

Buzzards Bay Regatta daily wrap up 8-6-11

South Dartmouth, MA

The call for more wind was answered on Saturday as racing got underway promptly at 10:30 in the morning among cloudy skies with wind speeds in the upper teens. A stark contrast from the forecast of light winds from the Northwest, the Southwesterly breeze stayed constant throughout the day and allowed the 11 classes in 4 racing circles competing in this year's regatta to complete as many as 6 races before returning the docks at the New Bedford Yacht Club in South Dartmouth for much needed refreshment. Many racers who came from around the country hoping for the renowned big breeze and seas of Buzzards Bay were not disappointed.

The advent of higher winds shuffled the finish order of many classes in the event. The lone competitor remaining undefeated throughout the racing is Tyler Moore of Cape Cod in the 505 class with dominant performance in his 16 boat fleet. Other racers posting impressive scores include Tom Rich representing the New York Yacht Club on Settler in the PHRF 1 Racing fleet and NBYC's Ryan Walsh in J-24. Canadian Hank Lammens took control of the Etchells fleet with 5 wins in 8 races finishing no worse than second in the remaining races. "We had hoped the racing would be in heavy air and in the big swells offshore, but they set the course a bit closer to the harbor," said Lammens after Saturday's racing. Etchells and 505 fleets are competing for East Coast Championship honors at this year's BBR.

Daniel DeBello of the American Yacht Club in Rye NY holds a 3 point lead in the Laser Class while Nick Valente sits atop the Laser Radial fleet of over 70 boats.

Racing resumes today in the waters off Padanaram and Clark's Cove with first racing at 10:30. For complete results and information go to www.buzzardsbayregatta.com