



Edgartown Junior Regatta Report

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Sailors arrived at Chappaquiddick early Thursday morning with sails in tow, eager to line up against the competitive 95-boat fleet. After a frantic shuttle back-and-forth to the main island for the Competitors' Meeting, the kids launched off the picturesque Chappy Beach to start their day.

Conditions proved to be tough, with a light and variable northeastern breeze and a strong ebbing tide. Buzzards' sailors were not defeated, and managed to keep their boats moving fast throughout the day. After a few abandoned races and some painfully long downwind legs, we ended the day with high hopes for wind the rest of the regatta.

Day two started out promising, with winds from the southwest at 8-10 knots, the sailors were ready for a new day with new conditions. Upon arrival at the racecourse, however, we found that the breeze was not holding, and had to restore the boats back to light-air settings. Oscillating shifts kept the sailors on their toes for the rest of the day.

The final day of racing greeted sailors with another false assurance of nice breeze and steady conditions. By the start of the first race, the consistent 10-12 knots had died to a wimpy three knots. Shortly after the start, conditions were not optimal for racing, and the race was abandoned. The boats continued drifting under postponement until the breeze finally filled in around 12:30. Two races were sailed in the 10-knot thermal before the cutoff time at 2:00pm.

Leading the Buzzards bandwagon were Allyson Plessner and Marla Seaver who sailed into a very respectable 34th place, followed by Wesley Bright and James Shannon, Maddy Sperling and Harry Shea, Ian Coyne and Peter Newstein, and Erin Coyne and Cicely Dahn.

Results can be found on the 420 board outside of the clubhouse, or online at edgartownyc.org under the Annual Regatta racing tab.