



Storm Trysail Club Chesapeake

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***Decision IV* Named 2009 IRC East Coast Champion.**

Annapolis – After 3 days and six races just 3 seconds separated Stephen Murray Jr.'s (New Orleans, LA) TP 52, ***Decision IV*** from Mike Williamson's (New Castle, NH), King 40, ***White Heat*** for the 2009 IRC East Coast Championship Overall title. *Decision IV* sailed in IRC Class 1, while *White Heat* was in IRC Class 3. Overall results are calculated on average corrected speed for each of the Class winners for the entire regatta.

Murray, who had previously raced in the 2007 IRC East Coast Championship, said “*this is a very prestigious regatta, with great race management and top-notch competition, and we really wanted to make the commitment to win it. We came to Annapolis a month before this regatta so we could race locally, tune the boat and improve our performance. I'm happy to say that effort paid off.*”

Thirty eight yachts raced in 5 classes as part of the annual IRC East Coast Championship, held October 30-November 1, 2009. Conditions ranged from 7 – 23 kts over the 3-day event, with light rain on Sunday ahead of a cold front. This event marked the ninth year it was organized by the Storm Trysail Club's Chesapeake Station and the fifth year it was run under the IRC rule. STC has been a strong advocate for IRC racing in the U.S.

In Class 1, the standings couldn't have been tighter with *Decision IV* scoring 17.5 pts vs. 18.0 pts by the US Merchant Marine Academy's (King's Point, NY), STP 65 *Vanquish* (*ex-Moneypenny*); third place went to Richard Oland's (Rothesay, New Brunswick, Canada), Southern Cross 52, *Vela Veloce* who amassed 24 pts.

Class 2 was a One-design start for six Farr 40s. Matt Beer's (Washington, DC) *Sundance* won the class over Preben Ostberg/Todd Olds/Bud Dailey's (Annapolis) *Tsunami*; third place went to Kevin McNeil's (Annapolis), *Night Shift*. Racing was very close, with 4 of the 6 boats scoring first in at least one race.

Class 3 was won by Williamson's *White Heat* on the strength of three bullets in six races; second place went to David Murphy's (Westport, CT), J-122, *Pugwash*, followed by Marc Glimcher's (New York, NY), J-122, *Catapult*.

In Class 4, Ed and Molly Freitag's (Annapolis), Beneteau 40.7, *Down Time*, won the Class, followed by Bill Sweetser's (Annapolis), J-109, *Rush*, and breaking Sweetser's multi-year dynasty in the Class; third place went to Mdsn. Jason Mazzoni (USNA-Annapolis), Navy 44, *Swift*.

Class 5 was a One design start for seven Beneteau 36.7s, with Peter Firey's (Vienna, VA), *Pegasus*, narrowly defeating Jim Keen's (Solomons, MD), *Foxtrot Corpen*, with Don Finkle's (Youngstown, NY), *KA'IO* coming in third.

(complete fleet results are attached)

2009 Storm Trysail Club - IRC East Coast Championship Results for Media Print

Place, Yacht Name, Type, Owner/Skipper, Hometown, Results, Total Points

IRC 1 (IRC - 8 Boats)

1. *Decision IV, Botin-Carkeek 52 52, Stephen Murray, New Orleans, LA, USA - 1.5, 3, 2, 2, 4, 5, ; 17.5*
2. *Vanquish, STC 65 65', USMMA Sailing Foundation Steitz, King Point, NY, USA - 12, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, ; 18*
3. *Vela Veloce, Southern Cross 52 52', Richard Oland, Rothesay, NB, CAN - 9, 1, 5, 4, 2, 3, ; 24*
4. *Anema & Core, JV 52 52', Ennio Staffini, Annapolis, MD, USA - 6, 4, 6, 6, 6, 2, ; 30*
5. *Interlodge, JV 52 52, Austin and Gwen Fragomen, Newport, RI, USA - 4.5, 6, 3, 9/DNS, 3, 6, ; 31.5*
6. *Privateer, Cookson 50 50, Ron O'Hanley, Newport, RI, USA - 7.5, 5, 7, 3, 8, 4, ; 34.5*
7. *Bella PITA, Tripp 75 Custom 75, Jim Grundy, Horsham, PA, USA - 10.5, 8, 4, 5, 5, 7, ; 39.5*
8. *Sjambok, Reichel Pugh 45 13.84, Michael Brennan, Potomac, MD, USA - 3, 7, 8, 7, 7, 8, ; 40*

IRC 2 - Farr 40 (IRC - 6 Boats)

1. *Sundance, Farr 40 40, Gary Beer, Washington, DC, USA - 1.5, 1, 2, 2, 6, 2, ; 14.5*
2. *Tsunami, Farr 40 40, Preben Ostberg / Todd Olds / Bud Dailey, Rockville, MD, USA - 6, 2, 4, 1, 4, 1, ; 18*
3. *Nightshift, Farr 40 40, Kevin McNeil, Annapolis, MD, USA - 3, 5, 1, 4, 2, 5, ; 20*
4. *Yellow Jacket, Farr 40 40, Bulman / Scholz, Annapolis, MD, USA - 7.5, 3, 3, 3, 1, 3, ; 20.5*
5. *Seawolf, Farr 40 40, Austin Van Olst, Annapolis, MD, USA - 4.5, 4, 6, 5, 5, 6, ; 30.5*
6. *Endorphan, Farr 40 40, Erik Wulff, Washington, DC, USA - 9, 6, 5, 6, 3, 4, ; 33*

IRC 3 (IRC - 10 Boats)

1. *White Heat, King 40 40, Mike Williamson, New Castle, NH, USA - 4.5, 1, 2, 3, 1, 1, ; 12.5*
2. *Pugwash, J 122 40, David Murphy, Westport, CT, USA - 3, 4, 1, 1, 3, 3, ; 15*
3. *Catapult, J 122 40', Marc Glimcher, New York, NY, USA - 1.5, 3, 5, 4, 2, 5, ; 20.5*
4. *Plum Crazy II, J 122 40, Andrew D. Skibo, Ocean City, NJ, USA - 12, 2, 3, 6, 6, 2, ; 31*
5. *Cool Breeze, Mills 43 Custom 43, John Cooper, Springfield, MO, USA - 10.5, 5, 6, 2, 4, 4, ; 31.5*
6. *Convictus Maximus, Farr 42 IRC 42 (12.75), Donald Nicholson, Scotch Plains, NJ, USA - 9, 7, 4, 5, 5, 6, ; 36*
7. *Upgrade, Farr 395 39.5, Peter and Debbie Gibbons-Neff, Rosemont, PA, USA - 6, 6, 7, 7, 8, 7, ; 41*
8. *Gall e, Beneteau First 44.7 44.11, Jean-Pierre Turgeon, St-Bernard-de-lacolle, Quebec, CAN - 7.5, 9, 8, 10, 7, 8, ; 49.5*
9. *Celeritas, Melges 32 32, Malcolm Gefter, Newport, RI, USA - 13.5, 8, 10, 8, 9, 10, ; 58.5*
10. *ESPRIT de Corps, Farr 30 30, Andrew Moore, Annapolis, MD, USA - 15, 10, 9, 9, 10, 9, ; 62*

IRC 4 (IRC - 7 Boats)

1. *DownTime, Beneteau First 40.7 39.25, Ed and Molly Freitag, Annapolis, MD, USA - 7.5, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, ; 14.5*
2. *Rush, J 109 35, Bill Sweetser, Annapolis, MD, USA - 1.5, 5, 4, 2, 2, 2, ; 16.5*
3. *SWIFT, Navy 44 MkI 44, Jason Mazzoni, Annapolis, MD, USA - 6, 1, 1, 5, 5, 4, ; 22*
4. *Kalevala II, Grand Soleil 37 B&C 37, Tapio Saavalainen, Washington, DC, USA - 3, 6, 5, 7, 3, 3, ; 27*
5. *Saykadoo, J 109 35, Stephen McManus, Severna Park, MD, USA - 4.5, 4, 6, 4, 6, 5, ; 29.5*
6. *Overlap, Beneteau First 40.7 39.25, Andrew Roberts, Moorestown, NJ, USA - 9, 3, 3, 3, 7, 6, ; 31*
7. *the JackAL, Beneteau First 40.7 40, John DeFilippo, West Chester, PA, USA - 10.5, 8/DNF, 7, 6, 4, 7, ; 42.5*

IRC 5 - Beneteau 36.7 (IRC - 7 Boats)

1. *Pegasus, Beneteau First 36.7 36, Peter Firey, Vienna, VA, USA - 1.5, 3, 4, 1, 3, 2, ; 14.5*
2. *Foxtrot Corpen, Beneteau First 36.7 36, James Keen, Solomons, MD, USA - 3, 6, 1, 3, 2, 1, ; 16*
3. *KA'IO, Beneteau First 36.7 36, Don Finkle, Youngstown, NY, USA - 7.5, 1, 2, 2, 1, 6, ; 19.5*
4. *Jubilee, Beneteau First 36.7 36, Keith Mayes, Tracys Landing, MD, USA - 4.5, 2, 3, 4, 4, 4, ; 21.5*
5. *Team Aegis, Beneteau First 36.7 36, James Kershaw, Leesburg, VA, USA - 10.5, 4, 6, 6, 7, 3, ; 36.5*
6. *Shock Wave, Beneteau First 36.7 36, Jeffrey Caruso, Crofton, MD, USA - 9, 5, 5, 7, 6, 5, ; 37*
7. *First Look, Beneteau first 36.7 36, Bruce Kissal, Tracys Landing, MD, USA - 6, 7, 7, 5, 5, 7, ; 37*