

J/24 Ontario District Report for 2004

Approximate Fleet numbers and Fleet Captains:

PCYC: 22	Scott Weakley	RCYC: 15	Todd Irving
QQY: 12	Robin Pattinson	ABYC: 7	Arnis Budrevics
Whitby: 3	Steve Gurr	TS & CC: 4	Nick Jako
Barrie: 1		North Bay: 1	
RHYC: 1		Dalhousie: 1	
Total: 67 boats			

Financial:

We have grown our account from \$903 to \$3300. The \$45 per boat surcharge for the district added significantly to our income and will allow us to continue to build up a healthy cash reserve to save for future initiatives should we not be able to secure the same level of sponsorship and local support that we currently enjoy.

Racing participation and reports:

Ontario Series –45 boats participated in this overall series for 8 regattas won by the team from ‘Hot Box’ (Rob Erglis and crew) sailing out of PCYC.

World Qualifying Series -39 boats participated in the 4-regatta WQ series won by Rossi Milev on ‘Clear Air’ for the third year in a row as helmsperson and fourth as team-member sailing out of PCYC. Individual regatta attendance ranged from 25 to 29 boats.

Canadians –David Ogden (RCYC) and the team on “Clear Air” from PCYC won the Canadians this year in Halifax, Nova Scotia with strong finishes from “If Only...” in second place (Carolyn Moss and team from ABYC) and “It’s A Rental” in fourth (Jeremy Lucas and team from RCYC).

2004 Worlds –Congratulations to Rossi Milev and the team on “Clear Air” who placed 9th at the worlds at the Noroton Yacht Club in Darien Connecticut (September 24th -Oct. 1st) Mike Wolfs and Erwyn Naidoo sailed Rudy Wolfs ‘ING Direct’ which was helmed by Andy Horton to take sixth place honours. Other top half finishes: Team Narcoleptic - 23rd, Scott Collinson and team “Fifty-Two Sixty Three” -28th.

The Ontario District has a number of boats that continue to travel and participate in other district events in the US and Canada. In 2004 Ontario boats sailed at regattas in Davis Island, FL (Mid-winters), Annapolis, MD (US Nationals & East Coast Championships), Canadiagua NY, Darien CT (Worlds) and Lake George NY. 2005 will hopefully see greater participation from the Quebec district and District 7 (NY) at our events.

Year end party and awards -were held at the ‘Bier Market’ on the Esplanade in Toronto with about 100 people in attendance. A good time was had by all that can remember it.

Notes:

Jim Matthew - At the ABYC One Design regatta in May we lost our good friend and fellow competitor Jim Matthew. Jim passed away during the fourth race of the day in beautiful sunny and windy conditions. We will remember Jim fondly as the road warrior

who traveled the continent with 'Poch Ma Hon' no matter how far he had to drive nor what time of year it was – Jim was ready to race. We will miss him.

Battle Flags -2004 saw the inauguration of our Tour De France style battle flags. A golden yellow flag for the WQ series and a white flag for the Ontario series were flown from the forestays of the boats leading the series throughout the summer. The flags were given to the series winners at the end of the year and we already have the new flags made up for 2005.

New Governor – Nick Jako was elected Ontario District Governor for 2005 at our fleet captains meeting in October. Nick is excited about the role and is looking forward to the continued financial and participatory growth of the fleet for the coming years.

Ski Day –We had a successful and well attended 1st annual ski / spa day at Horseshoe Valley Resort in Barrie in February 2004. Thank you to the Matthew family for hosting the après ski party.

J World Training Clinic -16 boats battled through hail and a mix of conditions during the first annual clinic hosted by four J World instructors from across North America. The clinic was a great start to something we hope will be an annual fixture on our district calendar.

Sponsorship:

We wish to thank the following for their contributions to our fleet this season:

- *Quantum Sails* –Race winner hats.
- *Fogh Marine* –Various prizes at some of the regattas
- *Absolute Comfort* –Top 5 prizes for the WQ regattas
- *Mercedes Benz*- Various prizes at some of the regattas
- *Queen's Quay Yachting* –End of Season prizes for the WQ and Ontario Series
- *McTavish Associates* –Design work on the prize logos and production of Two-Four (Ontario District Newsletter)
- *Devtopia* –Web hosting, design and updates

Thank you to:

- Mike Lucas for his work as PCYC fleet captain.
- Mike Weber (Devtopia) for his work as Webmaster.
- Nick Jako for his work as Fleet Liaison to the Race Committees
- Carolyn Moss and Nick Jako for their work on the by-laws and RC guidelines.
- Katie Coleman Nicoll for her work with membership and the Canadian class.
- Queens Quay Sailing for hosting the first annual J World training event.
- John Weakley, Don and Elizabeth MacIntyre and Pat Lymburner for their continued work on RC and jury

Respectfully submitted,
Todd Irving
2004 J/24 Ontario District Governor