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Drexel Sailing: Washington College 2-on-2

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Dear Drexel Sailing Alumni, Parents, and Team;

This past weekend Drexel Sailing participated in its second regatta of the season, the WAC 2-on-2 at Washington College, a small liberal

arts school on Maryland's Eastern Shore. This was Drexel's first 2-on-2 event (alumni: if I am wrong about this please correct me) and the team was eager to put to use the team racing strategy that we have

been studying during "chalk-talk" sessions. The following is the regatta report written by our most capable team treasurer Trevor Nederlof, who skippered in the event. Unfortunately the regatta was ultimately cancelled due to the weather.

Our next regatta is the Arrigan Memorial hosted by Georgetown University on March 28th-29th. We will be sailing on the waters of the Potomac River.

Fair winds and a following sea,

Tyler S. Drown

Alumni Relations Committee

Drexel Sailing Team

March 7-8, 2009

Washington College 2-on-2

Chestertown, Maryland

In Chestertown, Maryland we had our second regatta of the year, the Washington College 2-on-2. This was Drexel's first 2-on-2 team race regatta

ever so the excitement and level of energy was high. Unfortunately, the weather was not in our favor. The temperature never left the 40-degree range and often touched into the 30-degree realm during the morning. Our two-boat

team consisted of Aaron Chapin and Nedko Yordanov in Boat One, and Trevor Nederlof and Clara Engel in Boat Two.

We arrived Saturday morning at 9 AM at the Washington College Sailing Center where we were unenthused by what can only be described as 'ideal waterskiing

conditions'. The river was like glass without any trace of wind in sight. We slept, played soccer, read, and slept some more. At 10:30 AM they had us rig the boats so we could start a race quickly in the event of wind. Our team

made the painful choice of getting changed into our dry suits in an effort to show the wind gods what we truly wanted. Soon we went back to lounging in the car while the race committee postponed the race hour-after-hour. Finally

at 2:30 PM we de-rigged the boats and headed back to our hotel.

After a good night's rest we headed back to the sailing center at the same time, 9 AM. The weather report all week long pegged Sunday's wind as being

worse than Saturday's so spirits were not all that high throughout the teams present. The racing was quickly postponed in a fashion like that of Saturday, with the exception of the postponements being given in half hour

increments. While Saturday was cold, Sunday's weather was cold and rainy, keeping us entirely in our respective vehicles while waiting for races. With much surprise, the PRO gave a fifteen minute warning until first race which

was slated to start at 11:45 a.m. Drexel was scheduled in the second team race so we changed quickly and hit the water. With wind at one-to-four Knots all day long, not much racing was completed. We sailed two races against

Colgate and Washington College respectively and lost both in light and variable conditions. After eight races total in limited amounts of wind, all of the boats were postponed on the dock for another hour. At 2:15 p.m. we

were herded out onto the race course for another bold attempted to race. After fighting with the ferocious current for fifteen minutes to stay near the starting area, the PRO cancelled the regatta.

With only eight of the twenty-eight races in a Round Robin completed, there

was no regatta. We swiftly de-rigged the boat and were on our way. Not the greatest entry into the world of team racing for Drexel but we still learned a ton, even just talking to other teams. We have several upcoming team races

we look forward to.

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