



The Regatta Report

September 3, 2011

420 Race Team

Pete Hazelett, Head 420 Race Coach

CJ Buckley Team Race Regatta: August 1-3, 2011

Time had come for the 9th annual CJ Buckley Team Race. We dropped off our boats at the event site and split up the boys and girls into their respective housing. The next morning we were greeted with temperatures in the high 80's and no wind. This provided a less than ideal situation for setting the boats up. Nonetheless, we sweated through it and had the boats ready to go with a half hour to spare before the skippers' meeting. After a tribute to CJ and hopes for a sea breeze, we assumed the "hurry up and wait" protocol. Justin Assad, the PRO for the regatta, held us for only an hour before we set out for the day of racing. Sure enough, by the time everyone was on the water the sea breeze began to fill. For the qualifying round robin, Team Narwhals (our team- a combination of two NCS boats and one Wild Harbor Yacht Club boat) went 3-2, putting us in the gold circle for the first round. Although we started strong, our starts needed to be improved. We had a tough time in the first two rounds in gold finishing with a 3-10 record. Unfortunately, this moved us down to the silver circle for day two.

We awoke Tuesday morning to a steady northerly, a direction that typically dies throughout the day. To our luck, the breeze held throughout the day as the land did not heat up enough to bring in the battling sea breeze. In our new circle, Team Narwhals took a more aggressive approach at the starts. We had a good day out on the water, but due to the fact that there were no judges on the silver circle monitoring races, we ended the day with a 6-10 record, but with five separate protests going to the room. Due to a failure to exonerate ourselves in one situation,

a bad call in another, and a disallowed protest, our record was bumped to 4-10. It was unfortunate, but we maintained that we had sailed well that day, and that we would set out to the next with that mentality.



Starting off strong. Photo courtesy of Pete Hazelett.

Similar to day one, the final day kicked off with little to no wind and an expected sea breeze. As scheduled, it filled within a half hour of the planned harbor start. Due to a tough day two, we could not make it back into the gold circle. Our goal was to win silver, and most importantly have a fun time doing it. We kicked off the day with a run-away 1,2 combo and an ACE in the 5, a confidence booster for the rest of the round. Team Narwhals continued to sail exceptionally, finishing off the final round with a 4-1 record, and placing second in silver fleet overall. This was the last junior regatta for Jake Bradt, Adam Ceely, and Emma McGrath. To end on such a positive note meant a lot to them and myself. My congratulations go out to the whole Narwhals team.



Team Narwhals holds the 1-2 (sail #s 5753, 5755 (Jake Bradt and Courtney Newell), 5754 (Adam Ceely and Emma McGrath) against NYC! Photo courtesy of Pete Hazelett.



Team Narwhals holds the 1-2 (sail #s 5753, 5755) Photo courtesy of Pete Hazelett.



Team Narwhals. L to R: Pete Hazelett, Tyler Baeder (former NCS 420 Race Coach), Adam Ceely, Emma McGrath, Jake Bradt, Courtney Newell (NYC) and the Wild Harbor Yacht Club 420 Race Team. Photo courtesy of Pete Hazelett.



Team Narwhals L to R: Adam Ceely, Courtney Newell (NYC), Emma McGrath, Jake Bradt, Pete Hazelett. Photo courtesy of Pete Hazelett



NCS and NYC 420 Race Teams. Photo courtesy of Pete Hazelett

Beverly Junior Regatta: August 9-10, 2011

After skirting an intense thunder cell that blew through the Cape, we arrived at Beverly Yacht Club and unpacked the boats. We checked in and met up with the two families that would be housing us. We agreed to meet early the next morning to ensure that the boats would be set up for the forecasted light air conditions. Following multiple “thank yous” we parted ways and prayed for wind.

We were greeted the morning of day one with sunny skies and a pleasant light breeze. After measuring the rake and tension, the kids geared up and walked over to the tent for the skippers’ meeting. Then the mad dash to get on the water began. At about 1030 the first signal was made on the water. There were two starts and four fleets. This was Sabrina Kyburg’s and Madeline Jenkins’s first 420 regatta. Day one proved to be slightly challenging for James Rogeven and Richard Oates due to the light conditions. Both teams kept their focus though, achieving close to mid-fleet finishes in multiple races. The day ended on a good note, as the kids were pleased with their placements for the first half of the regatta.

Day two began with the calm after the storm that had rolled through the night before. The forecast called for a dying northerly followed by a steady sea breeze. We proceeded to set up the rigs and head out early in order to practice our accelerations and roll tacks. The race committee sounded the first horn at promptly at 1000 as scheduled. The conditions for the first two races proved to be just as weather.com predicted. Regardless James, Richard, Sabrina, and Madeline battled it out and all had a great second race. Unfortunately, Sabrina and Madeline capsized while on a reach with the spinnaker up. Following the second race the northerly shut down. After waiting around for a half hour, we spotted the sea breeze beginning to fill from the southwest. The regatta finished up in a steady 15 knots and clear skies. Team NCS kept their focus and didn't get frustrated. Sabrina and Madeline finished 70th out of 82. James and Richard finished 68th.

Nantucket Race Week 420 Regatta: August 15-16, 2011

The NRW 420 regatta began with unfavorable conditions (extremely high winds and rain.) We managed to get one race off, where only three boats finished because the rest of the fleet retired at the gybe mark after capsizing several times. Day two was quite a bit more manageable. The sailors that represented NCS were: James Roggeveen and Caroline Bloomer (who finished 3rd in day one), Chloe Plank and Sabrina Kyburg (racing in their 2nd 420 regatta), Emma McGrath, and Adam Ceely (Adam riding shotgun/crewing). Justin Assad, the PRO of the event, got off seven races on day two. NCS had a great day. Each team had at least 3 top 5 finishes. Sabrina and Chloe started out the day with a launched half-leg bullet. The key to the day was getting out to the top left where the current was bending around the cove of first point. That, in combination with capitalizing on the consistent left shifts rolling down the course, proved to be the best tactic for the conditions. Overall, the three NCS teams sailed fantastically, and should be very proud of their hard work and determination. James and Caroline finished 6th out of 12; Chloe and Sabrina finished 5th; Adam and Emma finished 2nd.

Opti Race Team

Hyannis Youth Invitational: August 11, 2011 Morgan Russom, Head Opti Race Coach

The day began with light breeze around five knots, building to about nine. A total of five races were completed; all were either one or two laps of a windward/leeward course. The start determined a lot about one's position in the race: the line was a tad short, which made a front row start crucial. The sailors learned the importance of looking upwind for the next puff, in addition to not sailing extra distance by tacking right on the lay line and maintaining clear air. Downwind it was difficult to find a lane due to packs and being covered, which led to experimenting with different routes to the mark. The kids made new friends in addition to spending a beautiful day out on the water.

Total boats competing: 111 in two fleets (sailed on two different race courses): Opti Green (38 boats) and Opti Championship (73 boats.)

Opti Championship results:

Abigail Turner: 24/73
Olivia van den Born: 30/73
Lucas Shapiro 55/73
Carly Giacchetti: 63/73
Westby Caspersen: 70/73

Nantucket Race Week Opti Regatta: August 15-16, 2011

Emily Taylor, Program Director

Nantucket Race Week started off with a bang: high winds and lots of rain. The NRW two-day Opti event was held in Polpis Harbor. Day one started off with a skippers' meeting on the beach. The competitors then headed out onto the water to rig their boats, either off of an NCS dock, or off a daisy chain attached to a mooring.

Due to the high winds, the course for the first day was set inside Polpis Harbor, off the mooring field. The ENE breeze held a steady 13kts, with puffs into the 15-16kt range. The 30 competitors were divided into two fleets: championship and green. Each fleet had its own 3-min dinghy starting sequence. The championship fleet sailed 4 races; the green fleet sailed 3. Each fleet sailed a port triangle due to the small venue and separate starts. Racing for the day was abandoned around 1300 due to excessively high winds and pouring rain. The competitors were relieved to retire; it was lunch time!

Day two was sailed in a beautiful SW breeze on a course that was set out in the main harbor just west of Pocomo Point. Mostly windward/leeward courses were sailed, with plenty of room for long legs. The championship and green fleets each sailed 4 races and ate lunch on the water. After a tough day on Monday, the beautiful breeze and sun were appreciated on Tuesday.

All sailors from Nantucket Yacht Club, Great Harbor Yacht Club and Nantucket Community Sailing were exceptional competitors: maintaining sportsmanship

and spirit throughout the event. Congratulations to all for a great NRW Opti event.

Nantucket Community Sailing was represented by five sailors in the Championship fleet (18 boats):

Abigail Turner: 1/18
Olivia van den Born: 4/18
Lucas Shapiro: 6/18
Westby Caspersen: 16/18
Evan Cabre: 17/18

And six sailors in the Green fleet (12 boats):

Luke Johnson: 1/12
Kyle Quattrocchi: 2/12
Henry Desai: 3/12
George Taylor: 5/12
Thibault Antonietti: 8/12
Kate Warms: 10/12

J/105 Race Team

Buzzards Bay Regatta: August 5-7, 2011 Alden Winder, NCS Keelboat Instructor

In early August, CLIO (USA 493) traveled to Padanaram, MA to sail in the 2011 Buzzard's Bay Regatta. NCS instructors Pete Hazelett, Nick Aswad, Alden Winder and Morgan Fog, with the help of Derrick Deming and Bobby Martin sailed the boat over the course of the three-day event. The first day began with a light 5kt breeze out of the Northeast, which eventually shut off, clocked left and re-filled as a SSE at 10kts. Two races were scored: the first race was a bit of a drifter (and very hot!) and was eventually thrown out. CLIO finished mid-fleet in the second and third races. The crew worked on fine-tuning the sails and working as a team.

The second day was a great day for yacht racing! A beautiful southerly had filled in at 15-20kts. We started the morning by tuning up the boat. In the first race we finished in the top five, a result of surfing the waves downwind with the kite up, and playing the waves back upwind. In the second and third races we had podium finishes and even beat several J/109s boat for boat. We nailed the start in

both races and worked on covering the fleet. We also maintained great boat speed the whole time. The fourth race we were scored OCS (questionable!) and we used this as our throw out for the event.

The third day was a full blown gale with wind and driving rain. A 48mph gust was recorded at NBYC. We decided not to compete due to a battery issue on the boat (critical for starting the engine in the case of a breakdown.)

We ended the event 6th in our class. It was a great regatta overall; we sailed especially well on Saturday. Many thanks to the crew and everyone who made the weekend possible.

Nantucket Race Week: August 18-20, 2011

*Both CLIO and PRIMA sailed the Race to Nantucket and the two subsequent days of the Sail Nantucket Regatta. Regatta reports from each boat are provided below. Each boat had a crew consisting of both NCS instructors and NCS students from the teen Keelboat Blue class. Keelboat Instructor Alden Winder provided the regatta reports for CLIO and keelboat instructor Nick Aswad provided the regatta reports for PRIMA.

Race to Nantucket: CLIO August 18, 2011

Crew: Alden Winder, Richard Oates, Adam Ceely, Cynthia Quattrocchi, Hugh Savoldelli, James Savoldelli, Kai Johnson, Andrew Youngman.

The race to Nantucket from Hyannis was awesome: SW winds 10-15kts, gusting to 20 at times. There was 2-3ft swell in the sound and bright sun.

What a race! We nailed the start, and worked on covering the fleet until the first mark off Hyannis. We made some huge gains tactically by separating from other boats and calling the lay line based on the 3kt westward current. After rounding the first mark, some boats put a kite up so we decided to follow suit. We were able to hold it for about two miles until the wind shifted forward and we went back to a close reach with the jib. The NCS Keelboat Blue students did a great job calling the waves and keeping an eye on the rest of the fleet. Everyone worked well together and we were able to beat some boats, including PRIMA! We finished in

4th place, 46 seconds out of 3rd on corrected time!
Not bad for a 30 mile race. Go CLIO!

Race to Nantucket: PRIMA

August 18, 2011

Crew: Nick Aswad, Teddy Leinbach, Will Kauffman, Anna Bulajic, Nicole Quattrocchi, Morgan Fog, Eric Schwarm

It was all smiles aboard Nantucket Community Sailing's J/105 PRIMA during Nantucket Race Week. A crew of NCS instructors and keelboat students raced the boat in Thursday's race from Hyannis to Nantucket, as well as Friday and Saturday in the Sail Nantucket Regatta. Thursday's race to Nantucket was a 26mile race into the wind (SW) with one leg of close reaching. We struggled with our boat speed during the first leg of the race but eventually found out how to keep the boat going fast through the big waves and the 15-20 knot winds. Our finish in the race was not as good as we had hoped, but the race was a great warm-up for the next two days of racing in Nantucket.

Sail Nantucket Regatta: CLIO

August 19-20, 2011

The first day of the Sail Nantucket Regatta began with SW winds at 5-10kts, and bright skies. Crewmembers were: Alden Winder, Richard Oates, Adam Ceely, Hugh Savoldelli, James Savoldelli and Cynthia Quattrocchi. Three boats competed in Class 3: CLIO, PRIMA, and J.MCLAUGHLIN. The 105s were much faster than the mini-transat, so it was a match race all day. Some college sailing maneuvers were seen along with some spectacular photo finishes. The kids did very well and learned a lot about buoy and match racing. Three races were scored for the day and CLIO had three 2nd place finishes on the day, securing 2nd in class for the day.

On the second day of the event, we had some new crewmembers aboard. The crew consisted of: myself, Courtney Crowley, Richard Oates, Kai Johnson, and Will Kauffman. There were SW winds at 10kts, and there was lots of sun! Only CLIO and PRIMA competed on Saturday and it was another day of match racing. Will Kauffman drove all day and did an amazing job! The Keelboat Blue

students really came together and worked together. I called tactics and did bow and everyone else filled in nicely. Thanks to everyone that came out and sailed and made it another successful Race Week. CLIO had two 2nd place finishes on the day, taking 2nd for the day and overall in the Sail Nantucket Regatta.

Sail Nantucket Regatta: PRIMA

August 19-20, 2011

During Friday (crew: Nick Aswad, Eric Schwarm, Nicole Quattrocchi, Tracy Doherty, Teddy Leinbach, Anna Bulajic, Will Kauffman) and Saturday's (crew: Nick Aswad, Eric Schwarm, Michelle Hernandez, Hannah Johnson, Elizabeth Reed, Teddy Leinbach, Anna Bulajic) Sail Nantucket Regatta we had great breeze and lots of sunshine. Everyone onboard PRIMA was psyched to be racing!

With phenomenal crew work and after figuring out our boat speed issues from the day before, we were able to keep the boat going fast while making very few mistakes. The instructors and students sailing on PRIMA did an amazing job and we ended up winning all five races in our division. With the lowest number of points of any boat in any division we were named the overall winners of the Sail Nantucket Regatta!! It was a fantastic three days of racing and I can't wait to try to put our name on the trophy again next year!

Congratulations to all of our competitors! NCS was extremely well represented on-island and off this summer.

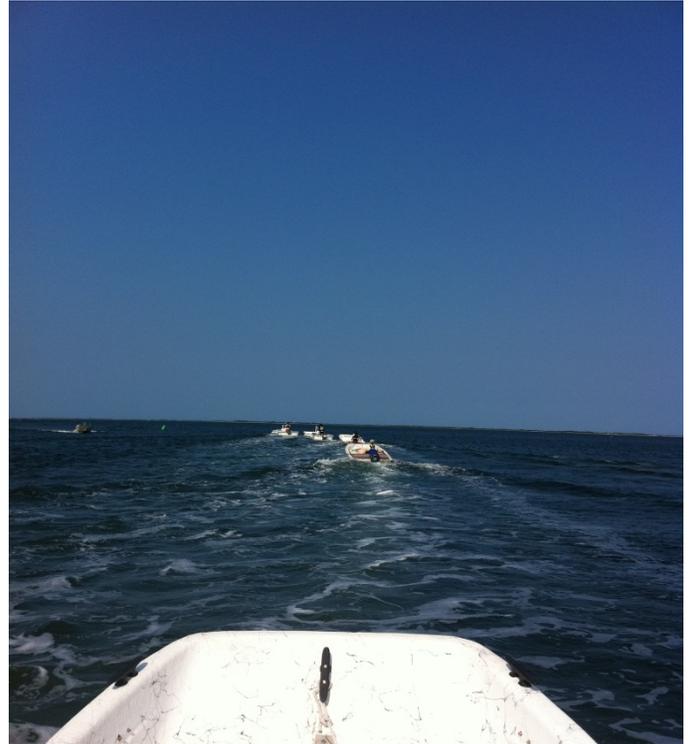
The 420 race team participated in 7 major events: Bemis Championship, New Bedford Junior Regatta, Falmouth Regatta, Marblehead Junior Race Week, CJ Buckley Regatta, Beverly Junior Regatta, and Nantucket Race Week.

The Opti race team participated in 8 major events: Stage Harbor Opti Regatta, Stone Horse Opti Regatta, Bass River Opti Regatta, Wianno Opti Regatta, Hyannis Youth Invitational, and Nantucket Race Week. Our Opti sailors also competed in the on-island GHYC Jobson Cup and NCS Coffin Cup.

The J/105 team competed in 4 major events: 'Round the Island race, Vineyard Cup, Buzzard's Bay Regatta and Nantucket Race Week.

What a huge feat it is for our coaches to organize, travel to, and coach at these events, so that our students can have the invaluable experience of sailing in other waters, in other places, representing their home program.

Lastly, thank you to all of our coaches, staff, and supporters. Without your hard work, none of these accomplishments would have been possible. Have a wonderful winter and see you next year!



The five Polpis skiffs head out of Polpis Harbor to be hauled out at Children's Beach before Hurricane Irene.