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NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONS

Doug Wefer & Mary Ellen Sheelen

Cambridge Yacht Club, Choptank Penguin Fleet #51 was pleased to host the 1988 North American Championship Regatta. Boats from four regions represented eight different fleets with a total of 17 competitors.

Neal Litman jumped off to an early lead taking the first two races followed by Doug Wefer. Steve Shepstone had to retire after only one race because of a broken boom. Litman lead until the final two races finishing with a pair of fifths. Wefer continued to sail without error earning a pair of firsts. The remaining positions were slugged out by Mark Kastel, Larry Cole and Rick Kaiser.

The series consisted of six races with heavy winds prevailing for the first 4 races and light and extremely variable winds (180 degree shifts) for the final two races. Skippers and crews as well as the boats were put to the test with 30 percent of the boats scoring either a DNS or a DNF in the second race.

A special thanks to Ned Nabb and Mike Frampton who chaired the race committee. They did an excellent job under extreme conditions. Also thanks to each of the participants and I hope Region III can support the 1989 Internationals as well as Region VI (1989 host region) supported our event.

--Steve Adams

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MIDWINTER CHAMPIONS

Neal & Kathy Litman

The 58th annual New Year's Regatta, recently dubbed the Penguin Midwinters hosted by the Port Washington Y.C., Port Washington, NY was greeted by beautiful northwest winds at 8-12 mph with temperatures in the 40's, December 31, 1988 and January 1, 1989. On Saturday, twenty four frostbite crews ventured out onto the chilly waters of Manhasset Bay for the six triangle races. Kevin and Diana Keegan shot out to a quick lead after a good start to lead the fleet around in race 1. In race 2, Doug Wefer and Mary Ellen Sheelen took the bullet followed by Neal & Kathy Litman, Steve and Melissa Shepstone and the Keegans. The breeze was building slowly and the leaders emerged by superior boat speed and boat handling. Race 3 saw the Keegans lead all the way around again with the Litmans second and Larry Cole and Kirsten Werner moving up to third. Wefer and Sheelen took race 4, the Shepstones race 5, and the Litmans race 6. At the end of Saturday, only 10 boats remained. The other 14 had either capsized, broken

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1988 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
OCTOBER 7-9, 1988
CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND

SKIPPER/CREW	BOAT #	HOME FLEET	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL FINISH
Doug Wefer/Mary Ellen Sheelen	9660	Port Washington	2	2	1	2	1	1	108.00
Neal Litman/Kathy Litman	9666	Richmond County	1	1	2	1	5	5	101.40
Mark Kastel/Mike Murray	9573	Skokie Lagoons	4	3	5	4	3	2	93.50
Larry Cole/Terry Bouchard	9662	Centerport	5	4	6	3	7	6	83.10
Rick Kaiser/Sue Daly	9675	Chicago	6	5	3	5	6	7	82.10
Bill Lane Jr./Bill Lane III	9171	Tred Avon	11	8	9	6	2	3	75.40
Steve Adams/Charlene Adams	8967	Cambridge	7	6	4	10	12	4	71.00
David Cox/Sewell Cox	8823	Tred Avon	9	9	8	DNF	4	8	57.00
Sandy McAllister/Debbie McAllister	9632	Cambridge	12	10	12	7	9	14	50.00
David Stix/Diane Hunt	7416	Chicago	DNF	7	11	8	10	11	47.00
Vlad Kobal/Shane Perry	9674	Chicago	8	DNF	7	11	14	9	46.00
Pat Fitzgerald/Katy Krigbaum	8300	Chicago	10	DNF	13	12	8	10	45.00
Tom Provencher/Alan Austed	9145	Skokie Lagoons	15	11	5	DNF	11	12	41.00
Jack Rosemere/Norelle Brannock	6232	Cambridge	14	DNF	10	9	13	13	36.00
Steve Shepstone/Melissa Shepstone	9668	Sea Cliff	3	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	16.10
Brad Anderson/Beth Armisted	8960	Cambridge	13	DNF	14	DNF	DNF	DNF	11.00
Randy Welch/Andrienne Welch	1776	Cambridge	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	0.00

MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP - NEW YEAR'S REGATTA
JANUARY 1 & 2, 1989
PORT WASHINGTON, NY

NAME	SAIL #	FLEET	Saturday						Sunday				TOTAL POSITION		
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		11	
N. Litman/ K. Litman	9666	RCYC	4	2	2	2	3	1	1	2	1	2	2	22.0	1
D. Wefer/ M.E. Sheelen	9660	PWYC	2	1	8	1	2	2.8	2	1	2	6	3	30.8	2
S. Shepstone/ M. Shepstone	9668	SCYC	3	3	5	5	1	2	3	9	3	1	1	36.0	3
L. Cole/ K. Womer	9662	CYC	6	5	3	7	6	5.6	8	7	5	4	5	61.6	4
K. Keegan/ D. Keegan	9579	PWYC	1	4	1	3	8	10	9	14	8.4	16	16	90.4	5
Dan Coughlin/ T. Shirella	8597	Bristol	9	8	12	6	4	4	15	11	8	7	7	91.0	6
M. Hendry/ M. Raynor	9576	CYC	10	10	13	8	5	5	7	6	7	12	8	91.0	7
A. Field/ M. Wells	9378	CYC	14	13	6	12	9.9	10	6	3	10	9	16	108.9	8
B. Patterson/ D. Patterson	4050	Unattached	19	18	11	11	10.0	10	4	4	6	8	9	110.0	9
S. Murchison/ B. Mailloux	9663	PWYC	19	18	4	19	18	10	5	8	4	5	6	116.0	10
D. Kirkpatrick/ K. Kelley	8803	CYC	7	7	16	4	18	10	15	5	11	11	16	120.0	11
D. Smith/ H. Owen	8926	RCYC	8	12	14	13	18	10	10	12	12	10	11	130.0	12
L. Hewitt/ D. Doney	9678	CYC	5	14	7	9	18	10	15	18	19	16	16	147.0	13
R. Halligan/ P. Sherman	7455	CYC	15	15	18	16	10	10	11	13	14	14	13	149.0	14
E. Campaniello/ D. Campaniello	9577	PWYC	19	18	20	19	18	10	15	18	13	3	4	157.0	15
J. Hall/ N. Smith	7154	RCYC	13	11	9	14	18	10	15	18	19	16	16	159.0	16
David Coughlin/ R. Dominique	4396	SCYC	11	9	10	19	18	10	15	18	19	16	16	161.0	17
B. Haggerty/ R. Hill	9479	Skookie	19	18	20	10	7	3	15	18	19	16	16	161.0	18
A. Weil/ B. Hayes	9375	CYC	17	16	19	17	18	10	12	15	15	15	12	166.0	19
C. Norris/ M. Coco	7651	Columbia	16	17	15	15	9	10	15	18	19	16	16	166.0	20
J. Willis/ D. Willis	8641	Unattached	12	6	17	19	18	10	15	18	19	16	16	166.0	21
C. Swenson/ D. Arundell	4669	Unattached	19	18	20	19	18	10	15	16	9	13	10	167.0	22
S. Andrews	7	CYC	19	18	20	19	18	10	13	10	19	16	16	178.0	23
J. Besso/ J. Rohloff	4310	CYC	19	18	20	19	18	10	14	17	19	16	16	186.0	24

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down, or retired.

Sunday brought light winds from the northeast at 6-12 mph. The Litmans and Wefer/Sheelen fought it out in the first three races of the day. The Litmans then sealed the regatta with a second while Wefer was sixth. The Shepstones finished strongly with two firsts and finished a solid third for the regatta.

Bill Haggerty and Chuck

Norris travelled all the way from Chicago. Neal and Kathy Litman were awarded the Fraser Trophy for the best percentage between the two frostbite fleets, IC and Penguin. Wefer won the Hazard Trophy for the top PWYC boat.

Many thanks to all the PWYC diehards who make this regatta possible year after year! See you next year.

Region 6 "On a roll"

Officers in the 6th region are personally making a commitment to the growth of the class. Pat Fitzgerald, vice president; Mark Kastel, secretary, and David Stix, president, have all made a commitment to purchase new boats this year. With David and Mark each selling 2 boats and Pat selling one the midwest will have five more competitive Penguins on the line. "It was really tough putting 7500 on the market," said Mark. "It was my first boat. I've owned it since I was 14." According to Pat Fitzgerald, "It's important for the health of the class that we continue to support our builders. More of us can afford and would enjoy sailing a new state-of-the-art boat (trade in the old boat)." Freedom Boat Works (608-356-5861) has been commissioned to build these wooden "yachts". East coasters can also support their regional builder by calling Burtis Boat Works (516-676-4201).

LEARN THE RULES!

Dave Perry has a new book called, *Understanding the Yacht Racing Rules Through 1992*, published by the Putnam Publishing Group, New York, NY. This book is recommended to novices and experts who want to understand the ins-and-outs of the IYRU rules that we sail under. The book is available in book stores, or by ordering directly from the author by writing: Rules Book, P.O. Box 337, Southport, CT 06490 \$17.45, paperback; \$26.45 hard-cover (price includes shipping). Make checks payable to: Dave Perry