

Chicago Yacht Club/Etchells Fleet 11
2008 Etchells World Championship
June 23-28, 2008
Series Overall
Series Summary

PI	B#	Sail #	Crew	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
1	49	USA979	Bill Hardesty, Erik Shampain, Steve Hunt & Jennifer Wilson	7	1	1	(39)	8	13	30
2	47	USA969	Chris Busch, Chad Hough, Chuck Sinks & Peter Burton	(49)	2	4	19	12	1	38
3	20	USA102	Judson Smith, Henry Frazer & James Porter	15	9	(41)	2	1	14	41
4	56	USA1327	Peter Duncan, Thomas Blackwell & William Barton	17	22	10	5	(51)	2	56
5	46	IRL1375	Dave Dwyer, Andy Beadsworth & Simon Fry	(40)	24	22	4	3	3	56
6	81	GBR1352	Graham Bailey, Stephen Bailey & David Heritage	24	7	3	(64)	7	18	59
7	51	USA706	Artie Means, Will Stout & Chuck Skewes	13	3	(84\OCS)	13	17	16	62
8	41	CAN1349	Hank Lammens, Dirk Kneulman & Dwayne Smithers	35	27	(43)	11	2	11	86
9	33	USA1227	Vincent Brun, Ben Mitchell & Jeff Pape	4	5	5	(51)	25	47	86
10	19	USA1310	Robert Wray, Scott Nixon & Mike Wolfs	37	4	9	34	6	(50)	90
11	37	USA1224	Kurt Winkelmann, Larry Ledgerwood & Brad Boston	2	48	(61)	3	30	9	92
12	34	USA1228	Brian Camet, Eric Doyle & Brian Terhaar	22	6	31	(40)	21	15	95
13	4	NZL1058	Andrew Wills, Anatole Masfen & Alastair Gair	14	8	(43\SCP)	24	41	8	95
14	66	USA1238	Gary Gilbert, Mark Mendelblatt, Stu Argo & Mark Strube	27	23	33	10	4	(34)	97
15	80	GBR1329	Julia Bailey, Dylan Potter, Anna Bailey & Pedro Rebelo de Andra	(28)	18	25	20	11	23	97
16	24	NZL716	Simon C Minoprio, Ryan Houston, Mike Buckley & Kelly McKenna	30	(58)	23	17	9	19	98
17	14	USA1296	Jeffrey Siegal, Jeff Madrigali, Willem Van Waay & Becky Nygren	(66)	19	30	27	22	10	108
18	2	USA701	Aaron Housten, Daniel Somers & John Harford	3	30	12	21	46	(56)	112
19	32	USA1168	Peter Vessella, Tracy Usher & John Callahan	(34)	13	13	33	28	26	113
20	35	USA1229	Argyle Campbell, Jack Jakosky & Dwight Belden	9	56	6	45	(73)	4	120
21	3	USA1306	Thomas Hughes, Ron Rosenberg & Curt Oetking	20	11	46	(59)	23	20	120
22	60	USA1232	Marvin Beckmann, Matt Cunningham & Timothy Banks	12	26	28	(58)	38	17	121
23	67	USA1308	Senet Bischoff, Colin Gordon & Ben Kinney	8	50	17	1	(59)	48	124
24	82	GBR1333	Ante Razmilovic, Jez Fanstone & Stuart Flinn	(57)	25	29	6	39	25	124
25	59	USA1285	Bruce Golison, Steve Flam & Steve Girling	(76)	14	7	32	69	5	127
26	30	IRL1015	David Burrows, Peter Coad & Dan O'Grady	(55)	16	19	48	10	36	129
27	53	USA1350	Bruce Burton, Glenn Burton & Jon Easley	(52)	33	39	8	20	30	130
28	77	AUS915	Peter McNeill, David Gleadhill & Tom Woods	58	15	2	46	13	(84\OCS)	134
29	70	USA1085	Ethan Doyle, Holt Condon, AJ Crane & Matt Hooks	25	31	14	35	(36)	32	137
30	28	USA1363	Justin Palm, John Erik Garr & Hans Pusc Pusch	1	17	32	50	42	(54)	142
31	8	NZL1127	Gavin Gerrard, Richard Bouzaid & John Baxter	5	45	(56)	15	44	33	142

32	23	SUI1187	James-Se Mc-Hugh, Oliver Tache, Nick Gibbons & Anthony Kotoun	11	38	(55)	7	48	43	147
33	63	CAN1247	Allan Leibel, Kent Paisley & Mike Hren	32	28	11	(66)	18	59	148
34	1	USA1373	Buddy Cribb, Eammon DeLisser & Frank Atkinson	33	34	18	37	26	(46)	148
35	27	USA822	Fred Joosten, David Williams & Niels Heemskerk	10	44	16	9	71	(73)	150
36	16	AUS1320	Rob Bird, Graeme Johnson & Nick Gray	(69)	51	35	12	16	39	153
37	11	USA978	Rick Kaiser, Gerri Whitley, Matt Shirilla & Libby Christy	42	29	27	56	5	(57)	159
38	74	BER1249	Tim Patton, Patrick Siewers & Christian Monachon	21\SCP	(74)	45	26	65	7	164
39	69	CAN398	Andrew Macrae, Marcus Stone & Bruce Scott	(68)	12	8	38	43	63	164
40	62	USA1281	Frederic Laffitte, Janet Laffitte, Lucas Laffitte & Jean-Didi Martial	29	20	20	61	37	(72)	167
41	68	USA1149	John Pedlow, Craig Cooper & Blaine Pedlow	47	21	52	18	(84\DSQ)	31	169
42	17	USA1097	Jose Fuentes, Greg Hryniewicz & Paul Garn	18	42	44	(72)	63	6	173
43	39	USA1301	Peter Shumaker, Michael Herlihy & Brad Swebles	(65)	49	64	16	14	35	178
44	25	AUS1356	Michael Manford, Dean McAullay & Richard Rowell	(84\OCS)	43	38	29	32	40	182
45	22	AUS1134	Matty Whitnall, Christian Brook & Ant Elliott	(64)	40	15	25	57	46\ZFP	183
46	7	AUS1102	Steve O'Rourke, Scott Condie & Steve Backhouse	36	47	(68)	44	47	12	186
47	54	IRL1323	Stephen Quinn, Stephen O'Flaherty & Peter Kingston	(70)	46	54	14	27	45	186
48	65	USA1207	Jeff Padnos, Juan Pabl Del Solar, Sam Padnos & Josh Padnos	(59)	36	49	36	15	55	191
49	84	USA928	Bill Mauk, Michele Sumpton, Jeff Eiber & Matthew Smith	(77)	37	26	41	24	65	193
50	13	USA1008	Michael Goldfarb, James Stewart & Mark Brink	19	(84\OCS)	57	55	40	24	195
51	5	AUS1244	Jake Gunther, Andrew Cooper & Russell Tyson	44	39	21	53	(81\SCP)	41	198
52	31	USA1283	Andrew Whittome, Bob Capita & William Kalmbach	38	10	67	52	45	(84\OCS)	212
53	40	AUS1355	Bryon Ehrhart, Chris Lefferdink & Stewart Dilisser	41	59	42	23	(70)	49	214
54	76	GBR987	Robert Elliott, Sam Richmond & Matt Adams	48	32	(66)	42	50	42	214
55	21	USA1239	Stephen Horwitz,, Robby Brown, Erick Rodriguez & Megan Place	28\SCP	73	48	47	(84\DSQ)	29	225
56	6	AUS1150	Terence Steele, Jameson Buxton & Bradley Moore	6	60	71	(78)	34	58	229
57	58	USA1044	David Whelan, Jake Scott & Joshua Knapp	(73)	66	50	30	19	69	234
58	57	USA1315	John V Gilmour II, Andrew Mirkwitz & Patrick Vincent	31\SCP	54	70	43	(78)	37	235
59	45	USA1307	Jeffrey Nehms, Ezra Culver & Fred Chandler	50	41	47	(69)	53	44	235
60	15	USA1199	William Mills IV, Christoph Constant & William Mills III	53	69	36	(70)	49	38	245
61	75	GBR1354	David Franks, Graham Sunderlan & Mark Watson	71	35	24	(75)	61	61	252
62	12	USA1137	Shannon Bush, David Thomas & Charlie Dickey	61	(67)	59	63	52	22	257
63	79	GBR962	Rob Goddard, Garth Britton & Dave Freemantle	54	(84\OCS)	53	65	66	27	265
64	9	USA21	Doug Scheibner, Tom Norsworthy & Angela Scheibner	43	61	51	49	64	(84\DNS)	268
65	38	USA1342	Thomas Dawson, Chris Clark & Don Maxwell	51	57	(65)	62	62	39\ZFP	271
66	61	USA1076	Ray Harrington, Karl Fjeld & Don Brush	56	70	(76)	28	58	60	272
67	36	USA668	Richard Sidell, Ed Coyne & Paul Mahon	39	52	(78)	74	35	75	275

68	29	USA980	Jack Bernhardt, John Powell & Marc Simmel	62	71	(74)	22	56	66	277
69	42	USA1211	Kevin Boyle, Mike Considine & Steve Outlaw	31	65	69	(73)	68	51	284
70	44	USA1069	Elizabeth Altman, Ed Furry, Doug Nickel & Vickie Matthews	(75)	62	34	67	54	67	284
71	26	CAN1053	Allan Gray, Gregg Rolston & Matt Skafel	(74)	53	40	60	60	74	287
72	64	IRL1271	Mary O' Loughlin, Katie Dwyer, Karena Knaggs & Alice Cowman	63	79	(84\DNF)	68	29	53	292
73	83	IRL1252	Alexander Lacy, Paul Derham & Jonathon Carroll	(78\SCP)	63	73	76	31	52	295
74	72	CAN898	Jerry Wendt, Darrell Suderman & Bryan Milne	79	55	58	(80)	33	70	295
75	71	USA1241	Ken Womack, Marc Holdaway & Andrew Lee	21	76	60	(79)	75	64	296
76	73	CAN1154	Glenn McKay, Brian McKay, Richard Weld & Michelle Skutelsky	67	77	62	54	55	(84\DNS)	315
77	52	USA583	Kers Clausen, Bob Branstad & Alson Silva	45	75	(77)	71	67	62	320
78	18	AUS1360	Jan Muysken, Steve Tracey & Ed McCarthy	60	68	72	57	(84\DNF)	71	328
79	10	USA1313	Patricia Stadel, Patrick Sloan & Mark Toso	46	64	75	(84\DNF)	76	78	339
80	43	ITA942	Marco Cimarosti, Peter Bellingham & Charles Winstone	(84\SCP)	84\DSQ	79	31	80	68	342
81	50	USA1166	Gretchen Sullivan, Ralph Carpenter, Brent Sullivan & Sarah Callahan	80	72	63	(81)	72	76	363
82	78	AUS917	Stephen Ingate, Andrew Jeffery & Nick Smith	78	80	(81)	77	79	77	391
83	48	USA1299	Jerry Fulp, Randall White & Marie Hansson	82	78	80	(84\DNF)	77	84\OCS	401

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Regatta News

Hardesty CROWNED 2008 ETHELLES WORLD CHAMPION

June 28, 2008 (CHICAGO) – Bill Hardesty, Erik Shampain, Steve Hunt, and Jennifer Wilson of San Diego take their first Etchells World Championship title after ending the regatta with a strong 12 place finish in race 6. After dropping a 39 point finish from their score, the team secures first place overall with a total of 30. Hardesty was the pre-event favorite having won both the Midwinters East and West.

Chris Busch, Chad Hough, Chuck Sinks, and Peter Burton, also of San Diego, came in second with 38 points followed by Jud Smith, Henry Frazer, and James Porter with 41. After protest and redress hearings at the end of today, Peter Duncan moved from 16th to tie Beadsworth/Dwyer at 56 points for 4th. Duncan won with tie breaker with his 2nd place win in today's race.

The 6th and final race of the regatta was run today in beautiful conditions with 10-20 knot westerly winds, waves, and warm sunny weather. Bush, Hough, Sinks, and Burton took the lead on the first downwind leg, and from there they proceeded to walk away from the fleet on every leg and capture first place by a substantial margin.

"We went right on the first beat while most of our competitors went left," Busch explained. "We were pretty behind after a bad start at the right end of the line, but we found better velocity and some good shifts on our side and we were able to work our way back through the fleet. Once you're out front, it's a lot easier to stay there. It's the races where you're deep and have to fight your way back that really make the difference."

Busch, Hough, Sinks, and Burton definitely take the role of the stealthy stars of the regatta. After a disappointing 49th finish on the first day, the team moved to 8th with a 2nd and a 4th on the second day of racing. They continued their climb up the score board with respectable finishes in races 4 and 5 which brought them up to 6th and then into the top three. With a decisive win today, the San Diego team ultimately captured 2nd place by three points from Smith, Frazer, and Porter.

Winners Hardesty, Shampain, Hunt and Wilson sailed an impressive regatta. "Our two firsts on the second day really helped. We've been training hard, and it paid off." Hardesty said. With the exclusion of their 39 point drop race, the team never scored below 13th in the racing this week. On how the team managed to stay consistent in the tricky conditions Hardesty explained, "We sailed conservatively. Once we figured out what was working for us, we stuck with that strategy."

Remarkably, with the exception of one drop race apiece, Hardesty, Busch, and Smith all posted top 20 finishes in the five races counting toward their final score. It is undoubtedly this impressive consistency, despite challenging conditions, that places these three boats on the Etchells Worlds podium this year.

The next Etchells World Championship will be held in March 2009 on Port Philip Bay, Melbourne with the host club being Royal Brighton Yacht Club. For a complete list of the final results link to event photos log on to www.etchellsworlds2008.com or www.chicagoyachtclub.org.



Jud Smith wins Race 5 moving him to second behind Hardesty

June 27, 2008 (CHICAGO) – After a late start, day 5 of Etchells Worlds produced an exciting nail-biter race among the afternoon's top competitors. The first three boats established a significant lead over the rest of the fleet early in the race. Through many lead changes, the three race leaders duked it out at the top of the fleet. Ultimately, Jud Smith, Henry Frazer, and James Porter of the U.S. crossed the finish in a decisive first place after rounding the last leeward mark behind the race's 2nd place finishers Hank Lammens, Dirk Kneulman, and Dwayne Smithers of Canada and 3rd place finishers Dave Dwyer, Andy Beadsworth and Simon Fry of Ireland.

"We sailed an aggressive race," Smith, the 2006 Etchells World Champion remarked. "We started close at the pin and sailed hard out to the left." Though Smith led around the first windward and

leeward marks of the race, they lost the lead and fell to 3rd on the second upwind beat, while the team of Dwyer, Beadsworth, and Fry came out on top by a comfortable gap followed by Canadian boat Lammens, Kneulman, and Smithers. Lammens placed

Smith explained that they were counting on a righty, but on the second upwind beat the wind died on the right side before the shift filled, and Dwyer/Beadsworth and Lammens were able to slip by from the left. Smith gained back much of the lost ground on the downwind leg and rounded the last leeward mark almost even with Lammens, where they made a bold decision to split with the two leaders and round the right gate.

With the large gap between the three leaders and the rest of the fleet, "we had nothing to lose," Smith explained. "We were confident the right would come in, so we made the decision to split with Hank at the gate and go right." The strategy paid off. With today's first place, Smith's team moves from 6th to 2nd in the overall standings.

Over the past few days, many of the teams struggled with the long onshore postponements and extended delays on the water as the Race Committee reset the course numerous times to accommodate the shifting winds. As many sailors have experienced, these kinds of delays pose a challenge for competitors, making it difficult to maintain focus, energy, and the "competitive edge" all racers value. "Our coach helps a lot," Smith said. "He keeps us focused and makes sure we know what's going on with the conditions. We knew to keep an eye on the clouds and to look for the right to fill."

Despite strong finishes by Smith, Lammens, and Dwyer/Beadsworth in race 5, Hardesty still holds the overall lead by 12 points with a respectable 8th place finish today. His team is in a good position to take the World Championship title if they pull out one more solid finish in tomorrow's final race. Currently he is followed in the standings by Jud Smith, Henry Frazer, and James Porter with 68 points and Chris Busch, Chad Hough, Chuck Sinks, and Peter Burton with 86 points.

Tomorrow the Race Committee plans to run one long quality race to finish off the 6 races necessary to complete the regatta. This 6th race will allow the competitors a "drop race," which could have a meaningful effect on the scores. With the worst finishes of each boat excluded from the scores, we can expect to see some shuffling in the places. Most of the regatta leaders have one deeper race, so it will be important for them to do well in tomorrow. This should mean some heavy competition for the last day of Worlds here in Chicago.

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Racing Cancelled in Day 4 of Etchells Worlds

June 26, 2008 (CHICAGO) No races were held on Day 4 of the Etchells Worlds, while a large high pressure system sitting over Lake Michigan brings calm winds, blue skies, and sunshine to Chicago's lakefront. With little chance of cooperative weather for the rest of the day, the Race Committee called the day at 13:30 and pushed tomorrow's start time forward to 10:30 in anticipation of nice winds in the morning and storms later in the day. The race committee hopes to run two solid races tomorrow while the weather holds.

"It's a classic battle between good and evil," PRO Tom Duggan said in reference to today's westerly and easterly winds. "Neither of them won out, so we decided to walk away and we'll try to get two races in tomorrow."

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SCORES STILL REMAIN CLOSE AFTER DAY 3 OF ETHELLES WORLDS

June 25, 2008 (CHICAGO) – Race 4 of the Etchells Worlds brought tricky conditions and a tough day for many of the regatta's leading boats, though yesterday's top two contenders still remain in the top three overall after today's race. The lead established by San Diego boat Bill Hardesty and crew in Monday and Tuesday's racing has kept them in first place even after a 39th place finish today. Peter Duncan, Thomas Blackwell, and William Barton of Biscayne Bay grabbed third place in the overall standings after starting at the right end and tacking out onto port immediately to lock in a 5th place finish in the race.

Vincent Brun, Ben Mitchell, and Jeff Pape of San Diego suffered a 51 point finish and slipped from second to third, with 65 points, while fourth place boat of locals Aaron Houston, Daniel Somers, and John Harford and fifth place boat Jud Smith, Henry Frazer, and James Poter nip at their heels with 66 points and 67 points respectively. With a tight point spread, large fleet size, and tricky conditions producing inconsistent scores, no teams have established a decisive lead and the World Championship title is still very much up for grabs.

After an onshore postponement until noon, competitors headed out under overcast skies and scattered showers in a moderate SSE breeze. However early into the first beat Race 4 began to look a lot like Race 1; a continuous right shift filled in as a large portion of the fleet worked their way out to the left side of the course.

The substantial righty paid off enormously for the small number of boats that tacked out onto port immediately after the start, but it became a game of catch-up for many of the regatta's leaders stranded out on the left. Yesterday's top three boats, Bill Hardesty (USA 979), Vincent Brun (USA 1227) and Graham Bailey (GBR 1352), found themselves below mid-fleet at the first windward mark. With the separation established by the shift, they had to fight hard for every point as they attempted to battle their way back up through the fleet.

The race ended with the wind building and moving even further right. A large number of boats significantly overstood the starboard layline to the finish after many had played the right side in anticipation of the consistent right shifts.

A few of teams favored before the start of the event were happier with today's scores including 2007 World's runner-up Jud Smith and crew Henry Frazer, and James Poter who locked in a 2nd and Dave Dwyer, Andy Beadsworth, and Simon Fry who took a 4th. "That's more like it," 2007 World's champion Beadsworth commented upon returning to the dock.

Meanwhile, the separation proved a benefit for the winning team of Race 4, Senet Bischoff, Colin Gordon, and Ben Kinney out of New York Yacht Club in Newport, RI. The team led the fleet around every mark and gave a hearty cheer as their boat, KGB, crossed the finish line for their first bullet of the regatta. Today's win bumps this team up to 7th in the overall standings.

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Hardesty Wins Day 2 of Etchells Worlds

June 24, 2008 (CHICAGO) -- Bill Hardesty, Erik Shampain, Steve Hunt and Jennifer Wilson dominate the day with bullets in both of today's races. The San Diego team's 7th yesterday combined with their two wins today places them in 1st overall after Day 2 of the 2008 Etchells World Championships, hosted by Chicago Yacht Club and presented by World Sport Chicago. Vincent

Brun, Ben Mitchell and Jeff Pape follow close behind in 2nd overall with an impressively consistent 4, 5, 5 despite the often tricky conditions in the event so far.

Today's racing started at 13:00 in light ESE winds following an onshore postponement as the race committee waited for the breeze to fill. Two races of roughly two hours each were sailed in 5-10 knot winds.

Consistency paid off for the events two leading boats, while all those in the standings behind them have at least one finish in the 20s or deeper. Today's racing led to considerable changes in places for many of the teams. Only four of yesterday's top ten boats remain in the top ten places today, and most of the other six have fallen back significantly in the standings.

Artie Means, Will Stout, and Chuck Skewes have also put together some consistently solid races this event that would have set them in 3rd in the current standings if not for an OCS they picked up in the last start today that replaces their 10th place finish in that race. This addition to their score puts them in what must be a frustrating 30th for this team overall.

Bill Hardesty, skipper on the leading boat, comments, "It's tricky out there. We just kept it simple, work to keep the boat speed up, and then you just have to hope that your side works out."

Their boat started near the pin and played the left side of the course upwind in both races, which paid off for them in the oscillating ESE to SE winds today. Hardesty, 33, enters the Worlds after back to back wins in both the Mid-winters East and Mid-winters West for 2008. In December, Hardesty and his team won the 73-boat Piana Cup and in February, it was Bill Hardesty and his team's turn again as they sailed with spectacular consistency in the 87 boat Florida State Championship.

The team of Graham Bailey and Steven Bailey, sailing with David Heritage, secured third place in the event so far with a solid 7, 3 in today's races. There is a close battle behind this team with only 15 points separating 4th from 11th place. Yesterday's third place boat, Houston and team, is holding on to 4th place, while yesterday's leaders, Justin Palm, Erik Garr and Hans Pusch, have slipped to 6th.

The Aussi team of Peter McNeill, David Gleadhill, and Tom Woods added excitement to the last race of today in a fight for the lead with Hardesty's team. McNeill, the 2004 World Champion, rounded the 1st windward mark in the lead with Hardesty close off their hip. They established a significant gap over the rest of the fleet during the course of the race and the tight battle at the front became a match race between the two boats. It was a close fight downwind, but McNeill maintained the lead and rounded the right gate mark in first while Hardesty split and rounded the left gate. Hardesty was able to pass McNeill with a well sailed 2nd upwind beat, and though the two remained close together out in front of the pack, the San Diego team maintained their lead to the finish locking their second bullet of the day.

Hardesty attributes the team's training to their win over McNeill and their success in both of today's races. "We've been out here a few weeks training hard, getting to know the area, and making sure everyone on the boat is working hard in all conditions."

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Chicago Sailors Top Race 1 of Etchells Worlds
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Chicago Sailors Top Race 1 of Etchells Worlds

June 23, 2008 (CHICAGO YACHT CLUB) -- Chicago boats claimed two of the top three finishes in today's first race of the Etchells World Championships, with local favorites Justin Palm, Erik Garr, and Hans Pusch pulling out a first place finish. They were followed by Kurt Winkelmann, Laurence Ledgerwood, and Brad Boston, hailing from New York in 2nd, and the Chicago team of Aaron Housten, Daniel Somers, and John Harford in 3rd.

Competitors arrived to a brisk 15-18 knot NNW wind this morning for the 5 mile upwind sail out to the race course. The wind gradually lightened, clocked right over 85 degrees throughout the day and eventually died shortly after the finish of the first race. With no hope of fresh wind in the forecast, the race committee cancelled the second race of the day and the fleet was towed back to the harbor. Tom Duggan, PRO explains, "We had 4-6 knots, which is enough to start a race, but with such light wind, and the fog starting to fill in from the city, it didn't look good. With five days more to complete the necessary five additional races to complete the event, we decided it wasn't worth sitting out there waiting for wind that was not going to fill."

Today's race was started on time in an 8-12 knot breeze. A large right shift in the first beat proved to be the race determining factor for many of the boats locked out to the left side after the start. The first three boats to the windward mark all started at the right end of the line and were the first to tack out onto port after the start. Chicago sailor Fred Joosten's boat was first around the windward mark in a comfortable lead after starting late at the boat, tacking out immediately, and patiently riding port tack to the far right side of the course where he established the decisive leverage on the fleet in the significant right shift.

The fleet established significant lateral spread in the battle downwind, which led to a good deal of place shuffling as the fleet converged again at the leeward mark. The lead shifted to Winkelmann's team after a well sailed downwind leg playing course left of Joosten's team as the breeze continued to clock right. Joosten ended the race with a solid 10th place finish.

Race winners Palm, Garr, and Pusch steadily picked off boats with their team's consistent sharp sailing throughout the race. After scraping into the top 10 at the leeward mark, a solid upwind beat paid off with a 5th place rounding at the windward mark. A superbly played final downwind leg allowed the Chicago crew to clinch the win from Winkelmann's team as Palm and crew pulled-off a port tack crossing in a right phase shift at the finish.

The anticipated battle between two of the top teams, 2007 World Champion Andy Beadsworth and Dave Dwyer of the U.K. and 2007 Worlds runner-up Jud Smith of Marblehead, Mass. and crew from did not play out in this first race of the event. Beadsworth's team ground back from deep in the fleet to a 40th place finish while Smith's boat came in with a less damaging 15th. However, with only one race down of the 9 ideally planned for the event, it is far too early to count either of these two boats out of the running for the podium.

The Etchells World Championship is hosted by Chicago Yacht Club and presented by World Sport Chicago. The event continues throughout the week and for more information log on to www.etchellsworlds2008.com.

Pl B# Sail # Crew 1 Tot

1 28 USA1363 Justin Palm, John Erik Garr & Hans Pusch 1 1

2 37 USA1224 Kurt Winkelmann, Larry Ledgerwood & Brad Boston 2 2
3 2 USA701 Aaron Houston, Daniel Somers & John Harford 3 3
4 33 USA1227 Vincent Brun, Ben Mitchell & Jeff Pape 4 4
5 8 NZL1127 Gavin Gerrard, Richard Bouzaid & John Baxter 5 5
6 6 AUS1150 Terence Steele, Jameson Buxton & Bradley Moore 6 6
7 49 USA979 Bill Hardesty, Erik Shampain, Steve Hunt & Jennifer Wilson 7 7
8 67 USA1308 Senet Bischoff, Colin Gordon & Ben Kinney 8 8
9 35 USA1229 Argyle Campbell, Jack Jakosky & Dwight Belden 9 9
10 27 USA822 Fred Joosten, David Williams & Niels Heemskerk 10 10