



2004 Mallory Cup

RACE RESULTS

**US SAILING AND LBI YRA
US SAILING MALLORY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2004
21-25 SEPTEMBER 2004
FINAL RESULTS
SERIES SUMMARY**

PI	S#	Crew	From	T	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	D	Zack Fanberg, Dave Blouin & Kippy Chamberlain	Bay Waveland YC	21	2	1	1	5	4	2	1	4	1
2	E	Jim Allen, Tom Allen & Jody Swanson	Buffalo Canoe Club	35	7	3	3	3	2	3	6	3	5
3	B	David Peck, Nina Peck & Bryan Lilley	Niantic Bay YC	36	1	7	9	1	6	1	3	1	7
4	A	Bill Fastiggi, Suzy Coburn & Don Brush	Malletts Bay BC	38	3	4	5	4	1	7	4	6	4
5	C	Mitch Hnatt, Ginger Hnatt & Rick Pokorny	Metedeconk RYC	40	6	2	6	2	5	4	5	2	8
6	C3	Tim Robinson, Andy Temme & Steve Warren	Surf City YC	42	5	5	7	7	3	6	2	5	2
7	HE	Darrell Peck, Deanna Locke & Kevin Stravers	Vancouver Lake SC	53	9	6	2	6RDG	7	5	8	7	3
8	J	Kenny Manzoni, Ian Trotter & Michael Ford	Southwestern YC	65	8	9	4	6	9	8	7	8	6
9	C2	Rich Warren, Randy Swartley & Newt Wattis	Surf City YC	72	4	8	8	8	8	9	9	9	9

Day #1 -- Wednesday, September 22, 2004: — After a disappointing lack of wind, which prevented a practice race on Tuesday, the weather opened up to a brilliantly blue clear sky, with winds from the NNW from 5 - 8 mph. The Race Committee of Little Egg Harbor

Yacht Club, a two-time winner of the St Petersburg Trophy for excellence in race management, ran three races today. They set a windward leg of about a mile for the twice around Windward/Leeward course. For the first leg of the first race the ebbing tide favored the left side, but this was reversed to change this situation for the rest of the day. The third race was shortened due to a dying wind.

Two-time winner Zach Fanberg (New Orleans, LA), with crew Dave Bouin and Kippy Chamberlain, makes an opening bid to equal the three consecutive wins of Buddy Melges from 1959 to 1961. Bill Fastiggi (Winooski, VT), with crew Suzy Colburn and Don Brush, and Jim Allen (Walled Lake, MI), with crew Tom Allen and Jody Swanson, are close on his heels.

Day #2 -- Thursday, September 23, 2004: — The second day of racing for the US Men's Sailing Championship was cloudless, and crystal clear. The air, from 8-14 knots from the NNW, built moderately, and then subsided again to its early strength. It was moderately shifty, requiring some movements of the marks. The light chop characteristic of these waters was present.

The fleet was consistent and well matched. They were aggressive at the start, and the flooding tide, which came in during the second and third races of the day, generated a number of general recalls. However, no penalties resulted.

There were not many position changes this day. The leaders generally picked up a boat or two if they started late. The whole fleet finished five 1.1 mile legs within two or three minutes of each other. Zach Fanberg (New Orleans, LA), with crew Dave Bouin and Kippy Chamberlain, remains in first. Jim Allen (Walled Lake, MI), with crew Tom Allen and Jody Swanson, moved into second and Bill Fastiggi (Winooski, VT), with crew Suzy Colburn and Don Brush, dropped to third.

Day #3 -- Friday, September 24, 2004: — The beautiful weather that has blessed the 2004 US Men's Sailing Championship for the Clifford D. Mallory Cup continued for the two races sailed today. The air varied from 8 to a high of 10. There was a slow shift from a northerly towards ESE, with little backs to make playing the shifts profitable. One example; one competitor was trapped behind the committee boat at the start of the second race, and ended up in third place at the finish. The fleet is evenly matched. On the first downwind leg of the first race, six or seven boats were within one boat length at the gate.

Zack Fanberg (New Orleans, LA) continues in first place overall, and with a nine point lead over the second place David Peck (Old Lyme, CT), appears to be uncatchable. Places shifted markedly today, with Peck moving from fourth into second, Bill Fastiggi (Winooski, VT) dropping to fifth from third, and Jim Allen (Walled Lake, MI) down to third from second.

The final race, to be sailed tomorrow, promises more of the same weather to round out a beautifully showcased event.

Day #4 -- Saturday, September 25, 2004: -- Saturday was the last day of the US Men's Sailing Championship. The whole week the weather was beautifully suited for this event, except, of course, for the lack of air on Tuesday for the practice race. Eight races had been run in an evenly matched fleet from Wednesday through Friday. On Saturday a final race would complete the round robin, and the Championship would be decided.

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This last morning brought no air, a weak NW system opposed a seabreeze from the ESE, with one race to go. This promised to be an exciting race, even though Zack Fanberg, of Bay Waveland YC, with a nine-point lead, was almost certain to remain in first place. There were five points separating second place David Peck, of Niantic Bay YC, and Bill Fastiggi, of Mallets Bay BC, in fifth place. Jim Allen, of Buffalo Canoe Club, was one down from Peck, Mitch Hnatt, of Metedeconk River YC was two points down from Allen, two points ahead of fifth place Fastiggi. With this potential for change, all were determined to get a race started before the two pm deadline. And so it happened; the breeze filled in, and the series was finished well before the deadline. Zack Fanberg finished in first place, giving him overall first and a fourteen point lead for the Championship. Jim Allen overtook David Peck for second place overall, and Bill Fastiggi edged out Mitch Knatt for fourth.

Zack Fanberg's crew are both skippers, and distinguished ones at that. Dave is the Sloop National Champion, and Kippy has been All American crew twice, while Zack was Honorable Mention All American. When asked how three such individuals worked in harmony, they replied that they have been in competition with each other, and sailing together, all their lives. All sailed together at the same college, and they credit the intensive exposure to sailing in college competition to their edge. Their primary class at home is the Flying Scot, and all three had high praise for the Lightning sailors for their openness at the Rolex Clinic in showing those from other classes many little tricks and tips to get the Lightning going. They stated that they found very little difference between the boats in this event. Dave thanked their hosts, and all echoed his remark that he has never been better taken care of.

Officials and competitors had nothing but praise for the entire event. Coming in for special mention was the fine work of the Little Egg Harbor Race Committee. The courses were all well set, the lines square, and the races were all fair, even the shortened race on Wednesday. There were no RC errors, and not one bad race. The Race Committee was on top of every wind shift, there was no excitement or shouting, orders were given calmly and were carried out precisely and quickly. Several competitors commented on the precision and professionalism of the nine-boat changes that were carried out between each race.

Social events were well attended and most appreciated. There was an ice-breaker Tuesday evening at Little Egg Harbor YC, a sit-down dinner at Surf City YC on Wednesday, a buffet dinner at Barnegat Light YC on Friday, and a sit-down dinner and awards ceremony at Spray Beach YC on Saturday. Every evening except the last the Yellow Jersey was presented to the boat, which had the day's best score (shades of the Tour de France!)

On a sad note, Jack Elfman, a distinguished Lightning sailor from Surf City Yacht Club and Past Commodore of the host Long Beach Island Yacht Racing Association, passed away suddenly the Saturday evening immediately prior to the event. It had been his dream to have the LBIYRA host the US Men's Sailing Championship in Lightnings, and he was working very hard to bring it about up to the moment of his demise.

On Friday morning the Chief Judge, Burton Howell, of Savannah, GA, had to be taken to the hospital. He is now on the mend. Senior Judge Robert Bodman took over as Chief.



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