

# SpinSheet

## Dinghy Racing Beat

### Penguin Internationals at Miles River

Forty Penguins and their crew, from as far way as Brazil and the western shores of Lake Michigan descended on the Miles River YC near St. Michaels for the Class Championship July 15-17. Thanks in part to Rear Commodore Ted Lowery, regatta chairman Fay Dyer, and racing coordinator John Thompson and volunteers from MRYC, the regatta setting, hospitality, and camaraderie could not have been better. A stationary high pressure system settled over the area during the event giving racers clear blue skies but very little wind.

Five races were sailed in the three day event, held July 15-17. Light air and large windshifts tasked Race Committee chairman Dick C. Bartlett and placed a premium on getting to the correct side of the course in this challenging series. Sandy and Marilyn Rapp, from Glenview, IL sailed consistently to take first overall for the third time in 30 years. Skip Moorhouse sailing with his daughter Ellee was the first classic wooden Penguin and second overall.

Awards were given to the top seven overall, as well as the top five classic boats. Four of the top seven overall and eight of the top 12 were classic wooden Penguins. The family nature of the event was evidenced by 16 parent-child teams, three husband-wife teams, and five families with two boats competing. The top Junior sailor was Emily duPont, who also finished 12<sup>th</sup> overall. Emily was also honored as the top female skipper. The Master's trophy, for the highest placing skipper over age fifty, went to Skip Moorhouse.

Racing started on Wednesday afternoon in a light southeasterly breeze. Charlie Scott sailing with son C.G. took the gun followed by Dick Tennerstedt with crew Diane Hunt. Race two saw a large shift to the left that John Aras and son Evan capitalized on to win the short Windward/Leeward course. The wind quit on the leeward leg, validating the decision of RC chairman Dick C. Bartlett to run a short course.

Thursday, the third race was started in a light north easterly, how-

ever the breeze faded and only eight boats managed to finish within the prescribed time limit. John MacCausland and daughter Erin took top honors with Skip and Ellee Moorhouse in second. As the remainder of the fleet drifted toward the committee boat after the time limit expired, lunches were passed out and nearly everyone took advantage of the jellyfish-free water, a treat for mid-July on the Chesapeake, and enjoyed a refreshing swim. When it became apparent that the wind was not going to fill in, the fleet was towed in.

Thursday evening a banquet was held, celebrating 60 years of Penguining. Although class founder Billy Heintz, who coincidentally celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this year, could not be on hand, he did send a speech he had written for the occasion describing the origins of the class. A few old-time Penguin sailors were in the crowd, including six time class champion Runnie Colie, Jack Record, Pud Moorhouse, as well as more recent veterans from the 1950's - 80's.

#### 1998 Penguin Internationals Overall Results

1. Sandy Rapp/Marilyn Rapp 8-2-3-3-5 21 points
2. Skip Moorhouse/Ellee Moorhouse 6-5-2-8-6 27
3. John MacCausland/Erin MacCausland 3-17-1-7-1 29
4. Mark Kastel /Cookie duPont 4-21-4-1-2 32
5. David Cox/Jeanne Cordiero 5-3-6-5-14 33
6. Kevin Majane/n.a. 9-7-5-15-7 43
7. Mel Reid/Nick Nolte 11-6-7-19-9 52
8. Charlie Scott/C.G. Scott 1-23-24-2-4 54
9. Dick Tennerstedt/Diane Hunt 2-15-24-18-3 62
10. John Jenkins/Haley Jenkins 13-9-24-12-11 69

On Friday the racers faced another light northerly. Mark Kastel with crew Cookie duPont sailed smartly to take first, followed closely by Charlie Scott. In the fifth race, the light northerly died and gave way to a southerly, causing havoc in the fleet. John MacCausland held on for the win with Mark Kastel second. The filling breeze compressed the fleet, such that 30 plus Penguins finished within a minute or so.

The 40 boat turnout represents the largest turnout of Penguins on the Bay in at least two dozen years. Much of the resurgence has been attributed to experienced sailors finding and restoring older Penguins to sail with their children. The results indicate that these boats can be and are competitive with the modern, self-rescuing, fiberglass designs, especially in the light breezes typical on the Chesapeake.

For more information on the class contact Charles Krafft, 301-935-6451 (W), 410-257-2379, (Krafft@lps.umd.edu) or (ckrafft@olg.com).

#### Snipe Women's Worlds

The 1998 Snipe Women's Worlds will be hosted by Severn SA in Annapolis October 3-7. For registration information contact Ramsey Alexander (410) 224-3062, (pendleto@ix.netcom.com). The regatta chairperson is Barbara Vosbury (410) 923-2063, (bvosbury@msn.com). Phil Richmond will serve as Principal Race Officer. Seven races are planned.

#### West River's 69th Annual

West River Sailing Club (Galesville) will hold their 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Labor Day Regatta September 4-6. A race from Annapolis to Galesville for the Chesapeake 20, International 470, Flying Scot, Single-handed, Jet 14 and Albacore fleets (and any other fleet that can get three or more boats together) will start 2 p.m. on Friday. Around-the-buoy races will be held on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call (410) 867-WRSC.

## **WRSC Annual Junior Regatta, July 14**

### **420s, 24 boats**

1. Scott Weller/ Elizabeth Kreter, SSA, 4 pts.
2. Emily duPont/ Carla Jauregui, TAYC, 11
3. John Haines, SSA, 13

### **Bytes, 13 boats**

1. Blair Hamilton, FBYC, 5
2. Jennifer Celesia, FBYC, 5
3. Chris Richardson, AYC, 11

### **Laser Radial, 9 boats**

1. Tyler Raven, SSA, 4
2. Anne Bowen, SSA, 5
3. Matt Levy, Camp Tackwagh, 10

### **Laser**

1. Anthony Koppersmith, FBYC, 6
2. Jamie Smith, WRSC, 6
3. Jeremiah Lyons, AYC, 8

### **Optimist - Red Fleet, 15 boats**

1. Zach Krissoff, AYC, 8
2. Mike Diquinzie, SSA, 16
3. Caroline LaMotte, TAYC, 18

### **Optimist- Blue Fleet, 23 Boats**

1. Stuart Williams, AYC, 6
2. John Whitesell, TAYC, 9
3. Bryan Cosgrove, WRSC, 12

### **Optimist- Green Fleet, 30 boats**



### **Bay Penguin sailors race the world...**

*Chesapeake Junior sailors (and friends) who participated in the Penguin International at St. Michaels. For the rest of the story, turn the page...*

*Back: Chaz Lynch (AYC), Kevin White (AYC), Cory duPont (TAYC), Matt Lane (TAYC), Ricardo Meirelles, and Mathews Resnuini (Brazil).*

*Front: Cordo Carraher (TAYC) and Emily duPont (TAYC)*