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Corsica River Yacht Club Centreville, Maryland

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North Americans off Conquest Beach

by Charlie Krafft

The Penguin North American Championship was hosted by the Corsica River Yacht Club, July 23-26. The event was run from CRYC's home at Conquest Beach and sailed on the Chester River near Centreville, Maryland. Thirty -four boats participated, including six who made the trek from Chicago. The majority of the competitors were from Chesapeake Bay area, however sailors from Pennsylvania and New Jersey helped round out the fleet. The full spectrum of wind conditions was experienced, with the winds from Tropical Storm Danny buffeting the fleet for the two races on Thursday. Friday's racing was marked by generally light air with a moderate to light north easterly breeze. Saturday, the fleet was towed down the Chester River and the races were held at the mouth of the Corsica River. A light south westerly wind filled in and two races were held.

Although the racing was fun; the social and culinary aspects of the regatta were the real highlights. Wednesday night, the earlybirds and registration committee enjoyed pizza and an open beer truck. Thursday, John Jenkins organized a crab feast that was second to none. The plywood for the sail measuring floor was ripped up and used as a wind break as the participants enjoyed local crabs, corn and tomatoes under the big tent. Cairn Krafft did double duty, making sure everybody got enough food. Friday, the Region III Penguin sailors contributed to the annual CRYC tent-raising pot-luck dinner. The result was a real feast, with ample food for all. Although there was some consternation about having enough quantity and different types of food, everything worked out fine and the Bay area sailors were able to treat the out-of-town visitors to a real feast. Those who remained Saturday enjoyed the CRYC annual chicken barbeque, which was exceptional, as always. The event was noted to be a success by all who attended. The remote, park-like setting of Conquest Beach, pleasant weather, and lack of jelly fish made for a perfect event for all who came. Special thanks go out to the Regatta Chairman, actually the husband and wife team of Norman Davidson and Gayle McClure, and the CRYC membership. Their attention to all of the little (and bigger) details, made the regatta fun for the competitors to enjoy.

The Racing: Dick "C" Bartlett did a superb job of running the races. The starting lines were even, the courses of appropriate length, especially considering the ambitious goal of running up to eight races, and the racing was extremely close. Fortunately, all of the rule infractions were settled on the water, so the decision to put protest committee chairman, Ernie Hammer, and committee members, Ed Barbehenn and Bill Susen, on the race committee to help out there worked to everyone's advantage. The depth of talent in the fleet was impressive, with the competitor list reading like a "Who's Who" in the present and past Penguin Class.

The recognition of classic Penguins was appreciated, especially after Thursday's windy races, however veteran Penguin sailor Skip Moorhouse, sailing with his daughter Ellee, who is confined to a wheelchair and was in a Penguin for the first time, made short work of the classic-modern debate by winning two of the light air races and taking fourth overall in the regatta. Skip also won the Master's Trophy for the top placing skipper who is 50 or older.

Jonathan and Emily Bartlett, who finished third overall, received a special award as the top parent-child team. Twelve of the thirty-four teams qualified for the parent-child award. Charlie Scott with daughter, Kate, as crew took honors for the first classic boat not finishing in the top five overall. Bill Lane, sailing the White Rabbit, Penguin #4200, which was the oldest Penguin racing, sailed to victory in Race #5. Emily duPont and Scott Weller were the top junior team. Nance duPont received a special award for the top female

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skipper. Frank Flaherty was awarded the long distance award, not only for driving from Chicago, but, by computing Penguin miles, received triple credit for bringing not one or two, but three Penguins.

Race 1: Steve Lavender and Charlie Scott led the fleet around in the 155-plus knot breeze. Charlie discovered why wooden boats aren't competitive in a breeze, as he slipped during a tack and took a swim on the final beat. Charlie Krafft moved ahead to finish second with Sandy Rapp third.

Race 2: Paul Wurtzebach found conditions to his liking as he took the lead in this race and never relinquished it. Bud Dailey was making a move on the inside on the run to the leeward mark and unexpectedly capsized. Krafft nipped Rapp at the finish to take second.

Racing was called off for the day due to numerous capsizes and a medical emergency on the race course that was competently handled by regatta chairman Norman Davidson with shoreside support form the Queen Anne County rescue squad. We were happy to report that Jim Wagner, after suffering an unexpected malfunction of a cardiac device, was back in time to help clean-up the crabs at the crab feast.

Race 3: Friday morning, the strong notherly started to fade as Race 3 got underway. the fleet split and first the left side looked good, but then the wind shifted and the right side filled in strong, things got more interesting on the run and the short beat to the finish. When it was all over, Skip Moorhouse sneaked in at the committee boat to take the victory in a photo finish over Sandy McAllister and Bud Dailey, Jr.

Race 4: Charlie Scott took the start at the pin and led around the triangular course. Charlie Krafft, John Aras, and Bud Dailey, who were close behind, passed him on the final beat to the finish in that order.

Race 5: Bill Lane played the shifts in the dying breeze with his usual expert finesse and showed that old boats can still be competitive, staving off a strong challenge by Bud Dailey to win. John Jenkins displayed blazing downwind speed in the light air to come from behind to finish fifth.

Race 6: The committee towed the boats down the Chester River to the confluence with the Corsica River on Saturday morning, to make way for the boats participating in the Corsica

Annual Regatta. the light air did not deter the committee as the fleet started in a light southerly. The leaders, Krafft and Dailey, stayed on the left side of the course, tacking well beyond the layline for fear of being swept back up the river by the incoming tide. Skip Moorhouse thought better of that, tacked significantly sooner and rounded second behind Krafft. On the final beat, Moorhouse and Daily slipped by Krafft with Moorhouse taking the victory.

Race 7: The light southerly had strengthened slightly and the current subsided for the final race of the series. Sandy Rapp took the start at the committee boat end with Charlie Scott close behind. The fleet spread out on the long downwind leg and reconverged, with much bedlam, at the leeward mark. Rapp took the victory with Scott second. Dailey moved up to third on the run but after being covered closely by Scott on the final beat, dropped to fourth as Moorhouse squeaked by. Krafft, who had a bad start and rounded the weather mark in the high twenties and rounded the leeward mark in the high teens, followed Frank Flaherty out to a new wind line on the far right of the final beat and finished eighth. Enough to discard his ninth in Race 3 and tie Dailey in points but take the overall victory.

At the awards ceremony, the sentimental favorites were Skip and Ellee Moorhouse. They suffered a rail breaking collision in the start of the first race, decided not to sail the second as thewinds had built well over 15 knots, but came back strong in the lighter air. Ellee was the motivation behind Skip dragging his Penguin out of the garage and getting it polished up. (He didn't leave enough time to get the boat painted, so it also deserved an award for the minimally dressed Penguin.) Ellee endured the discomfort in getting from side to side in the boat, so Skip based hisstrategy on avoiding tight tactical situations that would aggravate this.

Congratulations go to Skip and especially to Ellee, for their remarkable and imspirational performance. Ellee's performance deserves recognition both in the Penguin class and beyond.

Charlie and Cairn Krafft acknowledged and bettered a second place finish by Charlie's parents, Joe and Alice Krafft, 50 years earlier, where they were runners-up to Runnie Colie in the 1947 Nationals. Charlie and Cairn also helped to organize the regatta, making the regatta win even more impressive.