

## Marshall brothers' Bad News gets two more wins, leads J/22 series

By Jeff Westcott

Great sailing conditions were on tap once again last week with bright sun and a building southerly breeze awaiting the fleet as they gathered for the start. The first sequence ended in postponement when the wind shifted right twenty degrees as it began to pipe up to fifteen knots. The Race Committee, Commodore Bert Brodin and wife Linda, changed the course to Zp, 15p (special mark north of Potter's Cove) and the second sequence produced a clean start. The good breeze and a tide only beginning to ebb helped keep the fleet close on the first beat. Louis Marioreni's Blues eRacer deftly played the shifts and the current to lead at the windward mark with the rest of the fleet nearly overlapped on the starboard layline. The western third span of the bridge acted as a jibe mark and, as the fleet converged on that spot, Bad News and Paladin squeezed inside Blues eRacer. Soon last year's champs found themselves surrounded by overtaking boats, and the ensuing luffing battles allowed Bad News to escape to a safe lead. Lots of positions changed back and forth between the bridge and special mark 15, as Fleet 12 saw some of the closest and best spinnaker action in its history. Bad News kept the fleet covered on the beat-to-the-finish to win the race, while Besame recovered from sixth at the first mark to finish second. Paladin, Blues eRacer, Rhapsody, Machbuster, and Chaos followed.

The course for race two was set as Zp twice around. Another clean start and closely fought beat to Z set up another thrilling run, this time to the committee boat as the leeward mark. Twenty-knot puffs had boats surfing on wakes and white caps alike, and the spinnakers were three or four abreast as they careened towards the committee boat. Bad News

managed to achieve the inside overlap position on a cartwheel of J/22's amid much excitement that must have had the vulnerable Race Committee regretting their decision to make themselves a leeward mark. The beat back to Z saw Bad News narrowly leading Paladin, their principal series rival, while Machbuster and Rhapsody vied for third. On the final run, Bad News finally began to pull away with their trademark downwind speed advantage, Paladin was a safe second, and Rhapsody passed Machbuster when the latter failed to jibe quickly enough after rounding Z. Blues eRacer also challenged Machbuster but couldn't get past. The breeze was continuing to build so everyone was flying, and eventually Besame spun out trying to luff Chaos, for sixth.

The strong showing by the Marshall brothers increases their series lead to three points over FJ Ritt's Paladin. Everyone else is now mathematically eliminated.

### NKHS sports

**Thursday, Aug. 30**

Girls' Volleyball, Injury Fund Tournament, NKHS, 5 p.m.

**Friday, Aug. 31**

Girls' Field Hockey, at Lincoln, 3:45 p.m.

**Tuesday, Sept. 4**

Girls' Volleyball, South Kingstown, 6:30 p.m.

Girls' Soccer, South Kingstown, 6:30 p.m.

Girls' Tennis, East Greenwich, 3:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 5**

Girls' Field Hockey, Barrington, 6:30 p.m.

Boys' Soccer, at South Kingstown, 6 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 6**

Girls' Volleyball, Cumberland, 6:30 p.m.

Girls' Soccer, Westerly, 6:30 p.m.



Nicholas Sertl proudly displays the Peggy Reed Sailor of the Week Trophy he earned at NBYA's Junior Race Week for general excellence. The award is carbon fiber and was designed and built by Kenny Medeiros of Hall Spars.

## Island youth rank high in yachting Junior Olympics

By Adrienne Downing

Jamestowners sailing for Conanicut Yacht Club and Sail Newport put on a good show at the Narragansett Bay Yachting Association's Junior Olympics from Aug. 12 to 15 in Barrington.

NBYA has the distinction of having one of the largest Junior Olympic Festivals in the nation. This year over 212 boats competed in the event held at Barrington Town Beach.

CYC sailors, led by Matt Gowell, swept the first five spots in the Laser Radial division. Nicole Heinl, Emily Gowell, Tyler Ropolo and Jessica Clafin took second through fifth places. Adele Huffine placed twelfth and Alice Toll finished in sixteenth place for a total of seven islanders in the top half of the finishers.

Dylan Vogel and Luke Adams, representing Sail Newport, took the top spot in Division one of the 420's with 69 points. Gabriel Salk

and Erica Lush finished third in the division and Drew Waddington and Billy van der Wal sailed well for the CYC.

In 420 Division two, Natalie Salk and Hadley Neale came home with second place. The girls won the division last year, but Neale said the heavy air this year was the difference between first and second place.

"There was a lot of good competition this year. Cameron Chafee, who came in first place, sailed a good race, but Hadley and I did well in the lighter air," Salk said. "If it had been light air instead of heavy air, I think we would have had him."

Salk also just returned from the Canadian Olympic Regatta in Kingston where she placed fourth overall.

"It was much colder and they had very strict rules, but it was a lot of fun," she said.

Nicholas Sertl, India Johnstone, and Jack Maguire made a clean sweep of first, second and third places respectively in the Optimist Blue Fleet Division.

Rachel Bryer and Carol Lippincott sailed for CYC in the blue fleet and islanders Amina Brown and Emma Kate Vogel raced for Sail Newport.

Sertl also took home the Peggy Reed Sailor of the Week Trophy. The trophy is a general excellence award given to a Narragansett Bay

sailor each year at Junior Race Week. It is named in honor of Margaretta "Peggy" Reed. The award was formerly known as the North Sails Sailor of the Week Trophy, but was rededicated in 1998 by Ken and Brad Read to acknowledge their mother's lifelong commitment to youth sports, including the NBYA Jr. Race Week.

Casey Brown, the son of Chris Brown and Samira Hakki of Jamestown, placed second in the Optimist Red Fleet and Katja Sertl took home eighth place in the 18-boat division.

William Marshall, sailing for Sail Newport, took first place honors in the 10 and under Optimist White Division. Islander Timothy Archer secured fourth place in the division.

The Green Fleet, the Optimist Novice Division had 54 boats racing and Jamestowner Nathan Lambert finished second. Tim Howe finished in eighth place. Lucy Jones and Emily Kallfelz finished in the top half of the fleet for CYC.

Although the event tends to be the crowning event of the summer race season for the Narragansett Bay sailors, many of them will be racing in the fall and winter as well.

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