

Beatty moves into Circuit lead

Learning the new racing rules was not the main factor in Ash Beatty's win in the Spring Regatta, but it certainly did not hurt. Todd Edwards and Bishop Stieffel both tried port layline approaches with Ash coming in on Starboard and both times ended up losing boats doing 720's. Ash's consistent top fives in varying conditions were what put him over the top for his first victory on Mobile Bay after several runner-up finishes there. The victory puts Ash one point ahead of Bishop Stieffel in the Circuit.

Todd had a one point lead going into Sunday with scores of 1,2,3 for the second Circuit event in a row, and for the second time lost it on Sunday. Maybe a different approach should be considered... Zane Yoder came back in the last two races with a 2,2 to tie with Bishop and take the third spot while Kevin Northrup's two bullets were enough to win a tie breaker with Clinton Edwards to round out the top five.

This was the fourth race on the '97 Circuit and the last one until after the Regionals and North Americans.

Results:

PL	Skipper	Total	R1	R2	R3	R4
1	Ash Beatty	11	3	3	1	4
2	Todd Edwards	13	2	1	3	7
3	Zane Yoder	20	8	8	2	2
4	Bishop Stieffel	20	7	4	4	5
5	Kevin Northrup	22	1	9	11	1
6	Clinton Edwards	22	4	7	8	3
7	Ellis Ollinger	23	10	2	5	6
8	Tommy Harris	34	6	11	9	8
9	Chuck Barnes	36	5	6	6	DNC
10	Jerry Blouin	42	11	5	7	DNC
11	Julian Bingham	43	12	10	10	11
12	Melissa Warren	46	9	14	13	10
13	Alva Carbonette	52	16	12	15	9
14	Lance Loper	52	13	13	12	14
15	Ramond Long	61	15	15	16	15
16	Daniel Kolenich	62	14	16	DNC	13
17	Trin Ollinger	64	DNC	DNC	14	12
18	John Deputy	71	17	DNF	DNC	16