

OCC Sailing Regatta Off to Great Start

OCC's Fall Sailing Regatta got off to a good start last month with two of four scheduled "race Sundays" blessed with fair to better-than-good race conditions, Oct. 9 & 23.

Next race days are Nov. 6 & 13. The grand awards banquet will be held the final Sunday.

At press time, results of the second race in the series were not available. Here is what happened on Oct. 9:

Lasers — A tie between Hal Hutchings and Don Machado; each took a first and second.

Scorpions — Well, Cline Mann won the day; 15-year-old Ray Heitzman had a little trouble with his craft, missed a mark on the first race, missed the start of the second.

Hobie 14s — Dale Hope and Mike Holmes traded 1st & 2nd places for two races; Robby Muller took 3rd for the day. Tom Vesey and Al Nicol were there too.

Hobie 16s — Youngsters Todd Bradley and P.G. Wheelon were 1st in race number one, 3rd in the second race. Seniors Gordo Bradley and Pete Wheelon took 2nd in the first race and 1st in the second. Tom Reiner was 3rd in the first, 2nd in the second. Senior Wheelon and Bradley came in first overall, the junior family members second and Tom Reiner third for the day. The second race, by the way, had a hair-raiser finish with all Hobies finishing within a boat-length of each other.

George McPheeters, handling his great Boston Whaler with TLC, and with Tom McDonald, Ken Brown and Sid Snyder aboard helped set markers for the morning races. In the afternoon, the Club Whaler, having returned from duty with the Canoe paddlers in a distance-training session from the Windward Side, was offshore for start-finish chores — manned by the Club's able and willing beach captain's assistant, Fred Frissell.