

CYC sweeps Island Cup team race regatta with stunning 9-0 performance

The Island Cup, a team racing regatta hosted by Ida Lewis Yacht Club was sailed recently in the waters between Goat and Rose Islands with Sail Newport J/22's. Three-boat teams from Ida Lewis, New York Yacht Club, Lake Winnepesaukee Sailing Association, and Conanicut Yacht Club competed.

CYC skippers Cory Sertl, Mark Sertl, and Michael Marshall certainly didn't lack J/22 credentials, but with the exception of Marshall and his Bad News crew, brother David and Barrett Cavanaugh, they had virtually no team-racing experience. Added to this inexperience, in what is an arcane variant of the sport where tactics and teamwork trump boat-speed, was the distinctly "family picnic" look of the CYC effort. Cory Sertl was sailing with her daughter Katja, Ellen Noble and her daughter Adele, while Mark Sertl had his 1-year-old son Nick and Jeff Westcott on board.

As the fleet sailed out to the course on July 29, only two-time Rolex Yachtswoman-of-the-year Cory Sertl seemed to be of any concern to the other squads. A surprise win against New York Yacht Club in the first race still didn't attract too much attention since it was sailed in light air with the Marshalls putting on a roll-

tacking clinic that was both the envy of the older crews and a concern to the judges. But by the time the first of three round robins was finished, a brisk sea breeze had filled and CYC had prevailed both on the water and in the "room" in a contentious race against Ida Lewis to go 3 and 0. Protests were heard on a Zodiac after each race. In round two, CYC, no longer an underdog, continued to eke out narrow wins with Opti racer Nick Sertl, ironically the team racing veteran of his family, calling when a winning combination had been gained. The wind built throughout the day, and the fact that at least two skippers (including Mark Sertl) fell overboard spoke to the intensity of the racing.

Going into the third and final round still undefeated, and with a regatta victory virtually assured, the issue had become whether CYC could pull off an improbable clean sweep. Cory Sertl, a marked woman all day long, kept taking hits (literally) for the team, while the Marshalls kept calling winning plays. In the final race, CYC was able to craft yet another nail-biting win over Ida Lewis as all six J/22's finished within a few boat lengths. No one would have guessed that any team could go undefeated in this format, let

alone the "rookies" from CYC. As icing on the cake, CYC's triumph carried the additional title of the Gull Cup, contested simultaneously between only Ida Lewis and CYC.

Book group takes on 'Kate Vaiden'

The Afternoon Book Discussion at the Jamestown library continues on Tuesday, Sept. 12, the second Tuesday of the month, from 1 to 2 p.m. with the novel "Kate Vaiden" by Reynolds Price.

"Kate Vaiden's story is set in Price's Macon, N. C., a small town where a young girl could walk alone safely because 'there were killings and rapes but never by strangers, always family members.' Kate gives an honest account of herself as a daughter, niece, young woman, and mother, inducing the reader to like her in spite of her flaws, which abound. The language is rich — hugging the recalcitrant black cook is like embracing 'a tall thicket of polished broomsticks,' but not ostentatious. Price has been labeled a 'Southern writer,' and he certainly is that, but it would be a shame if his audience were limited to those with an academic interest in Southern literature. He is a fine storyteller whose work may have its strongest appeal among Southerners, but librarians should make 'Kate Vaiden' available to general readers everywhere." From Library Journal

Titles and date of future discussions are:

- "The Grapes of Wrath," by John Steinbeck, Oct. 10.
- "A Covenant with Death," by Stephen Becker, Nov. 14.
- "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn," by Betty Smith, Dec. 12.
- "Mirage," by Soheir Khashoggi, Jan. 9.

These books may be obtained through the Jamestown library by placing holds on one of the many copies in the state available through the Cooperating Libraries Automated Network or CLAN.

This book discussion is free and open to the public. For more information, call the library at 423-7280.



Where in the World is the Jamestown Press?

The Clavennas took the Press to their new home at McChord Air Force Base in Tacoma, Wash. Here they are in front of the Space Needle in Seattle. They were recent Jamestown residents while attending the Naval War College.

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LEGAL TIP

California counties and cities can sue paint manufacturers for public nuisance with respect to damage caused by lead paint, the California Court of Appeal has ruled in reversing a dismissal.

Santa Clara County filed a class action on behalf of various California governmental entities against certain paint manufacturers. The plaintiffs asserted claims of public nuisance, fraud, strict liability and negligence.

The court said that liability for public nuisance hinged on whether the defendant "created or assisted" in the creation of the nuisance and that the plaintiffs' complaint satisfied this element.

This finding by the court allowing the lawsuit agrees with the Rhode Island Court where recently this issue was successfully pursued by the State of Rhode Island against paint manufacturers.

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