



## 2006 WEALTH ENHANCEMENT GROUP J/22 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

LAKE MINNETONKA, MN

With the J-22 North American championships fast approaching, Fleet #1 is looking forward to a great week and showcasing Wayzata Yacht Club and Lake Minnetonka to a national audience.

We're very fortunate to have a number of key sponsors who are helping to make this all possible. Most notably is WEALTH ENHANCEMENT GROUP in the title role. Also on board are **AL & Alma's Supper Club**, **everGreene Jewelers**, **Sunsets**, **Great Clips**, **Brenk Brothers**, **Minneapolis St. Paul Magazine**, **West Marine**, **Helly Hansen**, **Diamond Reef Sails & Canvas**, **General Mills**, **Liquor Barn in Long Lake**, **Heineken**, and **Mount Gay Rum**. Please show your appreciation to these businesses for their support with the regatta.

As of this writing, 43 boats are pre-registered and we're well on our way to a 50+ boat fleet. Most will be coming from Texas, Oklahoma, Annapolis, New York, Ohio, Michigan, Louisiana, Illinois, and of course WYC and MYC.

Racing will be held Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> through Friday the 15<sup>th</sup>, with a full social schedule beginning with registration on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup>. Since Dallas will be otherwise occupied, nationally known sailing photographer Tim Wilkes will be doing the photo honors, while our own Pete Crawford's Penalty Box Productions will be making a live action DVD. We will also have an AL & Alma's boat available for race watching in style.

However, **none of this happens without a lot of help!** We could use assistance in the following areas:

- Registration and check-in
- Club preparation before and during the event
- Socials
- Race management

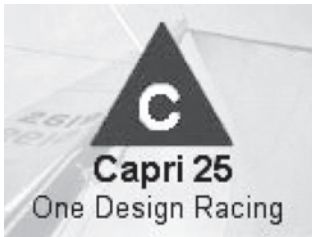
We can promise some great socials and a lot of fun in return. Please contact me if you're interested and I'll put you in touch with the right person.

Look for updates on the WYC web site, and also at the regatta web site, [www.j22northamericans.com](http://www.j22northamericans.com).

Thanks, and see you on the water.

Thorn Turner  
Regatta Chairman

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## 2006 CAPRI ONE DESIGN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Capri One design Championship was run in conjunction with this years ADA regatta, giving the fleet the opportunity for some great racing while supporting the American Diabetes Association. On Friday June 16<sup>th</sup>, the 20-boat fleet held four buoy races in moderate winds of 8-16 mph making for great racing. At the end of the day Magic held a slight lead over the tight pack of Consensus, Quick Draw, Tsunami and Code Blue. The medium distance race held Saturday morning in very light air moved Code Blue, Tsunami and Consensus up the standings as Magic picked up weeds and fell back. Three more races sailed with the

club on Saturday and Sunday as part of the ADA completed the 8 race series with one throw out. When the dust settled Eric Roubal and the crew of Consensus sat on top followed by Code Blue, Catapult, Magic and Tsunami.

Eric Roubal shared the following secrets of his team's success: "Drank lots of beer each day. Slept very little due to my mind going through all starting and pin placement scenarios in my head. Woke up early and checked out my WindTrack application for the wind speed and directions expected for that day. Entire team stayed positive. We had a dedicated person who coached us back when frustrations occurred. Exceptional crew - our roundings were pretty much perfect for all 8 races. And lots of communication on the boat."

As always, the racing was great but the parties and camaraderie were even better. On Friday night the J-22 fleet did an outstanding job of preparing and serving a great rum party and barbeque allowing the whole fleet to relax and enjoy the evening while listening to some great oldies played by Dick Hanson and friend. The Capri fleet will return the favor to the J-22s during the J-22 North Americans this fall.

On Saturday night, the Capri's provided our favorite band "Sweet Afrikan Kontry Muziki" for the enjoyment of the club after the ADA dinner. Both nights the skies opened up in short torrential downpours that tried unsuccessfully to slow the party down. Everyone attending had a blast and now knows why the Capri Regatta is always so much fun.

For full results see [http://www.wyc.org/Results/SeriesOngoingResults.asp?Series\\_Id=35](http://www.wyc.org/Results/SeriesOngoingResults.asp?Series_Id=35).

### ADA SAILING REGATTA - Sailing for a Cure!

By Susan Klimek



We would like to thank the Wayzata Yacht Club for hosting the 6th Annual ADA Sailing Regatta on Lake Minnetonka, June 17th and 18th. The event featured WIND, along with two days of racing, a silent auction, picnic dinner, beverages, snacks and live music by Sweet Africakan Kontry Muziki sponsored by the Capri 25 Fleet. It was a weekend full of fun and racing but most importantly, over \$20,000 was raised for diabetes research and programs in Minnesota. Congratulations to Tom

Verburgt, J/24, #4738, Kattack as the top individual and boat fundraiser at \$1,075 and the J/24 Fleet #1 as the top fleet fundraiser at \$1,620!! Thanks to all for your continued support of the American Diabetes Association. Visit <http://www.diabetes.org> for more information and a chance to make a difference through your own donations.

For full racing results see: [http://www.wyc.org/Results/SeriesOngoingResults.asp?Series\\_Id=11](http://www.wyc.org/Results/SeriesOngoingResults.asp?Series_Id=11).



Bayfield Race Week was a great success again this year. Though the number of boats participating was down slightly from last year, the enthusiasm for sailboat racing and partying was at an all time high. Mt. Gay Rum was again an official sponsor thanks to Anne Berg. There was free rum flowing almost every night after sailing thanks to bartenders

Chris Vaudreuil and her sister Patti. Meghan Nimmer did a great job handling the raffle prizes and there were some very happy winners.

The skippers and crews of all of the AIS boats pitched in to make race week successful. For example, each night the crew from a different boat took care of clean up at the pavilion. As result, all the burdens did not rest on just one or two people's shoulders. This team approach made race week even fun for the chairman, Jim Vaudreuil, who was able to enjoy sailing in every race. Of course it helps to know that our treasurer, Mike Spence, watches the money carefully.

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The week started with the annual "Around the Islands" race sponsored by the Lake Superior Yachting Association. The record time for the 65 mile race was smashed with steady winds of 18 – 20 knots. Silver Bullet, the Farr 40 OD owned by Dave Breitner and Jim Vaudreuil finished the race in 7 hours, 51 minutes and 59 seconds, correcting over Bill Peterson and Bruce Nimmer's Chewbacca, the International 50 by just 5.1 seconds. Papa Gaucho, a J/35 from Duluth skippered by Keith Stauber corrected over the lead boats to win the race. Dallas Johnson skippered his J/22 with Tim Carlson as crew in the race – there wasn't much time to take pictures during this race. **However, pictures are available for viewing and purchase at <http://www.dallasjohnson.net/photo/RaceWeek.htm>.**

The winds during race week were light and shifty. Only one race was cancelled and it was due to light winds. Bert Foster, the PRO did a great job setting a square course with all the shifty winds. The final race on Friday had warm consistent winds of 18-20 knots from the SW. Emily Nimmer was the official scorer and did her usual outstanding job. Chewbacca, Papa Gaucho, Pegasus and Insatiable won their respective classes.

Bayfield Race Week 2007 will be held from July 2-6, 2007. Small boats and big boats are encouraged to attend. This year the smallest boat was an Ultimate 20 and there were four classes. If there are 5 or more one-design boats we will provide a special start and class for them. We are looking at adding activities and programs for kid, teens and non-sailors to make the event even more family friendly.

We have already received a number of e-mails from happy participants and guests of Race Week 2006. We're glad to know that everyone had fun. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

## **FROSTBITE to BVI**

*By Jan Hetland*

As we were coming in from racing the Frostbite on Skedaddle the idea was tossed out that we could also have a good time if we, Beth Rosenberger, Susan Sundell, Nancy Palesch and Jan Hetland, went sailing in the British Virgin Islands in the winter.

On February 18th, 2006 we arrived on Tortola, BVI. We had our walk-through on "Seas the Wind", our 41' Beneteau, which we had chartered from Foot Loose. We liked the roller furling, the lazy jacks, and the electric windlass, but we wouldn't have won any races on her. We left the dock at 2:30PM. Our plan of sailing to Norman Island was scrapped for lack of time, and instead headed for Peter Is. Arriving a little after 4:00 we found all buoys in all bays taken. Capt. Beth's decree of "no anchoring" was also scrapped, and we did our first anchoring. The first night found us getting acquainted with anchor noises and wondering if we were getting closer to that catamaran. We held. The moon came out at 11:15 engulfing us in the beauty of where we were.

Don Sundell had created a bosuns chair with a pulley system, which we hooked to the boom. This was Beth's escalator up to the cockpit.

Sunday, the 19th, found us sailing N.E. with white caps to Virgin Gorda. Again no buoys, but we found a slip in the Virgin Gorda Yacht Harbor. We went ashore and became acquainted with island life.

Monday the 20th we anchored by the Baths. These are large granite outcroppings that we climbed on. They also make small pools where we swam and snorkeled. From there we sailed NW to the Bitter End in winds of 18-20. (If you keep on heading east the next hunk of land will be Africa.) Here we found our first buoy. Snorkeling there showed us some Brain Coral, Butterfly and Parrot Fish. We went ashore that night to taste the local flavors and slow down to BVI speed.

Tuesday the 21st we sailed SW back into the Sir Francis Drake Channel and hooked up to a buoy at Marina Cay. Went ashore and up a hill to listen to live music and add the word Painkiller to our vocabulary.

Wednesday the 22nd we set sail with an N setting taking us a bit out of the Islands. We were excited to have a porpoise swim along side us. Our anchor that night was in Great Harbor by Jost Van Dyke. Off we went in our dinghy to see the infamous Foxy's. A few heads turned when a wheelchair and we four arrived at the dock. People everywhere were eager to help us. An irony is that a fellow who helped us up to the dock sat beside Beth on the plane home.

Thursday the 23rd came time to switch water tanks from 1 to 2. We were unsuccessful. With an assist phone call to Foot Loose, and the aid of Sherman, the guy who picked up garbage from the boats, we again enjoyed the luxury of water. To our chagrin we learned that tank 2 does not hold as much water as 1.

Friday the 24th we turned "Seas the Wind" back to Foot Loose and headed off to Pusser's Pub on Tortola, for my paradise birthday lunch.

It was a dream trip, full of challenges, adventure, cooperation, laughs, and fun. We all came away feeling empowered that we had done it. And the memories of the wind, sun, sailing and good conversation are a cherished memory. Our motto was to have fun and come back better friends. Well done!

## 35TH LEECH LAKE REGATTA

Are you ready for some big water racing with tons of fun! Please consider the 35th sailing of the Leech Lake Regatta **August 19-21**, for keelboats and multi-hulls. LLR 35 will be hosted by Shores of Leech Lake Yacht Club (SOLLYC). Race headquarters and registration will be at Shores of Leech Lake Campground and Marina (Shores), located on the western shore of Walker Bay just 2.5 miles north of Walker on Hwy #371. Racing will be a combination of distance and triangle races on both Walker Bay and the Big Lake. Competitors will sail for fleet and/or divisional honors. Race summary: long race (approx. 15 miles) on Saturday, long race on Sunday and shorter race on Monday. Fun events include fish fry Saturday night, outdoor party with live music Sunday night and awards banquet Monday afternoon. Cost for LLR 35 is \$70 if you pre-register by July 16, 2006. After July 16<sup>th</sup>, the cost to register is \$80. Please include a check with your registration. Registration includes race administration, trophies and two banquet tickets. WYC offers free crane-out for members participating in out-of-town regattas. Please see the following link for registration form and lots of good pictures and information: <http://www.angelfire.com/mn/leechlakeregatta/>. If you have any questions you can also call Rudy Ruedenberg at 763-533-1047.

## WEST PARKING LOT ETIQUETTE

Less cars have been able to park in the west lot due to the parking skills (or lack thereof) of some members. Please park as close to the next as feasible without denting doors and especially not leaving 3 feet between vehicles. Some vehicles are receiving the dreaded orange (bad dog) sticker because their drivers are taking up 1-1/2 spaces when parking. This allows many fewer vehicles to use the lot, especially on Thursday nights. Please do your part in alleviating this problem and dissuade us all of the belief that Ray Charles has risen and is now our valet parking attendant.

## INTER COLLEGIATE SAILING ASSOCIATION ALL-AMERICAN AWARDS, 2005-2006

Jenny Wilson became the first University of Minnesota Sail Racing Team member to be named All-American Crew! Jenny was awarded the honor at the ICSA Coed National Championship awards banquet Friday, June 2, 2006. Jenny was competing in the ICSA Coed National Championships with fellow teammates Mark Dunsworth, Jessica Haverstock and Dave Elsmo.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY "WYC.ORG"

10 years ago on May 31st Dave Crum, at the urging of our visionary board or directors, reserved [www.WYC.org](http://www.WYC.org). Jacko and Janda hornswoogled me into service sometime in 1998. We must be doing something right because [www.Alexia.com](http://www.Alexia.com) continues to list us as one of the most popular sailing club web sites in the world. We're an active club and our website shows it. And yes, our busiest web traffic continues to be Monday and Friday mornings when everyone rolls into work to check their race results on their company's dime. <http://www.alexia.com/browse/general>

## 41st Annual LOWISA Sailing Regatta August 6 – August 12, 2006

Tom Brown of the Sonar fleet is Commodore this year and he's doing a great job with a great regatta. You haven't lived until you've sailed the Lake of the Woods. For more information, see: <http://www.lowisa.org>.

## PARADISE LOST

Pat Caticchio has done a beautiful job of refreshing the club's planters, turnaround and patio area with many beautiful plants and flowers. It is a shame that these areas are becoming a repository for discarded cigarette butts. Smokers need to be responsible to the appearance of our clubhouse grounds by discarding cigarette butts in the ash cans provided and policing others seen lying around the property. If this continues as an ongoing problem and eyesore the Board of Directors may need to consider a smoking ban on club property. Please let us all be considerate and not have to resort to these drastic policies. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

## GREAT LAKES CHAMPIONSHIP

Come qualify for the J/24 Worlds by sailing in the Great Lakes Championship on Lake St. Clair in southeast Michigan. This event is hosted by the North Star Sail Club & J/24 Fleet #6. The event will be August 17th through August 20th with official racing on August 19 & August 20. The Notice of Race is now online at: [http://www.northstarsail.org/public\\_html/Racing/2006J24Regatta/index.htm](http://www.northstarsail.org/public_html/Racing/2006J24Regatta/index.htm). Should you need any additional information you may contact Greg Swetka at 313-207-7704 or [gregswetka@comcast.net](mailto:gregswetka@comcast.net). P.S. As a Special Offer to J/24 sailors, [TheYachtsman.Com](http://TheYachtsman.Com) is offering a Gill Dinghy Top for \$79.95 (a \$36.00 savings from the \$115.95 price).

## GIVING BACK AT WYC

Wayzata Yacht Club aspires to be a generous and welcoming member of our community. We are all fortunate to enjoy our sailing on Lake Minnetonka. Giving back and helping to introduce others to sailing is one way that we express our gratitude for how much we enjoy sailing. There are MANY people at WYC who participate in a variety of worthy causes, and we commend all of you for those activities. Because there are so many opportunities to give back to our community the WYC typically chooses to focus our combined efforts as a club in several focused areas. First we give back to our sport, second we give back to the community, third we respond to unexpected needs.

### *Giving to Our Sport*

Through the [Wayzata Sailing Foundation](http://WayzataSailingFoundation.org) we support many activities including community access to sailing, certified instruction, youth sailing camps and racing programs, and we regularly host youth regattas. Primary fund raising events for the WSF include the Foundation Cup during the Commodore's Cup Series and the WSF Silent Auction at our Fall Banquet. We also support the [Mike Plan Youth Sailing Fund](http://MikePlanYouthSailingFund.org). In addition to this many individuals contribute to the WSF via annual gifts or estate giving.

### ***Giving to the Community***

The WYC is honored to partner with the American Diabetes Association with our ADA Summer Regatta. With the assistance of the ADA Staff, this regatta brings together WYC sailors and corporate donors to raise funds for the ADA. Yes, we receive trophies if we win, but this event is all about giving back to our community as a whole.

### ***Giving to the Unexpected***

Since many of the greatest needs are unexpected needs we try to pick one unique cause per year that we put our combined efforts behind. This may revolved around the needs of a club member, a natural disaster, or a club related cause. It is always something with a connection to the WYC community that is driven by a WYC member. Past contributions include Katrina Relief via LA sailors, Tsunami Boat Building Relief, and the Team Sail MS Walk.

This basic philosophy is intended to allow our club to make significant impacts in areas that we focus on without causing “giving burnout”. Over the years we have accomplished many great things and we thank you for your ongoing support.

### **BUOY FIELD UPDATE**

*By Steve Bren*

All the buoys have been inspected all the way down to the business end where the fish play. New chains and ropes have been attached. Ten (10) new buoys have been installed. Mooring blocks, weighing a ton each, have been replaced on three buoys this year and four buoys last year. The **critically important** thing boat owners need to remember is to **NOT TIE TO THE TOP OF THE BUOY**, as

this is what is causing consistent chain chafing and breaking. The sole purpose of the buoy is to hold your rope to grab that must be attached to the main chain **BELOW** the buoy. Please make this change immediately to avoid having your boat end up on a beach somewhere.

### **FAMILY MEMBERS - CREW MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

WYC is having a crew membership drive to encourage regular crew who come out quite often to join the club as paid crewmembers. There is a reasonable expectation that regular crew will join as paid members and not piggyback as freeloaders. You can help in this regard by asking those who help you crew your boat regularly to join as crew and get all the benefits of the “Best Yacht Club on the Lake” (see review in the July “Navigator”). Have them go to the **“Join WYC Membership info”** link in the top right corner at [www.wyc.org](http://www.wyc.org) for an application or find an application at the clubhouse.

### **THURSDAY NIGHT FOOD AFTER RACING**

CaterDee, our fresh and homemade meal caterer has had a severe drop in food sales after the racing on Thursday nights. We believe this may be a result of the keg being outside and with the rush for the beer, sailors are overlooking the best value of the evening - good, healthy food! There are approximately 300 people on the grounds and we are only serving 35 meals. We need to serve at least 70 to remain viable. Please support this service, as the food is delicious and you’ll probably feel better the next morning having consumed some nourishing calories.

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#### **KATTACK PERFORMANCE APPLICATION LAUNCH**

With the beta period over Kattack Performance App™ is available to the public

#### **MINNEAPOLIS, MN- June 29, 2006**

Kattack today announced the release of version 1.0 of its Regatta Performance Race Player. After over 50 races and a very enthusiastic Beta program in May and June, the launch of the first-ever sailing performance application targeting fleet racing, match racing and regattas successfully happened at noon.

“This technology has only recently been available at the Americas Cup”, said Tom Verburgt, President and co-founder of Kattack and avid racer. “Sailing is one of the only sports in the world that lacks the advantage of game film. With all the preparation that goes into sailing at the highest levels, not to mention the cost that accompanies success. When the race is over you really don’t have any data on how you performed other than how you finished. Plus, it’s great fun in the clubhouse after the race.”

The Kattack Performance App™ uses GPS tracking to plot location, speed, polars and other performance data of an entire fleet of boats during a race. This information is presented in the player available for free on [www.kattack.com](http://www.kattack.com). Once the race day is over a replay usually takes place at the clubhouse for entertainment or leveraged during a “chalk talk” debriefing at major events by experts in the field.

#### **About Kattack:**

Founded in 2006 by Steve Palm and Tom Verburgt, Kattack is the leader in sailing performance applications and service. By bringing state of the art tracking technology and performance analytics to the sport of sailing, Kattack helps sailors answer the question, “How can I improve my performance?”

For more information or to schedule an interview please contact Ron McDonald at +1 612-518-8599. [www.kattack.com](http://www.kattack.com)



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