

Kaukeinen Takes NE Regional #1 at Barrington

The big sea breezes one would expect during a hot June weekend never materialized, but that didn't stop New York's Doug Kaukeinen from mastering the tricky conditions to win the New England Barrington Regional on June 6-7, 2008.

Kaukeinen, who says he prefers heavy air, won three of the seven races, leading the regatta from the first leg. Sailed in a light southerly, Kaukeinen defeated a deep field of 32 sailors.

Despite taking control of the regatta early on, Kaukeinen's victory was far from easy. Entering the final race he held a one-point lead over Massachusetts' Andy David, who never won a race, but was the most consistent sailor in the fleet through six races with three seconds and three sixths. The final race changed a lot, however. David, along with three other racers, were "black flagged" for crossing the line too soon, while Kaukeinen put an exclamation mark on the championship by winning the final race.

David's mistake opened the door for the also-consistent Mark May (NY) to take second with David dropping to third. The top five was rounded out by Drew Staniar (MA) and Judy Gesner (NY). Curt Charles took the top junior trophy, while David, a Rhode Island native, won the award for top sailor from Narragansett Bay.

PRO Scott Walker and race chairman Bruce Morris and all of their assistants did a great job dealing with the up-and-down winds. As always, the Barrington Yacht Club were great hosts in their 39th year hosting the Regionals.

Full Results:

Rank	Name	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Total	Net
1st	D. Kaukeinen	1	-7	4	1	7	3	1	24	17
2nd	Mark May	7	-12	5	3	2	4	2	35	23
3rd	Andy David *	2	6	2	2	6	6	33%	57	24
4th	Drew Staniar	4	1	11	-16	9	1	11	53	37
5th	Judy Gesner	8	10	1	-14	1	12	5	51	37
6th	Ken Charles	-15	3	6	9	10	2	9	54	39
7th	Alan Beckwith	10	16	3	7	-27	5	7	75	48
8th	Bill Brangiforte	12	5	8	6	-20	15	6	72	52
9th	S. Greenbaum	3	2	17	-19	4	9	18	72	53
10th	Brian McGinnis	9	15	9	4	8	-16	8	69	53
11th	Mark Weider	17	8	7	11	-22	10	4	79	57
12th	Dave Davies	-21	19	15	10	5	11	3	84	63
13th	Lee Montes	6	13	12	12	11	-18	13	85	67
14th	John Skrzypiec	5	4	10	8	31	14	33%	105	72
15th	Bill McInnis	20	14	20	5	3	21	33%	116	83
16th	Eric Woodman	13	23	18	17	-26	7	12	116	90
17th	Lee Parks	19	22	-30	13	13	8	15	120	90
18th	Mike Fortner	11	17	-26	22	23	13	10	122	96
19th	Kurt Charles**	18	11	19	18	19	20	-21	126	105

20th	Paul Odegaard	16	21	24	-30	18	22	16	147	117
21st	Mary Charles	-27	27	22	21	14	17	17	145	118
22nd	Gordy Geick	14	28	16	27	15	23	33%	156	123
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23rd	John Condon	29	18	13	15	17	33	33	158	125
24th	Rapid Buttner	23	26	25	-29	12	26	14	155	126
25th	John Williams	28	9	21	23	-29	27	23	160	131
26th	Les Johnston	-30	25	14	20	28	25	20	162	132
27th	Paul Dierze	22	24	-31	25	16	24	22	164	133
28th	G. Mensel	25	-30	27	26	24	19	19	170	140
29th	David Abel	26	20	23	24	21	#33	#33	180	147
30th	Bob Perry	-31	29	29	28	30	28	24	199	168
31st	# 80604	-32	32	28	32	25	29	25	203	171
32nd	Pete Beckwith	24	31	32	31	#33	30	26	207	174

* Top Narragansett Bay
sailor

** Top Junior

% black flag

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- submitted by Eric Woodman