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NCSSA Nationals - Day 1

The race for Gold

The 2007 NCSSA Nationals kicked off this morning. The winds were light as 49 C-scows battled on and off showers. First race was scheduled for a 9:30 a.m. Class Flag. After a short postponement to let the wind settle down, and one General Recall, the boats got off the line. First race was W3+ at 075 degrees. T-17, Joe Schaub was the first boat off the port end and led the fleet up the lake. Schaub rounded first followed by A-22 Jim Tews, M-25 Chris Andert, and P-51 Steve Avery. On the first downwind the four boats stayed mostly in order as I-42 Sam Rogers, V-11 Augie Barkow, and E-2 Matt Zea joined the pack.

Second upwind a few boats caught some nice shifts on the right side; N-68 Craig Heinze, E-1 Mark Prange, and G-1 Jim Flood made some nice moves. On the second downwind the breeze shifted to the right as it also died. Boats were close to beating as they pushed to the "leeward" gate. As boats started to round the gate the lake was virtually flat. N-68 Heinze and T-17 Schaub led the boats back up the lake - very slowly - in challenging conditions. Places were flipping quickly as boats found personal puffs with big shifts. As the first boats reached the top the Race Officials notified the fleet the course was to be shorted to a W3. The little breeze that was left went right again, and the final leg was a reach to the finish.

Joe Schaub held of the P-51 Avery boat to claim the bullet of race one. Third was E-1 Prange, fourth was N-68 Heinze and fifth was I-42 Rogers. The officials sent the fleet in for lunch, and hoped for better wind in the afternoon, but this would end up being the only race of the day. Storms moved towards Lake Thurmond around 3pm, and races were abandoned for the day at 4:30pm EDT.

Tonight the ASC is putting on a "ho-down" home cooking for dinner. If it was anything like last night we're all in for a treat. Last night, the ASC put on a complimentary dinner; with oysters, BBQ, and open bar. It was a great time, but I think the last time the ASC has an open bar for a bunch of C-scow sailors! We all tend to get a little parched.

The forecast for tomorrow isn't great but were all hopeful. A high pressure system is moving in with winds forecasted out of the west at 5 to 10 mph. Class Flag is scheduled for 9:30am.

National Standings

TOP FIFTEEN

1. T-17 Joe Schaub
2. P-51 Steve Avery
3. E-1 Mark Prange
4. N-68 Craig Heinze
5. I-42 Sam Rogers
6. V-11 Augie Barkow
7. G-1 Jim Flood
8. M-25 Chris Andert

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9. MO-59 Scott Tillema
10. E-111 Matt Prange
11. M-20 Tim Krech
12. IC-9 Brian Barr
13. A-22 Jim Tews
14. LF-1 Chris Craig
15. E-2 Matt Zea

Complete Results later tonight - Click Below



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