

PORT MADISON YACHT CLUB BRINGS HOME MCCURDY CUP

A team of six Port Madison YC members remained undefeated in the junior bracket of the 2007 McCurdy Cup team race regatta at Sand Point last weekend. Saturday's races got off to a late start, with an almost five hour postponement. Eventually the race committee finished an entire round robin rotation, on digital N courses, that left TEAM X, of PMYC, at the top of the junior bracket with a 5-2 record. Their only losses were to the two masters teams made up of University of Washington alumni. Saturday racing concluded with three protest hearings, one resulting in a controversial DSQ of a TEAM X boat against Butter Beer, from Seattle YC. However, TEAM X still won the race with their DSQ-2-3 to 4-5-6 finish.

Sunday racing started off with the championship round in which TEAM X excelled, always finishing with a 1-2 combination. Team X went 3-0 in the final championship bracket round robin. The final race against 21 Run from Sail Sand Point was the most exciting with multiple lead changes and two fouls on TEAM X on the downwind leg resulting in the 3rd place TEAM X boat spinning twice.

Finally an exhibition race between Team Woo Woo and TEAM X took place for spectators to watch how the top junior team could fair against the top masters team. Surprisingly, TEAM X could hold their own against Woo Woo, consisting of former UW sailors and a 49er US Sailing Team member. The lead changed many times and Team X had a stable 2-3-4 combination for the first beat and top reach leg until an incident left a TEAM X boat spinning for a foul. Eventually, Woo Woo won with a 1-2-4 combination.

Pat Layton, Glen Stellmacher, George Fleischfresser, Max Fleischfresser, Haley Lane and Maddie Jackson made up Team X and a special thanks to Alexis Aird who sailed with TEAM X on Saturday for an absent sailor.