



# The Regatta Report

## August 4, 2011

### 420 Race Team

**Pete Hazelett, Head 420 Race Coach**  
**Eric Schwarm, Assistant 420 Coach**

#### **Falmouth Regatta: July 23-24, 2011** **Coach: Eric Schwarm**

The first day began with no breeze, but the breeze built a little before the first race. Before the second race started, everyone was sent in due to an incoming thunderstorm. Racing was resumed at approximately 1400. The second race of the day was canceled as a result of no wind and strong current making it impossible to go around the course. Day 2 began with rain and no wind. A little wind filled in, allowing three more races to be completed. It was light to medium wind, with shifts up to 180 degrees during racing. James Roggeveen and Matias Sejerson noticeably improved with each and every race, making smart decisions and making gains over boats with poor decision making. Their standings improved with each race, finishing 34<sup>th</sup> overall in a fleet of 64 boats.

#### **Marblehead Junior Race Week: July 25-27, 2011** **Coach: Pete Hazelett**

After a long drive with constant traffic, we finally made it to Marblehead on Sunday evening. We grabbed some regatta snacks and figured out our sleeping arrangements at the Walsh-Rogalskis house. With some aid from sleepytime tea, we turned in for the night, praying for breeze the next day.

Day one kicked off in standard Marblehead style: No breeze and hopes for an afternoon sea breeze. After floating around for an hour and a half, the race committee got off the first race. It was slightly frustrating for our team due to our weight disadvantage in light conditions, but we kept our

focus and finished 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> out of 57 boats. Unfortunately, we had to cut the day short due to weather moving in. It was a long day to only have one race, but then again the conditions weren't ideal for us, and we looked forward to some breeze the next day.



Adam and Emma (5754) and Jake and Matt (5755) fly the red-white-and blue and chase down the first place boat. Photo: Pete Hazelett

After an evening of Harry Potter and lemon squares, we were properly fueled for day two. To our surprise we woke up Tuesday morning to a nice little south easterly. We tuned the rigs and set out for what looked to be our most promising day of racing. The first gun for race one of day two sounded at 1030. Both teams had great starts and made sure to not let the top pack of the fleet get too much leverage on them as they made their way up the beat. After maintaining a low angle downwind and proper tactical decisions on the next two legs,

team NCS finished in 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. The rest of the day played out in our favor; with increasing winds and clear skies, Jake, Matt, Adam, and Emma maintained top positions for the next four races that day. After the race committee wrapped up the last race, we sailed back to the docks to read the pleasing results: Jake Bradt and Matt Fabiszak holding 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Adam Ceely and Emma McGrath maintaining 9<sup>th</sup>. Overall, a great day for both teams.

We woke up early the morning of day three to double check the rigs and ensure a stress-free breakfast. After our morning briefing, we established our main goal for the day: conservative sailing to protect our positions. We knew the wind was going to be light all day so defensive tactics upwind were going to be crucial. Race one of the day was sounded around 1030 again in decent but not ideal breeze. Both teams sailed excellent beats and perfect downwind legs allowing them to finish 2nd and 6th respectfully. As we approached the second race of the day, it was apparent that the breeze was dying. I reiterated our main goal and stressed that both teams would have to be defensive upwind to maintain position. After the start, the breeze continued to die, leaving the fleet bobbing back to the finish line. It was a tough race for the team due to our weight disadvantage in super light wind and some poor tactical decisions.



Adam and Emma (5754) lead the fleet upwind. Photo: Pete Hazelett

After a half hour of waiting for the race committee to make a decision, the sequence for the third and final race sounded. It was a bold move considering

there was no breeze upwind of the course area. After three quarters of a slow first beat, the RC displayed A over N and sounded the proper three horns. It was a sigh of relief for our team as we knew NCS had solidified two top ten finishes at MJRW. The last and final race would be to the dock. We loaded the boats on the trailer as quickly as we could; thanked the Pleon staff and embarked on our journey back to the Cape.

My congratulations to both teams: Adam Ceely and Emma McGrath for their 7th place finish; Jake Bradt and Matt Fabiszak for their 2nd place finish.

## **Opti Race Team**

### **Morgan Russom, Head Opti Race Coach**

#### **Bass River Opti Invitational: July 20, 2011**

The day began with light wind and a fair amount of current, lasting for about three races. The sea breeze kicked in around noon for the final two races, gusting in the teens with short, high chop. Courses sailed included a triangle, windward-leeward, and olympic. Getting up to the starting line with the current posed a bit of a challenge, but after a few races the group caught on and were able to get off the line easily; we were able to plan the last minute of the sequence and position ourselves exactly where we wanted to be and when. Maintaining clear air off the line and downwind/reaching was difficult, but definitely something to improve upon for the next regatta. We will also practice our acceleration off the line and footing during lulls to maintain speed. Our boat speed was a bit faster than the majority of the fleet in general though, which is very exciting. Overall, the group improved with the day and enjoyed a beautiful day of sailing with new and old friends.

Total boats competing: 26 (3 fleets: Green, Blue, Red)

#### **Opti Blue Fleet Results:**

Abigail Turner: 1/14  
Indiana Sobol: 4/14  
Lucas Shapiro 5/14  
Evan Cabre 14/14

## Stone Horse Opti Regatta: July 22, 2011

The day began with a steady breeze of 19 knots with gusts into the 20s. After the first two races, the wind died to about 12 knots, then picked back up for the final race. Seas were high, with waves (rollers) between three and five feet. Four races were completed in total. There were about 75 boats on the championship starting line, placing much emphasis on the importance of getting off the line and maintaining clear air. The high wind provided a bit of difficulty for doing our normal line check and finding the favored end to start at, which we will work on for the next regatta. It is also difficult to stay focused and energized for long, windy, hot races- yet this was great practice for upcoming long days. Abigail Turner was very successful in tactically finding her way upwind, particularly the last leg of the race when other sailors tend to check out mentally. This allowed her to make great gains in the fleet. Lucas Shapiro and Evan Cabre ventured out, but opted not to compete in the challenging conditions; they provided a strong support system for their teammate, however. Overall, we learned much about survival versus tactical mode, and will work on feeling more comfortable in big breeze.

Total boats competing: 121 (Two fleets- Green and Championship)

Opti Championship Results (all three fleets, Red, White, Blue):

Abigail Turner: 34/91

## Wianno Optimist Invitational: July 26-27, 2011

Harbor start on the first day was at noon, which gave us plenty of time to discuss tactics, drink water, consider conditions and become prepared for the day of racing. The breeze was a steady 9 knots, with four trapezoid races completed. There were about 75 boats on the line, with three boats working as committee boats (a mid-line boat) which allowed us to gain new experiences in that regard. We learned of the importance of a front row start, which shows how the rich get richer in large fleets. Also, we experienced how important it is to be on the inside of a mark rounding with many boats, since the pinwheel effect will result in many

loses of places. The second day consisted of more variable wind, with a 'steady' 7 knots and many lulls while waiting for the sea breeze- which never came. Three races were completed, which emphasized the significance of concentration and always knowing where the wind was coming from in the major light spells. Our boats improved almost every race while gaining more practice competing, while also having the pleasure of meeting many other different teams on land.



Evan Cabre (16307) takes a break alongside some Chatham sailors between races. Photo: Morgan Russom.

Total boats competing: 136 (Two fleets- Green and Championship)

Opti Championship Results (all three fleets- Red, White, Blue):

Abigail Turner: 34/79 (18/45 in Blue Fleet)

Indiana Sobol: 41/79 (22/45 in Blue Fleet)

Olivia van den Born: 57/79 (32/45 in Blue Fleet)

Evan Cabre: 73/79 (43/45 in Blue Fleet)

## Island Events

**Emily Taylor, Program Director**

### Coffin Cup: July 22, 2011

The Coffin Cup, held annually in Polpis Harbor in honor of Sir Admiral Issac Coffin who founded both the Coffin School (4 Winter St.), which taught nautical skills, and the first teaching vessel, the Clio, was a great success. The day began with a growing south westerly breeze. Two courses were set- one for the Hunter fleet and one for the Opti and Bug fleet. A skipper's meeting was held to discuss the courses, breeze and general plan for

the morning. Students were paired off and ferried out to their boats. Races began around 0930.



Over 50 parents, friends and family members came to spectate (thank you to our volunteer spectator boats!) out on the water. Only a few boats capsized in the breeze, all recovering nicely and returning to racing.



Photo courtesy of Jordi Cabre

The last race kicked off at 1115 and students were returned to shore for a 1200 awards ceremony. Thank you to Cathy Taylor (my mom!) for donating our shell awards, and to the Bake Shop for donating cookies. Other delicious snacks and drinks were provided by parents.

**Hunter Fleet:**

1. Lily Belka, Riley Stetina, Waverly Brannigan
2. Lauren Kauffman, Madeline Kauffman, Emma Chambers
3. Molly Grace Storm, Sara Johnson, Suri Ridder

**Sportsmanship:** Alex Johnson, Jack Parsons, Porter Mead



Photo courtesy of Jordi Cabre

**Opti Championship Fleet:**

1. Elliot Britton
  2. Luke Johnson
  3. Henry Desai
- Sportsmanship:** Kyle Quattrocchi

**Opti Green Fleet:**

1. Thibault Antonietti
  2. Kate Warmes
  3. Tyler Roethke
- Sportsmanship:** Kate Warmes

**Bug Fleet:**

1. Alex Ulm and Charlie Jones
  2. Ben Williams and Teddy Taylor
  3. James Lester and Henry Worden
- Sportsmanship:** Isaiah Williams and Sloane Kelley



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Coffin Cup photos:  
<http://gallery.pictopia.com/inqmirror/>

### **Jobson Cup: July 29, 2011**

**Congratulations to all of our competitors!**

The three junior programs on the island convened for the annual Jobson Cup regatta, hosted by Great Harbor Yacht Club on Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>.

Traditionally an Opti Green fleet regatta only, GHYC introduced a 420 Green event this year. NCS brought ten beginner opti sailors (none of whom have ever raced off-island), and six beginner 420 sailors (none of whom have ever raced off-island) to the event. Instructors Brooke Assad and Jake Bradt coached the beginner Opti sailors, and instructors Eric Schwarm and Della Bradt coached the beginner 420 sailors.

The event started off with a brisk southerly breeze that grew throughout the early afternoon. The Optis (21 boats) and 420s (11 boats) shared a course just off first point and raced windward- leeward courses (with a closed gate, which was new to some of our sailors!) Five races were completed in each fleet. It was a wonderful experience for our beginner sailors in both fleets, to race in the comfort of Nantucket waters against familiar faces from the other two programs. NCS sailors fared extremely well, righting capsized boats, bailing swamped boats and having a great attitude along the way!

#### **420 Results:**

Whitney Ziesing and Cynthia Quattrocchi 3/11  
Sabrina Kyburg and Chloe Plank 8/11  
Madeline Jenkins and Brian Fogarty 10/11

#### **Opti Results:**

Elliott Britton 1/21  
Henry Desai 2/21  
Luke Johnson 3/21  
Kyle Quattrocchi 8/21  
Thibault Antonietti 12/21  
Natasha Recorder 17/21  
Kate Warms 18/21  
Matthew Caplan 19/21  
Jolie Jaycobs 20/21  
Ben Rudd 21/21