

LYC Sailing News



Don Bland, race committee chair, checking the Cape to Cape racers on the course.

August 3 was a busy and exciting day for sailing. It began with the start of the Cape-to-Cape Regatta in Lewes. 18 boats left from Lewes with two starts; 7 boats were from Lewes and the rest were from New Jersey. Osprey from Lewes won the Class B Division with Lewes boats, Delilah taking second and Going Green fourth. The boats from Lewes in Class A were Thundercrack (2nd), Balance (4th), Legacy (8th), and Libertas (9th). This was a quick sail across the bay with most of the boats taking a little over two hours to complete the course.

The gusty south-south west winds and out going tide made for challenging sailing for the Saturday Series. It began with one sailor, Jenny Hopkins, saving beach goers who had drifted out on their floating devices far from the beach. Jenny valiantly tried to help bring the three floaters back to the beach on her Sunfish. Fortunately, the Delaware Marine Police arrived and assisted with the rescue.

Due to the building gusts, the series held one race and then abandoned the races for the day. The gusts started building to over 25 miles and inexperienced sailors were being challenged and needing support. Tim Douglas, mark boat, was monitoring and assisting a couple of the boats that kept capsizing. One boat later needed LYC Sailing School Counselor In Training Colby Chambers to jump on the boat and sail it back to the yacht club.

The results from the one race of Sunfish were: Sarah Lester (1), Jenny Hopkins (2), Connie Miller (3), Scott/Sav Gaston (4), Gift Gaston (5), Tony Ingram (6). It should be noted that Scott/Sav Gaston were helping with another capsized boat before the start of the race and had a later start. They were able to make up quite a bit of distance in their race.

A couple of hours after the race, Sailing Director Angus Robertson and Scott Gaston went out to help a Hobie Cat that was in trouble on the water. The Lewes Fire Department and the Delaware Marine Police were on scene and escorted LYC towing the crippled Hobie to shore. The work of LFD and DMP wasn't completed as they then assisted swimmers who were stranded on the jetty of the inlet. Sailors know the importance of assisting people on the water and LYC will always be ready to help.

Cape to Cape



Class A starts in Lewes heading to Cape May

Spinakers flying



Capt Nick Carter is the blue and yellow on Legacy



Tim Douglas keeping an eye on the sailboats

LYC bringing boat to shore



Lewes Fire Department and Delaware Marine Police helping

