

The 2006 Wisconsin Yachting Assoc Championships were held on Pewaukee lake this past weekend where we saw over 40 C boats vie for the title. Light air and wind directions from the north that varied as much as 100 degrees on Friday created a difficult race course. The 5+ was sailed in about 1.5 hours with boats all over the course. E-89 Steve Schmidt lead most of the race with a nice lead until the last windward mark where the trailing boats closed in and V-800 Doug Mills moved in for the pass. The top four boats of Schmidt, Mills, Barkow and Eckerd all had a chance to win at the last leeward mark. Boats split to each side on the last upwind leg and when we all come together it was Ed Eckerd who squeezed Mills off at the finish to win race one, Barkow 3rd and Schmidt 4th. Race 2 in the afternoon on Friday was cancelled due to the lack of wind, although Chookie tried hard to spur on the head RC to get a race in.

Friday night was a true C boating experience. The PYC hosted a cocktail hour with hor'dervs and FREE BEER. The mellow after race cocktail hour quickly turned into a Beulah vs. the rest of the C fleet in a little known game of Flip Cup. Contact Salty if you are unfamiliar with this game, he will hold practice sessions for all who are interested. I might suggest some of the Beulah sailors take a lesson or two. The game was fun and the competition was intense. I would personally like to thank Zack and Frank and Dave for the "mono e mono full cup Flip Cup" challenges.

After we all recovered.... Saturday's AM race was started and abandoned after the first leg. Please note to all the OO-7 had an amazing first leg – over early, and then winning at the top mark. Well sailed Curt, we all know you would have won going away.

After lunch we sailed back to back races as the winds filled from the South at a steady 0-8 mph. The RC got creative and sailed a W2T+. Patience was the name of the game in this race. V-11, V-101, A-22 and A-136 jumped out in the front pack as the race progressed. A tip from the well experienced reachers to all us younger sailors who might not have a lot of experience sailing reaches, but standing up the entire reach leg works, not sure why, but it does and I decided to join in. Finishes were: V-11, V-101, A-136, A-22, B-217 and E-1.

The last race on Saturday was much of the same as the first, light air out of the SSE. This time B-217 Joe and Anne jumped out to a great lead from the fleet and lead the entire W2T+. The winds built to a nice 12 mph turning east on the last reach legs and to much excitement of all the kinked necked, soar back, soggy buns crews who spent most of the day on the low side trying to stay awake. B-217 won with ease followed by V-11, E-89, V-101, OO-23, A136, and E-111 (way to beat the old man Liz).

That ended up as the last race of the regatta as the rain the thunder took over Sunday morning. Consistence proved to be the name of the game for the regatta leaders.

On behalf of the C fleet, I would like to thank Mark and Terri Isabel (and all their helper) for running the regatta, the RC of Bob Scheible, Salty, Chookie, Dick and Chuck and all the others, a job well done.

We will see you all at Geneva. Rumors of a baggo tourney are flying around and I am sure Beulah wants to redeem themselves at the Flip Cup table.