

Starlights



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2007 HARRY NYE TROPHY

By Bill Allen, ISCYRA President

(Presented at the World's Award Ceremony)

I am very pleased to announce that the Class Management Committee has unanimously voted to award the Harry Nye trophy for 2008 to Riccardo Simoneschi. Harry Nye was a former 2 time Star Class World Champion who contributed greatly to the Class, on and off the water, for many years. He served as Commodore of the Class from 1955-1963. He dedicated a trophy to be given to individuals whose extraordinary efforts contributed significantly to the success of the Star Class.

Riccardo sailed Stars for many years and served as Star Class President for 7 years, from 1997-2004. During this time, the class flourished, both internationally and at the fleet/local level. He is most responsible for the Star remaining in Olympic competition, through tireless efforts with ISAF and the international community.

At a time when some would argue that the Star was an old design sailed by unathletic sailors, he successfully convinced ISAF delegates that the Star is where the best sailors, very athletic ones at that, compete. From a media standpoint, the Star is the class where you will find the most notable sailors.

He also worked very hard to keep the class attractive to the weekend sailor. In many areas of the world, the Star Class has grown and has continued to appeal to young sailors as the class where they will find the best competition. Our position as an Olympic class is perhaps our best assurance that this attraction will continue.

Although Riccardo has been involved in other sailing ventures recently, he continues to support the Class at ISAF meetings and around the world. As his successor, I greatly appreciate his help in bringing me up to speed, and his efforts at the ISAF meeting last November, where the keelboat was retained as an Olympic event.

Congratulations, Riccardo, and we all hope to see you on the course soon.

MARKETING PLAN

By John Chiarella, International Secretary

The Class is currently working to develop a marketing plan. We are being assisted by the University of New Hampshire with a team led by Clark Dhein who is a Star sailor from Lake George, NY USA. We welcome any ideas you may have regarding how we attract new people to the Class, how we approach prospective sponsors for local and or major events. Would a CD of the history and showing exciting sailing be of use? John Chiarella and Claude Bonanni are working on this program. Please e-mail your ideas to jcdstar@yahoo.com.

ANNUAL MEETING

International Star Class

Coral Reef Yacht Club

By John Chiarella, International Secretary

April 9, 2008

The annual meeting was called to order by President Bill Allen at 6:30 PM. There was a very large audience which was most appreciated by all the Class Officers.

Bill gave a very in-depth overview of where the Class is regarding our position in the World and Olympic arenas.

There has been a recent decision at ISAF to revisit the vote that had taken place in 2007 to have a keelboat in the 2012 Olympics. The issue has been forced by multi hulls which have been eliminated from Olympic competition. There will be a vote in May and if a decision to overturn the standing vote is made then ISAF will vote in November of this year to determine the types of boats to be used in the 2012 Olympics.

Future Gold and Silver events were presented as to location and dates. These will appear on our web site.

There were no Fleet Charters revoked and it is very exciting that many of our fleets are growing and attracting both young and older (mature) sailors. There were 2 fleet charters reinstated, Kvarner and West Jersey, and one new fleet added, Norway.

A presentation of the proposed resolutions by Rick Burgess, chairman of the IGC was given. There was considerable discussion regarding:

1. The resolution pertaining to coach boats and assistance before, during and after racing.
2. The resolution that speaks to the position of the crew.

All of the resolutions can be found on the Class web page and in January's Starlights. We suggest that they be discussed by your fleets very carefully as they all have impact on the future of our Class.

The sponsors of the regatta, the committees and the Coral Reef Yacht Club were all thanked by President Allen.

We were fortunate to have Sir Durward Knowles address the gathering and Past President and Vice Commodore Bill Parks who pointed out the importance of keeping the FLEETS strong.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM with thanks to President Allen.

**2008 Annual Meeting
Ballot Results on Resolutions**

#1-2008 PASS - Amend Rule 18
For-373, Against-6

#2-2008 PASS - Amend Rule 26
For-238, Against-139

#3-2008 PASS - Amend Rule 27.2
For-356, Against-23

#4-2008 PASS - Amend Rule 29.3.2
For-340, Against-39

#5-2008 PASS - Add Rule 31.1.4
For-296, Against-49

#6-2008 Withdrawn

#7-2008 PASS - Add Rule 35.4
For-207, Against-172

#8-2008 FAIL - Define crew position
For-194, Against-209

51 Ballots were cast representing 403 Votes

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Beigel Vosbury
Executive Director

FROM MY PROSPECTIVE

John Chiarella, International Secretary

The Class is in great shape. President Allen and all of our officers are totally committed to the enhancement and success of the Class.

Many issues are under consideration that will continue to make the Star Class the premier sailing class in the World. The moving of the Class office and the hiring of Barbara Vosbury as our executive director was a significant achievement and it is hoped all members will have an opportunity to visit the office in Annapolis as well as our display in Mystic Seaport in Connecticut. I hope all enjoy the 2008 sailing season and remember your Class is always interested in your comments.

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MASTERS' REGATTA

February 9-10, 2008

Coral Reef Yacht Club
by Harry Walker

Again Miami provided the "older skippers" and their assorted aged crews with great sailing conditions and winds to suit almost every taste during the 2 day Annual Masters regatta. The range was 8 to 20 knots! Originally the brainchild of the late Frank Zagarino of Coral Reef Yacht Club, this most fun of all winter events once more put 38 boats on the line, representing 8 nations, and a 40 year age spread among the skippers.

The NZ team of Olympic Medallist Rod Davis and Americas Cup big man Jamie Gale were fast when it was light and very fast when it blew in on Sunday. With three second place finishes they walked off as new Masters Champions.

Rolex Yachtsman of the Year Augie Diaz with Gold Star crew Phil Trinter up front were second with an eighth and two bullets. Again a crew who reveled in heavier air. Bahamian Steven Kelly with Billy Holowesko rounded out the top three places. Note that all are Rock Stars, but this did not deter the rest. They wiped up the 50 and up group.

The father and son prize went to Olympian John Dane and son with a fifth place finish.

In the Grand Masters Tommy Muller sailing with boat builder and Olympian Marc Pickel edged out the father and son duo of Brooks and Austin Sperry. Another German, Axel Hampe took third.

Exalted Grand Master Champions were the veteran duo of Harry [86] Walker and Mark [52] Reynolds. This team, which has been sailing together for more than ten years, beat out occasional Starboater John Sherwood and Bert Collins from the Chesapeake. The Londrigan team of Tom and former Worlds Champion Joe were third. That EGM division starts at age 70!

Venerable Emil Karlovsky, sailing at age 92, took the Super Stud prize even though he did not turn out for the windy Sunday race.

The CRYC Race Committee was excellent and a great outdoor dinner was enjoyed by the group Saturday night. LouAnn Zagarino, who certainly typifies the spirit, grace, and fun of her late husbands brainchild, was in attendance and spoke briefly.

For any of you who missed it, you lost, but come on next year!

MASTERS' REGATTA

February 9-10, 2008
Coral Reef Yacht Club
by Lynn Fitzpatrick:

New Zealand's Rod Davis (age 52) and crew Jamie Gale won Miami's Star ZAG Masters. Rod is an Olympic medalist and Jamie won the Star North Americans in 2000; both are America's Cup veterans. Although the minimum skipper age was 50, Coral Reef Yacht Club's Star ZAG Masters still had 38 boats competing with skippers from nine nations. All came with great credentials. In second place, was Miamian and Rolex Yachtsman of the Year Augie Diaz (age 53) sailing with Phil Trinter. Steven Kelly from the Bahamas took third with Bill Holowesko as crew. Germany's Thomas Muller was the top Grand Master (60 or older). His crew was Marc Pickel.

Six skippers were 70 years or older led by Harry Walker at 87 and 92 year old Emil Karlovsky. Harry and crew Mark Reynolds thrilled the spectator fleet when they finished 11th in Race 2. Harry won the top Exalted Grand Master award and

finished 18th overall. There were six teams were made up of father and son and this competition was won by John Dane III and his son John F. Dane.

Saturday had two races with wind coming from the south at 10-12 knots ending before the approach of a level 5 thunderstorm. John Dane III won Race 1 and Augie Diaz won Race 2. Augie also won Race 3 on Sunday with 14 knot winds from the NE building to 20 with gusts. It was a pre-Olympic moment during Race 2 when the US Olympic team of Dane and Sperry challenged each other at the finish line with Austin Sperry, sailing for his dad Brook, finishing 9th ahead of John Dane III and his son John.

This regatta is another lead up to the Star Worlds coming to Miami in April. Many of the Star World competitors who are already in Miami were either skippering, serving as crew or loaning their boats to the competitors for the ZAG Masters. The regatta was named after Frank Zagarino, one of Coral Reef's most successful Star sailors. The Star ZAG Masters just proves the long popularity of the Star class.

MASTERS' REGATTA

Pl. No.	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	Points	
1	NZL 8320	Rod Davis	Jamie Gale	Isol	2	2	2	6
2	USA 8285	Augie Diaz	Phil Trinter	BisB	8	1	1	10
3	BAH 8265	Steven Kelly	Bill Holowesko	N	6	5	3	14
4	USA 8269	Jock Kolhaus	Ekiry Heinonen	BisB	5	4	6	15
5	USA 8230	John Dane III	John F Dane	MoB	1	10	7	18
6	USA 8250	Andy Macdonald	Brad Nichol	NH	3	7	9	19
7	GER 8213	Thomas Muller	Marc Pickel	Brm	4	3	15	22
8	GBR 7601	Michael Hicks	Patrick Hicks		7	13	11	31
9	USA 8333	Paul Erickson	Ingo Borkowski	WSFB	11	8	14	33
10	USA 8207	Brooks Sperry	Austin Sperry	WSFB	23	9	4	36
11	USA 8087	Kevin McNeil	Arnis Baltins	AN	9	25	5	39
12	ARG 8169	Alberto Zanetti	Gustavo Worburg	OL	18	16	8	42
13	CAN 8143	Brian Cramer	Rick Burgess	WLOC	16	12	16	44
14	GER 8311	Axel Hampe	Andreas Lohmann	ZuW	17	15	13	45
15	GER 823	Nils Springer	Klaus Meyer		13	17	17	47
16	USA 8245	Joe Zambella	Ed Morey	BH	15	29	10	54
17	USA 8012	Gregory Smith	TC Belco	GL	14	19	21	54
18	USA 8000	Harry Walker	Mark Reynolds	BisB	21	11	27	59
19	AUT 8226	Johann Fendt	Florian Fendt		10	24	26	60
20	USA 7715	William Swigart	Matt Semler	CLIS	25	21	18	64
21	GER 7865	Stefan Lehnert	Peter Menning	Brm	ocs	18	12	69
22	USA 8218	Nelson Stephenson	Terence Glackin	CLIS	29	22	19	70
23	SUI 8085	Lorenz Zimmerman	Beat Stegmeier	LUV	26	6	dnf	71
24	USA 8318	Jim Babel	Bill Hawk	GL	12	23	dnf	74
25	USA 8336	William Fields	Timothy Lidicis	SMB	dsq	14	22	75
26	USA 8063	John Sherwood	Bert Collins	AN	19	34	25	78
27	USA 8132	Thierry De La Villehuchet	Witold Gesing	Mid	22	20	dnf	81
28	USA 8222	Tony Hermann	Eric Hermann	WLM	30	32	20	82
29	GER 7816	John Helmsing	Marko Hasche	HF	27	27	30	84
30	USA 8077	Tom Londrigan	Joe Londrigan	LS	24	raf	23	86
31	USA 8084	Bob Teitge	Mark Dolan	DR	31	31	24	86
32	USA 8083	John Chiarella	Bob Carlson	Sun	32	26	28	86
33	USA 8264	Barbara Vosbury	Bruce Hatfield	AN	20	30	dns	89
34	USA 7934	Karl Von Schwarz	Rich Wharton	AN	28	28	dns	95
35	GER 7750	Jens Burmester	Markus Mehlen	ED	rdg	ocs	dnf	98
36	USA 7964	Charles Kohlerman III	Charles Kohlerman IV	NCB	33	33	dns	105
37	USA 7611	Scott Pirie	Rick Rundle	BisB	dns	dns	29	107
38	USA 7554	Emil Karlovsky	Chris Rogers	Mid	34	dns	dns	112

BACARDI CUP
Coral Reef Y.C.
March 2 – 7, 2008

The 114 teams representing 26 countries competed in the six-day regatta, which is widely regarded as one of the best and most competitive Star Class events in the world. The Bacardi Cup Star Class Regatta is co-hosted by the Coral Reef Yacht Club and the U.S. Sailing Center, both based in Coconut Grove, and is sponsored by BACARDI U.S.A., Inc. Bacardi Cup participants were scheduled to sail one race per day from Sunday, March 2, through Friday, March 7, on Biscayne Bay.

The following is distilled from reports filed on the Star Class website by Janet Mizner, Bacardi's media person, and Lynn Fitzpatrick.

Day 1, Race 1
Norwegian Sailors Eivind Melleby & Petter Pederson
Win Day One at 2008 Bacardi Cup Regatta

The Norwegian sailing team of Eivind Melleby and crew Petter Pederson finished first in day one of sailing at the 81st Annual Bacardi Cup Star Class Regatta. They finished a boat length ahead of Brazil's Alan Adler, the 1989 Star Class World Champion, who sails this week with crew Ricardo Ermel. Adler / Ermel rounded all four marks in first place before losing cover to the Norwegians on the race's final beat. Great Britain's Iain Percy, the 2002 Star world champion, and his crew Andrew Simpson, finished third.

Winds in excess of 15 knots forced two general recalls before the race's eventual start. An early tack along the right side of the course helped Adler / Ermel to the lead at each of the four marks, followed closely by Melleby / Pederson. Both teams continued to favor the right side throughout the race and rode favorable winds to extend their lead over the rest of the fleet, before Melleby took the win.

"Our strategy was to play it safe by going right on the first beat, and the further right we went, it got better and better," said Melleby. "We were in a big fight on the final beat and were able to keep clear of Adler so that he could not cover us. We're very happy with today's result and we're in good form, but it's a long regatta. All the best sailors in the world are here this week."

Day 2, Race 2
Grael and Jordão
Win the Day and Lead the Bacardi Cup

It was another beautiful day on Biscayne Bay. The sea breeze that greeted sailors in the morning while they were launching their boats held while the race committee attempted to get a start off at noon. Once, twice, three times you're out and unlike yesterday, everyone heeded the black flag and got off cleanly on the third attempt to start the race.

Mark Reynolds and Jamie Gale and Henry Filter and Will Wagner rounded 1, 2 ahead of Luca Modena and Sergio Lambertenghi. Reynolds / Gale held the lead down the run, but as the wind shifted so did positions. As Prof O'Connell,

who rounded the weather mark well behind the leaders said, "We frantically tried to calculate the reciprocal of 135 and realized that the leaders were sailing high. We sailed a straight line down the middle," and rounded the left gate in third behind Modena / Lambertenghi and Diego Negri and Luigi Viale. In the meantime, Reynolds / Gale and Marin Lovrovic, Jr. and Sinsa Mikulicic rounded the right gate. With most of the fleet rounding the left gate, there was lots of noise – mostly shouting, but some crunching.

Negri / Viale jumped out to a five boat length lead over Mateusz Kusznerewicz and Dominik Zycki on the next shifty beat and Reynolds / Gale held onto third. Afonso Domingos and Bernardo Santos pulled into fourth.

Positions continued to shift throughout the next two legs as the breeze hovered between 6 and ten knots and Modena / Lambertenghi were able to hold the lead around the final leeward gate. The team that had a slow and steady climb through the fleet, Lars Grael and Marcelo Jordão moved from sixth place at the bottom of the final beat to first place by keeping an eye on local legend, Augie Diaz and Phil Trinter who favored the mid-left during the final beat. The Brazilians won the race with Modena / Lambertenghi finishing second and the best Latin dancer (Diaz) in the fleet and Trinter right behind.

Day 3, Race 3
The Youngest Team on the Water
Wins the Day at Bacardi Cup

After the third attempt at a start, most of the fleet headed toward Key Biscayne and a cloudbank to the northeast on their first tack to a mark that was set at 165 degrees, 2.4 nautical miles away.

For the second time in three races, past Star World Champion, Alan Adler and Ricardo Ermel put together a great start and a spectacular first beat to round the weather mark in first, five boat lengths ahead of George Szabo and Rick Peters whose boat was badly damaged during the first race of the series. Szabo / Peters jumped into the lead by staying right on the run. O'Leary / Milne "gained a boat on the downwind leg by staying in the middle, not going to extremes and trying to find pressure," said Milne. The youngest team on the water had their work cut out for them during the remainder of the race. They played the middle left up the next beat and took a short hitch to sneak inside the weather mark just ahead of Dane / Sperry. Their mentors, Iain Percy and Andrew Simpson, were hot on their tails.

O'Leary / Milne and Dane / Sperry broke away from the fleet as O'Leary / Milne took the high road and Dane / Sperry took the low road. "Dane did a good job of slipping in low at the offset. It was a nice feeling to round in the lead, but then the pressure was really on." Dane replied, "Of course, experience and calmness overcomes a lot of things in an 8-10 knot breeze with a big fleet," but the boys had nice downwind speed and powerful gybes.

**Days 4 & 5 Canceled
due to weather conditions**

On Wednesday there was too much wind and Thursday there was none. With that, two races were scheduled for the final day, Friday.

**Day 6, Races 4 & 5
Incroyable, Incrível, Incredible**

Speed, Black Flags, High Winds and Protests add up to Excitement during the Final Day of Bacardi Cup.

The fleet set out for a 10:00 am start in a brisk sea breeze. Even before they went into the starting sequence, a rig was toppled; many more came down throughout the day. Determined to run two races, the committee hoisted the black flag for the first start of both races.

Race 4: The 2007 World Champions Robert Scheidt and Bruno Prada finished the heavy air race over two minutes ahead of the second place boat. Xavier Rohart and Pascal Rambeau had pulled from fifth place at the first weather mark to second down the final run of the triangle, windward, leeward course in which the breeze peaked at about 20 knots from the SSE.

Scheidt / Prada were just inside Italy's leading Olympic candidates, Francesco Bruni and Gilberto Nobili at the weather mark with Spitzhauer / Nehammer trailing by a couple of boat lengths. Scheidt / Prada extended their lead on every leg while their followers tried to pass one another. Scheidt / Prada's straight-line speed upwind, boat handling, including their gybes, were masterful.

Rohart / Rambeau did not cross the finish line, but rather, went to the left hand side of the line by mistake. By the time they recovered, Hans Spitzhauer and Christian Nehammer, Afonso Domingos and Bernardo Santos, Mark Reynolds and Jamie Gale, John Dane and Austin Sperry and Iain Percy and Andrew Simpson had screeched across the finish line.

Race 5: After a rain cloud went by and the boats that had been lapped by the leaders finished, the fifth and final race was started. Competitors could throw out some deep scores once the fifth race was sailed.

The leader board looked like many of the past season's Grade I regattas, this time with Percy / Simpson at the top with only 10 points. Scheidt / Prada had pulled into second with their victory in the first race of the day. Domingos / Santos and Spitzhauer / Nehammer had 18 points apiece.

With Percy / Simpson rounding the weather mark just barely in the top ten, it looked as if it was up to them to pass some boats in order to win the regatta. However, it was Scheidt / Prada's turn to peel away from the fleet before they got to the offset mark, because they black flagged the final race of the series.

Robert Stanjek and Markus Koy claimed the lead and extended it to over 20 seconds by the time that the gun sounded for them. Former world champion, Alan Adler and Ronald Seifert were second and Afonso Domingos and Bernardo Santos were third.

As the boats returned to the dock, the regatta winner remained a mystery pending protests. When the scores were posted, Percy / Simpson found themselves in a tie with Domingos / Santos with 20 points apiece. Domingos / Santos, having beaten the Brits in the final race, won their second Bacardi Cup Regatta.

Aided by substantial gains on each of the reach legs in both races, Domingos and Santos sailed to two second places and a first place tie with Percy and Simpson, who held the lead entering the final day of the regatta, but finished fifth and ninth in Friday's two races.

The 2004 and now 2008 Bacardi Cup champions, Domingos and Santos remain the only European sailors ever to win the Bacardi Cup in the regatta's 81-year history.

The prestigious Trofeo Bacardi was presented to the winners dockside, where Domingos, Santos and Tito Argamasilla-Bacardi, the retired former vice president of public relations at Bacardi USA, drank Bacardi Rum from the Cup in a tradition that dates to the first Bacardi Cup Regattas in Cuba in the 1920's.

BACARDI CUP

Pl.	No.	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Points
1	POR 8309	Afonso Domingos	Bernardo Santos	CP	12	9	7	2	2	20
2	GBR 8345	Iain Percy	Andrew Simpson	SO	3	14	3	5	9	20
3	USA 8230	John Dane III	Austin Sperry	MoB	20	39	2	3	5	30
4	POL 8209	Mateusz Kusznierewicz	Dominik Zycki	Isol	11	8	45	6	7	32
5	AUT 8226	Hans Spitzhauer	Christian Nehammer	Att	5	55	10	4	14	33
6	BRA 8255	Robert Scheidt	Bruno Prada	Glu	4	12	21	1	bfd	38
7	ITA 8313	Alberto Barovier	Nando Colaninno	SG	23	4	9	18	10	41
8	ITA 8266	Diego Negri	Luigi Viale	VE	16	7	12	14	8	41
9	IRL 8261	Peter O'Leary	Stephen Milne	Isol	14	15	1	39	12	42
10	USA 8285	Augie Diaz	Phil Trinter	BisB	9	3	29	10	20	42
11	ITA 8281	Luca Modena	Sergio Lambertenghi	NG	18	2	37	11	16	47
12	USA 8320	Mark Reynolds	Jamie Gale	SDB	10	16	76	7	15	48
13	USA 8312	Rick Merriman	Brian Sharp	LH	17	47	11	9	11	48
14	BRA 8284	Lars Grael	Marcelo Jordão	Par	7	1	16	28	26	50
15	FRA 8107	Xavier Rohart	Pascal Rambeau	NI	bfd	26	14	8	3	51
16	NZL 8187	Hamish Pepper	Ed Peel	Isol	19	13	18	16	4	51

Bacardi Cup, continued

17	CRO 8339	Marin Lovrovic Jr	Sinsa Mikulicic	Isol	bfd	10	6	24	13	53
18	ITA 8180	Francesco Bruni	Gilberto Nobili	Pal	22	5	24	bfd	6	57
19	SUI 8296	Flavio Marazzi	Enrico De Maria	TB	15	21	5	22	38	63
20	BER 8272	Peter Bromby	Lee White	Isol	6	20	34	23	18	67
21	NOR 8234	Eivind Melleby	Petter Pedersen	NOR	1	31	26	13	dnf	71
22	USA 8273	George Szabo III	Rick Peters	SDB	rdg	49	4	19	25	72
23	AUS 8214	Iain Murray	Andrew Palfrey	Lmac	13	23	39	17	27	80
24	GER 7971	Robert Stanjek	Markus Koy	BF	dsq	22	31	30	1	84
25	ESP 7581	Roberto Bermudez	Marcelo Ferreira	P-San	34	45	25	15	17	91
26	ITA 8290	Silvio Santoni	Dodo Natucci	NG	38	11	42	20	23	92
27	USA 8176	Erik Lidecis	Michael Marzahl	NH	25	75	15	37	19	96
28	USA 8136	Henry Filter	Will Wagner	AN	21	24	36	dnf	30	111
29	USA 8195	John MacCausland	Kevin Murphy	CR	40	18	38	38	22	116
30	USA 8306	Jim Buckingham	Eric Monroe	NH	29	48	19	36	35	119
31	JPN 8144	Kunio Suzuki	Daichi Wada	Isol	32	34	27	bfd	28	121
32	ARG 7	Alejo Rigoni	Gustavo Gonzalez	BA	35	32	46	26	31	124
33	BAH 8265	Steven Kelly	Bill Holowesko	N	42	54	13	21	dnf	130
34	USA 8264	Peter McChesney	Shane Zwingelberg	AN	46	51	41	29	24	140
35	RUS 8305	Sergey Shevtsov	Roman Sadchikov	StP	39	27	bfd	35	40	141
36	SUI 7990	Daniel Stegmeier	Beat Stegmeier	TB	50	46	28	25	43	142
37	BRA 8283	Gastao Brun	Fabio Kraiczuk	RdJ	28	70	48	31	37	144
38	BRA 8337	Alan Adler	Ronald Seifert	RdJ	2	19	8	bfd	bfd	148
39	HUN 8166	Tibor Tenke	Jozsef Bendicsek	ore	36	71	72	12	29	148
40	ARG 8169	Alberto Zanetti	Warburg Gustavo	OL	58	44	43	27	34	148
41	USA 7986	Julio Labandeira	Nicolas Chernobilsky	OL	26	61	44	47	32	149
42	ITA 8332	Enrico Chieffi	Massimo Galli	PDV	33	30	68	bfd	21	152
43	CAN 8143	Brian Cramer	Tyler Bjorn	WLOC	62	37	33	41	42	153
44	UKR 8205	Kostyantyn Datsenko	Oleksandr Yevseyenko	Ukr	65	25	47	46	39	157
45	CHI 8319	Rodrigo Zuazola	Robert Riegel	Val	45	17	75	43	55	160
46	ARG 7907	Fabian MacGowan	Federico Engelhard	OL	31	52	17	61	dnf	161
47	CRO 8280	Dan Lovrovic	Marin Lovrovic Sr	Isol	55	35	40	32	bfd	162
48	IRL 8254	Maurice O'Connell	Ben Cooke	Isol	8	6	35	bfd	bfd	168
49	USA 8269	Jock Kohlhas	Larry Scott	BisB	47	42	64	33	46	168
50	SUI 8009	Christoph Gautschi	Alex Gouda	Bod	44	84	49	40	52	185
51	GER 8256	Hubert Merkelbach	Gerrit Bartel	UB	dns	33	85	34	36	188
52	ITA 8341	Lucio Boggi	Manuel Laporta	Viar	bfd	50	32	57	57	196
53	GBR 7601	Michael Hicks	Patrick Hicks	SO	48	57	58	44	49	198
54	FIN 8094	Jali Makila	Erkki Heinonen	FIN	24	29	30	dnf	dnf	202
55	BRA 8282	Alessandro Pascolato	Henry Boening	GuB	49	63	53	bfd	44	209
56	USA 8303	Andy Macdonald	Brian Fatih	NH	27	43	23	dnf	dnf	212
57	GER 8130	Henning Voigt	Steve Dirk	Aac	51	59	57	45	dnf	212
58	SUI 8085	Lorenz Zimmerman	Michael Mutti	LUV	53	56	59	52	dnf	220
59	SWE 7978	Ingvar Krook	Hasselgren Henrik	AR	57	106	60	48	62	227
60	USA 8336	Bill Fields	Chris Rogers	SMB	79	41	61	58	dnf	239
61	UKR 8096	Eugen Avksentiev	Kostyantyn Kondratuyk	Ukr	60	64	74	42	dnf	240
62	GER 7865	Stefan Lehnert	Peter Menning	Brm	71	60	95	56	54	241
63	ITA 8164	Valerio Chinca	Massimo Ciano	FDM	dsq	58	79	62	45	244
64	GER 8311	Axel Hampe	Conrads Chris	ZuW	67	96	71	49	59	246
65	ITA 8156	Renato Irrera	Corrado Cristaldini	Pal	64	85	89	55	47	251
66	USA 8159	Ched Proctor	Matt Semler	CLIS	dns	40	52	dnf	41	252
67	GER 7863	Klaus Meyer	Lutz Boguhn	Brm	93	102	50	60	50	253
68	ITA 8344	Antonio Tamburini	Renzo Ricci	SI	56	108	94	51	53	254
69	USA 8317	Jon Vandermolten	Steve Ticknor	Glu	59	28	54	dnf	dnf	260
70	CAN 8045	Mark Passmore	Ivan Bunner	WLOC	dnf	79	77	53	51	260
71	BRA 8300	Peter Ficker	Arthur Lopes	SAN	68	76	63	54	bfd	261
72	USA 8036	Jack Rickard	Tom Farrier	WH	75	93	69	59	60	263
73	USA 8215	Bill Allen	Bruce Hatfield	WH	52	38	56	dns	dns	265
74	USA 8218	Aaron Serinis	Bob Schofield	MES	41	73	dnf	bfd	33	266
75	CAN 7474	Will Hendershot	Alain Vrandrick	Q	76	66	62	64	dnf	268
76	GER 8016	Hubert Rauch	Felix Kling	And	81	91	93	50	48	270
77	USA 8077	Tom Londrigan Jr	Stewart Hall	LS	rdg	62	22	dnf	dnf	270.7
78	USA 8245	Joe Zambella	Ed Morey	BH	73	74	20	dns	dns	286
79	ITA 7562	Stefano Bettarini	Alessandro Giachetti	Viar	87	83	65	dnf	56	291
80	USA 8227	Patrick Gudat	Mark Smith	IR	82	89	101	65	58	294
81	USA 8043	John Manderson	Roman Gotsulyak	Mid	43	68	66	dnf	bfd	296

Bacardi Cup, continued

82	GER 8213	Peer Wilhelm	Nils Hollweg	KF	37	95	51	dns	dns	302
83	USA 8132	Thierry De La Villehuchet	Witold Gesing	Mid	86	99	92	63	61	302
84	USA 8083	John Chiarella	Bob Carlson	Sun	85	98	100	67	64	314
85	CAN 7784	Li Hongquan	Wang He	EB	63	72	67	dnf	dnf	321
86	USA 7786	Karen Alt	Rowan Perkins	MES	92	104	98	70	63	323
87	GER 7750	Jens Burmester	Markus Mehlen	ED	78	92	88	66	dnf	324
88	NED 8103	Guus Bierman	Duncan Skinner	Med	74	80	55	dns	dns	328
89	USA 8253	Rick Brethorst	Scott Anderson	LS	54	78	78	dnf	dnf	329
90	CHI 8181	Fernando Rusowsky	Vincente Pablo Gimeno	Val	95	103	105	68	67	333
91	USA 7970	Sam Hopkins	Bart Kaplan	AN	97	110	97	72	68	334
92	USA 7851	Mike Phinney	Brad Balmert	SLE	99	109	102	71	66	338
93	USA 7828	Joseph Pro	Nicolaus Pro	AN	100	107	106	69	65	340
94	USA 8061	Jack Jennings	Mike Rehe	--	dns	36	70	dns	dns	344
95	USA 7713	Ben Fransen	Ian Coleman	AN	72	90	73	dns	dns	354
96	USA 7370	Rob Emmet	Paul Amlong	AN	88	65	83	dns	dnf	355
97	USA 8279	Claude Bonanni	Rick Burgess	TaB	70	82	86	dns	dns	357
98	USA 8222	Ed Gardner	Kip Gardner	LG	69	69	104	dns	dns	361
99	GER 7866	Dierk Thomsen	Darin Jensen	Glu	83	81	87	dns	dns	370
100	AUT 8216	Roberto Tomasini-Grinover	Gunnar Bahr	AU	dnf	53	84	dnf	dnf	375
101	ARG 8239	Martin Pendola	Juan Pablo Engelhard	OL	61	77	bfd	dnf	dnf	376
102	SUI 8329	Daniel Wyss	Urs Joss	Zu	77	100	81	dnf	dnf	377
103	USA 8063	Bert Collins	Kris Wilson	AN	89	88	82	dnf	dnf	378
104	USA 7934	Karl Von Schwarz	Barbara Beigel-Vosbury	AN	96	87	80	dns	dns	382
105	UKR 8314	Vasyl Gureyev	Volodymyr Korotkov	Ukr	30	dns	dns	dns	dns	387
106	GER 7816	Fritz Girr	Marko Hasche	AM	dnf	67	90	dnf	dnf	395
107	CAN 7520	Andre Gagnon	Daniel Despres	Q	84	101	91	dnf	dnf	395
108	USA 7814	Keith Donald	Chris Hardin	AN	80	105	96	dnf	dnf	400
109	USA 8087	Kevin McNeil	Arnis Baltins	AN	66	97	dns	dnf	dnf	401
110	AUT 8021	Harald Wirth	Jim Pickering	AU	94	94	103	dns	dns	410
111	USA 7902	Stephen Gunther	Tom Day	CD	98	86	108	dnf	dnf	411
112	USA 8207	Brooks Sperry	Robert Contaras	WSFB	90	dns	99	dns	dns	427
113	GER 7946	Hermann Weiler	Thomas Schmid	Neu	91	111	107	dns	dns	428
114	USA 8157	Arthur Anosov	Mark Dolan	TaB	dnf	dns	dns	dnf	dns	476
114	ESP 8297	Jose Maria Van Der Ploeg	Rivero Fernandez Rodriguez	Barc	dns	dns	dns	dns	dns	476
114	USA 7602	Patrick Londrigan	Ron Burgandy	LS	dns	dns	dnf	dns	dns	476
114	NZL 8061	Rohan Lord	Miles Addy	Isol	dns	dns	dns	dns	dns	476
114	USA 8235	Larry Whipple	Kai Bjorn	PS	dns	dns	dns	dnf	dns	476

STAR CLASS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

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The 2008 Star World Championships offered the 208 competitors from 31 countries a little bit of everything. Those who mastered the sea breezes, shifty unsettled air and arctic blasts on Biscayne Bay's playing field took home trophies, fame, unforgettable experiences and the confidence that if they could succeed among such a large fleet of champions in tricky conditions, they may even have a chance at an Olympic Gold medal in Qingdao, China later this year.

Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremonies started with the march of countries. One by one a flag carrier would march through the grass stage with the sailors from each country in tow. Also they played each country's national anthem and it was interesting to hear all of the anthems, especially from the lesser-known countries.

All in all there were 31 countries with United States marching in last.

After the countries marched through, several prominent people gave their speeches. The Vice President of the International Sailing Federation, The President of the Star Class, Mayor of Miami, Commodore of the Coral Reef Yacht Club, and one of the best star sailors to ever live, Durward Knowles.

Race One: Friday, April 11, 2008

The race started under mostly sunny skies with clouds building over the mainland. Winds were out of the southeast at 130 degrees at 10-12 knots. The 104-boat fleet looked spectacular as it lined up for the start. The top guns were fairly evenly dispersed down the line, but those who could keep clear air in such a large fleet and get left were rewarded on the first beat.

Mateusz Kusznierevicz and Dominik Zycki had a game plan and they stuck to it. During each of the starts before the black flag went up during the first race of the 2008 Star World Championships, they were right near the boat. As they set up for the start under the black flag, Kusznierevicz / Zycki timed it perfectly so that they were right on the money. The Polish

team took a quick hitch onto port, realized that they were in control of the right side and tacked out for more. Their game plan put them in third around the top mark behind Marc Pickel and Ingo Borkowski and Kunio Suzuki and Daichi Wada.

Kusznierewicz / Zycki rounded the second weather mark a couple of boat lengths ahead of Mendleblatt / Strube and Pickel / Borkowski trailed by the distance between the weather mark and the offset mark. Flavio Marazzi and Enrico de Maria, in fourth, were the first among the teams and countries that have not yet qualified for the Olympics. While the teams set off on the second run, the wind had shifted to 120 degrees and had slackened off to 8.5 to 9 knots with white caps here and there and nothing to surf.

Kusznierewicz / Zycki got to sail their own race all the way up the final beat. They played the middle of the course and kept an eye on Mendleblatt / Strube and Pickel / Borkowski who were slightly to the right of them during the leg. There was some excitement to the finish as Diego Negri and Luigi Viale and Marc Pickel and Ingo Borkowski shot the pin end of the finish line together (and finished in that order).

Race Two: Saturday, April 12, 2008

The wind on Biscayne Bay picked up with 14 knots and choppy water. Squalls in the west and uneven wind caused several gang ups of competitors at several points on the line resulting in two race postponements with a subsequent line adjustment.

When the race finally got off 25 boats were black-flagged including several Star World champions and Olympians. Almost half of the initial two dozen boats rounding the first upwind mark were notified that they were black-flagged at the start line.

The top ranked Star Class sailing team of Mateusz Kusznierewicz and crew Dominik Zycki made it two bullets in a row in this second race of the 2008 Star Class World Championships.

“We are smiling today,” said Kusznierewicz. “Sometimes people have just a good couple of days.” He and Zycki crossed the finish line one minute and 20 seconds ahead of second place finishers Marin Lovrovic Jr., and crew Sinsa.

The Italians, Diego Negri and crew Luigi Viale, ranked second in the world, took another third place finish moving them up to 2nd place overall. “We decided to be more conservative at the start line then we went left looking for the first big shift and found it,” said Negri. Mark Mendelblatt and crew Mark Strube move to 3rd place overall with a sixth place finish today behind the Irish team of Peter O’Leary / Stephen Milne, who are now in 7th overall.

Race Three: Sunday, April 13, 2008

John MacCausland / Kevin Murphy in Overall Lead at Star Worlds

Two-time World Champions Rohart / Pascal Win Day Three

With less than four knots of wind, the Race Committee at the Star Worlds Championship waited, reset the start line, and

waited again for the wind to pick up. Almost an hour and a half later, it edged up to a shifty seven knots. The 104-boat fleet crossed the start line with only four boats black flagged.

Both John MacCausland / Kevin Murphy, who finished eighth, and Iain Murray / Andrew Palfrey, who took a fifth place, ended the day with 27 points each. Yesterday’s fourth place finish by MacCausland broke the tie.

“I feel wonderful!” said MacCausland. “We’ve sailed a lot this winter with reasonable finishes in several events, but nothing great.” He explained that he and Kevin made some changes in their sails and in other areas and can now “race the race with the other guys.”

In third place overall is the Italian team of Diego Negri and crew Luigi Viale despite a 25th place finish today.

Kostya Datsenko / Olexandr Yevseyenko were first to round the weather mark followed by defending Star Worlds Champions Robert Scheidt and crew Bruno Prada, Star World Champion Hamish Pepper / Carl Williams, Xavier Rohart / Pascal Rambeau and Gastao Brun / Fabio Kraiczuk.

The Race Committee made a course change on the downwind leg when the wind shifted to the right. At the first leeward gate, Scheidt / Bruno grabbed the lead from the Ukrainians and Iain Murray / Andrew Palfrey and Marc Pickel / Ingo Borkowski moved ahead of Brun / Kraiczuk and Rohart / Rambeau.

The course was changed again on the fourth leg with another wind shift to the right. Two-time Star Worlds champions Rohart / Rambeau rounded the second windward mark in first position with Pepper / Williams behind them and Murray / Palfrey in third followed by Scheidt / Bruno and Benny Anderson / Mogens Just.

At the second leeward gate, Rohart / Rambeau was still leading with Scheidt / Bruno and Pepper / Williams close behind and Murray / Palfrey overtaken by Carl Buchan / Jamie Buchan.

Rohart / Rambeau and Scheidt / Prada were only eight seconds apart as they crossed the finish line. Pepper / Williams finished a minute later.

“Today we had good clean air with a start right near the Committee Boat and we used our magic speed especially on the second upwind leg,” Rohart explained. “It was just like always, Scheidt on one side, Pepper on another, but we were happy that they were behind us,” he said.

According to Scheidt, “The French team sailed well and protected themselves once they got the lead. It will be a mixed up series,” he said, “and the game is still open.” Scheidt thought the right shift would come and it did and he had good speed coming around the first mark and the second leg. “Biscayne Bay is hard to predict – sometimes you’ll be right.”

Lay Day: Monday, April 14, 2008

The lay day was laying on the beach at Nikki Beach Club for many of the 208 Star sailors at the 2008 Star World Championships. While temperatures hit the 80s, the 150 Coral

Reef Yacht Club volunteers and Race Committee were busy prepping for the next three days of the regatta.

In the evening Tropical Night at Shake-A-Leg Miami had junkanoo dancers on stilts, parrots, food and beverages. CRYC's own Star World Champion, Magnus Liljedahl, who won in 2000 with Mark Reynolds and is the founder of Team Paradise, helped present the Mid-Week Awards.

The regatta's Heineken Poolside Pubs have been hubs of post sailing activity especially with their co-hosts (Sperry Top-Sider, Harken, New England Ropes, SLAM and Fiji Water). There was more fun to come with cocktails hosted by Biscayne Bay Yacht Club and the Awards Dinner at CRYC.

Race Four: Tuesday, April 15, 2008

It was a wild and windy day on Biscayne Bay for the 102 boats racing the fourth of a six race series in the 2008 Star World Championships at Coral Reef Yacht Club. The race start was delayed almost an hour and three boats were black flagged at the start after a postponement and a general recall. Some 27 boats did not finish, more than eight masts were lost, one boat capsized, and one of the top three finishers fell out of his boat just seconds before the finish line. What a day!

Rounding the first weather mark was Kusznierevicz / Dominik Zycki, followed by the Irish team of Peter O'Leary / Stephan Milne, Hamish Pepper / Carl Williams, John Dane / Austin Sperry, and O'Connell / Cooke. Not far behind the first pack were Mendelblatt / Strube and Percy / Simpson.

After the triangle, at the leeward mark Kusznierevicz / Zycki was still leading. Rounding the mark behind him were Pepper / Williams gaining a spot, followed by O'Leary / Milne, Dane / Sperry, and yesterday's winner Xavier Rohart / Pascal Rambeau.

At the second weather mark, the Polish team continued to lead by 10 seconds with the Kiwis close behind. Next around the mark were Rohart / Rambeau, O'Leary / Milne, Alan Adler / Ronald Seifert, Dane / Sperry, and Mendelblatt / Strube. Robert Scheidt / Bruno Prado, Maurice O'Connell / Ben Cooke, Luca Modena / Sergio Lambertenghi and Flavio Marazzi / Enrico De Maria were in the next pack.

This last downwind run is when all hell broke loose. The gusts and lulls were coming fast and for a few teams who didn't respond quick enough, their masts snapped in two. Steve Mitchell, crew with Ross Macdonald of Canada said he saw broken masts on at least six boats including Peter O'Leary / Stephen Milne who were running a great race in the top five from the first weather mark to the rounding of the windward mark and looked like they would make it to a solid finish.

Luigi Viale confirmed that masts were falling everywhere on the last downwind run. "Peter Bromby lost his mast just 50 meters in front of us," he said.

The top three leaders cleared the leeward gate in the same positions with Scheidt / Prada moving into the fifth slot.

The winds were from the NW at 18 knots with gusts up to 30 knots on the downwind run. As crew Bob Carlson described it,

"There were streaks of white foam running down from the tops of six foot waves, and our cockpit filled with water twice."

Defending World Champion Robert Scheidt / Bruno Prada grabbed the lead and crossed the finish line five boat lengths ahead of everyone else. "At the last mark we were in 6th position and decided to go to port where there were fewer waves," said Scheidt. "A 30 knot wind hit just behind us and put us back in the race," he said.

Second place Hamish Pepper / Carl Williams and third place Mateusz Kusznierevicz / Dominik Zycki were neck and neck to the finish. According to Kusznierevicz, who had been in the lead since the first weather mark, "We made a very tight tack behind the Committee boat and I missed my hiking strap. Dominik's reflexes were brilliant; he grabbed me and we only lost a few seconds."

The Italian team of Diego Negri and crew Luigi Viale finished in ninth place and moved up to first place overall with 40 points. The Poles moved into second overall with 49 points and the Swedish team of Frederik Lööf / Anders Ekström finished fifth and moved up to third.

Race Five: Wednesday, April 16, 2008

Big wind shifts from the Northwest to the East with winds ranging from 8 to 20 knots were accommodated with two start line resets and a change on the course after the second weather mark today.

Iain Percy and crew Andrew Simpson took first place and sailed like the world champions they are. However, their black flag in race two and a disqualification in race four put them out of the running for anything but a mid-fleet finish overall. Diego Negri / Luigi Viale finished second and John Dane / Austin Sperry came in third.

"We had a good race today and sailed like we should have sailed the rest of the week," said Percy. "It was tricky with no wind and big shifts all the way around the course, but we got the right side on the first shift and did better than our disasters earlier this week." Simpson added, "We finally got it right."

Mateusz Kusznierevicz / Dominik Zycki finished fourth today and moved into first place overall after the fifth race. "Everyone near us on the start got a black flag," said Kusznierevicz. "It was a difficult beginning and we started late, but safe."

Deep in fleet rounding the first weather mark, the Poles picked up great speed, changed their tuning three or more times, and made their way to the top of the fleet. "The communication between me and Dominik was great. When I didn't know what to do, he did and when he didn't know, I did," explained Kusznierevicz.

By the second leeward gate, the Poles had passed almost 30 boats and were in 10th and striking distance for the beat to the finish line.

Diego Negri and crew Luigi Viale took second place in today's fifth race in the series and moved into second place

overall. "This was the best birthday present. I couldn't have asked for better," said the now 37-year-old.

Race Six: Thursday, April 17, 2008

The final race got off in 10 knot winds with seven boats black flagged. At the first weather mark Carl Buchan / Jamie Buchan were leading with Mark Mendelblatt / Mark Strube, Hamish Pepper / Carl Williams and Marc Pickel / Ingo Borkowski just behind them.

The sixth race was won by Patrick O'Leary and Stephen Milne who could be deemed the comeback kids of the series. They were a solid candidate for a top five finish in race four but they lost their mast on the second downwind run.

Flavio Marazzi / Enrico De Maria not only finished in second place in race six, but qualified Switzerland for one of the four remaining Olympic slots in the Star Class event.

Mateusz Kusznierevicz and Dominik Zycki won the World Championships with a fifth place in the sixth race and a total of 14 points overall. "We sailed and fought with the best sailors in the world today" said Kusznierevicz.

"We made a great decision on the downwind leg and used every opportunity to stay close to the Italians," he said. According to his crew Zycki they have dreamed of putting a gold star on their sails. "One of our dreams came true today," he said.

Awards Ceremony

by Harry Walker

The trophy presentation was held on the front lawn of the Coral reef Yacht Club in front of tables set up for 200 and with the view of the yachts backed up to the seawall on one side and the clubhouse on the other. Presentations were made by numerous officials headed up by Rich Raymond who did double duty as the excellent PRO of the Worlds and Co-Chairman of the Worlds and former Coral Reef Commodore Carol Scott Ewing who acted as Co-Chair. They had orchestrated a fabulous series and this evening was to be no let down.

Bill Allen, Star Class President, spoke on behalf of the Class and the competitors and thanked the club and presented them with our traditional half hull (of which they have several from running other big events) and a handsome clock and barometer. The sponsors were acknowledged and thanked along with the various Committee heads.

The prizes for the last three daily races were passed out and all recipients were photographed with the presenters (who were numerous and dignified). Each winner received a "keeper" and a framed photograph of the permanent trophy they had won.

The big award of the evening, other than the racing trophies, was the Commodore Harry Nye Trophy. It is presented, and not necessarily every year, to an individual who has served the Star Class honorably, excellently, for a number of years and with outstanding ability and devotion. This year it was awarded in absentia to Riccardo Simoneschi who was

president for seven years and led the battle at ISAF to keep the class in the Olympics. Bill read his letter of acceptance. Three previous recipients, Harry Walker, John Koopman, and Dierk Thomsen were in attendance.

The 5 top crews as shown in the result sheet given below were then recognized.

The roar of acclimation for the winners, young, strong and very fast Polish lads was heartwarming! As they held up the Queen of the Seas and were photographed endlessly, their smiles never faded.

Mateusz spoke eloquently about the honor of winning in the Star, and called up his coach, the always popular Andy Zawija. Our young champion is no newcomer to fame as he already has an Olympic Gold medal. Following the presentations there was a bounteous buffet and dancing under the full moon.

I can assure you it was one of the finest presentations ever, and this from one who has been to more the 15.

At the Awards Ceremony the following perpetual trophies were awarded:

George W. Elder Memorial Trophy (winner, 1st race)
Mateusz Kusznierevicz / Dominik Zycki

Paul H Smart Trophy (winner, 2nd race)
Mateusz Kusznierevicz / Dominik Zycki

Duarte Bello Trophy (winner, 3rd race)
Xavier Rohart / Pascal Rambeau

Commodore Henry G. Nye Trophy (winner, 4th race)
Robert Scheidt / Bruno Prada

Heinz Nixdorf Memorial Trophy (winner, 5th race)
Iain Percy / Andrew Simpson

Tim Parkman Perpetual Trophy (winner, 6th race)
Peter O'Leary / Stephen Milne

Bud Vanderveer Trophy (series leader after 3rd race)
John A. MacCausland

Robert S. Halperin Trophy (leading crew after 3rd race)
Kevin Murphy

Agostino Straulino Trophy (series leader after 4th race)
Diego Negri / Luigi Viale

Seniors' Trophy
Alessandro Pascolato / Henry Raul Booning

Stanley Ogilvy Trophy (series 3rd place finisher)
Robert Scheidt / Bruno Prada

John W. Bennett Memorial Trophy (series 2nd place finisher)
Diego Negri / Luigi Viale

Mary Etchells Trophy (winning crew)
Dominik Zycki

International Star Class Championship Trophy
Mateusz Kusznierevicz

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Pl.	No.	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Points
1	POL 8170	Mateusz Kusznierevicz	Dominik Zycki	Isol	1	1	44	3	4	5	14
2	ITA 8266	Diego Negri	Luigi Viale	VE	3	3	25	9	2	6	23
3	BRA 8255	Robert Scheidt	Bruno Prada	Gua	37	12	2	1	14	4	33
4	SUI 8296	Flavio Marazzi	Enrico De Maria	TB	6	14	47	10	8	2	40
5	GER 8333	Marc Pickel	Ingo Borkowski	Bre	5	bfd	6	18	5	11	45
6	NZL 8187	Hamish Pepper	Carl Williams	Isol	12	bfd	3	2	15	19	51
7	USA 8267	Mark Mendelblatt	Mark Strube	TaB	2	6	32	17	11	20	56
8	AUS 7836	Iain Murray	Andrew Palfrey	LMac	11	11	5	24	31	18	69
9	FRA 8107	Xavier Rohart	Pascal Rambeau	NI	26	21	1	4	20	27	72
10	USA 8312	Rick Merriman	Brian Sharp	LH	58	20	29	19	6	3	77
11	SWE 8331	Fredrik Lööf	Anders Ekström	BK	27	8	9	5	49	30	79
12	CRO 8339	Marin Lovrovic Jr	Sinisa Mikulicic	Isol	29	2	64	21	25	9	86
13	USA 8260	Carl Buchan	Jamie Buchan	PS	31	7	12	16	39	21	87
14	IRL 8158	Maxwell Treacy	R Anthony Shanks	Isol	7	bfd	17	15	26	26	91
15	CAN 8291	Ross Macdonald	Steve Mitchell	EB	25	9	7	dnf	30	23	94
16	AUT 8226	Hans Spitzauer	Christian Nehammer	Att	14	18	23	man	21	84	95
17	IRL 8261	Peter O'Leary	Stephen Milne	Isol	19	5	36	dnf	36	1	97
18	POR 8309	Afonso Domingos	Bernardo Santos	CP	21	10	37	14	22	33	100
19	USA 8195	John A MacCausland	Kevin Murphy	CR	15	4	8	27	56	54	108
20	ITA 8290	Silvio Santoni	Dodo Natucci	NG	22	23	42	12	47	16	115
21	GER 8109	Robert Stanjek	Markus Koy	BF	18	bfd	26	25	18	31	118
22	USA 8230	John Dane III	Austin Sperry	MoB	10	bfd	40	6	3	62	121
23	USA 8273	George Szabo III	Rick Peters	SDB	39	25	50	35	12	25	136
24	ARG 8003	Alejo Rigoni	Gustavo Gonzalez	BA	33	29	38	41	27	10	137
25	BRA 8284	Lars Schmidt Grael	Marcelo Jordao	Par	62	bfd	20	26	17	12	137
26	JPN 8144	Kunio Suzuki	Daichi Wada	Isol	9	15	10	dsq	19	85	138
27	USA 8285	Augie Diaz	Phil Trinter	BisB	49	13	28	23	32	42	138
28	ITA 8348	Luca Modena	Sergio Lambertenghi	NG	24	17	33	dnf	53	13	140
29	USA 8177	Jud Smith	Terry Yuill	CA	51	16	14	dnf	38	22	141
30	ARG 7907	Fabian Mac Gowan	Federico Engelhard	OL	50	26	34	33	40	17	150
31	SUI 8232	Henrik Dannesboe	Edward Morey	Sem	34	37	11	38	41	35	155
32	DEN 8218	Benny Andersen	Mogens Just	DF	36	bfd	4	29	59	29	157
33	BRA 8337	Alan Adler	Ronald Seifert	RdJ	16	32	56	7	bfd	48	159
34	USA 8250	Andrew Macdonald	Brian Fatih	NB	52	27	18	36	29	49	159
35	ESP 7581	Roberto Bermudez	Marcelo Ferreira	P-San	28	bfd	16	13	61	47	165
36	CHI 8319	Rodrigo Zuazola	Robert Riegel	Val	65	bfd	19	30	43	14	171
37	CAN 8143	Brian Cramer	Tyler Bjorn	WLOC	47	22	68	20	48	34	171
38	ITA 8332	Enrico Chieffi	Nando Colaninno	PDV	32	19	45	raf	34	56	186
39	GER 7860	Werner Fritz	Uli Seeberger	B	44	31	15	31	bfd	67	188
40	NOR 8183	Eivind Melleby	Petter Morland Pedersen	Nor	20	bfd	48	11	dsq	8	192
41	USA 8156	Andy Horton	Andrew Scott	NB	13	bfd	24	dnf	10	41	193
42	SWE 8298	Tom Lofstedt	Krister Carlsson	Ras	69	48	58	39	13	40	198
43	BRA 8282	Alessandro Pascolato	Henry Raul Booning	Gua	bfd	43	41	man	16	50	201.3
44	NED 8277	Sjaak Haakman	Wietze Zetzema	Med	45	40	53	43	42	37	207
45	GRE 8192	Leonidas Pelekanakis	George Stylianos	Gre	38	56	ocs	42	66	7	209
46	DEN 8343	Joegen Svendsen	Jens Christian Jurlander	DF	46	55	81	22	35	53	211
47	GER 8213	Peer Wilhelm	Nils Hollweg	Kf	43	41	30	46	70	52	212
48	RUS 8305	Sergey Shevtsov	Roman Sadchikov	StP	23	bfd	59	37	51	44	214
49	IRL 8254	Maurice O'Connell	Ben Coe	Isol	30	bfd	21	8	bfd	51	215
50	RUS 8119	Vitaliy Tarakanov	Maxim Karelsky	Mosc	bfd	61	51	49	24	32	217
51	CRO 8280	Dan Lovrovic	Marin Lovrovic Sr	Isol	40	30	ocs	28	50	70	218
52	GBR 8345	Iain Percy	Andrew Simpson	Sol	8	bfd	60	dsq	1	45	219
53	NED 8263	Alexander Jorissen	Erik Veldhuizen	Hol	64	34	71	bfd	7	43	219
54	ARG 7777	Julio Labandeira	Enrique Della Torre	OL	73	bfd	13	34	60	55	235
55	CAN 7570	Hunter Lowden	Brett Wilson	EB	35	36	65	58	45	68	239
56	USA 8136	Henry Filter	Will Wagner	AN	54	45	74	47	23	bfd	243
57	CRO 7828	Mate Arapov	Ognjen Uljevic	Isol	60	bfd	57	dnf	9	15	246
58	USA 7462	Dave Watt	Dave Martin	PS	42	bfd	22	55	58	72	249
59	UKR 8096	Eugen Avksentiev	Kostyantyn Kondratuyk	Ukr	79	33	75	45	65	36	254
60	SUI 7990	Daniel Stegmeier	Beat Stegmeier	TB	48	dsq	49	64	71	24	256
61	HUN 8166	Tibor Tenke	Jozsef Bendicsek	Ore	63	44	43	32	bfd	74	256
62	USA 8320	Mark Reynolds	Hal Haebel	SDB	17	bfd	67	dnf	33	46	268
63	GER 8256	Hubert Merkelbach	Gerrit Bartel	UB	bfd	35	84	40	44	66	269
64	USA 8159	Ched Proctor	Matt Semler	CLIS	78	28	55	bfd	52	57	270
65	ESP 8301	Franciso Sanchez	Manuel Roca	Lar	dnf	24	52	dnf	62	28	271
66	SWE 7978	Ingvar Krook	H. Johanson Hasselgren	AR	66	64	46	61	bfd	39	276
67	USA 8253	Richard Brethorst	Scott Anderson	LS	41	52	79	48	76	63	280

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68	BRA 8283	Gastao Brun	Fabio Kraiczky	RdJ	53	bfd	35	dnf	54	38	285
69	USA 8269	Jock Kohlhas	Larry Scott	BisB	71	38	76	54	67	61	291
70	UKR 8205	Konstantin Datsenko	Olexandr Yevseyenko	Ukr	77	42	31	dnf	37	dnf	292
71	ITA 8164	Valerio Chinca	Massimo Ciano	FDM	59	57	80	53	46	bfd	295
72	USA 8215	Bill Allen	Brad Lichter	WH	88	51	27	dnf	57	77	300
73	BUL 7437	Nedko Vassilev	Boycho Nikolov	Isol	83	46	69	51	78	59	303
74	BER 8272	Peter Bromby	Lee White	Isol	4	bfd	63	dnf	28	bfd	305
75	SUI 8009	Christoph Gautschi	Alex Gouda	Bod	84	39	78	44	69	75	305
76	BRA 8300	Peter Ficker	Arthur Lopes	San	72	66	70	57	75	64	329
77	ITA 8344	Antonio Tamburini	Renzo Ricci	SI	70	62	ocs	59	64	78	333
78	CHI 7972	Vicente Gimeno	Ignacio Pablo Hasbun	Val	76	73	62	52	73	bfd	336
79	USA 7713	Ben Fransen	Ian Coleman	AN	81	dns	61	66	72	58	338
80	USA 8175	Jim Babel	Bill Hawk	GL	56	50	66	dnf	80	bfd	357
81	USA 8061	Derek Decoteau	Trevor Nederlof	BI	90	54	82	56	82	87	361
82	GER 7865	Stefan Lehnert	Peter Menning	Bre	86	bfd	83	50	55	88	362
83	GER 7750	Jens Burmester	Markus Mehlen	Ed	91	65	ocs	62	79	71	368
84	GER 8016	Hubert Rauch	Felix Kling	And	67	76	91	60	77	90	370
85	USA 8279	Claude Bonanni	Richard Burgess	TaB	80	49	88	dnf	81	73	371
86	UKR 8247	Vasyl Gureyev	Volodymyr Korotkov	Ukr	68	bfd	72	dnf	68	60	373
87	RUS 8281	Dmitriy Vokhmintsev	Yury Pinegin	StP	61	53	93	bfd	63	bfd	375
88	USA 7814	Keith Donald	Sean Bryson Quinn	AN	89	58	95	65	86	83	381
89	SUI 8329	Daniel Wyss	Urs Joss	ZU	75	59	89	dnf	83	76	382
90	USA 8163	Ryan Staszko	Jack Donahue	BH	93	69	92	63	84	79	387
91	USA 8083	John Chiarella	Robert Carlson	Sun	95	70	98	68	74	80	387
92	SUI 8085	Lorenz Zimmermann	Michael Mutti	LUV	bfd	47	54	dnf	dnf	86	397
93	USA 8245	Joe Zambella	Peter Costa	BH	74	63	73	dnf	dns	91	406
94	USA 7	Bill Babel	Trevor Davis	GL	85	60	77	dns	dnf	81	408
95	FIN 8292	Jali Makila	Erkki Heinonen	Fin	57	bfd	39	dnf	bfd	dns	411
96	GER 7816	Marko Hasche	Philip Behn	HF	96	75	94	67	dnf	82	414
97	CHN 7784	Hong Quan Li	He Wang	EB	92	68	85	dnf	dsq	65	415
98	GER 7866	Dierk Thomsen	Darin Jensen	Glu	82	72	87	dns	dsq	69	415
99	GER 7946	Hermann Weiler	Niklas Dietrich	Neu	98	77	97	69	85	89	417
100	ITA 7562	Stefano Bettarini	Corrado Cristaldini	Viar	87	74	86	dnf	dnf	dns	457
101	AUT 8021	Harald Wirth	Jim Pickering	AU	94	71	96	dnf	dns	92	458
102	USA 8043	John Manderson	Roman Gotsuyak	Mid	55	bfd	dsq	dnf	dns	dns	475
103	CAN 7451	Dennis Burgess	Gordon Clay	EB	97	bfd	90	dnf	87	bfd	484
104	AUT 8216	R. Tomasini Grinover	Gunnar Bahr	AU	bfd	67	dns	dns	dsq	dns	487

2008 REGATTA SCHEDULE

Date	Org.	Event
May 1-Aug.28	Dist. 5	Starlights Thursday Nights
May 18-23	ISCYRA	W. H. Championship
May 21-25	Dist. 13	Breitling Regatta
May 24-25	Dist. 9	Jungfrau Trophy
May 24-25	Dist. 14	Coppa Tito Nordio
May 31-Jun. 1	Dist. 5	Rollins Bowl
Jun. 1-7	ISCYRA	Eastern Hemisphere Championship
Jun. 7-8	Dist. 1	Marshall Brown Secretary's Cup (BH)
Jun. 11-18	ISCYRA	European Championship
Jun. 14 -15	Dist. 5	Baxter Bowl
Jun. 21 - 22	Dist. 1	Arms-White Regatta (Mid)
Jun. 21 - 28	Dist. 9	Bernina Cup
Jun. 25 - 29	Dist. 13	Kieler Woche
Jun. 28 - 29	Dist. 5	King of Spain Trophy
July 11 - 13	Dist. 1	1st Dist. Championship (CA)
July 12 - 13	Dist. 9	Star Trophy Urnersee
July 18 - 20	Dist. 9	Rostige Kanne
July 19 - 20	Dist. 5	The Lipton Cup
July 26 - 27	Dist. 1	Marblehead NOOD
Aug. 2-3	Dist. 12	Lake Sunapee Open
Aug. 19 - 21	ISCYRA	Olympics
Aug. 23 - 24	Dist. 1	New England Masters' (BH)
Aug. 30 - 31	Dist. 9	Versoix GP
Sep. 6 - 7	Dist. 5	Harris Series
Sep. 8 - 13	ISCYRA	North American Championship

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Sep. 13 - 14	Dist. 1	Bedford Pitcher (CLIS)
Sep. 13 - 14	Dist. 5	Olympic Classes Regatta
Sep. 27 - 28	Dist. 1	Nutmeg Regatta (Mid)

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