

Sunday, August 12, 2007

For immediate release:

## SAILING

48th Mobjack National Championship  
Fishing Bay Yacht Club, Deltaville. VA

Sunday August 12, 2007 the final two races were held for the 48th 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. Mark Arnold with crew Matt Franks, both of Chesapeake, VA, took a 5th and 1st place in Sunday's races to cement their lead and win the Regatta and National Championship for the second year in a row. This makes the 11th time Mark has earned the National Championship, 10 time with Matt as crew. Len and Josh Guenther of Alexandria, VA finished in second place by a mere 3 points. Meg and Tom Roberts of West Point, VA came in third followed by Jerry and Cheryl Desvernine of Glen Allen, VA and Sam Jackson and crew Sam Maddox of Essex, MD who also claimed the Senior National Champion Award. The racers enjoyed great competition and expert regatta race management by Principle Race Officer Brooks Zerkel assisted by Rick Klein, Russ and Margaret Collins, Mike Dale, Dale Mosher, Alex and Donna Alvis, Cathy Clark, Brad Miller, Blackwell Nottingham and Paul Cross. Each race consisted of a Windward-Leeward configuration with two to 5 legs sailed with each leg approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile or more in length. 11 boats competed in the three day regatta. Friday started out with a delay ashore for lack of wind, but the Race Committee managed two races using the only wind available that day. Saturday started overcast with cooler temperatures, low humidity and lots of wind and three long races. It ended with a clear sky and beautiful evening. Sunday dawned clear with light winds that challenged the racers differently but a nice sea breeze filled in to provide perfect conditions for a second race. Seven races were sailed.

Fishing Bay Yacht Club brought the Mobjacks and their 48th 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 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Regatta. The Regatta was two days of racing with Front Runners, Flying Scots, Mobjacks, Hampton One Designs, Albacores, Lasers, Laser Radials, 420s and Optimists. Sixty eight boats competed on three separate race courses. FBYC was also host to 118 boats competing in the 50<sup>th</sup> Flying Scot North American Championship earlier this summer. 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 three new ones were on display at the regatta, two racing in the regatta.

## 2007 Mobjack Nationals a.k.a. Mobjack Naty's

Series Standing - 7 races scored

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Division: Mobjack (11 boats)

Rank	Sail#	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Total	
1	505	<i>Ickinbird</i>	Mark Arnold	Matt Franks	1	2	1	1	1	[3]	1	7	BBSA
2	504	<i>Bumble Bee Monster</i>	Len Guenther	Josh Guenther	2	[3]	2	2	2	1	2	11	FBYC
3	451	<i>MobJacket</i>	Meg Roberts	Tom Roberts	3	1	3	3	3	[7]	5	18	FBYC
4	537	<i>Kashmir</i>	Jerry Desvernine	Cheryl Desvernine	4	6	5	5	[9]	2	4	26	FBYC
5	466	<i>Vanilla</i>	Sam Jackson	Sam Maddox	5	8	4	[10]	4	5	3	29	GSA
6	501	<i>Bad Dog</i>	Tom Roberts	Sam Roberts	9	5	6	4	6	6	[10]	36	FBYC
7	451	<i>Smoke Dog</i>	Tom Ward	Duncan Ward	6	4	7	7	7	[12/DNS]	8	39	PRSA
8	508	<i>Sisu</i>	Todd Stein	Morgan Lytle	7	[10]	8	6	8	4	9	42	FBYC
9	510	<i>Therapy</i>	Tara Lytle	Jim Lytle	8	7	9	8	5	[12/DNS]	6	43	FBYC
10	460	<i>Come n' About</i>	Al Williamson	Tim Moody	10	9	10	9	[12/DNF]	12/DNF	11	61	Knoxville
11	535	<i>Bob the Builder</i>	Steve McDonough	Nora Rowland	[12/DNS]	12/DNS	12/DNS	12/DNS	12/DNS	12/DNS	5	67	Los Angeles

### 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: Brook Zerkel of Fishing Bay Yacht Club- Deltaville, VA

## 2007 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	Jerry and Cheryl Desvernine
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Meg and Tom Roberts
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Len and Josh Guenther
<b>National Champion</b>	<b>Mark Arnold and Matt Frank</b>

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.

**Morgan Lytle**

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.

**Tom and Sam Roberts**

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

**Meg Roberts**

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.

**Jerry and Cheryl Desvernine**

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.

**Todd Stein and Morgan Lytle**

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.

**Tom Ward**

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