

SM Sailing Junior Team Racing (Durant Trophy) re-cap

First off, many thanks are needed coming out of this regatta. To Chatham YC Commodore John Maggioni, Program Director Jeff Howell, and Race Coach Ashley Dart for opening your club, finding powerboats, and making us all feel welcome at their facilities. To umpires Patrick Broome, Mary Farrell, Marykate Mezzetti, Sophia Peck, and Ali Mitchell for helping to keep you all honest. Sometimes they did not see things the same way that you did, but every time they were there to make a call and keep the action going. Their presence ensures that we get a winner on the water and not afterwards in a protest room. It is my hope that some of you who age out of junior sailing will come back and umpire in the years to come. And finally, thanks to the competitors, who endured the weather, and you opponents to make a great regatta. This is always my favorite one to run because helping a team win just seems more gratifying than individual awards. Proof of this was watching West Dennis recover from a capsize at the start to hold on to win their race basically sailing 2 on 3. In the spirit of full disclosure, West Dennis is my home club, and my son was sailing for WDYC, but regardless, I love watching that type of teamwork.

For those who did not stick around to the end to witness the action, Beverly won the final race (G12) to create a three-way unbreakable tie between Chatham, Wianno, and Beverly. In the sail-off Chatham beat Wianno (9-12) and then Beverly (9-12) to capture the Durant Trophy. Beverly snuck by Wianno (10-11) at the finish to secure second.

As we speak a new Durant Trophy is being commissioned and when it is finished, I will happily deliver it to Chatham YC to hold and display until the next regatta.

Keeper trophies (1st thru 4th) will be ordered tomorrow morning, so make sure that all names that should go on the trophy are included and spelled correctly. They will be mailed directly to the clubs. The 2022 and 2023 Durant Trophy will be sailing someplace in the mi-Cape region. More information before next summer.

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