

Subject: FD: Inverness is just going to be a nice quiet little light air regatta - perfect for getting the kinks out of the boats or

Let the Carnage Begin.

2007 Inverness District Championship:

1. Jean Jimenez + Pete Henck
2. Doug McWilliams + Mike Thomas
3. Zhenya + Matthias Kennerknecht
4. Michael Meszaros + Duane Erlinger
5. Jason Lawrence + Victor Rising
6. Saul Schumsky + David ?

6 boats entered the District Championships at the Inverness YC, in Marin County California. 4 races scheduled on Saturday and 3 on Sunday. All boats broke something (some even more than others). In the past the venue had really light almost drifting conditions. We expected the same. In 2007 we received the reverse. It turned out that there were gusts to 30 mph on Saturday, with winds shifting 30 degrees in the puffs. The conditions were challenging, to say the least. The courses were long in distance but short in time with the heavy winds and little to no chop (lots of spray though). We were challenged at the crowded docks from the water that was shallow enough to preclude early launching (the rudder would stick in the mud)

One boat went out on Saturday and immediately broke its chain plate (the second one). This is "frontrunner" (B+C with Paul Hemker's added glass deck) that 2 years ago Art Lange repaired the port side chain plate. So Saul stayed to help repair (splice and additional length of jib halyard) another boat, for the dinner, and drove home Saturday night without sailing a race. JJ and Pete never sailed a race rationalizing that they had only one mast, and wanted to save it for the Nationals. Zhenya had demonstrated that while capsizing the shallow water will deposit vast quantities of mud up to the USA on the mainsail, and cover a good part of the boom too. That happens when the crew falls off the trap and holds on to the spi sheet while screaming along on a reach.

Local hero Mike Meszaros ran aground and mangled his centerboard triangle. Doug and Mike blew out their main halyard, as well as tore out their carbon rudder. Jason and Victor spent a lot of water time while facing several maladies. Zhenya lost his rig when the jib halyard parted (Vectran). He further messed things up for his crew, when the old guy fell off the aft deck Flying Scot at the dock moving his FD around it. He may have broken his leg, or at best (?) tweaked his knee. Only now will Wally's comments at Huntington about being "spry" sound like a compliment.

Saturday night there was a great party with fresh fish BBQ's by Mike M. and others. The weekend racing was shared with the Flying Scots for their championships. Mike also provided room for sailors at his house. I know there was plenty of alcohol and stories to

be told. The area is one of the prettiest bays in the coast. The area was a retreat for hippies and alternative lifestyle followers from the 60's. Those people have gotten old. Now the area is a haven for the wealthy and foreign investors. Many Bed and Breakfasts locations dot the hilly green area and double the population on weekends.

On Sunday there were 3 boats on the course on the first race: Mike and Duane, Doug and Mike, Jason and Victor.

Mike Meszaros will need to provide the race and regatta results and a separate description.

Current committed Nor Cal SD National crews are:

1. "Defiant" JJ
2. "Longshot" Doug
3. Mike M
4. "Repechage" Mike S
5. Waldemar
6. Saul
7. Jason
8. Zhenya

Please let there be reasonable air...

No more shifting gusty 30 mph winds please.

Zhenya