

Presidents' Cup to NA's Runner-Up

by Steve Hayden

What a difference one year can make. Last year our team was relieved to get through the President's Cup with a win. This year we wanted to sail consistent and have a good showing. We found out again that sailing consistent is the key in big fleets and big regattas - ask Ched. Our team is honored to have sailed well enough to be this year's NA's Runner-Up.

The North Americans in Milwaukee were outstanding. The competition was no different than previous N.A.'s in the Lightning Class - deep with talent. When racing Lightnings one thing you can always count on is great competition. No matter which fleet you sail in, there is always tough competition. The Blue fleet was, as usual, the Blue fleet. I want to congratulate Ched Proctor's team for sailing an outstanding series. They never sailed a bad race. Also, congratulations to Allan Liebel's team and Craig Gabel's team for winning the Presidents' Cup and Governors' Cup. The Milwaukee Yacht Club and Midwest District did a great job organizing and putting on this regatta. We look forward to returning again. We also want to thank the beer ferry for helping all the competitors make the trip back to the dock. This was very helpful after those long light air races where everyone was knocking on everyone's door throughout the race. I want to thank my team of Barr Batzer, Ft. Lauderdale, and Latham Pali, Lake Wallenpaupack, PA. These guys did a great job. Barr has sailed with me over the past two years and has become a great asset in my boat. He can do everything and one day we are going to write a book on our learning experiences from racing. Fortunately, we were able to pick Latham up after the Juniors in Sheboygan. For being a last minute addition, Latham worked out great. These guys kept us going fast and in the game all the time. I also need to thank one more person who sacrificed a lot so I could have the opportunity to put together this program - my Dad, Fisk Hayden. In 1976, he won this same trophy after sailing in the President's Cup the year before. I want to thank him for all his support and help over the years. Thanks, Dad.

We'll be back next year, in Toronto, looking forward to more great competition and another great regatta in the Lightning Class.



Sheboygan and Milwaukee NA's are certainly special to the Hayden family, Fisk and Steve, of North Florida Fleet 461.

snug, sound, **LIGHTNING covers** made by sailors for sailors

MATERIALS — Covers for your sailboat are made of a pre-shrunk poly cotton canvas treated to repel water and resist mildew. The new durable 100% acrylic fabric is water repellent, mildew resistant and will withstand years of marine weather.

CONSTRUCTION — All covers are expertly sewn with strong mildew resistant dacron thread and feature rustproof brass grommets. Grommets are properly spaced for individual method of tie down. All covers have special reinforcements. The heavy duty molded vision zipper is corrosion resistant and self-lubricating. It will operate smoothly despite mud and sand. This zipper has excellent resistance to both heat and cold.

SAME DAY SHIPMENT DIRECT FROM THE MANUFACTURER.

COCKPIT COVER
Double stitched seams, heavy duty Vision zipper, adjustable mast collar. Strategically placed grommets for securing.
Pearl Gray Duck \$ 72.70
Acrylic \$ 108.00

COMBINATION DECK/COCKPIT COVER/ LAND STORAGE
Covers entire deck, includes adjustable Velsp cloths for stays. Vision zipper bow and stern vents, synthetic draw rope and adjustable mast collar. Indicate Boom position when dousing. Center and Port Booms Available.
Pearl Gray Duck \$214.95
Acrylic \$292.65

TRAILING/STORAGE COVERS
With Vision Zipper \$267.25
Zip away top for easy installation and access to cockpit. Reinforced patches at critical stress points and protruding deck fittings. The straps and D rings strategically placed for final securing. Center board area has reinforced drain holes.

MAST COVER \$75.25
WOODEN MAST COVER \$86.20
Protects all fittings and hardware. Dye fasteners and full length zipper for fast, easy closing. Red trailing flag included.

HULL COVER \$29.50
Flamed lined water and mildew resistant canvas, lightweight and easy to store. Buckle closing dot fastening.

FREE repair kit list price (\$3.00) with any order of \$35.00 or more. Domestic shipping charges prepaid. Add local sales tax on New York shipments. Visa and MasterCard accepted. Send check or money order and address to:

SERVICE CANVAS CO., INC.
131 Swan Street, Buffalo, NY 14203
over a quarter century of experience.

Manufacturers • Flexible Protective Covers
Industry • Transportation • Recreation

PH: 716-853-0558 FAX: 716-845-6071

GREEN FLEET



Presidents' Cup

by Allan Leibel

As we sailed out to the course for the final race of the Qualifying Series, we were feeling pretty comfortable that we could qualify for the Blue Fleet, given our finishes in the first two races.

That all changed rather abruptly at the start of Race Number 3, when through my error in judgement, we were over the starting line before the gun, in a race where there were no individual recalls, in a series where there was no drop race. Counting the premature start in the Series not only excused us from the Blue Fleet, but our points total barely qualified us for the Green.

We certainly found the Presidents' Cup fleet to be competitive. The weather shortened the series to four races, and conditions were light, sometimes fluky, and the racing usually close.

Race Number 1 was a bit of a disappointment for us. We finished eighth, and generally found ourselves sliding down rather than up the fleet as the race progressed, exhibiting very mediocre speed.

Dave Stix of Chicago took a big lead and won the race easily. Mike Huffman and Paul Wurtz bach were second and third respectively, so it was beginning to look like a Chicago sweep. Between races, we made several tuning adjustments to try to retrieve our sagging speed. Whatever we did seemed to work, as our final three finishes were one, one, two. In Race Number 3, we rounded the first weather mark fourth and only moved into the lead in the final ten feet of the race. Andrew Horton had led all the way, and only lost out to us on a final unlucky shift.

In the final race, Brian Starck sailed a super race, turning his small lead into a horizon job as the wind faded towards the finish. Finishing the Series with a surge was Pablo Amuntegui of Chile, who finished with back to back thirds in the final two races.

The Race Committee created some excitement when they signaled a windward-leeward course for Race Number 2. All the other races started with standard triangles. In my experience, the windward-leeward course is distinctly better than the triangular course, because the two reaching legs of the triangular course simply allow the leaders to build insurmountable leads on the bulk of the fleet. However, I had been concerned that at the North Americans, with three fleets converging on each other, the windward-leeward course might be unworkable. To my great surprise, the windward-leeward course seemed to work very well in Milwaukee, with minimum interference between fleets.

Hopefully, we can begin to use the windward-leeward course more often during the North American Championships. I would like to thank my teammates, Jenn Graham and Paul Olivier, who contributed not only to this victory but to a very exciting season.

The biggest winners of all were the Race Committee, the Race organizers, the Jury, the Yacht Club, and the local Fleet, who did such a wonderful job all week under very trying conditions. The hospitality was warm and friendly, the race committee work was flawless, and everyone had a wonderful time. We will try to do as well in Toronto next summer, and hope that you can all attend.

1993 Presidents' Cup

Pos.	Sail #	Skipper/Crew	Skipper's Hometown/Yacht Club	Races				Pts.
				1	2	3	4	
1	14479	Allan Leibel, Jenn Graham, Paul Olivier	Toronto, Ontario, Royal Canadian Y.C.	8	1	1	2	12
2	14388	David W. Stix, Barb Fox, Mike Laport	Chicago, IL, Chicago Corinthian Y.C.	1	9	4	14	28
3	14374	Mike Huffman, Vickie Matthews, Jim Blair	Chicago, IL, Chicago Corinthian Y.C.	2	6	9	13	30
4	14478	Paul Wurtz bach, Karen Johnson, Tom Kent	Woodridge, IL, Chicago Corinthian Y.C.	3	12	5	12	32
5	13650	Pablo Amuntegui, Javier De Vicente, Sergio Prieto	Santiago, Chile, Aculeo Lake Y.C.	15	13	3	3	34
6	14521	Bob Harkrider, Tom Schroder, Judah Rubin	Augusta, GA, Augusta S.C.	4	16	12	5	37
7	14604	Rick Kaiser, Martha Pfarr, Paula Mathews	Chicago, IL, Chicago Corinthian Y.C.	16	11	8	4	39
8	14007	Hans C. Graf, Eric Graf, Chris Graf	Sheboygan, WI, Sheboygan Y.C.	10	4	22	6	42
9	13818	Brian Phelan, David Poquette, Bill Goggins	Green Bay, WI, Green Bay S.C.	14	2	11	17	44
10	13717	Steve Harris, Patty Harris, Bruce Bierlink	Kingwood, TX, Conroe Y.C.	7	15	10	16	48
11	13957	Dr. Robert Cotton, Bruce Campbell, Clark Higgs	Nashville, TN, Harbor Island Y.C.	11	5	7	26	49
12	13787	Brian Starck, Bob Starck, Ellen Starck	Kenmore, NY, Niagara S.C.	6	pms	17	1	54
13	14013	Gerry Paoli, Tobi Heisler, Christi Aljets	Belleville, IL, Carlyle S.C.	19	10	15	11	55
14	13994	Daniel Reichelsdorfer, Steve Orlebeke, Mark Wessel	Sheboygan, WI, Sheboygan Y.C.	17	14	16	10	57
15	14055	Christopher J. Vann, Barbara Vann, Neil Hayes	Unionville, CT, Niantic Bay Y.C.	18	8	14	19	59
16	14175	Andrew Horton, Fritz Horton, Holly Schwartz	Sherburne, VT, Mallets Bay B.C.	9	23	2	pms	64
17	14595	Jim Carson, Bill Bogardus, Matt Reiser	Brick, NJ, Metedeconk River Y.C.	21	19	6	20	66
18	12863	Andrew Dillon, John Dillon, Scott Bruesewitz	Milwaukee, WI, Milwaukee, Y.C.	24	18	13	15	70
19	11622	Rob Hamill, Mike Blumberg, Dean Cady	Milwaukee, WI, Milwaukee Y.C.	5	26	27	18	76
20	14610	David Wagner, Steve Lowery, Susan Daly	Chicago, IL, Chicago Corinthian Y.C.	13	pms	24	9	76
21	13940	Heidi Dickerson, Mason Woodworth, Amy Dickerson	Waterford, CT, Niantic Bay Y.C.	pms	21	20	7	78
22	14438	R. A. (Tony) McBride, Kim Browne, Cynthia Joy	Beaconsfield, Quebec, Point Claire Y.C.	12	22	23	21	78
23	14485	Bob Wardwell, Rob Wardwell, Charlie Wardwell	Richmond, VA, Swift Creek, Y.C.	pms	7	19	23	79
24	14531	David Nickels, Craig Anderson, Walt Plamondon	Holly, MI, Lake Fenton S.C.	20	17	21	22	80
25	13273	Rob Zerban, Mark G. Sanford, John D. Huhn	Belleville, IL, Carlyle S.C.	23	24	26	8	81
26	13930	Christine Kronich, Michou J. Braun, Peter Orlebeke	Sheboygan, WI, Sheboygan Y.C.	pms	3	25	27	85
27	14511	Adrian Irving, Bonnie Hawkins, Tony Orlebeke	Chicago, IL, Chicago Corinthian Y.C.	22	25	18	25	90
28	13815	Alan McReynolds, Leland Atkinson, Amy Greenlee	Fairport, NY, Newport Y.C.	pms	20	28	24	102

Governors' Cup

by Dave Decker

Ring.

"Hello"

"Hi Donna."

"You need an article for the Flashes about the Governor's Cup, and you can't get a hold of Gabel?"

"You need it when?"

"What's Gabel's number!?"

"Okay, if I don't get a hold of Craig, I will put something together."

"Maybe he's still in the fog off Milwaukee..."

Our team in Milwaukee was my wife Faye, and my brother Jerry. Alison and Drew, ages 5 years and 9 months, hung out on shore with the worlds greatest baby-sitter, Beth Anne Ponstein.

The first race belonged to Tom Buechner. I'm not sure how he got there, but he put a pretty nice lead on the rest of us. We played the shifts up the middle of the course, and with this conservative approach (and a little luck) worked our way into 2nd by the end of the 2nd beat, and then stayed there. Bill Gibson was close behind, followed by David Gall and Mike Brewer. We hadn't seen too much of Gabel yet. (But we would!)

Race 2 had a little fog beginning to settle as we started. We also had a new course, windward/leeward, with an offset mark and a leeward gate. our strategy was to work the middle-right side of the course. It was a good approach, but not as good as Brad Wagnon's and Jim Davis. They crossed behind us halfway up the first beat, and kept going right. At the mark, they were first and second. Brad and crew had just executed a picture perfect jibe-set, and Jim was heading downwind when Jerry calmly pointed out the offset mark. Both, while initially skeptical, soon realized that rounding that mark was a very good idea, and they followed us around. The downwind leg was long and slow; with several jibes to stay in clean air and to keep the boat-speed up. We passed through the port end of the gate, with

Wagnon, Davis and Jeanne Ehrenberg close behind. Gabel was close, too, and chose the starboard end of the gate. We wanted to play the middle-right of the course on the beat, trying not to let anyone get to the right of us. The fog was getting a little thicker, and, as we got to the top third of the beat, we realized that two boats had gotten right of us. Gabel and Wagnon were coming in on the starboard layline, 1st and 2nd. And that was how we finished, with Gibson 4th and Jack Elfman 5th.

After a day off to think about it, the yellow fleet started the day Friday with an aggressive General Recall. After a restart we raced our first leg with the Blue Fleet's second leg. Elfman worked his way through the extra traffic for the win, followed by Ehrenberg. Wagnon, Warren Emblidge, and Gabel. We were 8th, so that tied us with Wagnon at 13 points. Buechner was 3rd with 16 points, and Gabel and Ehrenberg were tied for 4th with 17 points.

The wind went very flat as the last race started. After considerable drifting, second-guessing rationalizing and some sailing, the fleet got around the windward mark. Gabel had built a nice lead with Chandler Owen close behind. They finished in that order, followed by Jeremy Crowder, David Wood, and Walter Nickerson. From our vantage point of 21st at the windward mark we decided to stay as close to the rhumb line as we could, and then jibed to the left when some breeze started to fill. We managed to work back to 6th in the race, finishing the series a point behind Craig.

Congratulations to Craig and his crew Glenn Hummel and Kristine Simonson. They were consistent in conditions that made consistency very difficult! The Race Committee and organizing Committee did a great job putting together and running a fun regatta. You all deserve a visit from the beer boat! And thanks again to my crew, Faye and Jerry, for putting up with me, and for making the boat go pretty fast.

Governors' Cup - 1993

Pos.	Boat #	Skipper/Crew	Skipper Hometown/Yacht Club	Races				Pts.
				1	2	3	4	
1	14563	Craig Gabel, Glenn Hummel, Kristine Simonson	Manitou Beach, MI, Devils Lake Y.C.	11	1	5	1	18
2	14474	David J. Decker, Faye Decker, Jerry Decker	East Grand Rapids, MI, Gull Lake Y.C.	2	3	8	6	19
3	14426	Tom Buechner III, Barbara Landon, Eric Schnettler	Corning, NY, Keuka Y.C.	1	8	7	13	29
4	14527	Jeanne Ehrenberg, Jane Long, Tom Hennessy	Chicago, IL, Chicago Corinthian Y.C.	9	6	2	17	34
5	14139	Jack Elfman, Cindy Lister, Dave Clausen	Doylestown, PA, Surf City Y.C.	22	5	1	10	38
6	14600	Edward Wagnon, Bill Allen, Bill McAdow	Muncie, IN, Wawasee Y.C.	8	2	3	pms	42
7	14599	David Wood, Graham Jones, Brian Milne	Toronto, Ontario, Royal Hamilton Y.C.	7	18	14	4	43
8	13939	Jeremy Crowder, Jason Julien, Greg Dale	Burlington, Ontario, Royal Hamilton Y.C.	15	17	10	3	45
9	14137	William Gibson, Steve Jenkins, Tom English	Chicago, IL, Chicago Corinthian Y.C.	3	4	17	23	47
10	14226	William Hofmeister, Mandy Hofmeister, Linda Morri	Nashville, TN, Harbor Island Y.C.	14	12	11	11	48
11	14579	Jim Davis, Christine Davis, Dennis DeGolier	Toledo, OH, North Cape Y.C.	17	9	6	18	50
12	14286	Warren Emblidge, III, Mindy Salada, John Frank, IV	Orchard Park, NY, Buffalo Canoe Club	26	14	4	7	51
13	13817	Terrence Phelan, Pat Phelan, Mike Skaleski	DePere, WI, Green Bay S.C.	13	15	9	15	52
14	14510	Jeff Maludy, David Ortiz, Roy Poor	Toledo, OH, Devils Lake Y.C.	12	16	16	12	56
15	13728	Mike Brewer, Peter Wilcox, Dick Brewer	Santa Monica, CA, Mission Bay Y.C.	5	21	23	8	57
16	14208	Walter C. Nickerson, Alex Guerrero, Pat McGuinni	Milwaukee, WI, Milwaukee Y.C.	19	13	21	5	58
17	14555	Robert A. Franke, Amy Simonsen, Marshall Reckar	Milwaukee, WI, Milwaukee Y.C.	18	10	15	16	59
18	11737	Chandler Owen, Bill Killebrew, Steve Hinshaw	Nashville, TN, Harbor Island Y.C.	dsq	20	12	2	63
19	14400	John H. Esser, Byron Roe, Chris Jetta	Milwaukee, WI, Milwaukee Y.C.	6	26	26	9	67
20	14445	David M. Gall, Richard P. Jacobs, George Auer	Delroy, OH, Atwood Lake Y.C.	4	19	pms	19	71
21	14338	Frank Kelly, Jr., Mark Stanley, Joseph Cunningham	Brentwood, TN, Harbor Island Y.C.	10	23	13	pms	75
22	14390	James Taylor, Jay Taylor, Philip Taylor	Fayetteville, NC, Waccamaw S.C.	23	11	22	20	76
23	14229	Robert G. Burrige, Stacie Heisler, Michael Murphy	St. Louis, MO, Carlyle S.C.	16	7	25	dnf	76
24	14619	Hugo Carey Long, Susan Fox, Will Laidlaw	Dyer, IN, Chicago Corinthian Y.C.	21	24	18	14	77
25	11387	Mark Sandberg, Blair Sandberg, Jeff Jacobson	Thunder Bay, Ontario, Temple Reef S.C.	24	25	19	22	90
26	14421	Nabil Tabet, Deborah Rourke, Ramiz Abu-Haydar	Montreal, Quebec, Royal St. Lawrence Y.C.	20	22	20	pms	91
27	14547	David P. Gorman, Joe Dayton, Pete Vaicelis	Malone, NY, Mallets Bay B.C.	25	27	24	21	97

YELLOW FLEET



MATCH RACING



Match Racing During the NA's

The Match Race Event was held on Wednesday, August 11. Ralph Fisher and A. J. Morris conducted the races right next to the Milwaukee Yacht Club dock. Bonnie Hawkins scored.

The tone was set by the first pair as the Wardwell/Peter/Faude entry finished six inches ahead of Parker/Colantuono/Alison steered by Betsy

Alison. Wardwell got DSO'd for failure to enter the starting zone properly.

The second match between George Sipel and Heidi Dickerson, also came down to inches. And so it went as almost 200 spectators looked on.

Non-racing highlights included Faude coming ashore to dispense Miller Brewing products and the passage of the local town ferry down the middle of

the course as two races were in progress.

Larry Colantuono took over steering responsibilities from Betsy and defeated Phil Lotz in the series. Colin Park edged out Ched Proctor in an exciting duel to melt Larry. The final saw numerous lead changes and afterward the crowd cheered for more. Larry, Theresa and Betsy wisely headed for the hoist with their victory in hand.

Sharp's ILCA Match Race Exhibition Milwaukee Harbor, Wisconsin

