

Wave Rider takes 'A' ocean division

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There were a lot of winners at the Hyannis Yacht Club Sunday afternoon, and maybe the biggest winner of all was the club itself. After three outstanding days of racing most of the competitors under the social tent were tabbing this year's event, the 44th, as one of the best ever for the Ocean St. club.

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One of the most popular overall winners had to be the Wave Rider. She finished third in Sunday's Class A Ocean Division, but was good enough in the complete regatta to receive the trophy. Wave Rider is an Evelyn design and was skippered by Dick Ryder and Mike Bello.

Finishing ahead of the "Rider" in Sunday's 11-mile race was Slow Dancer and her driver Dave Wilbur. The second-place trophy for the day went to Ed Cusick and Frenzy. Stan Moore was the first skipper to cross the line on Sunday but he could not hold his time when the boats were corrected by the handicaps.

The Class B division has been a battle all week between Tom Duggan in Mogul Bandit and Taxi, skippered by Dennis Medeiros. These two had just come from some head-to-head battles last week in Edgartown. Duggan finally caught up with Taxi to win Sunday but the overall Class B trophy belonged to Medeiros. The big winner in Class C was a boat by the name of Speculation and her captain Greg Kelly. Kelly won the race Sunday as Rich Greer and Pipe Dream finished second.

The top J-24 skipper this week was Frank Lloyd of Bass River in Zap Sail. Ron Sears got the second-place trophy for the weekend and Joe Gallagher and Silver Streak wound up third.

In the J-22's, New Risk out of Harwichport had the best three days of racing. Bill O'Conner and Rob Pincus teamed up to take that trophy. Second place went to Barry Sturgis and Blue J and the third-place cup was won by Robin Gunn and PDQ.

As expected in the fleet of Cape Cod knockabouts, Ken DeLong was the best. The Hyannisport resident did not lose a race all weekend. Len Gallagher, sailing for the host club, came in second and Gregory Moore was third.

Another skipper who didn't know what it was to lose all weekend was Mark Bellerman. Bellerman was the winner in the Laser Division and also was presented with the Frank B. Bearse Trophy as the best performer in any of the one-design divisions. Bearse is a long-time member at the Hyannis Yacht Club and spent years promoting the one-design classes of racing around southeastern Mass. waters.

Matthew Sanford was the best 420 sailor during this event, followed by David Gardner and J.D. Crawford. Gary Bodie came out on top in the 505 class. The Sunfish trophy was presented to Jim Clinton.

The Beetlecat sailors were divided into two divisions for most of the regatta. The championship fleet was totally in the hands of Tyler Moore from Hyannis. In the Road Runner, he beat out Chip Neihoff from Hyannisport and Billy Frosthalm from the Hyannis Yacht Club. The consolation fleet was headed by Jane Lamoureaux from the Lewis Bay Yacht Club and it really was a LBYC finish. The second-place trophy went to Jonathon Bates and coming in third was Sheryl Halid.

Staying with the Beetles and the under-12-year-old sailors, the Mitey Mite winner was Kevin Dolan in the championship division and Peter O'Toole and Irish Mist took first place in that consolation division.