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Greetings to the J/105 Class members from your new Class Administrators, Chris and Julie Howell! Since starting our duties following the Annual Meeting last October, we have enjoyed meeting many of you—either in person or by phone or e-mail. Thank you all for bearing with us as we learn the ropes of the J/105 administrative functions. We would also like to extend our deepest appreciation to Nelson Weideman, who steered the Class superbly for so many years. He continues to guide us behind the scenes as we travel through our first year. Thank you Nelson!

In January, we made our first ever trip to Key West for the J/105 Midwinter Championship. No one told us about all those chickens wandering the streets! We also had not been familiar with Duvall Street, but we are now! Making the trip from Cleveland, Ohio where the temperature was seven degrees below zero, we were delighted to step off the plane in warmth and sunshine. After two days of conducting boat inspections for the J/105 Fleet, we became even more accustomed to the Class procedures, and of course took much pleasure in getting to meet the competitors. Jeff Johnstone at J/Boats was out on the water obtaining lots of great video of our Class during the event and opened his hospitality tent to all

J/Boats sailors. Although the regatta turnout was down from previous years, the conditions allowed for ten races. Congratulations to Brian Keane and his team on SAVASANA for their victory in our fleet!

We hope to see many more of you throughout the summer sailing season, and certainly at the J/105 North American Championship at AmericanYachtClub this fall. In the meantime, you may always contact us via e-mail (howell@j105.org) or phone (440-796-3100) or fax (216-916-4840). We welcome your comments, website/newsletter content, and suggestions for our weekly web poll.

Happy sailing!

-Chris & Julie Howell



An Even Dozen in Key West



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The crystal waters of Key West show behind the tight fleet of 105's.

A star-studded fleet of sailors descended upon the Conch Republic for the 22nd edition of Acura Key West Race Week.

While total entries were down from previous years, event director Peter Craig said the level of participation was really quite remarkable considering the economy.

"Key West traditionally attracts top tier programs and this year is no exception," said Craig, president of Premiere Racing. "Given the global economic issues, it's extremely gratifying to see the number and quality of programs."

The first day got underway in ideal conditions with strong westerly winds, allowing organizers to hold two races. An ominous squall put a brief

damper on the proceedings, but moved through quickly and allowed the action to continue under sunny skies.

"It was Chamber of Commerce type of weather out there today. We had picture-perfect conditions, which is always a great way to start," said Dave Brennan, principal race officer for the twelve boat J/105 fleet.

A consistent 15-20 knot north-northwesterly enabled the fleet to enjoy two great races again on Tuesday. With four-time defending champion MASQUERADE not competing this year, the J/105 class saw a new leader every day. Damian Emery on ECLIPSE posted a 2,1 the first day to take the lead.

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About the Photographer

When we need great photos of J/105's the first guy we ask is Tim Wilkes, and he never lets us down. In the more than 20 years that he's been shooting, Tim Wilkes has cut his teeth primarily in architectural and sailing photography. He has photographed the world's most prestigious regattas and is the official photographer of Key West Race Week, Miami Grand Prix, and Block Island Race Week.

"Boats are all about design, aerodynamics and beauty. It's all



a process of discovery. No matter how many times you cover a sailing event, something unexpected always happens. Change keeps it interesting. All I ask is that the experience stays new. When it isn't anymore, I'll hang up my camera and take to the bottle."

Tim Wilkes is published in magazines in more than 20 countries worldwide. He lives in Rochester, New York. Check out Tim's easy to search site full of great photos:

www.timwilkes.com

Key West Dozen

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The race to hoist at a crowded weather mark rounding.

Like the rest of the group, Emery was disappointed to learn of MASQUERADE's absence. "We always like to face the best competition so we miss them. Fortunately, there are still some very good boats out there."

Brian Keane's SAVASANA took the top spot after two days of racing. Wednesday it was all MAX POWER; Gerrit Schulze's team won both races in a shifty 12-18 knot northeaster to take over first place.

"Today our tactician had the course figured out from a global perspective. We wanted to start at the pin end and go toward the beach as far as possible. We were able to accomplish that goal and didn't get engaged with any one competitor," said Schulze, whose brother Stefan served as team strategist.

On Thursday, ECLIPSE came out on top thanks to a first and a second. But a second in the last race on Friday gave SAVASANA the

last laugh of the week after a tough series. "We had extremely competitive racing all week long," said SAVASANA crew member Michael Lague. Friday's close racing earned the class Acura Boat of the Day honors, with Pat Eudy's BIG BOOTY (Charleston, SC) winning the day to move up to fourth overall.

Premiere Racing president Peter Craig said that plans for Acura Key West 2010 are already underway. It will be held no matter what transpires with the economy and entries.

"This week was typical of the reliable wind conditions we get here. Ten races over five days is one of the main reasons why sailors come to Key West. They know they are going to go racing every day," Craig said. "To end on a picture-perfect day with solid breeze, not a cloud in the sky and the weather warming up was very fitting."



A clean start was the key to the consistency needed in the ten race series.

J/105 CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA 2009

SEPTEMBER 17-20
MENTOR HARBOR
YACHTING CLUB



The first J/105 Great Lakes Championship (GLC) occurred in September 2008 on Lake St. Clair. The J/105 Class Association wanted to create a new event that would showcase the Great Lakes, the largest chain of freshwater lakes on earth.

The inaugural event was hosted at the beautiful Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in Detroit, MI, and was attended by fifteen yachts. The conditions were uncharacteristically light for September, but weather aside, the racing was demanding and highly competitive. Fifteen championship-worthy yachts on the starting line for all 11 of the well-managed races during the three-day period made the travel well worth the effort. At the completion, C-JEM from Bayview Yacht Club was the overall winner.

In 2009, the J/105 Great Lakes Championship is moving eastward. There has also been a slight change of timing to better fit the schedules of other racing events. From September 17-20, the Mentor Harbor Yachting Club in Mentor, OH, will be hosting this year's event. The yacht club is located on the southern shore of Lake Erie and is eagerly awaiting the opportunity to host J/105 sailors. Contact can be made with the organizers on the club website where event and registration information will be posted.

If you have never sailed on Lake Erie, the conditions can be challenging. The lake has an average depth of 62 feet. When the winds pick up, the sharp wave patterns that develop will require that the skipper and crew immediately make adjustments to

sailing tactics to stay competitive. The water temperature of Lake Erie in September is typically 70 degrees. This relatively warm temperature extends the sailing season well into the fall. It can even allow for jumping into the water to check the condition of the boat bottom. The benefits and challenges of Lake Erie are just another of the aspects that will contribute to the outcome of this event.

The event organizers are working hard to keep the entry costs as low as possible, while still conducting a first class event. Any financial proceeds that are generated will be donated to the Mentor Harbor Youth Sailing Association, Inc. Plan to join us!

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This year's J/105 North American Championship will be held at one of the greatest sailing venues in the United States—Western Long Island Sound. We expect more than 50 boats on the line! There are over 30 J/105s in Western Long Island Sound alone and many more in the adjoining waters from New York Harbor and Northern New Jersey to Rhode Island and Massachusetts. We already have boats registered from as far away as Bermuda!

American Yacht Club is one of the oldest yacht clubs in the country and has

organized many national and world championships in the past. The club runs over 80 race days each year. According to Gary Jobson, October and November are the best months for sailing in Long Island Sound. The weather will be cool (highs in the 50s and 60s, global warming permitting), but the winds will be anywhere from the single digits to the high twenties. Over a four-day regatta, we can expect conditions to range from light and shifty to solid 20s or even thirties, with J/105s on a full plane on the downwind legs. This will be true test of the overall ability of sailors.

If you bring your boat to the area in September, you will have a long series of regatta weekends to get your team ready for the NAs. The fall sailing season starts with the Larchmont NOOD in early September, which is the Long Island Championship for the J/105s. Larchmont Yacht Club is next door to AYC and racing is in the same area where the NAs will be held. A traveling trophy in the form of a half-model J/105 awaits the winner of this regatta. In late September and early October, the AYC Fall Series is a two-weekend, four-day series

that usually sees 20 or more J/105s on the line.

If you can't make it quite that early, the Manhasset Fall Series in mid-October will be the final warm-up for the NAs. This great regatta, which has some breezy days, runs four days over two weekends and is sailed in the same general area as the NAs.

The organizing committee has been busy to make this regatta a memorable experience for J/105 owners and their teams. There will be a professional PRO. Daily coffee and doughnuts before, and hearty hors d'oeuvres after, sailing will be available. There will even be a Halloween party! The AYC bar and the regatta tent will be a great place to hang out after sailing, and Rye and its surrounding areas have a number of great restaurants. New York City is just 40 minutes away by train. In a Northwester, the New York City skyline will seem just a couple of miles away. In a strong Northeaster, boats will be surfing the long rollers. If it's light and shifty, you will need all your skills as well. It will be a great regatta...not to be missed!

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OCTOBER 29–NOVEMBER 1
AMERICAN YACHT CLUB
RYE, NEW YORK

WINGS Wins NOOD



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Sunday's uncharacteristically big breeze and waves made starting a challenge.

After finishing second in 2008, Dennis and Sharon Case not only beat the eighteen other J/105's at the 2009 San Diego NOOD – they won the whole thing.

The Cases have been sailing together since before they were married twenty-two years ago. Trimmers Jim Dorsey and Dave Loysen have been sailing with them for sixteen years. Bob Capita and Dan Aeling are considered “new” to the team, since they’ve sailed on WINGS less than five years. With three second places and no finish worse than fourth, WINGS beat Gary Mozer’s second place CURRENT OBSESSION2 by 9 points over the five race series. Thomas Hurlburt’s TRIPLE PLAY was third.

Dennis Case, a semi-retired real estate investor from San Diego, has owned WINGS since 2002. Thanks to a consistent team, he and Sharon have won the San Diego NOOD five

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times, but they have never won the overall trophy before. This qualifies them for five days racing and cruising on a Sunsail 39 in the British Virgin Islands, against the overall winners of the other seven NOOD regattas during the year.

After a light and shifty Saturday, Sunday's conditions (20-25 knots and rain) tested many of the teams. According to Sharon, “There were a few roundups next to us and in front of us. The crew settled down and we got the boat moving and it worked well.” Although half the fleet chose to go wing-on-wing rather than set on the windier downwind legs, WINGS set on every leg, which (as Dennis put it) “worked.” They posted a 2,1 on Sunday, sealing their victory. As Dennis later told Sailing World editor Stuart Streuli, “When you’ve got a good crew that shows when it gets a little more demanding.”

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For more info about the NOOD events, visit sailingworld.com



J/Fest

John Horsch from Oakland, CA led his team on BUSINESS SOCKS to victory in the J/105 Division at J/ Fest in San Francisco. Held April 4-5 at the St. Francis Yacht Club, three races were completed, with Horsch finishing at thirteen overall points. Horsch summarized the event: "The conditions were very un-San Francisco-like (lighter breeze). And Sunday's race required some creative course management, as the wind was perpendicular to a four knot ebb tide." He thanked his crew of Logan Jager, Mike Kennedy, Abby Swann, Courtney Smith and Jay Palace.

Adam Spiegel on JAM SESSION came in second with 15 points, followed by Scooter Simmons on BLACKHAWK who also had 15 points. The Class welcomed 24 boats for the weekend of racing. None of the top three scored a bullet in the regatta, but proved consistent over the trio of races. The three race winners were Bruce Stone on ARBITRAGE, the Mullen Family on CUCHULAINN and Rolf Kaiser on DONKEY JACK.

Photos from J/Fest 2009

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2009 NOOD

St. Petersburg, FL

1. WASABI	Rosen/Marks	6
2. ANOTHER HAZARD	Chappell	12
3. ECLIPSE	Emery	30T
4. GUMPTION3	Grainger	30T

San Diego, CA

1. WINGS	Dennis & Sharon Case	11
2. CURRENT OBSESSION2	Gary Mozer	20
3. TRIPLE PLAY	Thomas Hurlburt	30
4. BENNET GREENWALD	Perseverance	31
5. SANITY	Rick Goebel	32
6. INVISIBLE	Jay Janov	33
7. ROCK & ROLL	Bernard Girod	33
8. GRACE O'MALLEY	Alice Leahey	39
9. JAVELIN	Doug & Pam Werner	40
10. PHOLLY	Bill Logan	41
11. AIR BOSS	Jon Dekker	50
12. BLINK!	John Stephen Howell	54
13. CREATIVE	Ed Sanford	58
14. ZUNI BEAR	Richard Bergmann	70
15. SPEEDPLAY	Michael O'Connell	75
16. VAMOOSE	Eugene Helsel	81
17. KEMOSABE	Scott & Suzi Morris	87
18. JET STREAM	Larry Boline	89
19. OFF THE PORCH	Scott McDaniel	89

2009 Acura Key West

1. SAVASANA	B. Keane	Marion, MA	26
2. ECLIPSE	D. Emery	Mount Sinai, NY	29
3. MAX POWER	G. Schulze	Cape May, NJ	30
4. BIG BOOTY	P. Eudy	Charleston, SC	48
5. TENACIOUS	C. Gitchell	Annapolis, MD	59
6. ANOTHER HZRD	S. Simmons	San Francisco, CA	61
7. RUM AT SIX	W. Harris	Beaufort, NC	73
8. ROCK & ROLL	B. Girod	Santa Barbara, CA	83
9. DISTANT PASSION	J. Macdonald	Hamilton, BER	89
10. WASABI	Rosen/Marks	Clearwater, FL	91
11. STINGER	J B Bednar	Kemah, TX	101
12. CARESS	J. Weglarz	Chicago, IL	102

2009 Calendar

April

16-19	Charleston Race Week	Charleston, SC	Fleet #11
19-24	Bermuda Int'l Race Week	Bermuda	Fleet #21
24-26	Annapolis NOOD	Annapolis, MD	Sailing World/Fleet #3

May

15-17	Seattle NOOD	Seattle, WA	Sailing World/Fleet #20
29-31	Detroit NOOD	Detroit, MI	Sailing World/Fleet #18
30-31	Sprit Fest Regatta	Sag Harbor, NY	Bruce Tait

June

19-21	Chicago NOOD	Chicago, IL	Sailing World/Fleet #5
22-26	Block Island Race Week	Block Island, RI	Fleet #14
26-28	Long Beach Race Week	Long Beach, CA	Fleet #8

July

23-26	Marblehead NOOD	Marblehead, MA	Sailing World/Fleet #2
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August

22-23	SoCal Champs	Long Beach, CA	Chuck Driscoll
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September

10-13	Rolex Big Boat Series	San Francisco, CA	St. Francis YC/Fleet #1
12-13	Larchmont NOOD	Larchmont, NY	Sailing World/Fleet #6
18-20	Great Lakes Championship	Mentor, OH	Fleet #22
25-27	Houston NOOD	Seabrook, TX	Sailing World/Fleet #17

October

29-Nov 1	North American Championship	Larchmont, NY	Fleet #6
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Jan 18-22, 2010

Acura Key West Race Week	Key West, FL	Premiere Racing
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2009 North Americans



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American Yacht Club Rye, New York October 29th - November 1st

About AYC and Western Long Island Sound

- AYC is located on the tip of a peninsula, overlooking Western Long Island Sound with the New York City Skyline in the background.
- AYC is 25 miles from New York City, 40 minutes by train.
- Nearby, there are numerous hotels and fine restaurants.
- AYC has several new large docks to load and unload J/105s.
- AYC has excellent facilities to handle a large regatta - AYC ran 84 race days in 2008, including our annual Spring and Fall Regattas, each over two weekends, attracting over 100 boats racing in 10 - 12 divisions on two circles, with 90+ starts.

The Weather

- October and November are among the best months for sailing in Long Island Sound.
- Typical race area weather statistics for regatta dates: Air temperature average high 60 degrees F; wind speed mean of 10.8 kn with a standard deviation of 4.8 kn.
- Wind speeds of 20 - 30 kn and beyond can be expected on frontal boundaries.
- This will be a true test of the sailors!

Warm-Up Regattas

- Currently there are over 50 J/105s in Western Long Island Sound
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- In mid October, Manhasset Bay Fall Series will be a great warm-up for the North American Championship. The regatta runs over two weekends and is sailed in the same general area where the North American Championship will be sailed.

Follow On Regattas

- Key West Race Week and the Southern Circuit Regattas will follow starting in January 2010.

Register today!

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Photographer Tim Wilkes caught a tight pack of 105's at Acura Key West Race Week in January.
Full story and more great photos inside. www.timwilkes.com

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