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Subject: PHAT SEEDINGS, RESULTS and AWARDS?

Hello All:

If you ever wondered how much effect total crew weight has on the performance of the Wayfarer in light, variable, rather “funky” air, the five races this past weekend certainly offered us the opportunity to analyze the situation. So, after the “scientific” crew weight survey undertaken on Sunday morning at SPS, I am sure you are all anxious to find out more, so here we go - a seeding for light air races according to total crew weight!

In homage to the funky, light winds we experienced (some people used other another “F” word to describe the wind this weekend), I chose the musical sound definition of funky – that being PHAT – for the name of this seeding method. The fact that Phat is pronounced the same way as another word dealing with weight is coincidental? Okay, perhaps not.

Quite frankly, I find it quite interesting how the PHAT seeding (see chart below) compared not only to Al’s comprehensive race seeding work (although I must note that the PHAT seeding includes only actual living persons, not dead persons), but also to the final results. There were only minor differences in most cases. A fluke? What could not be determined with the limited data base is what effect overweight boats may have on the results (i.e. increasing one’s PHAT seeding), although we know that doesn’t help. With my mind wandering even further, I think that the PHAT seedings could be reversed in conditions involving 20 knot winds. The boats with a high PHAT seeding should actually have some advantage. We can save that particular experiment for another regatta.

PHAT AWARD FOR LIGHT AIR REGATTA

Wayfarer Canadian National Championship

Parry Sound, Ontario (14-16 September 2018)

PHAT Seeding and Results	Comparison of Seeding Formats				Notes
	Combined Weight	PHAT Seeding (Light Air)	Al's CWA Race Seeding	PHAT Difference + (-)	
Team Seeding					
Sue/Steph	250	1	1	0	
Leo/Joanne	315	2	4	-2	
Al/Calvin	325	3	3	0	
Dave M/Dave W	345	4	8	-4	
Dave/Anne	350	5	5	0	
Dave H/Dave R	380	6	2	4	
Rob/Sam	385	7	7	0	
Scott/Les	390	8	10	-2	
Bob/Dirk	440	9	9	0	
Mike/Kirk	500	10	6	4	

Team Results	Combined Weight	PHAT Seeding (Light Air)	Regatta Placing	PHAT Difference + (-)	Notes
Sue/Steph	250	1	1	0	
Dave/Anne	350	5	2	3	PHAT Runner-up
Leo/Joanne	315	2	3	-1	
Al/Calvin	325	3	4	-1	
Dave H/Dave R	380	6	5	1	
Mike/Kirk	500	10	6	4	PHAT Award 2018 *
Bob/Dirk	440	9	7	2	
Rob/Sam	385	7	8	-1	
Scott/Les	390	8	9	-1	
Dave M/Dave W	345	4	10	-6	Anchor award **

* PHAT AWARD goes to the team that sails most consistently BELOW their weight class in light air.

** Anchor Award goes to the team that sailed most consistently OVER their weight class in light air.

A seeding is not very useful unless there can be awards, wouldn't you agree?

PHAT AWARD

To this end, I am pleased to announce that the PHAT AWARD goes to Mike and Kirk – seeded 10th, they sailed Red Top like a “ballerina”, moving “down” their seeding from 10th to 6th place overall.



ANCHOUR AWARD

Of course, there is the other end of the scale – something which should also be duly recognized. The team that performed the most “above” their weight. Perhaps they were carrying a few extra hidden anchors with them. Perhaps, as imports from Michigan, they were carrying an oversized Trump Tariff in their boat. The Anchour Award goes to Dave M and Dave W in Jamaica Blue.



Thanks to everyone for a fun weekend despite the funky winds (or the lack thereof). It was great to see you all. Of course, none of it would have been possible without great organizing - Sue and SPS did a marvelous job. **Thanks to all of them, once again, and to all of you for participating.**

Beowulf is now in storage for the winter (yes, already!) but we will have next season to look forward to. Hopefully, most of you will be able to make it to the AGM in January. Until then...

Best regards,

Dave Hansman

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