

50th HYC Regatta opens in fog, rain

HYANNIS — On a day that included almost all the weather elements that can affect the sport of sailing, the Hyannis Yacht Club fired the starting gun yesterday for its 50th Annual Regatta.

The sunshine was out early but that soon gave way to fog, light rain, and eventually some fairly strong winds. For the most part however, the racing program managed to go pretty much as planned.

This is a golden anniversary year for the regatta. The first event was held back on Tuesday, July 25th in 1939 as a part of the tercentenary celebration of the Town of Barnstable. Some of the same classes of boats that were raced then are still around this weekend.

After 4 races yesterday on Lewis Bay, the Optimist Pram fleet had Brian Savery on top in one division and Kristopher Davis in the lead in the second division. Jordan Mohre led the yellow division of the Beetle Cat Mitey Mites (12-year old and under) and Ted Marchildon was first in the green division. In the 'over 12' divisions of Beetle Cats, Pat Dunn and Mike Richards were tied in the blue division and Mike Crawford held the advantage in the white Division.

Representing the home club Mark Sexton was on top in the Knockabout class followed by Lynne Love from West Dennis Y.C.

and then Mark Gallagher, also from Hyannis. In the competition for the New England Laser Championship Kevin Hall leads the way in the Laser division and in first place in the Laser Radial division is Dan Herlihy from S. Dartmouth and the New Bedford Y.C. Also up for grabs this weekend is the Collegiate 420 North American Championship and that fleet is led by John Collins and Matthew Higgins.

The 505 racers completed two races yesterday and as of this morning Dave Dyson of Old Saybrook, CT has a 3.5 point advantage over Neal Fowler of Barrington, RI. The top two boats in the J-24 fleet are skippered by Ian McNeice from Nantucket and Tom Leach who lives in Harwich.

There are four divisions of ocean racing boats in this regatta; first place in division A yesterday went to Jim Carney and his 47 ft. Swan, Banzai sailing out of Harwich. Carney is coming off of three first place finishes at Block Island Race Week. The division B leader after the first day is Wiley Wakeman in his J-29 Wild Goose. Division C is led by a perennial HYC Regatta winner, Robert Luiz of Fairhaven in a Pearson 34 named Tequila Sunrise. And heading into today's race in division D Robert Thomas of Franklin is first in a Shark 24 called Wings.

Sailing

Hyannis Yacht Club Regatta Ocean Class A

1. Gambler, Charles H. Downey; 2. Zorro, Dick Egan; 3. Jousting J, Preistly/Heffernan.

Ocean Class B

1. Chinook, Neil Thomkinson; 2. Freightrain, Richard Hyde; 3. Allaura, Bill Abbott.

Ocean Class C

1. Heather, Robert Heidenreich; 2. Tequila Sunrise, Robert Luiz; 3. Indigo, David Thomas.

Optimist White

1. Eric Savery, Chapoquoit; 2. Kit Will, Wianno; 3. Samuel Mazzeo, Hyannis.

Optimist Blue

1. Eric Pontiff, Plymouth; 2. Jake Dewey, Hyannisport; 3. Jared Wallin, Bass River.

Optimist Red

1. Matthew Cohen, Falmouth; 2. Brooke Lloyd, Bass River; 3. Andrew Smith, Wianno.

Optimist Green

1. Bryan Wren, Bass River; 2. Drew Gore, Bass River; 3. Mia Colarusso, Wianno.

Optimist Champs

1. Matthew Cohen, Falmouth; 2. Lloyd, Bass River; 3. Pontiff, Plymouth.

Beetle M Mites

1. Brian McAlpine with Thomas Maloney, Lewis Bay; 2. Matt Sexton, Hyannis; 3. Alyssa Ringler with Kate Klim, Hyannis.

Beetle Open

1. Roy Terwilliger with Larissa Conte, Chatham; 2. Melissa St. Onge, Hyannis; 3. Josh Eaton with Brian Smith, Hyannis.

J-22s

1. Todd Kittredge with Ashley Sullivan, Hyannis; 2. Dave Dunn, American; 3. Ron Knight, Hyannis.

Laser's

1. Roger Tordjman, Telaviv; 2. Peter Seidenberg, Sail Newport; 3. Tyler Doyle, Plean.

Sunfish

1. Leonard Ruby, Cochituate; 2. Andrew Staniar, Birmingham; 3. John Klaus, CYC.

505's

1. Jeff Boyd with Martin Hove, KYC; 2. Neal Dyson, New Bedford Frostbite; 3. Jonathan Phillips with Michael Smith, West River.

420's

1. Neil Yetman, Falmouth; 2. Ryan Richards, Falmouth; 3. Andrew Buttner.

Vanguard 15

1. Will Smith, N.E. Harbor; 2. Rob Richards with Ery Largay, Falmouth; 3. Chad Demarest with Pete Bevis, COA Boat Club.

A precarious position



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■ Skipper Tom Kivney, left, and Frank Thompson assume a hiking position as they offset the tilt of their 505 sailboat during competition in the 50th Hyannis Regatta yesterday out of Hyannis.
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