

Sail Parry Sound Race team breezes home with medals and top finishes

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PARRY SOUND - The Sail Parry Sound Race Team put itself on the map this past summer. Travelling as far away as Sarnia and Hudson, Quebec, the team raced in a total of 12 regattas.

Having only been competing as a race team since 2002, this team is still developing.

However, consistently coming home with top finishes and medals around their necks, this group of Parry Sound youth have earned the respect of their peers, being named as one of the top teams in all of Ontario.

Shaping the team

With the arrival of new coach Tom Nelson, brought in from Hamilton in June, the team began to take shape.

“With his enthusiasm and the team’s eagerness to perform, we knew this would be another successful summer,” said Parry Sound Sailing School director Larry Woolner. And he was right.

Bringing it home

As the list of competitions began to unfold the team brought home four championships, including the Ontario Youth Sailing Championship.

They had consistently finished in the top of their class and were being considered as the most energetic team in the province. With the “roar” of Parry Sound showing itself over and over at regattas, coaches from competing clubs were constantly praising this newly formed powerhouse.

Although opposing teams trembled in the fear of big breeze, the Parry Sounders relished such a day, and displayed their skills and knowledge easily.

Local support

“We owe many thanks to the volunteers, parents, local businesses and the Ontario Trillium Foundation for all their support,” said Parry Sound Sailing School volunteer Adrienne Kolbuc. “Without their help, the racing team’s success would not have been possible.”

“Sail Parry Sound is very proud of this team,” said club president Marianne King-Wilson. “We look forward to their events next summer, including a world championship.”



Members of the Sail Parry Sound Racing team demonstrate some of the skills that have won them several medals and top finishes over the past summer.

Sail Parry Sound, Inc. is a not-for-profit volunteer organization founded in 1997 for community improvement through sailing.

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