

2009 28th Annual Century Cup Regatta

by Cameron Hunt

For the eighth year in a row the 17 Captains attending the Twenty-Eighth Annual Century Cup Regatta held by The Piedmont Model Yacht Club at Elon, NC on June 6-7, 2009 were blessed with good weather and enough wind, though light at times, to race 22 heats. The 2 fleet promotion relegation heat system was used. Each captain sailed in 2 seeding heats and at least 9 fleet heats. Their best finish in the seeding heats was carried forward and one additional throw out for the fleet heats was allowed.

Eight captains registered bullets and eight scored second places. The top four captains at the end of Saturday's sailing maintained their leads on Sunday with Baron Bremer advancing from being tied third to taking first. Finishing just out of the plaques was Scott Vernon in sixth place.

We had light and variable wind from the North for most of the heats. The changing winds of Elon gave all points of sail as the boats traveled down the course.

Thanks to all the skippers, wives and girl friends for making this a fun event. Also a big thank you to Frank Angel for all his preliminary work, expertise, and acting as starter; to Linda Angel for being an excellent caterer, being in charge of lunch and putting up with "Uncle" Frank. Thanks to Paul Bowen and Alan Morris for being mark observers, George Morris and Steve Carpenter for helping with the finishes. I also want to thank Chris Kakavas for setting and removing the marks from the pond, thereby saving a trip to the hospital for Frank and me.

All in all, the fleet was very close with only six points separating the top four finishing positions as the scores below reflect.

Finish	Captain	Score	State
1	Baron Bremer	26	FL
2	Chris Kakavas	27	NC
3	Joe Phillips	30	MD
4	John Bottensek	32	FL
5	Gerry Coble	42	NC
6	Scott Vernon	46	GA
7	Bob Szczepanski	48	NC
8	Rick West	53	CA
9	Jack Ward	68	FL
10	Dick Gerry	89	SC
11	Tony Shoaf	93	NC
12	Eric Olson	98	GA
13	Mervin Jones	99	SC
14	Jerry Fernald	102	NC
15	Doug Hale	110	NC
16	Jim Rutherford	132	GA
17	Skip Allen	136*	GA

*Did Not Sail Sunday