

The Storm Trysail Club's Intercollegiate Regatta

Thirty-one owners shared their boats and love of the sport with 235 collegiate sailors last month at the Storm Trysail Club's Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta hosted by Larchmont Yacht Club. Five races were sailed by the fleet that was divided into three one-design and one level rated division: J/44s, J/109s, J/105s and a PHRF Level 72 division.

This regatta has become the highlight of the season for college sailors as well as boat owners. Jim Marran, the owner's representative on Adam Loory's Express 37 *Soulmates* said, "Our regular crew wins a lot of regattas, but it felt better at the end of this one (even though *Soulmates* finished fifth). The crew from U. Mass got better and better with each race. Our pit person had never sailed before and she had the sails going up and down perfectly by the end of the regatta."

Race Committee PRO Charles "Butch" Ulmer very wisely kept the fleet out racing until late in the afternoon on Saturday to finish four races even though the forecast called for a windy Sunday. The forecast proved less than accurate. The fleet drifted around Sunday morning in postponement and then sailed a great first beat in 10-12 knots of breeze, but that wind didn't last and only two J/44s finished before the time limit expired. The other classes had their courses shortened and all but one boat made the time limit. A second race was attempted, but the breeze kept coming and going while shifting radically.

With a view of the fleet, Ulmer said, "This is the way it should be; this is the way to bring new sailors into big boat sailing. These kids will sail for the rest of their lives." And that is why Storm Trysail runs this event.

Johnson & Wales University sailed the third place, Level 72 boat, *Draco*, an Express 37 owned by Bob Behringer from Atlantic Highlands, NJ. Coach Allen Penney summed up the regatta. "It was awesome," he recounted. "We had a great time and it is in



The J/44 class was dominated by Navy

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large part to the hard work of Adam Loory and the Storm Trysail Club – not only because of the racing, but the event as a whole." He continued, "My team is completely different when we come back from this regatta; they're a team in the truest sense of the word...when they race dinghies, they are generally trying to beat one another on the race course, but with the big boat racing, they have a real chance to gel."

Coach Penney noted that Behringer was an especially inviting owner, as well as an effective leader for the team. After a difficult 7th place finish in the third race, Behringer reeled the team in, asking that they relax and keep their heads. His suggestion was that they "just sail the boat." The next race they scored a second.

Division winners were: Navy in the J/44 class, Webb Institute in the J/109s, Brown in the Level 72s, and Coast Guard won the nine-boat J/105 class by 10 points.

J/44 (One Design - 7 Boats)

1. *Resolute*, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD, USA, 0-1-1-1-1;4
2. *Stampede*, NY Maritime, Bronx, NY, USA, 0-4-2-2-2;10
3. *Glory*, US Coast Guard, New London, CT, USA, 0-3-3-3-4/TLE;13
4. *Gold Digger*, Mass Maritime, Buzzards Bay, MA, USA, 0-2-4-4-4/TLE;14
5. *Vamp*, St. Marys, St Marys City, MD, USA, 0-5-6-5-4/TLE;20
6. *Honablee*, Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA, 0-6-5-6-4/TLE;21
7. *Diogenes*, US Merchant Marine, Kings Point, NY, USA, 0-7-7-7-4/TLE;25

J/109 (One Design - 8 Boats)

1. *Relentless*, Webb Institute, Glen Cove, NY, USA, 1-3-2-1-5;12
2. *Patriot*, US Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD, USA,



The level 72 class dials up for the start

2-2-1-2-7;14

3. *Cheers*, Tufts, Medford, MA, USA, 3-1-6-4-3;17
4. *Mad Dogs*, Middlebury, Middlebury, VT, USA, 5-5-4-3-4;21
5. *Storm*, Mass Maritime, Buzzards Bay, MA, USA, 6-4-5-8-2;25
6. *Sundari*, Miami of Ohio, Oxford, OH, USA, 4-6-3-7-6;26
7. *Melody*, Fordham, Bronx, NY, USA, 7-8-7-6-1;29
8. *Vivace*, US Military Academy, West Point, NY, USA, 8-7-8-5-9/TLE;37

Level 72 (7 Boats)

1. *Troubador*, Express 37, Brown, Providence, RI, USA, 1-1-1-1-4;8
2. *Lora Ann*, Express 37, Georgetown, Washington, DC, USA, 3-2-3-4-1;13
3. *Draco*, Express 37, Johnson & Wales, Providence, RI, USA, 2-5-7-2-2;18
4. *Songlines*, Express 37, Western Michigan, Kalamazoo, MI, USA, 6-3-2-5-3;19
5. *Soulmates*, Express 37, Univ Mass-Boston, Boston, MA, USA, 4-4-5-3-6;22
6. *Tenacious*, Ben. First 36.7, Northeastern, Boston, MA, USA, 5-6-4-7-8/DNF;30
7. *Hypnos*, J/35, US Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY, USA, 7-7-6-6-5;31

J/105 (One Design - 9 Boats)

1. *Gumption*, US Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT, USA, 1-1-1-2-3;8
2. *Morning Glory*, Bowdoin, Brunswick, ME, USA, 4-4-3-6-1;18
3. *Peregrina*, American Univ, Washington, DC, USA, 5-2-2-5-6;20
4. *Andiamo*, US Merchant Marine, Kings Point, NY, USA, 2-3-7-3-8;23
5. *Eclipse*, US Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, USA, 3-10/SCP-4-1-7;25
6. *Kinscem*, Bates, Lewiston, ME, USA, 7-5-5-4-4;25
7. *GaUCHO*, St Mary's, St Mary's City, MD, USA, 6-7-6-7-2;28
8. *Elmo*, Colgate, Hamilton, NY, USA, 8-9-9-9-5;40
9. *Resistance*, Northwestern, Evanston, IL, USA, 9-8-8-8-9;42 ♦



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