

California Sea Scouts Sweep Championships

When California sailor Trevor Gurley took the stage last June in Osterville, MA, to accept First Place in the Richard Schwartz BoatU.S. National Sea Scout Sailing Championship, he looked very familiar to the sponsors. That's because the Newport Beach, CA, Sea Scout had stood in the winner's circle two years earlier when he and teammate Tom Hartmann won the same trophy at the first Sea Scout Cup Regatta in Chicago.

The only difference was that last time, Gurley was crew on the two-person International 420 class team from Sea Scout Ship *Del Mar*. This time he was the skipper. And this time history repeated itself yet again when it was later announced that Gurley, with Cory Kemp as crew, had also won the William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup.

Hosted by the Massachusetts Maritime Academy in Buzzards Bay, MA, the second running of the biennial event included two-person Sea Scout crews from 11 states as well as teams from Norway, England, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand.



Photos by Michael Roytek

BoatU.S. Founder Richard Schwartz (left) presents First Place trophies to California Sea Scouts Trevor Gurley (right) and Corey Kemp. The two competed against Sea Scouts from around the U.S. and five foreign nations in 420 class dinghies (inset, right). They not only won the BoatU.S. national trophy, but also won the "Koch Cup" international Sea Scout trophy.

Sea Scout Ship *Mariner* of Dana Point, CA, took second place honors in the BoatU.S. Cup competition while Towson, MD, Ship *1993* placed third. Sea Scouts from New Zealand placed second for the

Koch Cup while the *Mariner* team took third.

William Koch, who won the America's Cup in 1992, created the international championship two years ago to commemorate the 90th anniversary of Sea

Scouting. As a complement to the Koch Cup, BoatU.S. created a national trophy the



same year.

The 2004 regatta also saw the addition of a new trophy, the Dawn Riley Team Spirit Award, donated by event sponsor,

Chevrolet. Named for a top female sailor who learned to sail as a Sea Scout in Michigan, that award went to Sea Scout Ships *Sea Devil* of Bowie, MD, and *Challenger* of Redwood City, CA.

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