



The Regatta Report

July 26, 2012

420 Race Team

Pete Hazelett, Head 420 Race Coach

Cummings Cup Regatta: June 29, 2012

With our stomachs satisfied from a large pizza piled with sausage, we hit the sheets while our minds wandered with anticipation of the upcoming day. The first regatta of the season, the Cummings Cup in Chatham, a US Sailing junior triple-handed ladder event, was upon us. After a pleasant boat ride to the Yacht Club on the morning of June 29th and a short but to the point skippers meeting, we ferried the sailors to Flying Scot number three, the first boat they would be sailing in the round robin that day. Improvisation was necessary in the rigging process as none of us had ever sailed a Flying Scot before. Utilizing my Lightning sailing experience, we got the boat rigged up and headed over to the racecourse; it wasn't long before the first horn sounded, signifying the beginning of the five-minute starting sequence.



Starting off strong. Photo: Pete Hazelett.

Throughout the day the wind continued to shift right, supplying challenging conditions for the team, not to mention the fact that this was the first triple handed event our team had ever sailed. After the first few races, James Roggeveen, Matias Serjersen and Richard Oates began to work out the kinks and sail their Flying Scot as if they had been sailing it for years. Starts became the focus for the team, as they were having a tough time getting off the line. Then, during the 5th race, the hard work began to pay off. The NCS team rounded first at the windward mark and maintained one of the top two spots for the rest of the race, finishing 2nd. The race committee sounded horns to begin the sequence of the last race. It was time

to put the team's new skills to work. The breeze had built to around 12 knots, perfect conditions for NCS. James, Matias and Richard rounded in second place at the windward mark, chomping at the bit for the number one spot. Applying their downwind tactical knowledge, the boys ground out the last boat and led the rest of the race. There's no better way to end a regatta than with a solid first place finish.

The NCS team worked very hard to learn a new boat, sail as a team of three, and compete in their first US Sailing junior ladder event. They never got discouraged and kept progressing throughout the event. Their first place finish in the last race caused them to win the tiebreaker for 5th place. Congratulations to Richard, Matias, and James!



NCS Leading with red spinnaker. Photo: Pete Hazelett.

West Dennis Invitational: July 9, 2012

"Batteries not included." Such was the case with our sweet new race boats – purchased by NCS this past spring. As this was expected, the NCS 420 Race Team planned ahead and decided we would put our boats together the night before the regatta to work out issues we thought we might encounter with our new fleet. The WDYC Invitational Team, comprised of Lisa Genthner, Indiana Sobol, Matias Sejersen, Whitney Ziesing, Sabrina Kyburg, and James Roggeveen, got to work on setting up the boats the evening of July 8th. With only a couple of items missing, the boats were almost ready to race that evening, a great feeling as we headed to the Taylor's house in Chatham for the night. After gorging on

some delicious pizza and pasta from Campari's, the team played some poker and headed to bed.

We arrived at West Dennis public beach (from where the boats were launched) early on the morning of July 9th. Each team grabbed their SI's and regatta t-shirts and then headed back to the boats to rig up for the day. Around 10:30am the race committee sounded their first horn to begin the sequence for the first race. NCS battled their way through the cluster at the boat and made the best of their position on the line. As this was the first 420 regatta of the season, it took one race to get reacclimated to racing in a large fleet of boats, 37 to be exact. As the breeze shifted throughout the day, the three teams played the shifts and did their best to stay in the pressure. All three had moments of greatness, with two teams getting a top five finish in at least one race, while Whitney and Sabrina played the consistency card, finishing in the top 20 almost every race. The conditions were challenging: light breeze and crowded mark-roundings plagued the day. Whether with careful execution of downwind tactics or by singing songs around the course to keep spirits high, all three teams made the best of the situation.

Overall the NCS teams performed excellently, especially because each pair had only one week of practice before this first 420 regatta. When the last finish horn went off, the boats headed in for the regatta BBQ. We rolled our boats over to the yacht club and rinsed them down to ensure that we keep our new boats sparkling. The results came out during this time. Whitney and Sabrina finished 21st, James and Lisa had the girls by three points, finishing 20th. While Matias, who had just started skippering a week before, and Indiana, who had just moved up from 420 Blue a week prior, finished 7th out of 37 boats. The NCS team left the regatta in high spirits, decked out in the navy blue regatta shirts. They really showed what effort and focus can achieve. Way to go team!



James and Indiana flying downwind (red, yellow, and green spinnaker, far right.) Photo: Pete Hazelett.



The team on their way home (L to R: Pete Hazelett, Indiana Sobol, Lisa Genthner, Sabrina Kyburg, Whitney Zeising, James Roggeveen, Matias Sejersen). Photo: Pete Hazelett.



Matias and Indiana rounding the leeward mark in third place (6594). James and Lisa following suit. Photo: Pete Hazelett.

Opti Race Team

Steve Widdis, Head Opti Race Coach
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Stage Harbor Opti Regatta: July 6, 2012

We dropped the trailer in the parking lot at the end of Port Fortune Lane on Thursday evening and then stopped by our host family's house before heading out for pizza at Campari's – the NCS off-island teams' new favorite pizza joint. Fully satiated, we settled in to rest up for the day of racing that lay ahead.

The morning started with a dying breeze from the Southwest. The first race began at around 10:45 am and

was a modified triangle. When the top half of the fleet rounded the first mark, the breeze filled from the Northeast. Even with this change in conditions the race was not abandoned; this resulted in a tough race. The second race was sailed in 4-6 knots from the Northwest. Lunch was enjoyed between races two and three. After a well-deserved lunch break, races three and four were sailed in a dying Northeast breeze. By the end of racing there was very little wind.

NCS sailors Abigail Turner, Kyle Quattrocchi, Tristram Ravenscroft and Lucas Shapiro sailed hard all event. The regatta was a lot of fun, and a great way for us to start our season. We look forward to the SHYC event next year!

Results:

Abigail Turner – 20/ 63 Overall; 9/ 35 in Blue Fleet (top female in Blue Fleet)
 Kyle Quattrocchi – 52/ 63 Overall; 30/ 35 in Blue Fleet
 Lucas Shapiro – 54/ 63 Overall; 19/ 22 in Red Fleet
 Tristram Ravenscroft – 57/ 63 Overall; 31/35 in Blue Fleet



Abigail Turner sailing fast! Photo: Stage Harbor Yacht Club.



Tristram Ravenscroft (NCS 22) makes moves at the gybe mark. Photo: Stage Harbor Yacht Club.



Tristram Ravenscroft (NCS 22) at the finish line. Photo: Stage Harbor Yacht Club.

Bass River Opti Regatta: July 9, 2012

We met Pete Hazelett, Head 420 Race Coach, at the Steamship Authority fast ferry dock in Hyannis and piled into the NCS van – it’s common for the off-island 420 and Opti teams do be passing off the keys as we sail many events off-island that – nearly – overlap. We then picked up the trailer at the Brooks Road lot in Hyannis and headed to Bass River Yacht Club where we met Kym Cooper, who was organizing the event. Kym took us to our housing to drop off our things in Tinkertown. We then headed to the Nantucket Yacht Club team’s housing for pizza and a quick swim. Afterwards, we returned to our housing for a good night’s sleep. The housing was awesome, as we had our own two-bedroom cottage. Everyone got their own bed, and no cats!

We arrived at the club around 8am and registered. It was great to have the SMSA medical forms signed ahead of

time, as it made registration much easier. We had a skippers meeting around 9:15am and then headed out onto the water. The sailors were provided with snack but lunch was served on land after sailing. It was a long day of sailing and we could have used some more granola bars out there!

Three races were sailed in a light breeze from the southwest, which died around noon. We waited from noon until 1:30pm when the Race Committee called off sailing for the day. After a long tow in we de-rigged, loaded up the trailer and had lunch. It was a great day of racing for Lucas Shapiro and Tristram Ravenscroft. They both made great improvements throughout the morning.

Results:

Will soon be posted on BRYC's website!

Stone Horse Opti Regatta: July 16, 2012

At 9:30 am, over a hundred boats left the beach at Stone Horse Yacht Club in Harwich, MA for a day of racing. The winds started out strong: a steady 15 knots from the Northwest with steep chop – very different conditions than the two sailors representing NCS (Abigail Turner and Tristram Ravenscroft) were used to practicing in. A total of two races were completed in these conditions before the breeze died to around five knots. A race was completed in the dying breeze, then the wind died and filled from the Southeast. There were many general recalls during these three races, with the line greatly favoring the pin. After a short postponement while the course was adjusted, one final race was completed with the new direction in low winds to make a total of four races. The boats hit the beach around 4pm for a barbeque and awards.

The length of the starting line put great emphasis on finding a nice hole to allow the sailors to get off the line and be able to easily hit the first shift. The breeze had long oscillations, which stressed the importance of staying in phase – especially early in the race. The big fleet also placed importance on keeping clear air during the long downwind legs, as well as getting inside for leeward mark roundings.

A total of 98 boats competed in the championship fleet and 39 in green.

Results:

Abigail Turner: 30/98

Tristram Ravenscroft: 78/98

J/105 Race Team

Vineyard Cup: July 13-15

The weekend of July 13-15, we had a great crew of NCS instructors racing in the Vineyard Cup, aboard our J/105, Clio. We made record time delivering the boat over to Martha's Vineyard on Thursday night, completing the sail in less than four and a half hours. The Vineyard Cup consisted of three days of racing, each day being a different distance race around various buoys on the north side of Martha's Vineyard. The wind and current were very tricky in all three races but we kept focused and were able to out-sail most of the old dogs. We ended up finishing 3rd in our class and 8th of 49 boats in Sunday's pursuit race. We outran some nasty storms on our sail home and made it back to Nantucket in less than four hours! Big thanks to our crew of NCS instructors: Pat Ryan, Nick Aswad, Hannah Johnson, Eric Schwarm, Pete Hazelett, Tracy Doherty, and friend Christine Colarusso.



Photo: Karen Ryan Photography