club threw a party in his honor; Tufts University Coach Ken Legler added Hornos to a long list of Jumbos who have won world championships; even Tufts President, Larry Bacow, a sailor himself, sent a special note of congratulations to young Tomas. To quote Tomas, "It was one of the best times in my life". None could be prouder, or more supportive of Tomas' sailing career than his father, Luis.

Tomas had a unique winter break. Rather than spending skiing or sailing and goofing off with friends, Tomas has been working on an interesting project with his father. The pair has been sailing in Miami...together. Tomas is at the helm and incredibly zealous, Luis has been donning the droop suit and harness and crewing.

Tomas' interest in the Star took root when he was 14 years old and still an Opti sailor. Carlos, his uncle from Argentina, suggested that Tomas sail a Star in a NOOD regatta in New England. Tomas returned from school every afternoon for a couple of weeks before the regatta and played with all of the rigging on the Star that was set up in the Hornos driveway. Tomas and a friend relied on their Opti knowledge and enthusiasm to race the Star. At a combined weight of 280 pounds, the two juniors finished 17th in a 34-boat fleet the first time that they ever sailed a Star. Tomas, who is a master of light air, said, "Its basic. We played the shifts," and they ended up beating his uncle Carlos and his father, Luis.

Tomas caught the Star bug then and sailed the Mader for a year. In the summer of 2003 they purchased a Folli (7793). In the meantime, Tomas began sailing Snipes and a Laser. While Luis has been Tomas' primary coach and sponsor since Tomas was 5 years old, Luis and Tomas credit his Opti and Snipe coach, Leandro Spina, and the No Excuses Sailing Team for

the transition from the Opti to the Snipe and help with the Star.

About sailing the Star this winter, Hornos says, "It's a different track, but I am here sailing with my father against some of the best sailors in the world. It's unique and I'm glad that I'm trying it." Prior to US Sailing's Rolex Miami OCR, Tomas said, "I just want to gain experience. I'm not sailing the MOCR for a result."

Luis is excited about Tomas' future in sailing and in the Star class. While Tomas does not have a new Star for the MOCR, he did have a new crew. Luis had hinted that at some point it would be best for him to step aside and have Tomas sail with a more experienced Star crew. During the week of the MOCR, Luis has been keeping tabs on his business and on Tomas and his crew, Frederico Englehard. The pair sailed a spectacular regatta in a 66-boat field that includes all of the Olympians and Olympic hopefuls except for World Champion, Robert Scheidt. They capped off the regatta by winning both light air races in the silver fleet on the last day of fleet racing. What an experience!

### **JOHN MANDERSON**

by Lynn Fitzpatrick

If you want to see a changed man, catch up with John Manderson. Almost overnight he's been transformed into a guy who is grinning from ear to ear. John is on sabbatical. Call his office number and the message says that he'll be away from the December through May. As for his residence in New Jersey, it's locked up tightly and the neighbors are keeping an eye on it. His car? "I don't need it here. It's up north." John is a marine biologist with a PhD turned full-time Star sailor for the next four months.

Like most of the other Star, Yngling, Laser and Laser Radial sailors who have come to Miami to train for upcoming Grade 1 events, John has rented an apartment for the sailing season and he gets around town on his bicycle. Unlike many of the other sailors, nothing is on the line for him. Competing in the Olympics means nothing to him. All he wants to do is learn how to sail a Star over the next five months.

"I'm a marine biologist sailing for joy against the best sailors in the world," said Manderson over a glass of red wine. He doesn't have the strict regimen that a lot of the sailors on the circuit have, but sailing for ten or twelve days in a row has helped to tone the weekend warrior and put him in a great frame of mind. Manderson hasn't totally put his profession behind him. In fact, he does research in the morning and is working on a project with the University of Miami's Rosensteil School of Marine and Atmospheric Science, a campus that he can see every time he points his Star toward the northeast on Miami's Biscayne Bay.

My predictions are that this Snipe skipper known for his heavy air prowess will figure out the Star. His sabbatical may come to an end at the Star Western Hemispheres in Geneva, New York this May, but he'll shine as a weekend warrior in District 1 events this summer and there will always be a twinkle in his eye when he reflects on his winter in Miami.

**BISCAYNE BAY TROPHY**

January 26-27, 2008

With the Star Worlds 2008 coming to Miami in April, there was a strong fleet of 68 boats from 24 nations in town for the Biscayne Bay Trophy event. Saturday saw light winds while a shifty, stronger breeze greeted the fleet on Sunday. Germany's Robert Stanjek and Markus Koy won the event, followed by Luca Moden and Sergio Lambertenghi from Italy with Bermuda's Peter Bromby and crew Lee White came in third.

The top Master (over 50) skipper was US sailor Carl Buchan with son, James crewing. They finished 6th overall.

Race 1 was sailed on Miami's Biscayne Bay on Saturday on a bright sunny warm day with little wind. On Sunday, Race 2 was completed in winds of 10-15 knots. Aside from a significant number of OCS's, many teams went in early to get ready for the following day which was the first day of the MOCR.

Biscayne Bay Trophy								
Pl.	Nat.	No.	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	Points
1	GER	7971	Robert Stanjek	Markus Koy	BF	1	3	4
2	ITA	8281	Luca Modena	Sergio Lambertenghi	NG	4	4	8
3	BER	8272	Peter Bromby	Lee White	Isol	2	10	12
4	POL	8170	Mateusz Kuznierewicz	Dominik Zycki	Isol	3	13	16
5	ITA	8266	Diego Negri	Luigi Viale	VE	9	11	20
6	USA	8260	Carl Buchan	James Buchan	PS	11	12	23
7	USA	8320	Mark Reynolds	Steve Erickson	SDB	10	21	31
8	CAN	8143	Brian Cramer	Tyler Bjorn	WLOC	24	9	33
9	ARG	7976	Ernesto Rodriguez	Federico Engelhave	BisB	39	1	40
10	USA	8285	Augie Diaz	Phil Trinter	BisB	38	2	40
11	USA	8132	Thierry de la Villehuchet	Witold Gesing	Mid	25	16	41
12	JPN	7979	Kunio Suzuki	Daichi Wada	Isol	29	15	44
13	ITA	8142	Enrico Chieffi	Massimo Galu	PDV	31	14	45
14	AUT	8226	Hans Spitzauer	Christian Nehammer	Att	28	17	45
15	USA	8264	Peter McChesney	Shane Zwingelberg	AN	22	25	47
16	USA	8273	George Szabo III	Rick Peters	SDB	30	19	49
17	GER	8311	Axel Hampe	Andreas Fuerer	ZuW	51	6	57
18	SUI	7990	Daniel Stegmeier	Beat Stegmeier	TB	33	24	57
19	USA	8279	Claude Bonanni	Richard Burgess	TaB	34	26	60
20	USA	7370	Rob Emmet	Guy Avellon	AN	44	18	62
21	ITA	8290	Silvio Santoni	Edoardo Natucci	NG	42	22	64
22	USA	8195	John MacCausland	Tod Raynor	CR	47	20	67
23	USA	7934	Karl Von Schwarz	Rich Wharton	AN	43	28	71
24	ITA	8313	Alberto Barovier	Ferdinando Colaninno	SG	dnf	5	74
25	USA	8177	Jud Smith	Terry Yuill	BH	5	dnf	74
26	USA	8215	Bill Allen	Brian Fatih	WH	6	dnf	75
27	IRL	8158	Max Treacy	Anthony Shanks	Isol	dns	7	76
28	USA	8043	John Manderson	Roman Gotsulyak	Mid	7	ocs	76
29	NED	8277	Sjaak Haakman	Wietze Zetzema	Med	dnf	8	77
30	GER	8333	Marc Pickel	Ingo Borkowski	Bre	8	dns	77
31	USA	7715	William Swigart	Matt Semler	CLIS	48	29	77
32	GER	7750	Jens Burmester	Markus Mehlen	ED	55	23	78
33	SUI	8232	Henrik Dannesboe	Bobby Noble	Sem	50	zfp	80
34	USA	8230	John Dane III	Austin Sperry	MoB	12	dns	81
35	SUI	8296	Flavio Marazzi	Enrico De Maria	TB	13	ocs	82
36	USA	8087	Kevin McNeil	Baltins Arnis	An	14	ocs	83
37	USA	7786	Karen Wiley Alt	Tim Paris	MES	56	27	83
38	USA	8063	Bert Collins	Matt Freeman	AN	49	34	83
39	SWE	8331	Fredrik Lööf	Anders Ekström	Bk	15	dnf	84
40	USA	8159	Charles Proctor	Chris Rogers	CLIS	16	ocs	85
41	USA	7851	Brad Balmort	Mike Phinney	SLE	54	31	85
42	AUS	7836	Iain Murray	Andrew Palfrey	LMac	17	dns	86
43	CRO	8280	Marin Lovrovic	Sinisa Mikulicic	Isol	18	dns	87
44	POR	8309	Afonso Domingos	Bernardo Santos	CF	19	dns	88
45	CHI	8181	Rodrigo Zuazola	Robert Riegel	Val	20	ocs	89
46	USA	8318	Jon Vandermolten	TC Belco	GL	21	dns	90
47	USA	7970	Sam Hopkins	John Corrigan	AN	58	33	91
48	GBR	8345	Iain Percy	Andrew Simpson	Sol	23	dnf	92
49	NZL	8292	Hamish Pepper	Carl Williams	Isol	26	dns	95
50	USA	8269	Jock Kolhaus	Larry Scott	BisB	27	dnf	96
51	CHN	7784	Li Hongquan	Wang He	Isol	dns	30	99
52	IRL	8261	Peter O'Leary	Stephen Milne	Isol	32	ocs	101
53	FRA	8107	Xavier Rohart	Pascal Rambeau	NI	35	dns	104
54	NED	8263	Alex Jorissen	Erik Veldhuizen	Med	36	ocs	105
55	USA	8059	Dan Ronan	Lee Dayton	Mid	37	dns	106
56	NZL	8061	Rohan Lord	Miles Addy	Isol	40	dns	109

57	ITA	8081	Renato Irrera	Corrado Cristaldini	Pal	41	dns	110
58	SUI	8085	Lorenzo Zimmerman	Michael Mutti	LUV	45	ocs	114
59	SWE	8298	Tomas Lofstedt	Krister Carlsson	RS	46	ocs	115
60	GER	7816	Marko Hasche	Phillip Behn	HF	52	dns	121
61	GER	8213	Peer Wilhelm	Nils Hollweg	KF	53	dns	122
62	USA	7999	Tiani Hausen	Chris Sisino	BisB	57	ocs	126
63	ITA	8180	Francesco Bruni	Gilberto Nobili	Pal	bfd	dnf	138
63	BAH	8265	Steven Kelly	Bill Holowesko	N	dnf	dns	138
63	RUS	7	Serguei Shevtsov	Roman Sadcikov	Mosc	dns	ocs	138
63	NOR	8234	Eivind Melleby	Petter Pedersen	Nor	dnf	dnf	138
63	USA	8083	John Chiarella	Jim Pickering	Sun	dnf	dnf	138
63	USA	8222	Ed Gardner	Kip Gardner		dnf	dnf	138

## MIAMI OLYMPIC CLASSES REGATTA

January 28 – February 2, 2008

Biscayne Bay

### First Day Report

January 28

by Lynn Fitzpatrick

With 70 boats registered, the Star class is split into two fleets for the Rolex Miami Olympic Classes Regatta. Both fleets are stacked deeply with talent. Hamish Pepper and Carl Williams caught the first right shift of the day and led the 35-boat blue fleet around the entire first race of the MOCR. Biscayne Bay dealt the 2006 World Champion and his crew a shifty northerly 7-8 knot breeze, a cloudless sky and flat water. Flavio Marazzi and Enrico de Maria had a firm lock on second throughout the race. Used to San Diego's light and shifty winds, Mark Reynolds and Steve Erikson and George Szabo and Rick Peters were third and fifth, respectively. Freddy Lööf and Anders Ekström were sandwiched between the San Diegans. A string of Europeans including Eivind Melleby and Petter Moreland Pedersen, Diego Negri and Luigi Viale followed.

Marazzi / de Maria popped out in the lead in the second race and finished the day with a rock solid 2 / 1. Melleby / Pedersen defended their second place position against Pepper / Williams, who settled for third place in the second race. The first day was especially encouraging for Marazzi / deMaria and Melleby / Pedersen because Switzerland and Norway have not yet qualified for the Olympics. Pepper, on the other hand, has his hands full with a support crew that has doubled in size over last year. Hamish and Anabel have a four-month old son who loves the attention of his parents and his grandmother. Old friend and crew, David Giles is in town to take care of the rock stars out on the water.

The yellow Star fleet started racing later in the day in the same shifty conditions. Many of the top boats in both fleets found themselves heading out to either layline during the top quarter of the beat and hoping for a favorable shift. Those who got the shift breathed a sigh of relief and those who didn't had to scramble to work their way through the fleet during the remainder of the race. Rick Merriman and Brian Sharp hit the starboard layline first on the first beat of the yellow fleet's first race and had quite a head start on the run. Rohan Lord and Miles Addy fended off Peter Bromby and Lee White to take second and Mateusz Kusznierewicz and Dominik Zycki were fourth.

Xavier Rohart and Philippe Rambeau had the most convincing victory of the day in their final race. They rounded the first weather mark two boat lengths ahead of Carl and Jamie Buchan, but looked as if they hooked a ride on the TGV and extended their lead to over one minute and fifteen seconds the next time around the top mark. They were hooked up to the French Federation's new RIB by the time Hans Spitzhauer and Christian Nehammer and Peter Bromby and Lee White crossed the finish line in second and third. It was difficult to make big gains and easy to suffer big losses in today's conditions. The Buchans ended up eleventh in the final race.

Consistency at the top of the blue fleet put Marazzi / de Maria and Pepper / Williams at the top of the combined preliminary score sheet for the day. Merriman / Sharp and Bromby / Williams, the top North Americans, are in third and fourth.

### Second Day Report

January 29

by Lynn Fitzpatrick

Rick Merriman and his mom must have had a very special relationship. Kathy Merriman rooted for her son through his entire sailing career, including the recent US Olympic Trials in the men's keelboat event. But Kathy passed away on Sunday, January 27th, and now must be in heaven teaching all of the angels about Star sailing because Rick and crew, Brian Sharp, started the regatta with a bullet and had a fourth place finish in Monday's second race to trail the regatta leaders, Marazzi / de Maria, by one point going into the second day of racing.

During Tuesday's first race of US Sailing's Rolex Miami OCR, Merriman / Sharp committed to the right early and crossed the fleet one third of the way up the first beat. They sailed most of the beat on starboard tack and only needed to take a short hitch onto port to lead the fleet around the first mark, down the run and up much of the second beat. Eivind Melleby and Petter Moreland Pedersen snuck out in front of them in a 10 degree left shift up at the top of the second beat. After three races Merriman / Sharp has sole possession of the lead in the regatta and mom, who passed away on Sunday is smiling down on her son.

As the breeze came on and veered further right, Merriman / Sharp had the help of all of the angels who may have been a little confused during Tuesday's first race. For the second time in the regatta, Merriman / Sharp took the gun as they crossed the finish line. All of our thoughts will be with the Merrimans

on Saturday during services for Kathy which will be held in St. Petersburg, FL.

Never far behind Merriman / Sharp throughout the day were the Norwegians. Melleby / Pedersen posted a 5th in the second race and are sitting in second place four points ahead of Hamish Pepper and Carl Williams, who have a total of 18 points. The teams at the top were able to hit some 10- 15 degree shifts that weren't always righties. The wind started out at 115 degrees and went as far right as 170 degrees as the seabreeze filled throughout the day. Afonso Domingos and Bernado Santos had a fabulous day (they scored a 5, 4) that would have been all that much better had they been able to keep their well established first place position in a race that was abandoned early on the day as the wind tried to settle in.

Alphabet scores plagued a lot of teams from both fleets, and positions changed more dramatically on some of the runs than they did on the beats. In today's yellow fleet, Freddy Lööf and Anders Ekström proved to be the most consistent and posted a 3, 2 for the day. Mark Reynolds and Steve Erickson were successful at passing boats and despite a ZFP in the first race, only added 15 points to their overall score so that they have a total of 24 points and are sitting in fifth place for the regatta. Moving up in the rankings after posting an OCS on Monday are Mateusz Kusznerewicz and Dominik Zycki. They played the middle well and have to be very pleased with their 3, 6 for the day.

### Third Day Report

by Media Pro International

With the Star Worlds scheduled for Miami in April, the class has proven to be deep in talent.

"At the last Star Worlds there were teams from 32 countries, and only 15 countries can qualify for the Olympics," said Olympic Gold Medalist Mark Reynolds. "Now there are four slots left and 12 countries vying for them, so out of all the Olympic classes, this is the toughest for getting into the Games." Reynolds noted that this year's Worlds will be the end of the line for poor performers, though "poor performers" is a relative term in this fleet. It is sprinkled with no less than six World Champions and a slew of national champions and Olympic medalists. Reynolds, himself a World Champion and two-time Olympic Gold Medalist qualified the USA for its Olympic berth with his performance at the 2007 Worlds but will not represent the USA in 2008. Instead John Dane and Austin Sperry, who won the U.S. Olympic Team Trials, will sail for the USA. Dane and Sperry today landed in 16th overall after today's single race was added to the score line of four previous races, while Reynolds, sailing with Steve Erickson, logged in at 7th. Starting with tomorrow's racing, the fleet of 66 boats will split into Gold and Silver fleets, and by Saturday, the Gold fleet will have narrowed down to the top ten for a single medal race that will count double in scoring, simulating the new format that will be introduced for all Olympic sailing classes at the 2008 Games.

The seemingly unlikely leader in the Star class is the USA's team of Rick Merriman. and Brian Sharp, who are posting a low-point score of eight with two victories in their lineup.

"Things have been going our way," said Merriman, casually mentioning that he only got together with Sharp two weekends ago. "We work well together, stay laid back and keep the communications open."

Though Merriman has been sailing a Star for less than five years and his best finish at a Star Worlds is a fifth (2002), he is highly regarded by the other veterans, who also put value in Sharp's having been a grinder on Alinghi's America's Cup team.

Sadly, no one will get to see these "underdogs" take it to the end. The duo will sail tomorrow and then Merriman will fly out for his mother's funeral on Saturday. She passed away the Saturday before the regatta started, after a bout with cancer.

Behind Merriman / Sharp with 13 points is the Swiss team of Flavio Marazzi and Enrico De Maria, followed by Elvind Melleby and Petter Pedersen from Norway, with 14 points. Both of these teams have been training full-on for the mission of qualifying their countries for the Olympics and then continuing on as representatives to the Games, so they will be the forces with which to be reckoned from here on out.

### Fourth Day Report

by Lynn Fitzpatrick

Skippers and crews got to stretch their backs and use their hiking muscles a bit in today's sea breeze. The 7-10 knot southeasterly offered up a refreshing physical and mental change from the light air conditions of earlier in the week. Gone were the fears that an entire side of the course would cave in and a big shift would come through, but that's not to say that big shifts didn't come through. Sailors went back to the basics today and tried to get good starts and a clear lane so that they could maximize straight-line speed.

The silver fleet had an 11:00 am start in the best breeze of the day and Mark Mendelblatt and Mark Newbrook, who know each other from America's Cup campaigns, showed us how a skipper who had a good command of conditions out at the US Trials in San Diego and a new Star crew, could pour on the consistency by winning the first race and finishing third in the second race. Silvio Santoni and Edoardo Natucci were nearly as consistent and took a fourth and a first in the strongest winds of the day.

The family that hit both extremes of the happiness scale yesterday was the Lovrovics from Croatia. Marin Jr., sailing with Sinisa Mikulicic landed in the gold fleet while Marin Sr., sailing with his youngest son, Dan missed the cut by just a few points. Rather than sailing in with the rest of the silver fleet after they completed their final race for the day, Marin Sr. and Dan headed upwind a bit to watch the gold fleet's first leeward mark rounding. The Croatian cheering section got to see Lovrovic Jr. / Sinisa round a close second to Eivind Melleby and Petter Morland Pedersen. The Norwegians sailed for the righthand side of the course and rounded the second weather mark in the lead with Xavier Rohart and Philippe Rameau and Lovrovic Jr. / Mikulicic in hot pursuit.

The wind shifted left and the pressure dropped during the run enabling some changes in position and some strong

comebacks. Melleby / Pedersen took their second bullet of the regatta. Flavio Marazzi and Enrico De Maria were second. Rohart / Rambeau were third. John Dane and Austin Sperry had the big gain of the race by playing the left side of the course down the run. Lovrovic Jr. / Mikulicic had to settle for fifth.

Gunns O'Leary and Stephen Milne lead around the weather mark not once, but twice during the gold fleet's second race of the day. Ian Percy and Andrew Simpson came from deep in the fleet where the only thing that they could do was to gybe away into clear air and play the right side of the course. The move of last resort paid major dividends for Percy / Simpson by the time they reached the leeward mark. They got out from underneath the clouds and found a little more pressure in the dying breeze.

On the next beat, O'Leary / Milne played the left side in a 15 degree left shift and reclaimed the lead by what looked like an unassailable margin, but once again Percy / Simpson had faster cruising speed down the right side of the course. There were some close gybes at bottom of the run, but Gunns O'Leary and Stephen Milne, the 22 year olds, got the gun.

At the end of the fourth day of racing Flavio Marazzi and Enrico De Maria are the team to try to catch. Eivind Melleby

and Petter Morland Pedersen and Xavier Rohart and Pascal Rambeau are within striking distance. A bit further back are Marin Lovrovic and Sinsia Mikulicic. Today's races helped to spread out the scores a little so now there are only nine teams with less than 50 points. Marazzi / DeMaria have 19 points.

### Fifth Day Report

by Lynn Fitzpatrick

Today was the final day of fleet racing at Miami OCR. There were two races in the silver fleet for the Star Class and only one in the gold fleet. The gold fleet race was started in the mid-afternoon in a fluky and dying breeze that wasn't consistent enough to start a second race. Eivind Melleby and Petter Morland Pedersen finished the fleet racing with 24 points and are five points ahead of second place, Xavier Rohart and Pascal Rambeau going into tomorrow's medal round.

### Medal Race

Nine of the top 10 boats competed in the medal race which was scored with double points. Xavier Rohart and Pascal Rambeau won the race, while Eivind Melleby and Petter Morland Pedersen faltered, coming in 7<sup>th</sup>, giving Rohart and Rambeau the series.

### Miami Olympic Classes Regatta

Pl. No.	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Med	Points	
1	FRA 8107	Xavier Rohart	Pascal Rambeau	NI	7	1	4	bfd	5	3	3	5	2	30
2	NOR 8234	Eivind Melleby	Petter Morland Pedersen	NOR	6	2	1	5	7	1	8	2	14	38
3	SUI 8296	Flavio Marazzi	Enrico De Maria	TB	2	1	6	11	4	2	4	17	16	46
4	CRO 8280	Marin Lovrovic	Sinisa Mikulicic	Isol	10	4	zfp	4	2	5	5	zfp	12	53
5	POR 8309	Afonso Domingos	Bernardo Santos	CF	12	5	5	4	8	7	14	6	8	55
6	SWE 8331	Fredrik Lööf	Anders Ekström	Bk	4	24	3	2	13	8	6	13	10	59
7	ITA 8180	Francesco Bruni	Gilberto Nobili	Pal	9	ocs	10	1	4	6	25	1	6	62
8	NZL 8187	Hamish Pepper	Carl Williams	Isol	1	3	7	7	6	27	24	12	4	64
9	USA 8320	Mark Reynolds	Steve Erickson	SDB	3	6	zfp	6	3	14	28	9	18	68
10	USA 8312	Rick Merriman	Brian Sharp	LH	1	4	2	1	22	9	18	dnc	dns	79
11	POL 8252	Mateusz Kusznierewicz	Dominik Zycki	Isol	4	ocs	3	6	16	15	10	15		69
12	USA 8273	George Szabo III	Rick Peters	SDB	5	23	10	3	1	31	21	11		74
13	GBR 8345	Iain Percy	Andrew Simpson	Sol	13	5	zfp	22	20	24	2	4		74
14	USA 8230	John Dane III	Austin Sperry	MoB	21	7	6	bfd	5	4	13	20		76
15	BER 8243	Peter Bromby	Lee White	Isol	3	3	bfd	5	6	13	32	16		78
16	AUT 8226	Hans Spitzauer	Christian Nehammer	Att	5	2	11	14	28	25	7	19		83
17	IRL 8261	Peter O'Leary	Stephen Milne	Isol	8	18	zfp	8	10	12	1	28		85
18	ITA 8281	Luca Modena	Sergio Lambertenghi	NG	10	14	9	bfd	12	11	16	14		86
19	ITA 8266	Diego Negri	Luigi Viale	VE	7	21	9	10	2	18	30	21		88
20	USA 8285	Augie Diaz	Phil Trinter	BisB	6	9	16	15	15	19	27	7		88
21	IRL 8158	Max Treacy	Robert Shanks	Isol	8	16	16	3	13	16	29	18		90
22	USA 8260	Carl Buchan	James Buchan	PS	18	11	22	2	32	20	15	3		91
23	ITA 8142	Enrico Chieffi	Galli Hassimoo	PDV	20	18	19	17	1	21	11	10		96
24	USA 8195	John MacCausland	Tod Raynor	CR	13	6	26	18	3	29	23	8		96
25	AUS 7836	Iain Murray	Andrew Palfrey	LMac	15	13	14	13	9	23	12	22		98
26	USA 8159	Charles Proctor	Matthew Semler	CLIS	14	16	15	19	8	10	33	25		107
27	SWE 8298	Tom Lofstedt	Krister Carlsson	RS	21	11	21	bfd	7	22	9	24		115
28	GER 8333	Marc Pickel	Ingo Borkowski	Bre	18	10	14	13	22	17	29	zfp		117
29	GER 7971	Robert Stanjek	Markus Koy	BF	11	12	13	bfd	17	28	17	26		124
30	ITA 8313	Alberto Barovier	Colaninno Nando	SG	28	19	8	10	11	30	22	27		125
31	UKR 8205	Kostiantyn Datsenko	Oleksandr Yevseyenko	UKR	dns	9	zfp	7	15	33	20	23		126
32	RUS 8305	Sergey Shevtsov	Roman Sadchikov	Mosc	15	7	12	bfd	10	26	26	zfp		130
33	NZL 8061	Rohan Lord	Miles Addy	Isol	2	ocs	zfp	9	19	32	31	zfp		139

## Silver Fleet

Pl. No.	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	Points	
34	ITA 8290	Silvio Santoni	Edoardo Natucci	NG	9	29	zfp	12	15	4	1	4	5	79
35	USA 8235	Larry Whipple	Mark Strube	PS	12	20	zfp	25	11	6	8	7	4	93
36	CAN 8143	Brian Cramer	Tyler Bjorn	WLOC	20	17	20	bfd	19	5	6	3	6	96
37	CHI 8181	Rodrigo Zuazola	Robert Riegel	Val	17	23	23	bfd	9	2	7	13	11	105
38	UKR 8247	Vasyl Gureyev	Voldymyr Korotkov	UKR	dns	15	21	16	18	12	4	9	10	105
39	NED 8277	Sjaak Haakman	Wietze Zetzema	Med	29	12	23	24	14	11	2	12	9	107
40	USA 8043	John Manderson	Roman Gotsulyak	Mid	22	17	30	16	29	8	13	10	3	118
41	UKR 8096	Yevgen Avksentiev	Kostiantyn Kondratiuk	UKR	24	19	7	23	20	18	14	11	7	119
42	USA 8215	Bill Allen	Chris Rogers	WH	22	8	17	29	24	28	10	5	8	122
43	DEN 8343	Jorgen-King Svendsen	Jens Chr Jurlander	DF	30	20	14	30	14	3	15	6	21	123
44	SUI 7990	Daniel Stegmeier	Beat Stegmeier	TB	16	8	20	27	25	13	24	8	12	127
45	USA 8269	Jock Kohlhas	Scott Larry	BisB	24	22	18	11	17	21	9	14	19	131
46	USA 8067	Tomas Hornos	Frederico Engelhard	BH	16	30	zfp	28	12	19	28	1	1	135
47	CRO 7955	Dan Lovrovic	Marin Lovrovic	Isol	17	14	25	12	21	15	11	zfp	20	135
48	NED 8263	Sander Jorissen	Erik Veldhuizen	Med	14	10	15	bfd	30	23	18	15	14	139
49	CHN 7784	Hongquan Li	He Wang	EB	27	15	27	21	30	24	5	22	2	143
50	ARG 7	Alejo Rigoni	Gustavo Gonzalez	OL	23	27	24	9	23	ocs	17	zfp	12	144
51	ITA 8342	Lucio Boggi	Andrea Tarabella	Viar	27	25	19	18	23	7	12	zfp	17	148
52	JPN 8144	Kunio Suzuki	Daichi Wada	Isol	23	21	11	8	21	9	22	dnc	dnc	149
53	USA 8306	Mark Mendelblatt	Mark Newbrook	TaB	11	ocs	17	bfd	26	1	3	dnc	dnc	160
54	USA 8318	Jon Vandermolten	TC Belco	GL	19	32	22	15	25	26	19	18	18	162
55	GER 8311	Axel Hampe	Andreas Fuerer	ZuW	25	24	26	20	31	20	27	17	15	174
56	USA 8059	Dan Ronan	Lee Dayton	Mid	28	22	26	bfd	18	16	16	27	24	177
57	USA 8279	Claude Bonanni	Richard Burgess	TaB	26	31	28	19	28	22	20	19	16	178
58	SUI 8232	Henrik Dannesboe	Bobby Nobles	Sem	31	13	13	21	24	10	dnf	dnc	dnc	180
59	GER 8213	Peer Wilhelm	Nils Hollweg	HF	29	28	zfp	14	dnf	17	26	23	22	193
60	GER 7866	Dierk Thomsen	James Jensen	KF	19	25	31	20	29	25	31	20	28	197
61	SUI 8085	Lorenz Zimmermann	Michael Mutti	LUV	25	33	28	31	26	14	23	24	zfp	204
62	ITA 8081	Irrera Renato	Corrado Cristaldini	Pal	26	26	29	19	27	29	25	28	zfp	207
63	GER 7750	Jens Burmester	Markus Mehlen	ED	30	26	bfd	33	27	30	21	16	25	208
64	GER 7816	Marko A Hasche	Philip G Behn	HF	dnf	dns	27	32	31	31	30	16	25	208
65	USA 8336	William Fields	Timothy Ray	SMB	31	dsq	zfp	26	dnc	27	29	dnc	dnc	249
66	ARG 7907	Fabian MacGowan	Federico Engelhard	OL	dns	dns	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	274

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Date	Org.	Event
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Mar. 2-7	Dist. 20	Bacardi Cup
Mar. 21-31	Dist. 9	Ski-Yachting (Thun / Adelboden)
Apr. 4-18	ISCYRA	World Championship
Apr. 9-13	Dist. 14	Olympic Garda
Apr. 19	Dist. 9	Zürcher Frühlingspreis
Apr. 25-27	Dist. 6	Black Star Regatta
Apr. 26-27	Dist. 5	Dist. 5 Green Star
Apr. 26-27	Dist. 9	Bodensee Meisterschaft
May 1-Aug.28	Dist. 5	Starlights Thursday Nights
May 18-23	ISCYRA	W. H. Championship
May 21-25	Dist. 13	Breitling Regatta
May 24-25	Dist. 9	Jungfrau Trophy
May 24-25	Dist. 14	Coppa Tito Nordio
May 31-Jun. 1	Dist. 5	Rollins Bowl
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