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Jeff Kent Wins World's

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Jeff Kent of Weymouth, Massachusetts USA has won what is being hailed as the most competitive Gold Cup in the history of the event with eleven points. One hundred seventy eight competitors from ten countries gathered in Fontana Wisconsin to race on Geneva Lake January 24th 1993. Ten competitors at the regatta had a ranking number of three or less. This is the largest fleet of top competitors ever assembled in North America. All of these factors combined to make the 1993 World Championships very competitive and most of all,...Lots of FUN!

In the three race event, Jeff showed consistent speed in both heavy and light wind conditions on hard snow ice that measured about one and one quarter by one mile. Karol Jablonski (1992 World Champion) of Poland again proved his speed in a DN by finishing second, only one point behind Jeff. Ron Sherry (1992



Jeff Kent receives the Gold Cup from Lou Loeneke and Andre Baby. Photo by Rod Armstrong

North American Champion) of Detroit, Michigan USA rounded out the top three with sixteen points.

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1993 Gold Cup

The Site

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January seventeenth the Governing Committee and Rear Commodore of Canada, Andre Baby had a conference call to determine site selection for the regatta. The primary site of Montreal was snowed in, but several sites had new ice that looked promising for final site selection. On the nineteenth and again on the twentieth the Governing Committee conferenced to discuss sites. One by one the sites were attrited until the west end of Geneva Lake was selected because of its perfect black ice, but some of it only three inches thick. The regatta was called on Wednesday evening,... and soon after the rain began. By Thursday morning over 1.25 inches of rain was recorded with temperatures slightly above freezing. On Friday morning fifteen ice checkers started from various points around the sailing site and met in the center of the lake. All of us had found the same thing... gravity had created large drain holes and made our ice look like Swiss Cheese! Fortunately, Geneva Lake's east end had frozen almost a month earlier and the ten inch snow drifts had been leveled by the rain leaving good spring ice when the weather turned cold again on Saturday. This section of Geneva Lake is commonly referred to as Button's Bay and was just large enough to hold the World's and North Americans.

The Activities

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The Canadian Championship were postponed while waiting for the weather to get cold and the ice to firm up on Saturday. Meanwhile, some scrub sailing was possible on old ice in Williams Bay, and many people had the chance to catch a ride in some rather windy conditions on the small bay.

In anticipation of this lack of sailing, the local DN sailors planned some interim entertainment. At 10am Saturday, Melges Boat Works welcomed about forty five of our members for a tour of their factory, Melges Sails, Melges Spars at Zenda Wisconsin. We saw the new Melges 24 that had just placed second in its Division in Florida. A quick look at the mast production for this boat provoked some interesting conversation about revisiting the possibility of tapering the aluminum DN spar. A new prototype mini-Skeeter was on display and everyone agreed that this boat looks **Fast and Hot!** The end of the tour found World Class DN sailors testing each other at the Zenda Tap in a game of pool or foosball while eating some great local food...brats marinated in beer!

At 1pm our race chairman Bob Pegel convened an open meeting to discuss the NIA and the rules. About thirty people ranging from rank beginners too, "the old pros", sat in on this discussion. Bob started the discussion



The race committee heads for the starting line. With four fleets and seven races, the trailer makes the scorers a little more comfortable.

The Racing

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The 1993 Worlds was the first four fleet championship for the DN class. It was great to have such a diverse cross section of the class in one place. It did seem that we may have to opt for more racing in the future. We all look for enough time to adjust our tune or perhaps try a different set of runners between heats. With four fleets, you

Registration for the World's proceeded on time Saturday evening. The sailors crowded into the bar at race headquarters which was doubling as the registration room. Lots of laughing, sea stories, hot hor duerves (Donated by Skeeter Ice Boat Club and DN suppliers), and good spirits! The opening ceremonies started promptly at 8 PM and we all stood for the national anthems of Canada and the United States in front of the ten country flags representing each of the countries participating.

After the flag raising ceremony, our race chairman Bob Pegel gave us a brief skippers meeting before turning over the meeting to Lou Loenneke. "What do you want to do tomorrow??", Lou asked. "Sail!!!!", was the reply by a crowd who expected another day of delay because of the still open drain holes at the West end of the lake. Lou then announced that the East end of the lake was suitable for the Regatta, and we were off to the races.

World Championships - Gold Fleet

Pos	Sail #	Name	Race #	1	2	3	Points
1	US3535	Kent,Jeff		3	1	7	11.00
2	P736	Jablonski,Karol		5	5	2	12.00
3	US44	Sherry,Ron		2	4	10	16.00
4	US2936	Bossett,Henry		1	2	15	18.00
5	G107	Zeiger,Bernd		4	11	9	24.00
6	US1183	Gougeon,Jan		6	15	8	29.00
7	P111	Macur,Stan		11	6	12	29.00
8	P180	Dalecki,Andrzej		10	13	13	36.00
9	US882	Gougeon,Meade		7	9	26	42.00
10	P110	Marcinczyk,Wieslaw		28	10	6	44.00
11	US4379	Harper,John		26	8	11	45.00
12	US4230	Hill,Peter		81	8	20	46.00
13	US1630	Connell,Danny		12	12	22	46.00
14	US3662	Smith,Greg		24	23	3	50.00
15	US4009	Brush,Don		9	14	29	52.00
16	P154	Burczynski,Piotr		DNF	3	5	55.00
17	G624	Bock,Andreas		30	25	1	56.00
18	US4628	Knapp,Gary		16	26	14	56.00
19	US4002	Flack,Ted		13	16	28	57.00
20	US3456	O'Brien,Mike		DNF	7	4	58.00
21	US4175	Bneden,Bryan		17	22	27	66.00
22	US4619	Saltonstall,Richard		18	21	32	71.00
23	US781	Norton,Joe		25	24	25	74.00
24	G749	Krogowski,Wulf		14	39	23	76.00
25	US3283	Williams,J.Bruce		19	27	31	77.00
26	P69	Stefanowicz,Wladyslaw		DNF	19	16	82.00
27	US294	Loenneke,Louis		15	20	DNS	82.00
28	US4061	Goodwin,Paul		22	17	DNF	86.00
29	US3983	Grogan,Jim		37	33	18	88.00
30	KC4360	Baby,Andre		20	36	35	91.00
31	H313	VandenBrink,Hennie		35	40	17	92.00
32	US3379	McDaniels,Duane		29	31	33	93.00
33	US4473	Schloemer,Ron		23	30	DNF	100.00
34	H208	Jellema,Jan		36	DNF	19	102.00
35	US3868	Butts,Dennis		32	37	34	103.00
36	KC41	Wolff,Mark		38	42	24	104.00
37	US4319	Schloemer,Erich		27	34	DNF	108.00
38	S5	Luks,Ake		34	28	DNF	109.00
39	US4480	Stange,Aaron		31	32	DNF	110.00
40	US4102	Hill,Jeff		DNF	DNS	21	115.00
41	L29	Enoksson,JohanMi		33	35	DNF	115.00
42	US338	Loenneke,Eric		21	DNF	DNS	115.00
43	US118	Cartwright,Cliff		DNF	38	30	115.00
44	US416	Woodruff,Stan		DNF	29	DNF	123.00
45	US9	Boston,Mike		39	DNS	DNF	133.00
46	US4232	Armstrong,Eric		DNF	41	DNF	135.00

could wear yourself out trying different options and still have enough time to have lunch at the Hilton while watching the other fleets take their turn. Perhaps if we work towards regional qualifiers, we will find our local regions getting larger turnouts, and thus the overall class participation getting even stronger and more diverse at all levels.

Saturday provided an interesting tune up for most sailors, as well as an

opportunity to either sandbag or try to achieve a psychological edge for the next days racing. Jan Gougeon could be seen dominating early in the day, while later on Greg Smith seemed to have superior pointing and speed on a fair size group that included many Gold Fleet sailors. Of course this was small course, shifty wind, slush ice sailing. Not exactly what you would expect to sail the Gold Cup in. Still it was good for the body if not the mind.

World Championships - Silver Fleet

Pos	Sail#	Name	Race#	1	2	Points
1	US4581	Carlson, Scott	2	1	3.00	
2	H369	Hoffland, John	4	2	6.00	
3	US4367	Flaska, Ken	3	5	8.00	
4	US4315	McDowell, Scott	6	4	10.00	
5	OE110	Romaner, Helmut	8	9	17.00	
6	Z39	Vuithier, Jean-Cla	7	10	17.00	
7	US2504	DeFer, Harry	12	6	18.00	
8	US4111	VanWagnen, Ken	1	18	19.00	
9	US4065	Hamill, Thomas	14	7	21.00	
10	US4155	Lemberg, Richard	5	22	27.00	
11	US3904	Dill, Bob	26	3	29.00	
12	US4114	Smith, Michael	16	14	30.00	
13	G108	Schellhorn, Peter	13	17	30.00	
14	US2301	Bierman, Daniel	10	20	30.00	
15	G99	Schreiber, Manfred	24	11	35.00	
16	H148	Reedyk, Bart	23	13	36.00	
17	US4443	Faunce, Dick	19	19	38.00	
18	OE222	Mueller-Hart, Andreas	27	12	39.00	
19	US2138	Long, George	17	25	42.00	
20	US2360	Johns, Pete	29	15	44.00	
21	OE39	Bauer, Rudi	20	26	46.00	
22	US807	Francis, JR	18	28	46.00	
23	US3271	Jankowski, Mike	1	DNF	46.00	
24	US4212	Haumersen, Brian	25	23	48.00	
25	G634	Plaetzer, Martin	22	29	51.00	
26	US4249	Kaiser, Richard	35	18	53.00	
27	US233	Fidler, Bob	9	DNF	54.00	
28	H580	Tolsma, Johan	31	27	58.00	
29	US1202	Harvey, Doug	28	30	58.00	
30	US467	Rian, Mike	15	DNS	60.00	
31	US4691	Dennis, John	DNS	16	61.00	
32	Z47	Comtesse, Jean-Pie	33	31	64.00	
33	US4257	Gluek, Jim	32	32	64.00	
34	US4297	Weitzmann, Jim	DNF	21	66.00	
35	US4055	Struble, Bob	21	DNF	66.00	
36	US4710	Kennedy, Tom	DNF	24	69.00	
37	US1854	Thiessen, Bob	30	DNF	75.00	
38	US4099	Condon, William	34	DNS	79.00	
39T	US3433	Cummins, Robert	DNS	DNS	90.00	
40T	US802	Meyer, Tom	DNS	DNS	90.00	
41T	S340	Hallgren, Anders	DNS	DNS	90.00	
42T	US4032	Schumacher, Robert	DNS	DNS	90.00	
43T	US3400	Gibson, David	DNS	DNS	90.00	
44T	US805	Pegel, Jane	DNF	DNF	90.00	

Sunday morning found us with 18-22mph of gusty wind, and a fast, relatively smooth gray ice course. These conditions provided for many thrills on the race course, as well as quite a few broken masts as skippers tried to reel in the leaders a bit too quickly. You can always go faster by bending the spar out a bit further, but the real test is to both go fast and keep the equipment in one piece.

I felt somewhat lucky to be given #36 starting position. I hoped for a good jump at the start with so few DN's under me, which would allow me to tack to port and carry a lift into the right corner. Practicing before the start had indicated that this would happen and being to the left would give me the inside track to the mark. My start was the best in my area, and the wind did cooperate to give me a comfortable lead at the first mark. I basically sailed a diamond for the rest of the race since there were few lulls or shifts to worry about. I noticed Ron Sherry

and Bernd Zeiger making a run on me at times, but basically it was a wire to wire win. After the race I found out that Ron was troubled by an inverting mast and that Mike O'Brien had moved from 8th at the first leeward mark into second at the second rounding, before his mast called it a day. Jeff Kent showed that he would be around at trophy time by finishing in 3rd, behind Ron and just ahead of Bernd.

Our 2nd race started almost two hours later, and by now the wind had dropped to 16-20mph, with as many lulls as puffs. The lulls mixed the fleet up a bit, as several top ten sailors (Bernd Zeiger, Jan Gougeon, and Peter Hill) finished about 10 places lower than their first race. All three of these skippers had started on starboard. In retrospect, I was favored to be on Port this time. Again, I jumped out to an early lead on my side of the line. Port tack felt lifted and we had a nice puff, so I continued half way to the lay line. At that point I tacked to check in with the sailors to the left. I was crossing everyone, so I continued almost to the lay line and eventually rounded with another nice lead. The second time to windward, I was not quite so smart or lucky. Thinking my lead insurmountable, I settled in to the previous race strategy of sailing the big diamond. This time however, as I approached the shore on port tack, I sailed into a lull. Meanwhile, Jeff Kent was

zeroing in on me by going up the middle and then coming in fast on the port lay line. I was able to point up and float around the mark in first, but within 10 seconds Jeff came flying by in a hike and my lead was history. I caught his puff and spent the next three legs trying to catch back up, but he sailed both fast and smart to win with room to spare. Piotr Burczynski had a great race to finish in third, but was never a threat to Jeff or myself.

World Championship - Bronze Fleet

Pos	Sail#	Name	Race#	1	2	Points
1	US4602	Kickhafer, David	1	4	5.00	
2	US4387	Blair, Charles	3	3	6.00	
3	US1301	Coberly, Chad	7	5	12.00	
4	US3687	Beck, J, West	5	8	13.00	
5	L1	Sjoeborg, Stig-Olo	4	10	14.00	
6	US445	Cave, Bob	9	6	15.00	
7	US4507	Reynolds, Brad	2	15	17.00	
8	US4699	Harlow, John	16	2	18.00	
9	US2366	Rosten, Ronald	11	7	18.00	
10	US216	Potcova, Richard	6	14	20.00	
11	US4140	Hoepfer, Peter	12	12	24.00	
12	US4027	Hatfield, Dick	13	13	26.00	
13	US4636	Reps, Tom	10	19	29.00	
14	KC4537	Smith, Robert	8	21	29.00	
15	US581	Renji, Clinton	22	11	33.00	
16	US3743	Carnaghi, JP	17	16	33.00	
17	US4192	Rogoski, Randy	14	20	34.00	
18	US4483	Plamondon, Walt	24	17	41.00	
19	US1006	Vitale, Nick	23	18	41.00	
20	US4316	Rice, Randall	15	26	41.00	
21	KC4162	Moxness, Ron	19	23	42.00	
22	US3800	Snodgrass, Reuben	18	24	42.00	
23	US4411	Munsell, Robert	21	22	43.00	
24	US4626	Gervais, Paul	DNF	1	45.00	
25	US4	Vanderberg, Evert	20	29	49.00	
26	KB11	Watlington, Hubert	25	25	50.00	
27	US4110	Milbank, Jack	DNS	9	53.00	
28	H55	Eindhoven, Jan	27	27	54.00	
29	US3885	Armstrong, LeaAnn	30	28	58.00	
30	US3908	Williams, Dan	26	33	59.00	
31	US60	Teutsch, Art	29	31	60.00	
32	US4066	Hamil, Rosemary	31	32	63.00	
33	US3021	Feevey, Lawrence	28	DNS	72.00	
34	US4535	Rupp, Jeffrey	DNS	30	74.00	
35	US1419	Rittenhouse, Stuart	DNS	34	78.00	
36	US3584	Fullerton, Mike	DNF	35	79.00	
37	US2303	Armstrong, Roderick	DNS	36	80.00	
38T	US4375	Ball, Malcolm	DNF	DNS	88.00	
39T	US2838	Crocker, Art	DNS	DNS	88.00	
40T	US4203	Fitzgerald, Patrick	DNS	DNF	88.00	
41T	US3936	Wilson, Eric	DNF	DNS	88.00	
42T	L5	Lindberg, Hans	DNF	DNS	88.00	
43T	G695	Volz, Andreas	DNS	DNS	88.00	

Monday morning, a new day, a gentle wind and appropriately a new leader. The Gold fleet was able to watch the Aluminum fleet test the approximately 4-5mph breeze of the day. They were able to generally sail the course, but many were in danger of not meeting the time limit after Ray Croasdale's fine effort earned him an easy first place. The wind was dropping and shifting as we waited for our start. We finally lined up with the wind at 3mph and shifted slightly to the left. I was starting on



Tell us... who has his boat parked into the wind? Waiting for the wind to come up on Monday.

World Championships - Aluminum Fleet

Pos	Sail#	Name	Race#	1	2	Points
1	US4527	Foeller,Robert	4	4	8.00	
2	US4824	Christensen,Mark	2	7	9.00	
3	US4732	Gamble,Todd	1	9	10.00	
4	US4805	Heaney,Patrick	5	6	11.00	
5	US1873	Croasdale,Raymond	13	1	14.00	
6	OE221	Mueller-Hart,Niklas	14	3	17.00	
7	US3198	Foeller,Robert	12	5	17.00	
8	US4789	Clark,Chris	7	12	19.00	
9	US7	Chatterton,Markham	8	14	22.00	
10	US1610	Brown,BruceWi	17	8	25.00	
11	US187	Croasdale,Chris	15	10	25.00	
12	US4490	Lundt,Peter	10	16	26.00	
13	US4785	Otton,James	16	13	29.00	
14	US4006	Fisher,Dix	20	11	31.00	
15	US4829	Sailtonstall,Patrick	31	2	33.00	
16	US3901	Smith Jr.,Ken	28	15	43.00	
17	US4738	Parker,Dick	3	DNS	49.00	
18	US3931	Krause Jr.,Fred	34	17	51.00	
19	US3502	Kirchhoff,Jeff	6	DNF	52.00	
20	US3705	Holman,RobertJ	9	DNS	55.00	
21	US4017	Larivee,Terry	11	DNF	57.00	
22	US4757	Fredrickson,John	18	DNF	64.00	
23	US4689	Kuhn,JohnR.	19	DNF	65.00	
24	US3987	Burnham,David	21	DNF	67.00	
25	US738	Root,Raymond	22	DNF	68.00	
26	US4780	Weeks,David	23	DNS	69.00	
27	US4438	Kilpatrick,Bob	24	DNF	70.00	
28	US4760	Guidinger,Dan	25	DNF	71.00	
29	US4702	Mercer,Robert	26	DNF	72.00	
30	H611	Dominicus,Jan	27	DNF	73.00	
31	US1513	Jombock,John	29	DNS	75.00	
32	US1468	Whitehorse,GregT.	30	DNF	76.00	
33	US4583	Holley,Bill	32	DNS	78.00	
34	US4752	Rittenhouse,Eric	33	DNF	79.00	
35	US4794	Blacklock,PeterJ.	35	DNF	81.00	
36	US3903	Young,William	36	DNS	82.00	
377	US4643	Zuhlke Jr.,Markus	DNS	DNS	92.00	
387	US4447	Laurent,Steven	DNS	DNF	92.00	
397	US4793	Gillen,Bill	DNS	DNS	92.00	
407	US2245	McCormick,Andrew	DNS	DNS	92.00	
417	US2221	Olsen,James	DNF	DNF	92.00	
427	KC3288	Huber,Hans	DNS	DNS	92.00	
437	US4184	Herbert,William	DNF	DNF	92.00	
447	OE200	Hormann,Herbert	DNS	DNS	92.00	
457	US4753	Rittenhouse,Joe	DNS	DNF	92.00	

starboard with Ron under me. He proved quicker and when we finally jumped in, we tacked in unison onto port as there seemed to be no air on our side. Of course both of us immediately then got out and ran to try and get back up to speed as our boats had stopped from the tack. He was windward, but we had equal speed as we sailed to the right. About halfway out, boats from the right started crossing us a bit faster than we were sailing. In retrospect, it was time to take a left turn, but I continued another minute before tacking and Ron carried all the way to the corner. The middle did pay off, and I felt lucky to round in 9th. The leader was too far ahead for me to see, but the results show that Andreas "Marathon man" Bock was giving us all a lesson in light air technique. Ron fared even worse as he rounded further back in 13th. I proceeded to give up as I saw Mike O'Brien lap me. I never even saw the other leaders lap me. I was going so slow, I convinced myself that

either the race would not make the limit, or I would use it as my throw out. Somehow I rounded in 15th the second time around, and held that to the finish. Ron kept up with the pace to move on up to 10th place and stay in the hunt for the Gold. Jeff Kent moved into first place for the series with a "gutsy" 210 pounds. to be exact, 7th place finish. Our race finished with the wind at about 1mph and shifted 90 degrees to the left. We had lots of daylight left, but that was the last breath of wind for the day.

Monday night, the windows started to rattle, as the wind came down from the northwest with a vengeance. We also had some snowfall that made it fun to watch the wind puff and shift as the

powder snaked across the ice. Around race time the wind was still at 30mph with gusts, so we went into a series of postponements. The wind did finally let up, late in the day, but by then we were out of time for the day and the series. Jeff Kent had become our newest World Champion!

Henry Bossett began his DN sailing career on Lake Delavan in Wisconsin. Mastering the boat in a short time, Henry went on to win the Gold Cup a few years later in 1977. He has shown continued success by winning the Gold Cup a total of three times and the North American Championship four times. Also an avid sailor in the summer, Henry has sailed Tornado Catamarans and was on the U.S. Olympic team for the Tornado in 1980, along with crew Jeff Kent. (We spared the details, but you've sure come along way since that first day on Delevan eh Henry? ed.)

The Winners! From left, Henry Bossett US2936, Bernd Zeiger G107, Ron Sherry US44, Jeff Kent US 3535 and Karol Jablonski P736.

