

2012 CUMMING CUP RESULTS: Pleasant Bay CB, Chatham YC; June 29, 2012

Cotuit Wins the 2012 Cumming Cup

Cotuit Mosquito Yacht Club won the Cumming Cup on Friday, June 29 on Pleasant Bay. John Keally, Nicholas Solomon, and Andrew Solomon sailed a consistent series in varied conditions to come out on top in a regatta that came down to the last leg of the last race, and in which all six teams were separated at the end of the round robin by only 9 points.

There have been a number of recent Cumming Cups that have been close and competitive, but this may have been the most dramatic. For one thing, the conditions were constantly changing to keep the sailors on their toes. The day started with 10-15 knots from the South, then shifted to the Southwest just before the first race, and held for those two races. Pleasant Bay Community Boating (Quinn Howes, Kyle Bissette, Ross Berry) jumped out to an early lead, winning both of those races.

A series of storm cells passed North of us in the late morning, and this caused the wind to rotate direction. The third race was set in a West direction that shifted to the Northwest part way through that led to a course shift for the last leg. Vineyard Haven Yacht Club (Elias Clough, Sam Shannon, Nick Watts) won this race. A fourth race was then started as the Northwest breeze started to weaken, then had to be abandoned with it disappeared entirely, and the teams drifted around with no wind during the lunch break.

Then a local sea breeze started to fill out of the Northeast, but clocked to Southeast, as the race committee kept moving marks around to set up for race 4. Then the breeze backed to the East and held steady for most of race 5, before shifting to the South on the last leg. Chatham Yacht Club (Sarah Fuller, Sarah de Silva, Cary Kane) won both of these races to pull into contention. With one last course realignment for the one again Southwest breeze, we were set up for the dramatic conclusion.

Going into race 6, four of the teams were within 3 points and had a legitimate shot to win the regatta. Pleasant Bay held the lead for most of a close race, but the second downwind tightened the fleet, and the final upwind to the finish was set to determine the championship. Unfortunately, Pleasant Bay had to withdraw in the last leg due to a shoulder injury to skipper Quinn Howes that was aggravated earlier in the race. Nantucket (James Roggereen, Richard Oates, Matias Sejersen) got through the pack to win the race and end the regatta on a high note. Ultimately, Cotuit was able to outduel Vineyard Haven for second to secure the regatta.

On a day when sailors competed in a full 360 degrees of wind directions and conditions, SMSailing could again be proud of the seamanship and sportsmanship of its young sailors. Thank you to Judge Leo Berendes, all the volunteers at Chatham Yacht Club and Pleasant Bay Community Boating for their help, Greg Kelly and his PBCB staff for keeping the boats in excellent shape, and especially PRO Ted Dickson and his race committee for their work to set up competitive races in the ever-changing conditions.

FINAL RESULTS:

TEAM	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	TOTALS
Cotuit Mosquito YC	2	2	2	5	3	2	16
Vineyard Haven YC	3	4	1	2	5	3	18
Chatham YC	4	5	4	1	1	4	19
Pleasant Bay CB	1	1	3	6	6	7	24
Nantucket CS	6	6	6	4	2	1	25
Stone Horse YC	5	3	5	3	4	5	25

CREWS:

Cotuit Mosquito YC: John Keally, Nicholas Solomon, Andrew Solomon

Vineyard Haven YC: Elias Clough, Sam Shannon, Nick Watts

Chatham YC: Sarah Fuller, Sarah de Silva, Cary Kane

Pleasant Bay CB: Quinn Howes, Kyle Bisette, Ross Berry

Nantucket CS: James Roggereen, Richard Oates, Matias Sejersen

Stone Horse YC: Anoush Longerstaey, Cam Quirk, C. Nelson Millett