

USA-1055 wins Contessa Cup!

Congratulations to Chris Lanza who has won the 2009 Fleet 20 Annual Contessa Cup. This is the **3rd consecutive** year Chris has won this award. This award is given to the skipper with the best combined score in the five "annual" BBYRA regattas. Chris sailing USA-1055 with crew Anson Mulder, JB Slater and Tim Banks put together another impressive string of bullets, seconds and thirds.

USA-1202 wins Minerva Cup!

Congratulations to Jonah Pruitt sailing USA-1202 who has won the 2009 Fleet 20 Minerva Cup. The award is given to the "Rookie of the Year". Jonah has been doing great in the local BBYRA races, sailing 4-up with crew Deborah, Zack, Bob and Gabrielle.

The third BBYRA race of 2010 is on Sunday February 21st ...don't forget it! Get your crew together now!



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USA-1055 (Chris Lanza, Brian Kamilar and Anson Mulder) showing great form on their way to a bullet in race 1 of the Sid Doren Memorial regatta. Chris and crew placed 9th overall in the 53 boat fleet and was the top Fleet 20 boat.

Fleet 20 Sid Doren Memorial Top Finishers (out of 53):

- 9th - USA-1055 (Chris Lanza, Brian Kamilar and Anson Mulder)
- 13th - USA-1355 (Bryon Ehrhart, Rodney Hagebols and Chris Lefferdink)
- 21st - USA-1168 (Peter Vessella, John Callahan and Terry Usher)

SID DOREN MEMORIAL RE-CAP
By **Paige Brooks, Etechells NA Correspondent**

"Ice boating conditions" was what many said after day 1 of racing in the Etechells Jaguar Series in what is usually a balmy Miami Florida. Boston area born, now local sailor Chris Lanza won Race 1 seemingly feeling at home in this cold weather; he rounded the top mark in first and kept his lead downwind in what he described as "a little bit hairy" conditions. The boats were certainly rocking back and forth downwind. Bill Hardesty, sailing 3-up, won the day with a 5-1-5 and would have been very happy not to sail in the record low temps (39F with gusts to 25) on Sunday morning. In fact, 20 racers decided just that and packed it up on Sunday morning.

Bone chilling weather notwithstanding, the signal boat left the dock at 9 and the racers knew they had to go out and do it again for two more races. Since the series of 5 races includes a drop, the racing got tight after race 4, when top three teams (Hardesty, Siegal, Razmilovic) were within 3 points of each other, Hardesty lying in 3rd. Hardesty sealed the weekend with a bullet in race 5, finishing with 12 points overall, by playing the left side of the course in shifty conditions. Hardesty was happy, but said, "I'm still cold!"

Fleet 20 Louie Piana Top Finishers (out of 45):

9th - USA-1168 (Peter Vessella, John Callahan and Terry Usher)
10th - USA-1239 (Steve Horwitz, Eric Rodriguez and Brad Nichol)
12th - USA-1307 (Jeff Nehms, Ezra Culver and Fred chandler)

The Annual Fleet 20 Meeting was held on January 8th, 2010 at BBYC.
Ken Batzer, Fleet Treasurer, reported that the fleet finances were healthy.

The following officers were elected for 2010:

Fleet Captain: Jeff Nehms (USA-1307)

Fleet Vice-Captain: Chris Lanza (USA-1055)

Fleet Treasurer/Secretary: Ken Batzer

Fleet Social Chairman: Steve Horwitz (USA-1239) appointed (unanimous vote).

Fleet Measurer: Eammon DeLisser appointed (unanimous vote).

The main topic of discussion concerned the 2010 schedule and the need to have a fleet representative provide BBYRA with more input regarding racing dates. The general consensus was that the fleet would like to see the racing spread out more evenly during the October through June months.

Scott Piper, Tom Piper and Dick Hodgson expressed interest in the 2010 Worlds.

2010 BBYRA Results

BBYRA OD#1:

1st USA-1307

2nd USA-928

3rd USA-1202

BBYRA OD#2:

1st USA-1094

2nd USA-1239

3rd USA-1371

4th USA-1202

If you did not get your Fleet 20 binder at the Annual Meeting then see Jeff at the Florida States. GO FAST! – Captain Nehmo