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2009 MYC Mallory and Adams Cup Area A Elimination

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Each year, US Sailing crowns a new Men's and Women's National Champion, and that all starts with local races and regattas where all the hopefuls come to try and qualify for the finals. This year the Clifford D Mallory trophy for men and the Mrs. Charles Frances Adams Cup for women will be sailed at Bay-Waveland Yacht Club in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi in late September. Entrants will either be winners of their local regattas or will have submitted resumes to US Sailing and be accepted because of their resumes.

When Bill Bradford, a US Sailing representative for the 2009 Mallory Cup event, called Greg Kampf in January and asked if MYC could host the Area A Northeast eliminations for 2009, we were honored but thought that Massapoag Yacht Club's Regatta committee had already signed up for enough this year. As it was, we had our Laser-Sunfish Regatta in June, Women's Skippers Regatta and Flying Scot Wife-Husband Championship in July, Single-Handed Regatta and our 60th Annual Massapoag Yacht Club Regatta in September, along with our regular annual events and racing programs. So of course we said "Yes". Next thing we knew we had a request from Linda Epstein, US Sailing Chairperson for the 2009 Adams Cup event, to add the Area A Elimination for the Adams Cup. So of course we said "Yes".

It was exciting for me as an officer in the Flying Scot Sailing Association to learn that the event would be sailed this year in Flying Scots. It was our job to provide up to 16 rigged and ready Flying Scots for up to 8 men's and 8 women's teams, and to host the event at our Club. The event would be run as a round robin with each team sailing each of the boats once so that no one had any competitive advantage. The teams for the Mallory event had to have men as skippers but could be any combination for the 2 crew members. The team for the Adams event had to be women for all 3 team members.

Greg and I went to work finding boats that people would lend, finding a PRO and lining up a Race Committee and a judge and getting the social side of the event in place. It all began to come together, and lots of MYC members generously loaned their boats. Now we just needed participants – that part was up to US Sailing and the Area Sailing Associations. As the August 17 date was approaching, we had 3 men's teams and 5 women's teams ready to sail for an opportunity to go to the finals in September. One the day of the event, we had 2 men's teams and 5 women's teams.

We had Bill Bradford, Linda Epstein, a Regatta Chair, me, a PRO, Jay McNeff, a Race Committee with Greg leading, Judge John Pratt, and 8 teams ready to sail. We had the boats rigged by Jay and Greg and Harvey Davidson. We had the skippers meeting and everyone had their boat assignments for all the races. And we had food and a committee of people ready to help – Leila McNeff, Margy Davidson, Barbara Alman and me. We had a nice sunny day with

temperatures in the 90's, but we knew we could handle the heat if we could get some wind - that was the challenge of the day. We continually had the PRO and RC members checking to see if there was anything filling in around the lake and a few times there were hints that we were going to get started. We had breakfast and the teams went to the docks to check out how the boats were rigged and we talked them through how to rig the spinnaker pole and spinnaker, how the main and jib are rigged, how to raise the sails and in general how to make the boat go. Some teams went swimming, a few people brought reading materials and a few people took a nap. We made it all the way to lunch with only a few hints of wind, so we all enjoyed lunch, and finally we had the wind filling in from the WSW. It was fun to see our own boat, FS5857 Kachow, as the first boat off the dock with the spinnaker flying almost immediately. We also had boats from Jay McNeff – FS1621, Rick Tattersfield, FS906, Harvey Davidson, FS416, and Kristen Funsch, FS1635, for the women, along with Jim Cavanagh, FS4949, and Dave Rousseau, FS3365, providing their own boats for the men's contest.

The event calls for Windward-Leeward courses, and the Race Committee got set up pretty quickly. The men's team were Flying Scot sailors who were experts at how to get the boats moving and how to use the equipment. We enjoyed watching them do what they do best, changing the lead over and over again. It was really fun to see them sailing each other's boats as the boat swap occurred between races. For the second race, they continued the same, changing places a few times. The men retired after 2 races, with Dave Rousseau the winner of both races over Jim Cavanagh.

The women sailed 5 races and it was fun watching each team get settled sailing the boats, figuring out how to best trim the main and jib, then figuring out how to set the spinnaker downwind. While the Flying Scots are one-design sloops, each boat was rigged slightly differently, with a few different areas where the skippers have a choice of how to rig their boats. The women, most of whom were not as familiar with Flying Scots before this day, did yeoman's work of working together to get the job done. Most teams had varied results in the different boats, but Sharon Lorenzo's team was very consistent with 3rd place in every race and every boat!

The Race Committee did a great job of getting the teams swapped between boats after each race and getting water to the teams when we could. Since we had a late start waiting for wind, they decided to do it on the water rather than going back to the dock between races. They tied fenders to the Race Committee boat and had 2 boats at a time come over and swap teams out of one boat into the next. The teams each knew their next assigned boat, so they were very good at getting out and in at the right time. The teams sailed back to the dock after the 5th race and we made dinner while we tallied the scores. The sailors ate their food and waited for us to give out the awards. Jay, Bill and Linda gave Dave and Jim their trophies, and then moved on to the women's trophies. The results for the women were Natalie Coleman Fuller's team 1st, Erica Beck's team 2nd, Ann Craig's team 3rd, Sharon Lorenzo's team 4th and Jennifer Bodde's team 5th. Any one of these teams would be great to see go on to the finals!

It was great fun hosting this event and I look forward to following the finals in September. Good luck to Dave Rousseau and Natalie Coleman Fuller and their teams in Mississippi – you make the Northeast proud!

MYC - 2009 Mallory Area A Regatta - Results

Reg#	Skipper	Crew 1	Crew 2		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Place
2	Dave Rousseau	Blake Suddath			1	1				2	1
1	Jim Cavanagh	Donna Rousseau			2	2				4	2

MYC - 2009 Adams Area A Regatta - Results

Reg#	Skipper	Crew 1	Crew 2		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Place
5	Natalie Coleman Fuller	Sarah Fuller	Alexa Rosenthal		2	1	2	5	1	11	1
3	Erica Beck	Diane Weidenbacker	Sarah Kent		5	4	1	2	2	14	2
4	Ann Craig	Maggie Craig	Nancy Henderson		4	2	4	1	4	15	3
2	Sharon Lorenzo	Linda Green	Frances Constable		3	3	3	3	3	15	4
1	Jennifer Bodde	Jennifer Hermanski	Erin Twomey		1	5	5	4	5	20	5