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Left to right Dave Hardy - 26, Rich Geminski - XX941 and Bob Boyle - 9 enjoy the excellent conditions at the Long Island Championship Ice Sailing Regatta on Mecox Bay in Water Mill

A great day of sailing was had by 35+ ice sailing skippers on Mecox Bay Southampton for the Long Island Championship Ice Sailing Regatta Saturday February 12, 2011. Several types of iceboats including Gambit, DN,



Left to right Doug Adams - 5249 (Gold Class), Chip Maran - 3826 (Gold Class) and Dave Brown - 3249 who finished first in the DN Silver Class.

J14, Yankee, Skimmer, Arrow, Renegade, South Bay Scooter, and many home built designs appeared for the fun.

The weather provided the skippers with plenty of wind from the west at 16 to 22 mph. Wind at the windward mark was noticeably lighter than the leeward mark which made for some challenging tacks to windward and very exciting downwind runs to the finish line.

Doug Adams - 5249 rounds the windward mark and went on to finish third in the DN Gold Class.



Scott Valentine - 4925 and Chris Miller - 3747 sprint for the finish after rounding the windward mark.



Four classes were competing for the coveted championship trophies. Four races were run for the 2 DN classes and three for the Sketeers and J14s until the wind shifted and started producing steady 25+ mph winds late in the day.

A big thanks has to go to the race officials Rich Cruet for flagging and announcing, Ralph Hilbert and Fred Krause for scoring, and Doug Adams for the great be-

hind the scenes organization that many skippers do not see. Without these people we could not have had the great day we all experienced. All the races ran very smoothly and without incident. Many of the procedures during the events were like attending the North Eastern, North American or World DN Championships.

Chip Maran gets the "IRON MAN" award for entering and



A squad of DNs closing in on the windward mark

setting up boats for 2 classes. The torturous DN class and the Skeeter class. Each race was back to back. I have no idea how he did it and he did well in both classes.

A big thank you goes to local resident Tom Halsey and family for their gracious hospitality and for providing the public convenience green room.

Hardship commiserations go out to Doug Hardy, Rich Clark and Fred Krause for equipment failure.

Rich Clark - 3700 lifts one runner in one of the frequent gusts experienced on February 12th.



Most of the snow ice stayed in racing condition with the windward mark starting to get a little soft by the end of the day. Many skippers raved at the great rides and the well organized events of the day. I can't wait for next year.



Chip Maren - 3826 in a taking dual with Bob Hoguet - 3778. Chip raced in 2 classes and took fourth in the DN Gold class and second in the Skeeter class.

When asked for comments racers wrote the following:

The Long Island Championship trophy sponsored by the Lake Ronkonkoma Iceboat Club has been for me and many other Long Island sailors the inspiration to go just a little bit faster. While many of us have sailed in competitions across North America some how the "Long Islands" were the jewel in the crown.

When the Long Island trophy was

recently dedicated to the memory of two of my very close ice boating friends Ed Hildreth and Brian Weeks I really hoped it could hang on the wall of my office for the next year. I was afraid that something to do with the color of my hair might make that impossible.

I am sure this win will be the most memorable of my fifty years of racing ice boats.

— Tom Halsey



Local favorite Tom Halsey - 3460 leads coming into the windward mark. Tom went on to win first in the DN Gold class for the regatta.

I was pleased to be informed that my son Jake won Best Junior Sailor in the Regatta. Jake Glaser is 15 years old and previously came in 2nd place at the North American Junior Ice Opti Championship sailed at Lake Osakis, Minnesota. Jake recently moved up into the DN class and raced his purple DN named Passion in the Gold Fleet on Mecox Bay. He is a Junior Member of the LRIBYC.
—Jordan Glaser



Fifteen year old Jake Glaser - 4902 and Chris Miller - 3747 round the windward mark and head for the finish.

Bob Boyle - 9 in his J-14 gets ahead of a pack of the larger Skeeters coming into the windward mark.



In the Skeeter class George Neyssen - 152, finished first for the day, (red and blue) and Chip Maran - 136Y, finished second for the day, (yellow and black)





Skeeters left to right Chris Geminski - 414, Keith Kennedy - 136L and Rich Geminski - X94 1 race for the windward mark



Here's Mike Acebo - 242 taking a break from running
Brewers' Yacht Yard. Mike took first for the regatta in the
J-14 class

Dave Hardy - 26 passes Doug Hardy - 27 heading for the downwind mark.





In the Skeeter class Warren Darruss Jr. - 278W, who went on to finish third for the regatta leads Chris Gemin-ski - 414 after the windward mark.

Keith Kennedy - 136L, finished fourth in the Skeeter class for the regatta, hiking a blade high off the ice.





In the Skeeter class Chip Maran - 136Y, finished second for the day, (yellow and black) and George Neyssen - 152, finished first for the day, (red and blue) head for the finish





George Neyssen - 152 came in first in the Skeeter division

DN GOLD:

1. Tom Halsey - 3460
2. Peter Truesdell - 5350
3. Doug Adams - 5249
4. Chip Maran - 3826
5. Jordan Glaser - 500
6. Rich Clark - 3700
7. Jake Glaser - 4902
8. Bob Hoguet - 3778
9. John Ziemann - 5426
10. Fred Krause - 3931

DN SILVER:

1. Dave Brown - 3249
2. Scott Valentine - 4925
3. Chris Miller - 3747
4. Lucinda Hurley - 3260
5. Joe Natale - 5488
6. Hank Kaiser - 3388

SKEETERS:

1. George Neyssen - 152
2. Chip Maran - 1364
3. Warren Darress Jr. - 278W
4. Keith Kennedy - 136L
5. Chris Geminski - 414
6. Rich Geminski - X941

J14:

1. Mike Acebo - 242
2. Bob Boyle - 9
3. Dave Hardy - 26
4. Doug Hardy - 27

Author John Ziemann - 5426

