

Penguin Internationals in Oxford

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John MacCausland and daughter Erin topped a competitive 30 boat fleet to win the International Penguin Class championship, hosted by the Tred Avon YC in Oxford August 20-22. The light to moderate westerlies, with major shifts to the north and south, posed a challenge to the 30-boat fleet, as leaders in one race often found themselves at the back of the pack in the next.

nizer (due to the first-class job done by the TAYC staff and especially club manager Vicky Van Loo) and finished seventh overall and took honors as the first classic Penguin. Eleven of the boats were in the classic category.

High School sailor Kevin White (Severna Park, MD) sailed an impressive series to win the Junior International Championship against some talented competi-



Ryan Lynch and Kevin White were the event's top junior sailors, winning a race and finishing 11th overall.

duo. John and Erin MacCausland won the overall parent-child award, while John Wright and daughter Laura were the first parent-child team in a classic Penguin. The MacCauslands were also awarded the Lawson Memorial Trophy as the top family team, dedicated by the class in memory of the late Walter Lawson, who won the first three Penguin championships in 1941, 1945, and 1946. Judi and Bill Lawson, two of Walt and Dottie Lawson's children, were on hand for the award.



Penguin sailors in Oxford included Leigh Campbell, Ali Van Loo, Max McAllister, and Rose Balderson.

Annapolis-based sailor Jonathan Bartlett and daughter Annie sailed a consistent series to take second over Chicago sailors Steve Lavender and Dick Tennerstedt, who finished third and fourth, respectively. Past International champions Bud and Sue Dailey came back from a disastrous first day, dropping from second to 14th in race 1 as the wind filled in from behind, while reversing directions several times, to finish fifth overall. Terry Barnes sailing with super crew and North Sails designer John Thompson finished sixth and won the final race. Barnes had the lowest cumulative score in the last four races and was also the top female skipper of the seven who competed.

David Cox was able to "defocus" from his responsibilities as a regatta orga-

nizer. Kevin also showed the seniors life will be an up and coming force to reckon with, by winning the fifth race and finishing 11th overall. The five junior teams are competing considerably more than in recent years which bodes well for the future of the class.

The current growth area in the class, and represented by nine of the teams competing, is the parent-child



Penguin Champs Erin and John MacCausland

2001 Penguin Internationals

1. John/Erin MacCausland CRYC 1-1-6-1-(9)-4-7 20 pts.
2. Jonathan/Annie Bartlett AYC 3-3-4-3-6-(13)-11 30
3. Steve Lavender/Sue Mailton Skokie 11-(20)-1-4-2-3-10 31
4. Dick Tennerstedt/Diane Hunt Skokie 2-9-3-7-11-5-(22) 37
5. Bud/Sue Dailey PRSA 14-(18)-7-2-7-11-8 39
6. Teresa Barnes/John Thompson ESSA 12-12-(DNS)-10-4-2-1 41
7. David Cox/Susie Hopkins TAYC 9-5-14-5-3-(25)-6 42
8. Aaron Serinis/Missy Maule 4-4-12-13-(21)-7-5 45
9. Sandy Rapp/Marilyn Rapp Skokie 16-2-18-9-5-(21)-3 53
10. Sandy/Max McAllister TAYC 10-(15)-13-8-10-6-9 56

The regatta benefited from a \$1000 grant from CBYRA that helped defray the cost of trophies and also subsidized regatta favors for the contestants. The Protest Committee, chaired by Ed Barbehenn, was ready to take on all comers, but was not needed, as the Penguins are indeed most amiable and non-belligerent birds.