

Duck Challenge
Havre de Grace - Fleet 192,
Havre de Grace, Maryland
August/21-22, 2010

Pos	Skipper/Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Ttl
1	Jason Werner/ Heather Dodd-Werner/Brian DeBrincat	5	1	1	(ocs)	1	1	1	10
2	Patrick Phelan/ Jason Phelan/Jen Adams	1	4	(5)	2	2	2	2	13
3	Trevor Prior/ Danielle Prior/Daniel Race	2	3	(4)	1	4	3	3	16
4	Gary Hurban/ Gary Hofer/Jen Goldstein	3	2	2	(ocs)	3	4	4	18
5	Kevin Smith/ John Bates/Caio Seabra/Eric Rodenberg	(7)	6	6	4	5	5	6	32
6	Tom Compton Barb Hill/John Pasmore	(dnf)	9dns	3	3	6	9\dnf	5	35
7	Greg Kelly/ Bonnie Kelly/Ned Daly	4	5	8	5	8	(dns)	dns	39
8	Bill Johnson/ John Dearnaley/Wendy Luber	6	7	7	6	7	6	(dns)	39

Wind conditions: all types, Waves: some and none, Fun: lots of it.

The Duck Challenge for this year saw a group of 8 boats head out on the course. This was a low turnout in challenging times and in a year the NA's were close by and held the week prior. Nevertheless, the smaller number provided an intimacy which was enjoyable this year.

The Saturdays three races were punctuated by a long near drifting first race followed by a light wind race and a moderate wind race as the day progressed with different directions and some big oscillations. It became clear there were two groups of four within the fleet who were fighting for bragging rights. When the day finished the Werner team led overall, followed by Team Hurban, Team Trevor and Team Phelan. The Compton team had a flash of excitement by snagging a 3rd in the last race.

The fleet retired to a feast of sirloin and salmon cooked by Chefs Tom Compton and John Pasmore, along with the usual sides. Afterwards, our District Commodore Jason Werner gave a talk on "The things the Pros don't tell you" which provided some insight into the finer points the top level sailors work on.

Sunday dawned with a mixed forecast of rain, thunderstorms and more rain. After a short postponement by RC Dolezal/Caffo, the fleet headed out and were treated to a rainless, comfortable day with a bit of sun thrown in at one point. The winds began moderately, but by the last race we were racing in est. 18-20 mph and small craft advisories. The Duck decoy winner was not decided until the last race when Team Werner sealed the deal with a come from behind win in the high winds with Team Phelan and Team Prior finishing 2nd and 3rd which mimicked the overall standings.

Thanks to our RC of Adam Dolezal, Al Caffo, Brittany Dean, Bob MacAnally and other crew in helping to get off 7 races for the two days. Thanks also go to Capital Logo (Heather Dodd-Werner) for the great trophy mugs. As always, thanks go to Havre de Grace YC and Tidewater Marina for hosting us and helping procure the great hand painted Ducks. Next year promises to be another great regatta, so put it on your calendar!