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C Invitational Results

Mr, Miss & Miss Smith rule Okauchee!

The Smith's - Dave with daughters Alana & Briana - put on a C-Scow clinic this past weekend on Okauchee Lake. They won the 2008 ILYA Invitational by 21 points. Seven races were sailed over the three days. There were 40 boats in attendance. The Smith's E-16 posted a 2, 1, 5, 2, 2, 6 by Saturday afternoon, and had a 31 point lead going into the final race on Sunday. There were no throw-outs in this regatta, and they took a "victory lap 14th" on Sunday, but this weekend already belonged to them.

The other big story this weekend was the twelve Junior sailors in attendance. The top six Juniors each posted at least one race in the top ten, and two finished in the top ten overall. There are a lot of good young sailors racing C-Boats. If you have one on your lake, encourage them to attend a regatta with you. The ILYA will pick up their registration fee for the Inland, and the NCSSA will pick up the cost for other events. The top five Juniors from the Invitational were:

1. Jamie Kimball I-17
2. Anne Porter Mueller B-217
3. Ryan Grosch N-47
4. Matthew Zea E-2
5. Liz Prange E-111

Mark and Debbie Prange chaired this event. They had the help from a legion of Okauchee volunteers to put on an excellent regatta. Many thanks to them and all that helped out. Somehow Mark found the time to put together a regatta report too. Read below to find out a little about each race, and at the bottom is a link to the final results.

Competitors were launched on Thursday evening and Friday and moored in front of members housed around the lake. On Thursday night, Augie Barkow held a "Regatta Strategies" seminar at 7:00. Those attending learned a lot with half the time spent

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answering questions. At the competitors briefing on Friday, Wally Schmidt reminded the group of his eagle eye, and exhorted the group to not pressure the starting line or suffer the consequences. Despite the threat of storms, flash floods and nasty weather, conditions were excellent (although the air was light and shifty), with some sun and comfortable temperatures.

Race 1: PRO Walter Schmidt and his team got the fleet racing after a short delay. The course was 3+ and the wind was light from the West. The race was shortened at the second upwind mark and as it happens, allowed the race to complete (with 4 minutes to spare of the 90 minute back to back time limit). Midway through the race, the wind died completely and came in again more from the South West. The race was won by Mark Prange, followed closely by Dave Smith. Frank Davenport was third, Jamie Kimball fourth and Bob Henschel was fifth drawing the biggest cheer from the spectator fleet.

Race 2: The wind was unsettled, and after an attempt at a second start before lunch, competitors were sent in for lunch. The course was 3. At 2:15, the wind remained light and unsettled, and after a few tries, the race was underway at about 2:30. The direction was West, later shifting to the SW during the race. In this race, Dave Smith won followed by Jamie Kimball, Steve Schmidt, Frank Davenport and Ed Eckert.

Race 3: The wind became more settled into the SW direction and the race was started under a black flag after a few restarts. The course was 3. Those who went left on the first upwind had the best results, and in this race no course changes or shortening was necessary. By the end of the race the wind had picked up from the 6-7 at the start to perhaps 9-10 mph. The race was won by Mark Prange, second by Jim Tews who moved up one place on the last downwind, Ed Eckert, Anne Porter and Dave Smith.

Competitors gathered at the Yacht Club for the "Pizza Bash" and awards for the day. "The Other Guys and Gals" bested Team Okauchee for the day, so a random drawing produced awards for Frank Davenport, Chris Andert and Eric Oppen.

Race 4: Race was started after a short postponement. Wind was SE at about 6-7 mph and was a 3+. After two laps the course was moved to accommodate a wind shift to the ESE. The race was won by Jamie Kimball, Dave Smith then Frank Davenport, Eric Oppen and Brian Sprinkman.

Race 5: Race was started at about 11:30, the course was set at 3+. The wind remained ESE about 7 mph. Steve Schmidt won, followed by Dave Smith (who else?) then Ed Eckert, Jim Tews and Mark Prange.

Race 6: After a lunch break, the wind went flat and competitors were advised to remain on shore. The wind came in steady from the east and the race was started at about 3:40. The wind remained reasonably steady until the last lap when someone tuned off the wind

altogether. Steve Schmidt stayed furthest left during the last leg Paul Riley worked the middle to get second and Tom Eckert was middle left to get third. Chris Pinahs was fourth followed by Bob Prange. The secondary time limit expired after the 21st finisher.

Race 7: at 10:00 the wind was flat, but filled in from the West and the race was started after a recall. The course was 3+. The wind went very light the last time up and came primarily from the left. Jim Tews won followed by Steve Schmidt. Anne Porter was third followed by Matt Zea and Ed Eckert.

FINAL RESULTS

Upcoming C-Scow Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Regatta/Event</u>	<u>Yacht Club</u>
7/26-7/27	Wallwork Regatta	Pelican Lake YC
7/26-7/27	Aquatennial Regatta	Calhoun YC
8/1-8/3	Inter-Lakes Regatta	Minnetonka YC
8/1-8/3	WYA Champs	Nagawicka Lake YC
8/7-8/9	WMYA Champs	Muskegon (GRYC)
8/14-8/16	Inland Championship	Okoboji YC
9/6-9/7	Maxinkuckee Fall Regatta	Maxinkuckee YC
9/13-9/14	Blue Chip	Pistakee YC
9/13-9/14	Fenton Fall Regatta	Lake Fenton YC
9/20-9/21	Beulah Challenge	Lake Beulah YC
9/20-9/21	Lotawana Fall Regatta	Missouri YC
9/27-9/28	Polar Bear Regatta	Lake Davenport SC
10/4-10/5	C Worlds	Delavan Lake YC