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Three AYC Sailors Represented Team USA for the 24th Easter Regatta in Holland – Mary Beth White



Harrison Hawk, Sammy Stagg, and Maeve White were the 3 AYC sailors on a 20-member team representing the USA in the 24th Magic Marine Easter Regatta, Braassemmermeer, Holland, April 10-14, 2009.

Team USA gathered at the Hotel Leiden on Saturday, April 4 at 6:00 PM for a kick-off team dinner with Coaches Peter Strong and Amanda Clark. Team Leader Erik Eenkema van Dijk (Mr. EVD), a Dutch native, gave the assembled group an overview of the Netherlands and history about the country built on canals. Team USA spent 4 days practicing in the venue with a lay day touring Holland.

Two hundred ten boats comprise the fleet, which were divided into 6 color groups, racing in 3 flights per race. The first race started on time at 1:55pm. While sun and temperatures stayed consistent, the wind was anything but - very shifty and puffy, with the velocity fading as the day progressed. Team USA sailed well, with 11 sailors taking a top 10 finish in either race 1 or race 2.

The first gun went off at 12:30, and flight 1 of Race 3 was underway on day 2. Since the wind was dead by now, flights 2 and 3 did not start. Meanwhile, back on the racecourse, flight one was drifting around the course in 1-3 knots of breeze. The RC finished flight 1 at the leeward mark around 2pm (90-minute race) and then sent everyone back to shore under postponement. At 5pm, the wind finally arrived, and flights 2 and 3 of Race 3 were successfully run in very light conditions.

On Easter morning, racing got off right on schedule and the RC ran Races 4 and 5 under partly cloudy skies, temperatures in the mid-60s and wind around 8 knots. The wind eased up a bit as the final flight of Race 5 was finishing. The standings changed considerably as race 5 was scored and a throw-out applied. Race 6 started in very light air at 2:30pm, and built as the afternoon progressed. A large number of Team USA boats finished in the top 20 in each flight.

Team USA awoke Easter Monday to the fifth sunny day in a row in Holland, yet this day the air had a bit of a bite with temps in the upper 40s. Everyone arrived early at the venue in preparation for the final day of sailing in which the fleet was now divided into gold, silver, and bronze.

The RC set their course for the breeze coming from the left, and the start under black flag went off clean. The fleet was very tight on the line as



they moved up the course. The left had been looking good – even with a line that was squarer, and many went that way. About 1/3 of the way up the beat, the breeze eased to about 7-8 knots, the air temp immediately rose a few degrees and the breeze shifted right about 25 degrees. Those who had been at the boat end and played the middle-right at the start were looking really good. However, no less than 5 minutes later, the right side



collapsed, and the breeze built back in from the left with a colder bite. A few lead boats came out of the starboard lay line, but the vast majority of the fleet came in from the left – some having over stood the mark and now reaching down with a good head of steam. Downwind tactics critical because there was more than one fleet on a downwind, and many places were often won or lost on the run. With the fleets now grouped by finishing places, the mark roundings were very tight. The RC completed two races, as scheduled, in breeze that remained cyclical.

The regatta ended with Team USA as the 2nd place country and with 4 sailors in the top 10. AYC finishers were as follows, in the Gold Fleet, Harrison Hawk 42nd and Maeve White 73rd out of 90; Sammy Stagg finished 18th out of 90 boats in the Silver Fleet.

Summer Season is About to Start

Class Schedule

9:30 a – 11:30a	Creek Critters
9:00 a – 12:00 p	Sea Squirts, Beginner Opti, Beginner 420
1:00 p – 4:30 p	Int. Opti, Int. 420, Green Fleet, D-Team
11:00 a – 4:30p	Opti and 420 Race Team



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June Events:

June 12	Meet the Instructors BBQ	Annex, 6:00 pm
June 15	First Day of Session 1	
June 29	First Day of Session 2	

June Regattas:

June 19 – 21	Brooke Gonzales Clinic	Newport, RI
June 21	TAYC Summer Invitational	Oxford, MD
June 25-30	Youth Championship	Greenwich, CT
June 27	FBYC Annual Junior Regatta	Fishing Bay, VA

AYC Is Stepping into the World of International 420s

This May, Annapolis Yacht Club purchased six International 420s from the California International Sailing Association (CISA). The I-420 is a higher performance dinghy than the Club 420; the I-420 is a lighter hull, and has a tapered mast, so we can teach our sailors how to tune a boat. We want our sailors to master the techniques of these boats because the I-420 is becoming more prominent in the competitive regattas. The boat will be seen at Orange Bowl, and Youth Worlds Qualifier.



Shortly after the boats arrived in Annapolis, we rigged the boats and invited some of our sailors to take a test drive. On the first day, there were some minor technical difficulties and big breeze, so the sailors stayed on

land and learned how the sail shape is affected when certain changes are made to the rig. The sailors were eager to get out of school on Friday, so they could experience these boats. For most of the sailors, it was their first time stepping into the I-420. The breeze started light, and by 5:15, we had enough breeze to sail. The clinic continued on Saturday and Sunday, where both days there was a nice breeze with some puffs up to 15 knots. While sailing, the kids worked on drills and lots of racing. On shore, they took part in tuning demos, and video and photo debriefs. By the end of Sunday, all sailors had improved their game, and are eager to sail the boats again.



Thank you to Dave Hughes, who stayed in Annapolis after the J24 Worlds to coach this clinic and helped us look over the boats.

Summer Program Reminders:

Your child needs to bring a few items to class each day to make sure they will get the most out of their time here. Please help them remember

1. Life jacket USCG Approved, we do not supply them for the sailors
2. Lots of water, it will be hot
3. Closed-toed shoes are a must!
4. Bathing suits for the class, and a change of clothes before going home
5. Beach towel to dry off with when they get off the water
6. Sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat. Sailing is not fun if they have a sunburn.
7. Please bring a snack, there will be a time during class to take a snack break
8. We will sail on days where it is a little colder, so a windbreaker or warm clothing might be appreciated

Please drop off your child no earlier than 10 minutes before their class begins, and pick up no later than 10 minutes after their class has concluded. Please check your child in and out each day.

Meet the instructor BBQ is June 12 at 6:00 pm at the Junior Building. Please bring your family and be ready to pick the brains of our instructors for the Summer of 09.

Catching Up With Our Instructors

The summer program begins in two weeks, and our instructors are finishing their classes and getting ready for the summer.

Adrienne Patterson is just completing her Master's Degree in Education at St. Mary's College of Maryland.



Brian Clancy just got back from California after coaching the Navy Women's Sailing Team at the Semi Finals for ICSA Women's Nationals.

Jennifer Chamberlin just helped the St. Mary's Seahawks win second place for ICSA Team Race nationals, and sixth place for ICSA Women's Nationals. She is also competing in the ICSA Fleet Race Nations, which has not started yet.

Liz Hall has been sailing regattas up and down the east coast this last month. Liz has been competing at New

York Yacht Club Women's Match Racing Clinic & Regatta, Santa Maria Cup, a match racing event at Eastport Yacht Club, and currently sailing the Snipe Women's Nationals.

Joe Morris just completed the ICSA Team Race Nationals helping the Yale Elis finish fourth, and is competing in the ICSA Fleet Race Nationals.

Tonie Domino spent a fair amount of time out on the water this spring, and when the summer ends, she is starting Vet School at Cornell University.

Willie McBride and Nicole Popp just completed their first year of college at UC Berkeley and University of Miami respectively. Willie is majoring in Environmental Engineering, and Nicole is focusing on Business Administration.



Dave Schellie is graduating from Severn School this June, and will be attending Roger Williams in the fall.



Amanda Salvesen and Kaylee Schwitzer just returned from representing Severn School Sailing Team at the Mallory Trophy, which is the high school Fleet Race Championship.

Alex Boggs is completing his sophomore year of high school at Indian Creek School, and spent the spring sailing on their varsity dinghy team.

Congratulations to the Graduating Seniors

Congratulations to the seniors who have been sailing in our program and are about to head off towards college. Here is a list of our soon to graduate sailors and the colleges they are attending in the fall.

Harry Scott – SUNY Maritime

John Bankert – Roger Williams

David Schellie – Roger Williams

Kenny Karsten – Colorado University, Boulder

Andrew Allison – University of Maryland

Mel Van Londen – University of Maryland

