

Regatta Report: District Doublehanded Championship

April 20-22, 2007

Congratulations to WSC's high school sailors from Lincoln and St Marys Academy for an awesome performance at the NWISA District Championship April 20-22 in Poulsbo, WA. In their first appearance in a championship regatta, both teams finished in the top five, with the boys (Lincoln) edging out the girls (St Marys) in just the last two races. The winner, Bainbridge Island, will represent the northwest district in the national high school championship later this month in Long Beach, CA.

The WSC group consisted of nine sailors backed up by a loyal support team of parents, coaches, friends, and dogs. WSC can be very proud of these kids, who displayed a lot of class on and off the water. Every WSC team won at least one race, with the Lincoln B team of Aegir Olson and Mike Mayer winning three! Lincoln's A team, Casey Tane and Kyle Murphy, came on strong at the end with 2-2-1 finishes to nip St Marys for 4th place overall. WSC's top performer of the weekend, though, turned out to be St Mary's Monica Mader and Liza Holtz, who sailed a very consistent regatta to finish 3rd in B division.

Look for these names on future All-American sailor lists:

Lincoln High School: Casey Tane (A skipper), Aegir Olson (B skipper), Kyle Murphy (crew), Mike Mayer (crew), Zac Carman (crew)

St Marys Academy: Nicole Carman (A skipper), Monica Mader (B skipper), Liza Holtz (crew), Risa Reichelt (crew)

Thanks to coaches George Yioulos and Bill Symes and parents Susan Watt, Rose Burris, LauraLee Symes, and Dana Olson for serving as drivers, chaperones, counselors, and cheerleaders (especially Susan and Rose, who slept on the gym floor with the kids!). For photos and complete results, check out the WSC High School Sailing page at <http://www.willamettesailingclub.com/highschool/index.html>.

Bill Symes