

Sail Parry Sound boats place in top 25

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PARRY SOUND - The Sail Parry Sound Racing Team continues its record-setting success.

Because of their rigorous training routine, the Sail Parry Sound team has developed extra muscle weight and increased strength and stamina. With their national recognition among Canada's youthful sailing fraternity, the team's nickname became "The Fat Kids." Other teams have begun to emulate their training methods, after observing their success.

Despite light winds and a challenging current, the team of Rachael Ibey and Tom Nelson placed first, and the team of Stephanie Cipolla and Nathaniel Ibey placed second in the National Capital Championship in Ottawa.



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Tom Nelson said, "This success could not have come at a better time. The World Championships were just a few days away in Kingston, and these sailors were all ready to represent Canada."

The team added a new pair of partners to take on the world at the Canadian Olympic Regatta at Kingston, known to sailors as CORK, held annually in Portsmouth Olympic Harbour in Kingston. More than 800 boats competed in various classes.

Fifty-six boats with crews from seven countries entered the Laser 2 World Championships, at CORK, for six full days of competition, from which the world's best Laser 2 sailors would emerge.

After a day of training, the racers took to the lake for the gruelling six-day sailing marathon facing every set of conditions from light winds and flat water, to 28 knots and eight-foot swells.

In the Worlds, the Sail Parry Sound Racing Team placed well, with three boats in the top 25. The team of Tom Nelson and Jordin Clark finished in 12th position, Stephanie Cipolla and Nathaniel Ibey placed 20th, and Rachael Ibey and Vaughn Harrison ended up in 25th place.

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