

Rampage, Scottish Ire lead Hyannis regatta

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HYANNIS — Rampage and Scottish Ire are taking charge of the 42nd annual Hyannis Yacht Club Regatta.

After finishing first in their divisions in Friday's terrible conditions, both boats came back to take first-place trophies in yesterday's race.

Sailing in the Performance Handicap Fleet (PHRF) Division A, Rampage, with Randy Richmond at the helm, won the battle right at the start, and after his first spinnaker jibe in front of Thorfinn and Loose Goose, it was a wire-to-wire victory.

In PHRF Division B, Fred Scudder overcame spinnaker problems at the start to pass Cayanne, and pilot his Scottish Ire, a J-24, to her second win of the regatta.

Both Scudder and Richmond are now in commanding positions to take home the regatta's overall trophies for best in their divisions.

Regatta chairman Dennis Sullivan and his committee couldn't have been happier with the improvements in yesterday's weather after Friday's horrendous conditions.

Yesterday's morning overcast gave way to sunshine in the late afternoon and the wind all day was excellent for the sailors.

The Laser Class, sailing in races that qualify them for the world championships later this summer, were dominated by Paul Thomson, who finished with two

firsts and two seconds in yesterday's four races. Scott MacLeod also grabbed two firsts to go along with a second and a third, and Steve Hartman was among the best with his second and two thirds, as the Laser class is coming home to a decision among these three skippers.

In the J-22 fleet, Beth and Rich Egan won two of the three races and finished second in the other. Todd Bernan had a first and second, and Andrew Spanberg had a couple of thirds.

Reed Kenney, sailing his J-24 Maggie, had probably the best day of all as he won all of the J-boat races. Carter Gowrie in Risk took a second and third, while Ken Olsen finished third twice in the three races.

Among the 505s, it was the Neil Fowler show. Fowler sailed to two firsts and a third, and was joined by Gary Bodie, from Norfolk, Va., and Macy Nelson from Baltimore as the best in yesterday's 505 class.

The Mitey Mites, sailing their Beetlecats, took a back seat to no one as Chris Murray led the way, followed by Tyler Moore and J.D. Crawford. The Widgeon Class was won by Jim McGrady.

The regatta continues today, with the prospect of the best weather of the weekend, and trophy presentations are set for later in the afternoon.