

1998 3rd Women's World Championship



Barbara Giacometti and Chiara Calligaris of Italy with boat owner Mike Mergenthaler.

better pressure so the boats that generally favored the right prevailed. The breeze ranged in speed from 5 to perhaps 10 knots, but generally in the 5-8 knot range. Luckily this light air is occurring during the week, so the chop on the bay is not as brutal as it can be on a hot, sunny Sunday in August. In second throughout the race was Jennifer Lovell from New Orleans sailing with her former College crew Annapolitan Molly Alexander. Kimie Isobe and Yoshimi Matsuura of Japan, kept up their light air consistency adding a third place to their tally. The two Russian Teams of Svetlana Maliouk/Svetlana Kitchik and Ekaterina Skoudina/Tatiana Lartseva were also consistent finishing 4 and 5.

Skoudina/Lartseva were looking solid with a 5,1,1,5 while several other competitors were hoping for two races the next day so that a race can be discarded. The drop race would certainly benefit Isobe/Matsuura and Maliouk/Kitchik while not affecting the local team of Lorie Stout and Liz

Filter, who would remain in 3rd place overall.

After the breeze clocked around to about 120 by the end of the race, it lightened so much the RC raised the AP flag to await a more sailable breeze. Around 3 pm the breeze filled back in from the north east and the second race was started. Alas, it was not to be as the race was abandoned about the time the first boat ghosted into the vicinity of the weather mark. The fleet was rounded up by the RC and spectator boats

and the last could be used as their drop race.

The last race found Newman-Cronin/Biehl leading the entire race with Pam Kelly/Michele Bustamante closing in on the final beat. A great tacking duel ensued to the finish, entertaining the fleet and spectators to a close finish. In the end, Pam Kelly/Michele Bustamante of Coconut Grove, FL and Durham, NC squeaked out a win over Carol Newman-Cronin/Jerelyn Biehl to capture second overall with 29.75 points; The third spot went to Jennifer Lovell/Molly Alexander with 30 points. Newman-Cronin/Biehl discarded a 12th in race 6 to end up 4th while the great day of a 1,1,5 for Pline/Eldridge moved them up to 5th overall.

—Alex Pline

and towed in for some well deserved beers! As is always the case the 10-15 knot NE predicted breeze came in at about 5:30 during the second beer.

Day Four: Beautiful Sailing! Finally, we had the quintessential Annapolis fall sailing day. Moderate temperatures, 10-12 knot southerly and thin sunlight. Annapolis locals Lisa Pline and Sherry Eldridge were on fire, getting out of the blocks in the first two races and leading at every mark.

Nonetheless, the final results for places 2-6 were not decided until the third race of the day (seven and final for the series) as the point spread between 2 and 6 was only 2.5 points. It was up for grabs.

First place, however was a different story. The young Russian Team (17 and 16) of Ekaterina Skoudina/Tatiana Lartseva had a 3,4 in the first two races to sew up the top spot with 18.5 points as



Virginia Marino and Alexandra Williman of Uruguay attended the 3rd Women's Worlds with Virginia's sisters Paula and Monica, competitors in the past 2 Women's Worlds.

The entire group of women's competitors look forward to Italy in 2000, where SCIRA will hold the 4th Women's World Championship. Ciao!

Skipper/Crew	Country	Sail #	Finishes	Total
1. Ekaterina Skoudina/Tatiana Lartseva	Russia	29480	5-1-1-5-3-4-(18)	18.50
2. Pam Kelly/Michele Bustamante	USA	27872	(16)-3-6-13-5-2-1	29.75
3. Jennifer Lovell/Molly Alexander	USA	28214	9-(16)-9-2-2-5-3	30.00
4. Carol Newman Cronin/Jerelyn Biehl	USA	28142	1-8-8-6-7-(12)-2	31.75
5. Lisa Pline/Sherry Eldridge	USA	29147	4-13-(16)-12-1-1-5	35.50
6. Svetlana Maliouk/Svetlana Kitchik	Russia	29490	6-(ret)-4-4-4-9-11	38.00
7. Lorie Stout/Liz Filter	USA	28702	3-2-14-8-14-6-(19)	47.00
8. Carolyn Brown/Michele Morpew	USA	28955	(10)-10-3-9-10-8-10	50.00
9. Bonnie Shope/Lisa Griffith	USA	29204	2-(19)-15-18-6-10-4	55.00
10. Paula/Monica Marino	Uruguay	22777	11-5-(22)-7-13-3-17	56.00
11. Joni Palmer-Gauthier/Laura Jeffers	USA	28728	14-4-11-1-(24)-16-16	61.75
12. Liz/Sara Potter	USA	29369	12-(28)-5-10-15-13-7	62.00
13. Marit Ljunggren/Sara Back	Sweden	29421	(20)-15-10-16-9-7-8	65.00
14. Kimie Isobe/Yoshimi Matsuura	Japan	28792	cnf-6-2-3-(ocs)-15-12	69.00
15. Barbara Giacometti/Chiara Calligaris	Italy	29189	7-(23)-12-17-12-19-13	80.00
16. Rie Kimura/Tomomi Ryoken	Japan	27851	18-12-24-(28)-8-14-6	82.00
17. Jennifer Rousmaniere/Liz Brook	USA	25412	(25)-11-17-11-18-17-14	88.00
18. Rowena Carlson/Karen Butler	USA	28880	13-(27)-19-14-19-11-25	101.00
19. Kazue Yamada/Junko Takano	Japan	29063	17-25-7-15-16-(26)-22	102.00
20. Gweneth Crook/Monique Gaylor	Canada	25843	8-(30)-21-23-17-18-20	107.00
21. Sherry Welch/Laura Bryant	USA	29400	22-9-13-20-20-24-(29)	108.00
22. Karen Long/Sandy Malakis	USA	26382	15-21-(27)-27-21-20-15	119.00
23. Cecilie/Monica Irgens	Switzerland	28470	26-18-23-(31)-28-23-9	127.00
24. Margaret Podlich/Kim Couranz	USA	25483	23-(29)-26-22-11-21-27	130.00
25. Barbara Foot/Coyne	USA	27734	19-24-(28)-21-22-22-23	131.00
26. Nancy Shriver/Mindy Koblenzer	USA	26832	21-7-25-26-26-(30)-26	131.00
27. Gwenola Buhour/Elise Grebault	France	29002	(ret)-14-18-20-20-27-21	138.00
28. Virginia Marino/Alexandra Williman	Uruguay	24639	dnf-22-(ret)-19-23-25-24	143.00
29. Janet Callison/Ellen Bartz	USA	27092	(dnf)-26-20-25-25-29-28	153.00
30. Lori Lowe/Melitta King	Bahamas	25235	27-17-29-24-(dnc)-dnc-dnc	159.00
31. Kuniko Yamada/Mayuko Arai	Japan	28577	(ocs)-20-30-30-27-28-30	165.00