



MILWAUKEE BAY WOMEN'S SAILING ORGANIZATION FLEET NEWS

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After two weeks of unrelenting rain and light winds, the Milwaukee Bay Women's Sailing Organization finally wrapped up its 2007 racing series on August 27th with a spectacular late-summer sunset race in twelve knots of breeze. For the second year in a row, *Strait Jacket* (a/k/a *Desperate Housewives*), skippered by Deb Bruesewitz, took first place honors in the overall series. Coming in at second and third overall were *Veloce*, skippered by Lisa Alberte, and *Special Sauce*, skippered by Amy Cermak.

Strait Jacket (a/k/a *Desperate Housewives*) also nabbed the hotly-contested Lady of the Wind trophy with a first-, second-, and third-place finish in the three qualifying races sponsored by South Shore Yacht Club on June 11th, July 2nd and July 30th. Again rounding out the top three spots for LOTW were *Special Sauce* and *Veloce*, with very close second- and third-place finishes.

MBWSO showcased a fantastic group of competitive sailors this season. Sailing with a total fleet of ten boats, MBWSO welcomed two new entries to the race course this year: *Adventurous*, a Catalina 30 skippered by Angel Wilcox, and *Rocinante*, an Ericson 34 skippered by Charlotte Taylor. Working with largely novice crews, both boats performed well over the course of the season, and Ms. Taylor's boat finished seventh overall despite being the only jib-and-main boat in the fleet.

The local T10 fleet was again well-represented in the MBWSO series this year. Four T10s claimed nearly all of the top spots. In addition to *Strait Jacket* (a/k/a *Desperate Housewives*) and *Special Sauce*, *Eclipse*, skippered by Janice Shoman, and *Bacchus*, skippered by MBWSO fleet captain Fran Aring, took fourth and fifth place, respectively, in the overall standings.

MBWSO extends congratulations to all competing boats this year, as well as a huge thank you to the hard working RCs and kitchen staff of South Shore Yacht Club and Milwaukee Yacht Club for their ongoing and outstanding support of women's sail racing in Milwaukee.

All current members are encouraged to attend our fall meeting at South Shore Yacht Club – 7:00 PM on October 23, 2007. MBWSO will be conducting officer elections and planning for next season. Interested in joining? Please check out our website – www.mbws.org – for more information.

MBWSO 2007 FINAL SEASON STANDINGS

1 st	<i>Strait Jacket</i> <i>(a/k/a Desperate Housewives)</i>	Deb Bruesewitz
2 nd	<i>Veloce</i>	Lisa Alberte
3 rd	<i>Special Sauce</i>	Amy Cermak
4 th	<i>Eclipse</i>	Janice Shoman
5 th	<i>Bacchus</i>	Fran Aring
6 th	<i>F-Stop</i>	Cindy Kraus
7 th	<i>Rocinante</i>	Charlotte Taylor
8 th	<i>Taxi/Barb V</i>	Susan Stickels
9 th	<i>Meltdown</i>	Phyllis McDonald
10 th	<i>Adventurous</i>	Angel Wilcox

[ED: In lieu of reprinting full season standings, please edit last line to read: “Please check out our website – www.mbws.org <http://www.mbws.org> – for more information, and for full 2007 season results.”]

