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Prange's & Stelter National Champions

Mark Prange, Bob Stelter and Debbie Prange are your 2007 NCSSA National Champions. They survived a challenging, light air, two race final day to win the regatta. Hats off to Sander Sundberg and his crew for getting in two races in light and variable conditions.

Race 2 was a W2 that began just before 9am Sunday. Three boats jumped out to a lead at the top mark and separated themselves from the pack down wind. First was E-2 Matt Zea, second was I-42 Sam Rogers, and third was M-25 Chris Andert. As this group started to jockey for positions on the second upwind E-1 Mark Prange and T-17 Joe Schaub were able to engage. Rounding the second upwind mark the first four boats gybed around the offset while E-1 continued on starboard. The wind started to shutoff as the fleet reeled in the four boats on the left, but E-1 kept enough pressure to extend a lead towards the leeward finish. E-1 won the race while the rest of the top ten flipped positions as fast as Jeff Annis could tell a tale about South Carolinians. In the end M-25 claimed second, third was N-68 Craig Heinze, fourth was B-217 Joe Skotarzak, and fifth was I-42.

Needing a third race to constitute a Championship any of six boats had a reasonable chance to win; E-1 had a 3 - 1, T-17 had a 1 - 6, N-68 had a 4 - 3, M-25 had a 8 - 2, I-42 had a 5 - 5, P-51 Steve Avery had a 2 - 10. As the Race Committee held for the breeze to come back many sailors decided they had enough of the mid 90 degree heat, and wanted to get a jump start on their 10 plus hour drive. As the wind filled in enough to start a 3rd race only 25 of the 49 boats remained.

Race 3 was a W3. The starting line was set up near where the previous races windward mark had resided. The fleet got off a clean start in enough breeze to get skippers on the high side, but it didn't last for long. The first beat turned into a drifter. OO-88 Peter Keck capitalized on the remaining breeze to round first. As the fleet started to head downwind the remaining breeze shifted to the right bringing another "beat" to the fleet. The boats condensed near the leeward gate as the wind started to come back in from the "correct" direction. This time upwind A-22 Jim Tews moved into the lead with the next ten boats all packed tightly together. The second downwind was free of the dramatic shuffling that occurred during the first down wind. Preparing to head upwind for the last time all six boats were still in chase for the Championship. A-22 lead P-51 and B-217 to the right side. I-42 lead M-25, B-12 Kent Haeger, CH-1 Jeff Annis and E-1 to the left side. The breeze on that side was stronger. I-42 and B-12 consolidated back to the right towards the leaders. M-25 and CH-1 dug in deeper all the way to the lay line. Coming into the last windward mark M-25 crossed just feet in front of A-22 to round first. Third was CH-1 with I-42, P-51 and B-217 all tight together. E-1 rounded ninth. M-25, I-42 and P-51 all had to find a way to cross the finish line first and hope E-1 would stay in ninth if any were to have a chance to win. The group stayed together on a long starboard gybe. The group finally went over to port as B-12 continued on starboard. M-25 was able to maintain its lead on this group through a series of gybes, but B-12 was moving quickly on the right side. As they re-converged B-12 was able to cross M-25 by a few boat lengths near the finish line to win the race. M-25 finished second and the attention was turned to E-1. If they finished 8th or better they were the Champions. If not, M-25 would win their first Championship, but the E-1 Team was able to

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pass a boat and move into 8th at the finish line. This gave E-1 races of 3 - 1 - 8 and the Championship, as M-25 finished with an 8 - 2 - 2. The E-1 Team sailed like the past Champions they are and won their 2nd NCSSA National Championship. Congratulations again to Mark, Bob and Debbie!



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National Standings

TOP TEN

1. E-1 Mark Prange
2. M-25 Chris Andert
3. P-51 Steve Avery
4. T-17 Joe Schaub
5. N-68 Craig Heinze
6. I-42 Sam Rogers
7. B-217 Joe Skotarzak
8. V-11 Augie Barkow
9. A-22 Jim Tews
10. CH-1 Jeff Annis

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