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2004 ANNAPOLIS NOOD

April 30 – May 2, 2004

by Aaron Serinis

For the first time ever the Star class was added to a very large list of classes competing in the 2004 Annapolis NOOD regatta. With over three hundred boats sailing out of Annapolis harbor on April 30th thru May 2nd we were certainly gearing up for a busy three days on the Chesapeake! On the Star course we were joined by the eighty boat J-22 class, and the twenty boat J-24 class. These numbers made the Star fleet of fifteen boats seem relatively small, but the competition was big.

Severn Sailing PROs John Potter and Mark Hasslinger did an outstanding job keeping the 80 J22's and 24 J24's and 16 Stars separated on the racecourse. Only three short times did the Stars have to sail through the J22 crowd. There were three days of Southerly winds ranging from 8 to 20 knots with not too many shifts.

The conditions could not have been any better; the breeze was 15-20 knots at a direction of 180° for three days in a row! Given these very consistent conditions boat speed was at a premium. My crew John Avis and I set up our boat to the standard North tuning numbers, and knowing it was going to be somewhat windy and very wavy, we loaded on our Max Roach mainsail and the R-2 jib. Our set up would stay this way for the next three days.

Race one started in about 15 knots of wind and about a half knot of current flowing in the same direction. The committee boat end was slightly favored, and it was not surprising to see most of our competitors starting here. John and I set up just to leeward of the boat end pack in hopes of having just enough speed and point to get into a good lead position early on. This strategy proved to be a good one as wind shifts were miniscule at best. Local sailor Kevin McNeil sailing with Kevin Murphy showed good speed and smarts winning the first race of the regatta.

For race two Kevin finished only to find he had been OCS. In a series with no discard, this was going to hurt.

Our biggest challenger for the series however, would turn out to be US Sailing Center manager Jock Kohlhas from Miami FL, sailing with long time Star sailor Rick Burgess. Kohlhas / Burgess were sailing with a very similar set up as John and I, and in their sail selection they also chose the North Max Roach Mainsail and R-2 Jib. I quickly knew these guys were here to win. Also putting up a good fight was Brian Cramer from Ontario Canada sailing with Annapolis local Bob Schofield. Both of these teams put in a lot of time sailing in the winter events in Florida, and it sure showed, tack after tack these guys never gave an inch!

At the end of the seven race series Aaron Serinis and John Avis had won the regatta with 14 points. Jock Kohlhas was second with 21, and Brian Cramer in third with 26. A great weekend was had by all competitors, and we hope the Annapolis NOOD Regatta will continue to be on the Star Calendar for future years to come.

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Pl.	No.	Skipper	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Points
1	7763	Aaron Serinis	AN	2	1	4	1	1	4	1	14
2	8043	Jock Kohlhas	BisB	5	2	1	3	7	1	2	21
3	8143	Brian Cramer	LOC	6	5	2	4	4	2	3	26
4	8063	Bert Collins	AN	4	3	6	5	3	3	4	28
5	7265	Josh Phypers	CA	3	4	3	6	5	8	6	35
6	8113	G. Weissenberger	NCB	8	6	7	7	6	9	5	48
7	8087	Kevin McNeil	AN	1	ocs	5	2	2	5	dnc	49
8	7072	Dixon Duffett	AN	7	8	dnc	8	9	7	7	63
9	7090	Bob Bradford	MES	dnc	7	8	10	10	10	8	70
10	7425	Barbara Vosbury	AN	9	dnc	dnc	9	8	6	dnc	83
11	7785	Chuck Wiley	MES	dnc	dnc	dnc	11	12	11	dnc	102
12	6729	Walter Risse	AN	10	dnc	dnc	13	13	dnc	dnc	104
13	7497	Bud Elsaesser	AN	dnc	dnc	dnc	12	11	dnc	dnc	108
14	7567	Davis Buckley	AN	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	119
14	7650	Rivero		dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	119
14	7970	Sam Hopkins	MES	ocs	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	dnc	119

2004 World's Championship

Won by Frederick Lööf and Andres Ekström

Based on the Reports on the Star Class Web Site

Race 1: Sunday, April 25th: The English team of Ian Percy and Steve Mitchell won the opening race in the Star Class World's Championship sailed at Gaeta, Italy, which was dominated by wind and rain. The start of the first race

of six of the World's was delayed two hours because of the adverse weather. Then the wind settled around 14 knots and the 102 entries left the docks.

The first to round the windward mark was the Ireland team of Mansfield / Collins, followed by the European champions Lööf / Eckström.

The biggest missing competitor at the 2nd buoy was the winner of the American Olympic Trials, Paul Cayard, breaking his mast in the first downwind run and he was forced to retire. At the finish line, Ian Percy and Steve Mitchell were first, followed by Mansfield / Collins and Lööf / Ekström.

Race 2: Monday, April 26th: Victory for the Dutch team of Mark Neeleman / Peter Van Niekerk in the 2nd race. Sun and steady wind of 12 knots for the 2nd race at the Star World Championship in Gaeta were welcome after the poor weather conditions of the first day of racing. The 2nd day brought perfect sailing conditions.

The race, which started at 2:25 pm, was sailed on course #3, a five legged windward-leeward course with an upwind finish. At the first windward mark, first around was the Dutch team of Mark Neeleman/Peter Van Niekerk, followed by the Danes Stig Westergaard/Jann Neergaard. At the leeward mark, Neeleman and Van Niekerk were solidly in command. This scenario did not change in the 2nd go-around with the Dutch again first around the weather mark.

The Dutch crossed the finish line first, while the 2004 European Champions, the Swedes Frederik Lööf / Anders Ekström were 2nd, and third were Torben Grael / Marcel Ferreira.

It should be noted that in the morning before racing began crews were weighed. Those who were found to be overweight were told not to race. Some of these teams, George Szabo and Christian Finnsgard included, did not sail, while others did.

Race 3, first attempt: Problems with the weigh-in: Tuesday, April 27: Jury decisions cause cancellation of day's racing. The problems all started Monday morning at the weigh-in of USA crew George Szabo and Christian Finnsgard who after standing on the scales were informed that they were a full one pound over the permitted limit. After a frantic cycle around the town to shed the excess weight the boys jumped back on the scales only to find that they were still over the limit. Furthermore the Italian crew of class president Riccardo Simoneschi and Marco Marengo were also found to be over the limit along with some other competitors. Szabo checked the sailing instructions and found that there was no provision for re-weighing during the event despite the notice of race stating in article 8.2 that there was. After a full day of deliberation it was decided to award those boats which did not compete in Race 2 average points.

Race 3, second attempt: Wednesday, April 28: Race abandoned due to lack of wind.

Race 3: Thursday, April 29: The third race was initially won by Percy / Mitchell. A regular scirocco wind of 16 knots provided a perfect setting for the 3rd race of the Star World's. The heroes of the 3rd race, sailed on course 4, were the English team of Iain Percy and Steve Mitchell, who, by crossing the finish line 2nd, became the winners due to the OCS of the boat first across the line, Neeleman / Van Niekerk.

Neeleman crossed the finish line first but the OCS nullified the finish as it did for another seven teams. After Percy / Mitchell were the Australians Beashel / Giles and the Brazilians Grael / Ferreira.

Race 4, first attempt: Friday, April 30: Despite the best attempts of the Principal Race Officer and the Race Committee, the wind failed to materialize and so Race 4 was abandoned due to a lack of wind and a constantly shifting wind which prevented a good starting line to be set.

Meanwhile, during Friday the International Jury heard protests about the reinstatement of Neeleman and van Niekerk as winners of Race 3 based on the uncertainty of the line sighter at the start. Neeleman and van Niekerk were reinstated as the winners of Race 3.

Race 4 & 5: Friday, May 1: (Report by Paul Cayard) Today was a beautiful day on the Golfo de Gaeta. It all came good in the end. The fog burned off, the sea breeze filled in and the fleet was off and racing around 11:30.

The black flag was up for the first start. We had a very good start toward the left side. Very good boat speed up wind but unfortunately the wind was winding right. We got to the first mark about 30th. For the rest of the race we moved up finally finishing 15th. George Szabo with Christian Finnsgard won the first race.

In the second race, the black flag was up again. We had a good start and after a few minutes tacked onto port and headed for the now obviously favored right side. The wind was 16-18 knots from 250. Mark Reynolds and Steve Erickson were clearly out in front of the fleet about 100 meters ahead of us. We were going very fast now and we ground them down to round the top mark first.

On the reach, Reynolds pushed us both high and they were able to slide down the inside of us for the gybe. Yes, we went reaching today. Around the gybe mark and they stretched on us to have a 100 yards lead at the leeward mark. The Swiss team of Marazzi / De Maria, were in third.

For the rest of the race we went a bit faster than Reynolds up wind and about the same down wind. At the end of the final beat he was tacking on us trying to hold us back. He

did and the USA finished 1-2. Marazzi was third and Percy fourth.

Race 6: Sunday, May 2: The Star sailors were lucky. The wind filled in just half an hour before the time limit to start the last race and in a light sea breeze the fleet got off at the first black flag start. It was down to just one point on who would be 2004 World's Champion in the Star Class.

Ian Percy / Steve Mitchell in second place for the series got a clean start in the middle and led away to the right side of the course where less current and better pressure could be expected. But at some stage the left side of the fleet was lifted and the British wanted to play it safe and tacked.

Meanwhile the Swedish team Lööf / Ekström didn't have such a brilliant start and sailed with lots of courage (or desperation) into the far right corner, came out perfectly right and closed up to the British. Shortly before the windward mark they overtook them and started to sail them back.

Percy tacked, Lööf tacked on him and gave him bad air, Percy tacked away, Lööf ... And so on. Boats passed and the Swedes sailed the British back. Percy and Mitchell's engagement with Lööf / Ekström cost them dearly as they lost not just the championship but also lost second place to Marazzi / De Maria from Switzerland who scored fourth in Race 6.

2004 World's Championship

Pl.	No.	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Points
1	SWE 8141	Frederik Lööf	Anders Ekström	Bk	3	2	7	3	8	27	23
2	SUI 8085	Flavio Marazzi	Enrico De Maria	TB	4	56	8	13	3	4	32
3	GBR 8025	Iain Percy	Steve Mitchell	SO	1	22	2	9	4	28	38
4	NED 8028	Mark Neeleman	Peter Van Niekerk	Med	10	1	1	19	11	29	42
5	USA 8159	Paul Cayard	Phil Trinter	WSFB	ocs	8	14	15	2	3	42
6	BER 7988	Peter Bromby	Lee White	BER	16	3	5	11	10	dns	45
7	DEN 8179	Stig Westergaard	Vann Neergaard	DF	9	12	17	36	20	2	60
8	FRA 8107	Xavier Rohart	Pascal Rambeau	NI	ocs	26	20	2	9	6	63
9	NED 8170	Roy Heiner	Alex Breuseker	Hol	20	11	13	12	13	15	64
10	IRL 8110	Mark Mansfield	Killian Collins	IRL	2	16	37	6	19	22	65
11	CAN 8168	Ross Macdonald	Mike Wolfs	EB	21	17	36	5	17	5	65
12	AUS 8157	Colin Beashel	David Giles	SY	8	43	3	18	5	33	67
13	IRL 8158	Maxwell Treacy	Anthony Shanks	IRL	5	6	dnf	27	16	18	72
14	BRA 8109	Torben Grael	Marcel Bastos Ferreira	Gua	7	4	4	34	dnf	26	75
15	GRE 8079	Leonidas Pelekanakis	George Kodogouris	GR	15	10	21	23	33	7	76
16	ITA 8180	Francesco Bruni	Guido Antar Vigna	Pal	13	59	12	26	6	24	81
17	GER 8140	Marc Pickel	Ingo Borkovski	Brm	14	13	33	10	12	36	82
18	NZL 8169	Rohan Lord	Andrew Taylor	NZL	11	9	25	17	22	41	84
19	ESP 7581	Roberto Bermudez de C.	Pablo Arrarte E.	P-San	6	15	6	28	rdg	dns	86,6
20	USA 8129	Mark Reynolds	Steve Erickson	SIB	ocs	31	18	16	1	21	87
21	USA 7995	George Szabo	Christian Finnsgard	SIB	dnf	rdg	11	1	23	23	90,2
22	GER 7959	Alexander Hagen	Jochen Wolfram	Glu	19	27	23	4	21	25	92
23	AUS 7836	Iain Murray	Andrew Palfrey	Lmac	23	64	34	22	7	11	97
24	FIN 8094	Jali Makila	Erkki Heinonen	Fin	26	19	9	30	dnf	13	97
25	POR 8145	Afonso Domingos	Bernardo Santos	CP	12	36	ocs	24	18	14	104
26	AUT 8204	Hans Spitzauer	Andreas Hanakamp	Att	25	39	32	14	24	10	105
27	GER 8150	Michael Koch	Markus Koy	KF	28	20	29	51	28	1	106
28	ITA 8182	Pietro D'Alì	Piero Romeo		65	18	10	40	27	19	114
29	DEN 8101	Niklas David Holm	Claus Olesen	DF	dnf	40	26	20	14	16	116
30	CRO 7955	Marin Lovrovic Jr	Marin Lovrovic Sr	CRO	36	7	31	35	36	9	118
31	ITA 8029	Giampiero Poggi	Giovanni Stilo		22	14	16	41	39	32	123
32	ARG 7213	Julio Labandeira	Valentin Thomsom	BA	29	32	15	21	31	37	128
33	SUI 7990	Daniel Stegmeier	Beat Stegmeier	TB	31	5	42	8	46	52	132
34	IND 7901	Mahesh Ramchandran	Nitin Mongia	IND	35	29	35	32	25	12	133
35	GRE 7980	Stayros Aleyras	George Stylianos	GR	30	50	28	25	43	8	134
36	ITA 8014	Ferdinando Colaninno	Giuseppe Brizzi		18	34	24	37	32	61	145
37	GER 8016	Hubert Merkelbach	Oliver Vitzthum	UB	17	68	22	33	26	48	146
38	ITA 8155	Paolo Semeraro	Vittorio Landolfi		32	53	19	43	29	35	158
39	ITA 7827	Nicola Celon	Sergio Lambertenghi	SG	27	63	45	7	34	dns	176
40	UKR 8153	Sergey Pichugin	Sergey Timokhov	Ukr	40	35	48	49	37	17	177
41	GER 8033	Philipp Rotermund	Markus Mehles	Glu	39	25	68	48	35	39	186
42	RUS 8171	Georgy Shayduko	Nikolai Smirnow		ocs	41	47	44	41	20	193
43	NED 7969	Roeland Wentholt	Gert Van Der Heidjen	Hol	54	28	39	38	49	49	203

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44	ITA	8040	Giulio Gatti	Corrado Cristaldini	LdC	42	24	75	42	52	210
45	ITA	8076	Luca Simeone	Leone Rocca	Rom	44	30	57	53	51	212
46	FIN	8073	Marko Dahlberg	Ville Kurki	Fin	47	37	40	66	44	212
47	ITA	8197	Albino Fravezzi	Mario Salani		37	44	46	47	40	214
48	ARG	8070	Juan Kouyoumajian	Austin Sperry	BA	38	66	38	52	42	215
49	GRE	7973	Theodore Tsoulfas	Jakovos Loudaros	GR	60	23	30	45	70	222
50	HUN	8166	Tibor Tenke	Jozsef Bendicsek	Bud	33	74	27	rdg	47	222,4
51	AUS	8093	Michael Jones	Peter Merrington		34	55	41	54	58	224
52	ITA	8142	Enrico Chieffi	Giancarlo Del Col		43	21	ocs	29	30	226
53	ARG	7909	Alberto Zanetti	Mariano Lucca	OL	dnf	71	43	57	45	246
54	ITA	7339	Valerio Chinca	Massimo Ciano		dnf	rdg	56	31	62	251
55	ITA	8030	Pierpaolo Cristofori	Carlo Fogliazza	LdB	45	52	81	dsq	48	264
56	ARG	7316	Alejandro Chometowski	Manuel Bunge	BA	49	47	74	50	66	268
57	GBR	7943	Ante Razmilovic	Edmund Peel	Isol	48	48	dnf	61	53	269
58	RUS	8119	Vitaly Tarakanov	Alexey Bushvev		58	45	51	62	61	272
59	ITA	7958	Stefano Fusco	Alessandro Meloni	LdB	72	58	62	58	55	275
60	ITA	7237	Lucio Boggi	Andrea Tarabella	SG	59	69	55	rdg	63	282,6
61	RUS	7798	Yuri Firsov	Sergei Kramskoi	Isol	ocs	84	49	68	60	292
62	FRA	7714	Regis Berenguier	Vincent Berenguier		dnf	62	69	56	54	292
63	AUT	7846	Ronald Palleschitz	Gerhard Weinreich		68	61	72	64	56	295
64	SUI	7645	Daniel Wyss	Brian Fatih	ZU	66	dnc	59	65	59	303
65	NED	7900	Pieter Jongerius	Freark Zandstra	Med	55	dnc	44	71	71	304
66	ITA	7488	Roberto Benamati	Filippo Domenicali	Gar	ocs	54	ocs	39	15	314
67	UKR	8096	Vasyl Gureyev	Volodymyr Korotkov	Ukr	24	33	53	dnf	dnf	316
68	ITA	8160	Marco Minghetti	Nicolas Moget		ocs	rdg	54	63	65	321,8
69	ITA	8090	Luca Filippi	Paolo Cisbani	Rom	52	67	84	76	69	322
70	ITA	8202	Paolo Nazzaro	Riccardo Marullo		64	75	78	69	50	323
71	SWE	7978	Ingvar Krook	Erik Ganner	AR	57	83	67	59	57	323
72	RUS	8134	Alexey Lavrov	Alexander Kuleshov	Mosc	79	42	80	60	dnf	328
73	LAT	8135	Eizens Cepurnieks	Alexander Muzicenko	LAT	50	70	85	70	dnf	328
74	ITA	8190	Riccardo Simoneschi	Mario Marengo	FdG	41	dnf	dnc	46	38	331
75	FIN	8004	Joni Lieve	Timo Lamberg	Fin	71	65	79	78	72	346
76	ITA	7941	Davide Degennaro	Renzo Ricci	BAR	62	rdg	70	77	64	348,2
77	HUN	8115	Peter Katay	Nazer Csaba	Bud	74	73	76	87	75	353
78	SWE	3342	Sune Carlsson	Benny Nilsson	RS	61	72	82	79	67	361
79	ITA	7881	Andrea Racchelli	Massimiliano Ferrari		53	57	52	dnf	dnf	368
80	ITA	7906	Marco Testa	Livio Giacummo		67	dnc	60	72	dnf	370
81	SUI	7319	Henrik Dannesboe	Antoine Lombard	TB	dnf	51	61	55	dnf	373
82	ITA	7685	Nello Oliviero	Daniele Pisa	Cap	ocs	38	63	67	dnf	374
83	GER	7577	Christian Paucksch	Peter Andrä	Sta	77	82	88	75	73	377
84	SUI	8133	Hans Stöckli	Axel Erbe		78	80	66	82	74	380
85	UKR	8047	Eugen Avksentiev	Mykola Shapovalov	Ukr	51	60	71	dnf	dnf	388
86	ITA	7528	Antonio Balderi	Amerigo Anguillesi		81	85	90	86	76	390
87	GER	7575	Hubert Rauch	Christian Conrads	And	80	78	50	81	dnf	392
88	ITA	8081	Renato Irrera	Federico Medolago		75	81	89	83	68	396
89	SUI	8009	Christoph Gautschi	Uli Seeberger	Bod	46	46	ocs	dnf	dnf	401
90	SUI	7582	Roman Timm	Kaspar Huber	ZU	73	76	65	84	dnf	401
91	AUT	8001	Andreas Öehlwein	Gert Matushek	AU	69	77	83	73	dnf	405
92	SLO	7888	Bostjan Antoncic	Gennadi Strahk	SLO	63	49	dnf	dnf	dnf	421
93	AUT	7481	Albert Sturm	Bernhard Rottner	Att	56	rdg	77	dnf	dnf	427,4
94	USA	7885	Claude Bonanni	Steve Cutting	TaB	dnf	79	58	dnf	dnf	446
95	SUI	7578	Marc Friederich	Paul de Wit	TB	dnf	dnf	73	85	dnf	467
96	ITA	8165	Salvatore Pisanelli	Massimo Fullone		76	dnc	87	dnf	dnf	472
97	ITA	7099	Pierpaolo Di Russo	Pierluigi Lucciola		dnf	dnf	86	80	dnf	475
98	AUT	7572	Andreas Denk	Wolfgang Brenner	Att	dnf	dnc	64	dnf	dnf	476
99	AUT	8123	Walter Passenger	Martin Kropfitch	Att	70	dnc	dnf	dnf	dnf	482
100	ITA	7687	Riccardo Improta	Andrea Lupoli	Cap	dnf	dnc	dnf	dnf	dnf	515
101	ITA	8060	Antonio Tamburrini	Massimo Canali	FDM	ocs	dnc	ocs	dnf	dnf	515
102	GER	7552	Klaus Kapper	Steffen Rutz	UB	dnf	dnc	ocs	dnf	dnf	515

Olympic Yachting Committee? We all love Star sailing and the tradition it represents. I hope we can pass it on to the next generation.

