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C Worlds - Team Wagon V-11 wins



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Saturday was forecasted to be rainy and 50 degrees, which caused many C boaters to stay at home - with their boats in their driveways calling out to them to sail... Those that chose to roll over and hit snooze missed some great sailing. Those fanatical, dedicated and committed C-boaters (17-18 this particular weekend) enjoyed some good westerly winds 7-15mph, and 5 great races this past Saturday and Sunday.

Race 1 - W2

The B-18 hit the right side of the course and led the fleet around the first pin with their new boat and what looked like a 1985 sail. The V-11 caught the 18 on the last upwind leg to lead the pack downwind where the dog fighting started. Eight boats were within striking distance as a left puff brought the fleet together making for a close downwind finish. The 11 held off the pack of hungry sailors to win the race, B-303 (with their first of many great races) sailed very tactically to finish second - the B-18 third. I think the first 10 boats finish with in 1 minute of each other.

Race 2 - W3+

The course was moved east to the rounder part of the lake and the wind moved to the right. The start was... ummm... very port favored and about half the fleet lined up on port at the pin end. I-41, Coy Harriet and some old guy spoiled the port start for fleet and Coy got out to a great lead. Leaving some of us (me) stuck on in irons, going backwards and last off the line. The I-41 led M-20, B-217, B-303, A-22, BL-3 (not sure of the order and I probably missed some boats, because I could not see that far). Everyone sailed downwind and the fleet condensed and the front group stayed out front. At the second windward mark the fleet was pretty much the same except the V-11 was back in the hunt in 5th. The wind lighted a bit and those that went

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left (a general theme of the race course all weekend) made gains and at the last windward mark M-20 led with V-11 and I-41 in tow. After a 3 boat jibe fest downwind, the M-20 led the fleet to the finish with V-11 and I-41 close behind.

Lunch was great - turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy and some great soups. They warmed up the fleet and gave everyone a little energy boost for **Race 3**. After we all watch Northwestern win and Wisconsin beat Minnesota in the oldest rivalry in college football, the fleet headed out to the course to find a challenging north wind. The course was a W2+ with breeze lightening. V-11, A-22, D-29 and D-3 jumped out on the first leg and rounded the top mark in that order. A-22 and D-3 ran low, jibed a couple times and found themselves out in front of the again condensed fleet. The winds started to shift back west and the fleet did a great banana move on the leaders. V-11 managed to round the top mark in first and escaped the shoreline effect of buried buoys. B-303 and BL-3 were the two zero to hero movers on the last downwind. B-303 way off to the left and BL-3 to the right sailed around the front pack to around 2 and 3 behind a very lucky and launched V-11. The 11 went on the win and the BL-3 was gaining each tack and probably would have caught the 11 with one more lap.

After day one of racing - as I recall mind you - the standings were: V-11 - 4pts, A-22 - 11pts, B-303 - 13pts, D-29 - 15 pts, and M-20 and BL-3 with 17 pts.

Day 2

Race 4 - W3 Westerly winds - 10-15mph

My memory is a little fuzzy on the last 2 races. Blurs of bar dice, Jimmy "drug sticks" Tews, lots of fish, chicken and ribs, beer, cocktails and midnight golfing ran through my head.

The windward mark position made the right side particularly difficult as the shoreline hindered the breeze. B-303, D-29 and V-11 took advantage of the left side and a great start to round in the front with a tight fleet once again. The 303 and 11 extended over the course of the race, and the 303 passed the 11 on the "closest duck" the 11 has ever seen to head out the right side of the course and out speed the 11 to the downwind finish. B-217 (without their middle batten) finished an impressive 3rd with D-29 and BL-3 to round out the top 5.

Race 5 - 2+ building wind to 15 mph

The heavily starboard favored line caused the fleet to get excited and forced the first general recall of the weekend. The second start was all clear except one of the two D-21s was markedly over and retired from the race. D-21, M-20, I-41 and V-11 rounded first to fourth at the top mark, and the short track racing kept things interesting down and up the course. Same 4 rounded the last top mark together. The breeze filled just out of reach for the M-20, D-21 the I-41 and allowed V-11 to take advantage of a truly weird puff to pass below the top three to round the last mark in first. The winds remained shifty and the fleet spread out on the final upwind leg; V-11 and I-41 on the left, M-20 and D-21 up and middle and the speedy B-303 and BL-3 on the right. It came down to less than 3 feet at the finish and the V-11 just inched

out the B-303 for the gun.

Great winds - good food and free beer - and of course great sailing friends made this regatta stand up the "World" status it deserves. Lessoned learn this weekend is to never let the weatherman keep you from a C boat regatta. Thanks to Delavan and Jimmy "Drug sticks" Tews for making the weekend a blast. Result to follow and please let the final result override my "fuzzy" memory of finishes stated above.

Wagon

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