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REGIONAL SEA CADET REGATTA SHOWS STRENGTH OF SAILING PROGRAM

The 29th annual Regional Regatta was held 20-21 May 2006 at the South Vancouver Island Sail Center. The sailing took place outside the Esquimalt Harbour with winds averaging 13 knots on Saturday and four knots on Sunday. For the second consecutive year the teams sailed the 420 dinghies with spinnaker and trapeze. Over the two days there were 14 highly competitive races.

The top three teams that will represent RCSU Pacific at the National Sea Cadet Regatta in Kingston, Ont. August 19 to 27 are:

First: Sebastien Fritz and Jamie Bone -- 201 RCSCC "Grilse" of Port Moody who received the GOULDING CUP from the alumni of the Worchester-Pangborne-Conway Merchant Navy School in Britain. The trophy was named for a student of the school who was killed and was originally a rowing trophy at the School.

Second: For the second year in a row Tyler Kiefer will compete at the national regatta. Tyler Kiefer and Nicholas Kiefer – 81RCSCC "Hampton Gray" of Nelson. The Cadets were presented the PAUL ARMSTRONG Memorial trophy, introduced at the 1999 Regatta by the Comox Navy league to honour the passing of Petty Officer Paul Armstrong who was a Sailing Instructor at RCSCC Port Augusta and HMCS Quadra.

Third: Also for a second year in a row (narrowly beating the fourth place team) Thomas Eagle and Teresa Szostakiwskyj – 263 RCSCC "Beacon Hill" of Langford. The cadets were presented the LUCAS MACGREGOR Memorial trophy, established after the accidental death of Leading Cadet MacGregor, of RCSCC "Beacon Hill."

BC Region Teams won all three medals in the spinnaker and trapeze class (Halifax class) at the national regatta.

General Recognition went to the following individuals:

Cheerful polite and always willing to help out: - Kodi Wickum – 158 RCSCC "Grizzly"

Comeback Kids: After missing 8 races due to an incident in the first race they came back to place 11th overall through a true showing of sportsmanship and skill - Russell Grandison & Allee Fernandis – 189 RCSCC "Port Augusta"

Do Gooders: Volunteered their services after all the other cadets left for the day to help the staff tidy up the sail center Alexander Rabu – 54 RCSCC "Adm DeWolf" and Michael Jarosz – 5 RCSCC "Rainbow."



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Enthusiastic: Every time the jury boat passed them they were willing to give a big smile and continue racing. They came to the regatta with the attitude that this will be a great learning experience. Calvin Hack & Bradford Temple – 202 RCSCC “Chilcotin.”

SPORTSMANSHIP: Andrew Turner & Jennifer Bowen - 102 RCSCC “Fraser”

ESPRIT D’CORPS: Ian Field & Fraser Field - 64 RCSCC Malaspina

Mr. Don Bendall was the master of ceremony at the awards presentations assisted by retired comdr. Mark Draibye and Mr William (Bill) McMunagle.

The staff for the regatta included:

Protest Committee chair: Mr. Doug Bond

Volunteer cadets: D. Stewart, A. Marks, T. Marsh, M. Jarosz, I. Hood, D. Critchley, R. Formosa, J. Depape.

Barracks Supervisors (Volunteers): Lt(N) F. Milne and Lt(N) D. McLennan

Pacific Region cadets work extremely hard throughout the year to train in the volunteer instructor program and zone race teams so that they can be at their personal best. Each of the competitors at the provincial regatta are champions for their zone. As the provincial champions they represent the sailing program in B.C. and the collective effort to make Pacific Region the home of the number one cadet racers in Canada. Echoed in the sailing motto “Stronger....Better....Faster!” in the drive to be the best.

Sponsors of this year’s event included: BOSUN’s Locker, Tro Tac Marine, Capital Iron, UK Halsey Sailmakers, Paynes Marine, Showcase Trophies, Canadian Forces Fleet School Esquimalt, and the Vancouver Island and BC Mainland Divisions of the Navy League of Canada.

The complete standings were:

- 1st – Fritz/Bone – 201 RCSCC Grilse
- 2nd – Kiefer/Kiefer – 81 RCSCC Hampton Gray VC
- 3rd – Eagle/Szostakiwskyj – 263 RCSCC Beacon Hill
- 4th – Milne/Bouchard – 5 RCSCC Rainbow
- 5th – Rabu/Morris – 54 RCSCC Admiral Dewolf
- 6th – Turner/Bowen – 102 RCSCC Fraser
- 7th – MacEachern/Smith – 131 RCSCC Kootenay
- 8th – Field / Field – 64 RCSCC Malaspina
- 9th – Snider/Green – 204 RCSCC Babine
- 10th – Wagner/Wickum – 158 RCSCC Grizzly
- 11th – Grandison/Fernandes – 189 RCSCC Port Augusta
- 12th – Nixon/Lanigan – 100 RCSCC Admiral Mainguy
- 13th – Hack/Temple – 202 RCSCC Chilcotin

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