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WYA Championship - Hausmann & Wilfert

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JJ Hausmann and Rick Wilfert are your 2007 C Scow W.Y.A. Champs. They capitalized on some shifty conditions in the four races completed on Okauchee Lake this past weekend. 38 boats attended the annual championship, making for some great racing.

The first race on Friday morning was an hour delayed pre-start due to some 90 degree wind shifts on the course, and an inconsistent velocity ranging from 5-10. The race committee (PRO Walter Schmidt of Okauchee) was up to the challenge, however and found a median and they were off. The shifts continued throughout the race, really causing the fleet to spread out. Two Pewaukee boats were able to capitalize on the conditions with Hausmann taking the race followed by Fred Miller, and Scott Tarmann from Okauchee finishing third. Following the race, the sailors retired to the air-conditioned clubhouse, and enjoyed a true Wisconsin meal of beer soaked Bratwurst.

The second race followed in the afternoon with the wind still changing constantly. The race committee again made the best of a tricky situation, and the second race began. The most interesting characteristic of the second race were the low-hanging clouds that were hanging over the course. Finding oneself under one of these at the right time meant the difference between the front of the fleet and the rear. They brought the strongest winds of the regatta thus far and sometimes, if not careful, rain. Ed Eckert and Matt Schmidt of

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Cedar Lake, WI took the bullet in this one with Dave Keck of Lac Labelle and Steve Schmidt of Okauchee following close behind. Lucky for them they finished before the squall line tipped over a few boats and soaked many others near the finish.

Okauchee invited the sailors to enjoy a fish-fry at the Club (if they weren't too wet from the rain), and the libations flowed generously. Those who stayed weren't disappointed. Good times were had by all.

The following morning, the races began promptly at 10 with a comparably steady 8-10 out of the north. Again shifty conditions were the name of the game in a relatively compact fleet. Brian and Kevin Brickler of Lake Beulah, fresh off of their ILYA Invite victory again showed their C-boating prowess winning the race with Hausmann finishing second, and National Champion Mark Prange rounding out the top three. After racing it was tacos for lunch, and one more race to follow in the afternoon.

The fourth race started with the Okauchee Lake tie-up raging on the east shore. Many C-boaters took a sail from the moorings to check-out the scene (and were not disappointed), but did not let that distract them from the race to follow. With about five minutes to the gun, many boats were adding third-crews, with gusts around 14 rolling down the course. Shortly after the warning, however, many of them were scrambling off of C-boats with little time to go. Almost immediately after the start, the breeze was up, and the sailors found themselves hiking hard for the first time all weekend. The wind ended up steadying out with most boats being able to keep two people busy on the high side. Scott Tarmann and Bob Prange of Okauchee took the checkered flag in this one with Hausmann and David Harris following.

Again the sailors were invited to the yacht club after racing, this time for a cocktail party. Still in their stinky sailing gear the sailors partook in the celebration. Good times were had by all.

The following day began and ended with the sailors sitting on shore looking at the glass that had overtaken Okauchee Lake. In between, the only action was the sailors pulling their boats out of the water. No wind and no racing on the third day of the regatta meant JJ Hausmann had already won the regatta walking away with a 1, 5, 2, 2. This meant a 22.7 point win for Hausmann, and he was crowned the 2007 WYA Champion. We'll see you all next year at Nagawicka!

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From Beth Wyman

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