

Subject: Drexel Sailing: Drexel Qualifies for America's Trophy at Spring Central Qualifier Regatta
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Dear Team, Parents, and Alumni of Drexel Sailing;

I'm very proud to announce that this weekend Drexel Sailing qualified for the America's Trophy Regatta at the MAISA Spring Central Qualifier hosted by Princeton University at Raritan Yacht Club. Drexel performed strongly with multiple 'bullets' (first place finishes) and placed second in the regatta. This has been our fourth consecutive year that we have qualified for the America's Trophy event, which is the spring championship for the Mid-Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association (MAISA). Congratulations to skippers Andrew Bergan and Carl Oberg and their crews Aaron Chapin and Nedko Yordanov along with the alternate sailors who attended the regatta.

Back on campus, students have just finished their first week of Spring Term and the first week of sailing practice. Many of our sailors are in the middle of familiar Drexel tradition of switching between classes and co-ops jobs. Today begins the Spring session of the year-old Learn-to-Sail program for new sailors. Because of our second place finish at the Spring Central Qualifier, in two weeks our sailors will be going to the America's Trophy hosted by the New York Maritime Academy in Throg's Neck, New York. We are also hard at work preparing for our Banquet on May 2nd and the details of this exciting event should follow soon, so please save the date if you have not already.

Fair winds and a following sea,
Tyler S. Drown
Alumni Relations Chair
Drexel Sailing Team

April 4th & 5th, 2009

Spring Central Qualifier
Raritan Yacht Club - Perth Amboy, New Jersey

DU Sailors arrived Saturday morning to sunny skies and lots of wind! We found it ironic that for the past three regattas we've been postponed due to no wind, and Saturday we were postponed due too much wind! Eventually, the Race Committee sent A-division out. Before the race committee could start a race, several boats capsized, so they sent us back in. With puffs into the mid 40-knot range and water temperatures also in the 40s, they sent us home for the day early. Aaron and I had a blast reaching at speeds we didn't know FJs were capable of, while we were out in the mouth of Raritan Bay. Carl and Nedko, sailing in B-division were disappointed they didn't get a chance to have some fun in the heavy air.

On Sunday, we began with a much more manageable 15-20 knot breeze , we were able to get off 8 races per fleet. Through changing conditions with the wind as low as 5 knots we were able to continue to sail good races. With tight racing in both division all day long, Drexel sailed well. Both A and B divisions had 2 first place races. The results show a DSQ for Carl on his last race - this was the result of what we found to be an unfortunate protest hearing, he had finished first in that race by a substantial margin. After a full day of sailing we finished in 2nd place and qualifier for the America's Trophy at SUNY Maritime in two weeks. Ocean County College, finishing first and Delaware, finishing third also qualified for Americas. Go Drexel!
-Andrew Bergan, A-division skipper & President

Although we were sent home early on Saturday, due to overpowering winds, the regatta went very well. On Sunday, with a much more manageable 16-10 mph breeze, we were able to get off 8 races per fleet. Both A and B divisions took two first place races each, and B division actually won their division! Ultimately, we ended up taking 2nd place, 10 points behind OCC, the winner, and 7 points ahead of Delaware, who qualified for the first

time in several seasons. Carl was involved in a protest but had Princeton, the hosting team, thrown out. Either way, we've qualified for America's, and will be heading to SUNY Maritime in 2 weeks. Go Drexel!

-Aaron Chapin, A-division crew

Correction: Last week's regatta report was written by Andrew Bergan and not Carl Oberg, as stated.

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Central Spring Qualifier

Princeton University

April 4-5, 2009

Sunday:

The Breeze today in the morning was 15-20 knots and decreased throughout the day to 10-15. Racers had to face shifty conditions while battling a strong tide. Races started early and the race committee was able to squeeze in 16 races by 4 pm. The course was originally a modified triangle with boats flying on reach legs. As the wind died, the course was switched to a modified windward leeward. There were two protests regarding a start and a mark rounding filed and judged by a protest committee towards the end of the day.

Special thanks to PRO Vicky Jo Reiner and Ann Myer from Raritan Yacht Club for helping out with Race Committee. Also thanks to the protest committee for hearing protests.

Congratulations to OCC Drexel and Delaware for qualifying.

Results:

Central Qualifier Spring 2009
Princeton University
April 4,5

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Drexel	A	5	1	4	4	1	6	4	4	29
	B	2	2	3	4	2	3	1	DSQ	28
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Delaware	A	3	7	2	1	5	1	5	3	27
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