

## Mad Cap Report

The 2008 Mad Cap challenge was sailed May 30-June 1 at St Francis YC, San Francisco. The racing was 3v3 team racing, in borrowed J105's. The series would be won by the first team to win 9 races, as has been typical of the last several Mad Cap's. The NYYC team (18 members in total) was lead by skippers Phil Lotz, Colin Gordon and Senet Bischoff, and included Robbie Richards, Peter Fleming, Chris Lotz, Wendy Lotz, Peter Benedetto, Clay Bischoff, Ben Kinney, Blake Kimbrough, Stan Schreyer, Amy Berry, John Edenbach, Chris Beane, Monique Roeder, Roland Singer and Kinloch Yellott.

Racing started Saturday in a cloudy 12 to 16kt breeze that slowly increased to a puffy 16 to 20kt breeze out of the WSW, which is very typical for San Francisco. Races were 20 minutes and under. The team racing was good, but NYYC's boat handling was a bit off and that cost the team a few races. By the end of the day, and after some very close racing, the score was 6 to 3, St Francis leading. As some may recall, the last time the Mad Cap was sailed at St Francis, NYYC had a 7 to 2 lead going into Sunday and lost that regatta! At the Saturday night dinner, several references were made to the advantage of being ahead going into Sunday – could there be a curse of being ahead with a big lead after Saturday???

Sunday started in a very sunny 12 to 14kts and built steadily to velocities of 25 to 28kts. The first 3 races were sailed with chutes, but as the breeze built the committee decided to race without chutes (in no small part, in consideration that we were all sailing borrowed boats). The most significant change for NYYC between Saturday and Sunday was that our team perfected their boat handling and started well. There was some very good team racing and the races were close. When it was all over, NYYC had won 6 straight to win the regatta 9-6.

*Phil Lotz, Madcap Team Captain*