

Sunday, August 10, 2008  
For immediate release:

## **SAILING**

49th Mobjack National Championship  
Fishing Bay Yacht Club, Deltaville. VA

Sunday August 10, 2008 the finals results were determined when no races could be sailed and an impending storm sent the racers in ending the 49th Mobjack National Championship at Fishing Bay Yacht Club. Racing took place over three days on the Piankatank River in Godfrey Bay and Hills Bay, just south of Deltaville. Len Guenther with his son Josh crewing, both of Alexandria and Fishing Bay won the Regatta and National Championship. This was the second time for Len and the first time with Josh as crew. Mark Arnold and Matt Franks of Chesapeake, VA and Broad Bay Sailing Association finished second by two points. Meg and Tom Roberts of West Point, VA came in third followed by Tom and Duncan Ward of Washington DC and the Potomac River Sailing Association. Sam Jackson and crew Jay Hensley of Essex, MD Glenmar Sailing Association finished fifth and also claimed the Senior National Champion Award. The racers enjoyed great competition and expert regatta race management by Principle Race Officer Rick Klein assisted by Brooks Zerkel, Mike Dale, Dale Mosher, Alex and Donna Alvis, Cathy Clark, Each race consisted of a Windward-Leeward configuration with two to 4 legs sailed with each leg approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile or more in length. 7 boats competed eight races over the three day regatta. Friday featured strong wind and strong competition with five races sailed. Saturday was lovely and was run in conjunction with the Fishing Bay Annual Regatta. It was cooler temperatures, low humidity and nice breezes for three races. It ended with a clear sky and beautiful evening. Sunday dawned clear with light winds that died off resulting in no races. A threatened storm sent the sailors in and the results from Saturday became final. Eight races were sailed.

During the Annual Meeting plans were made for a huge reunion of Mobjackers for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mobjack Nationals. They are to be held the third weekend in August 2009, August 14-16. We will be contacting all Mobjackers and families for a reunion regatta, to be held at Fishing Bay Yacht Club in Deltaville, VA.

Fishing Bay Yacht Club brought the Mobjacks and their 49th National Championship Regatta back to the home of Mobjack Fleet One and the designer, Roger Moorman. The regatta was run in conjunction with FBYC's 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Regatta. The Regatta was two days of racing with Front Runners, Flying Scots, Mobjacks, Hampton One Designs, San Juan 21s, Albacores, Lasers, Laser Radials, 420s and Optimists. Sixty eight boats competed on three separate race courses. The Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association sanctioned the regattas.

The Mobjack is a seventeen-foot sloop-rigged sailboat, with a jib, mainsail and spinnaker crewed by two or three sailors. The boat is rigged with a trapeze for balance and a roller furling jib. It is self-bailing and easily rightable in a capsized. Over 500 of the fiberglass boats have been built and are raced throughout the Chesapeake Bay and on the Delaware Bay. They are also sailed on the lakes and shores of Tennessee, Wisconsin, California, Texas, Florida, Indiana, Michigan, Utah, New Jersey and New York. The boat is used for racing, day sailing or cruising and sailing instruction, by sailors of all ages. At a recent nationals the youngest skipper was 15 and the oldest was 85 (he finished second!). It is often sailed and raced by family teams, including husband and wife teams. The boat was designed by Roger Moorman of Gloucester, VA in the

1950s when it was one of the first fiberglass reinforced plastic boats made. The boat has been built in Gloucester by Moorman, Browning Arms, Harry Sindle at Newport Boats and is now back in production by Miles Booth of Gloucester and One Design Yachts. New boats are available and there will be a special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition.

**2008 Mobjack Nationals a.k.a. Mobjack Naty's**

**Series Standing - 8 races scored**

**Sunday, August 10, 2008**

**Division: Mobjack (7 boats)**

	Sail#	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Race 8	Total	
1	504	<i>Bumble Bee Monster</i>	Len Guenther	Josh Guenther	[2]	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	9	FBYC
2	505	<i>Tyler's Gone</i>	Mark Arnold	Matt Frank	1	[4]	1	2	2	2	1	2	11	BBSA
3	451	<i>MobJacket</i>	Meg Roberts	Tom Roberts	3	2	3	[4]	3	3	4	3	21	FBYC
4	430	<i>Smoke Dog</i>	Tom Ward	Duncan Ward	4	3	4	3	4	4	[6]	4	39	PRSA
5	466	<i>Vanilla</i>	Sam Jackson	Jay Hensley	5	8	4	[10]	4	5	3		29	GSA
6	535	<i>Bob the Builder</i>	Miles Booth	Hud Davis	5	6	8/DNF	8DNS	8/DNS	5	3	[8/DNF]	43	FBYC
7	460	<i>Come n' About</i>	Al Williamson	Tim Moody	[7]	7	6	6	6	7	7	6	45	Knoxville

**Notes:**

- Scoring System is ISAF Low Point 2004-2008
- Finishes in [brackets] denote throw outs
- OCS – On Course Side of Starting line (over early, did not return)
- DNS – Did not start
- DNF- Did not finish

**Principal Race Officer: Rick Klein of Fishing Bay Yacht Club- Deltaville, VA**

## 2008 Mobjack Naty's Awards:

The winner will be awarded the International Mobjack Championship Trophy. Prizes will also be awarded to 2nd through 5th positions.

5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Sam Jackson and Sam Maddox
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Tom and Duncan Ward
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Meg and Tom Roberts
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	<b>Mark Arnold and Matt Frank</b>
<b>National Champion</b>	Len and Josh Guenther

The Stein Award (Senior National Champion) shall be presented to the skipper with the best finish who is 63 years of age or older at the start of the National Championship Regatta.

**Sam Jackson**

The Ulmer Award will be presented to the member participating in their first Nationals as a skipper who finishes highest in the regatta but does not receive a position award.

**Not presented**

The Stephanie Ann Ives Memorial Trophy (Youth Award) shall be presented to that member skipper, not having reached their 21st birthday during the year the Nationals is held, who finishes highest in the regatta but does not receive a position award or the Ulmer Award for the regatta.

Not presented

The "Family Award" shall be presented to the qualifying skipper who finishes highest in the regatta but does not receive a position award, Ulmer Award or youth award. To qualify, the skipper must have at least one crewmember from another generation of their family aboard.

**Not awarded**

The "Top Woman Skipper Award" shall be presented to the female skipper finishing highest in the National Championship Regatta.

**Not awarded**

The Mobjack Systems Award shall be presented to the husband-wife team regardless of which is skipper and crew who have the best finish among husband-wife teams.

**Not awarded**

The "Long Haul Award" shall be presented to that member who trails their boat the longest distance in order to participate in the Nationals.

**Al Williamson from Knoxville, Tenn.**

The "Fleet Award" shall be presented to the fleet (other than the host fleet) which has the largest number of boats participating in the Nationals. In the case of a tie, the fleet with the highest total standing in the regatta shall be given the award.

**Broad Bay Sailing Association Fleet 10**

The "Anchor Award" shall be presented to the skipper who has the largest number of total points of all skippers completing every race. In the tradition of this award the winner is to maintain the trophy for the following year and add one piece of memorabilia or otherwise make improvements to enhance the trophy.

**Al Williamson and Tim Moody**

The Stephen McDonough Sr. Award shall be presented to the skipper who has displayed the best sportsmanship during the regatta. This shall be determined by a vote of the participating sailors.

**Al Williamson**

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