

Linton repeats at Gulf Coast Regionals

Jeff Linton (75316) and Rod Koch drove up to Gulfport to race the Gulf Coast Regionals and got in some great practice for the '97 NA's that are at the same place the following week. Typical summer conditions for Gulfport bring 12-15 kts out of the south around 12:00, but this weekend, the wind never really filled in with the true seabreeze.

Race one started in about 5-8 kts and shifty, however neither side payed off heavily, with Joanne Weberlein and Zane Yoder (2469) going up the left side while Bishop Stieffel worked the right. The three rounded together and led around the triangle. Joanne and Bishop traded the lead several times up the final leg but Joanne sailed sharp in the last 200 yards and held on to win.

A mix up at the start of race one pocketd a 12 for Kevin Northrup, but in race two, he got back on track working up from 6th to 3rd chasing the leaders, Hank Saurage and Jeff Linton, all the way to the finish eventually finishing 2nd behind Jeff. Hank got out of phase a third of the way up and lost Jeff, Kevin and Rod Koch.

Jeff and Kevin would repeat thier 1, 2 positions in race three. Joanne came in third in this one but a 28 in race two would prove devistating as a squall sucked out the wind for Sunday's races and there would be no drop.

Results:

PL	Skipper	Total	R1	R2	R3
1	Jeff Linton	6	4	1	1
2	Kevin Northrop	16	12	2	2
3	Bishop Stieffel	17	2	7	8
4	Alan Uram	24	3	6	15
5	Hank Saurage	26	8	4	14
6	Rod Koch	27	14	3	10
7	Marcus Eagan	28	7	17	4
8	Tommy Harris	30	9	15	6
9	Joanne Weberlein	32	1	28	3
10	David Blouin	33	19	9	5
11	Ellis Ollinger	37	6	12	19
12	Gilly Chamberlain	38	13	5	20
13	Chris Friend	39	17	13	9
14	Zane Yoder	41	10	8	23
15	Todd Edwards	43	11	21	11
16	Ash Beatty	47	16	10	21
17	Leslie Kelly	47	18	11	18
18	Mary Hewes	50	5	18	27
19	Chuck Barnes	53	26	14	13
20	Jerry Blouin	55	24	24	7
21	Clinton Edwards	57	21	19	17
22	Kippy Chamberlain	63	25	26	12
23	Ann Edwards	64	20	16	28
24	Anton Speaker	68	23	29	16
25	Melissa Warren	74	15	33	26
26	Peter Sladovich	76	22	30	24
27	Trin Ollinger	76	29	25	22
28	Chris Evans	81	27	23	31
29	Steven Hoard	84	28	27	29

30	Sam Waller	86	30	20	DNF
31	Erik Booth	88	32	31	25
32	Micki Gramm	89	31	22	DNF
33	Alva Carbonette	97	33	34	30
34	Chris Carron	98	34	32	32
35	Jennifer Adams	107	35	DNS	DNS
