

WRITING CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT

Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta competitors,

Last spring, with the help of Sperry Top-Sider, Sailing World revived its Guide to College Sailing. One of the features in the guide was an essay on surviving freshman year. We sent that question out to the college sailing mailing list and received two dozen entries. The winning entry was by Tufts sailor Amelia Quinn. She received \$800. Five other finalist entries were published online.

For our next guide to college sailing, we thought it would be great to hear about some big boat sailing. The general scheme is still the same. Entries will be due by Monday, Nov. 7. The best will be published in our Guide to College Sailing in the spring of 2012 and the author will receive \$800, not to mention a good deal of free exposure for his or her sailing team, which never hurts when trying to lure in new recruits. A handful of finalists will see their entries published online.

The topic is the Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta run by the Storm Trysail Foundation and Larchmont Yacht Club Oct. 8-9, 2011. We want to hear about your experience this year. The maximum length is 1,000 words.

What should you write about? Whatever was most memorable about this regatta. Maybe it was one race. Maybe it was one mark rounding. Or one particularly key tactical call. Maybe it was recruiting the team to compete, or traveling to/from the regatta, or scrambling to replace a key crewmember at the last minute. Maybe it was a team dinner. Or making breakfast. Or setting the spinnaker for the first time during pre-regatta practice. I would encourage you to avoid a blow-by-blow description of how the regatta went from a results perspective. We're looking to get beyond the scoresheet, into the more subjective part of the experience. Burrow into one particular moment and let the reader live it through your words. Give us your perspective. Humor is always good. So is honesty and emotion.

If you want to look at what we liked from last year's crop of entries, click here.

<http://www.sailingworld.com/racing/college/how-to-survive-your-first-year-of-college-sailing>

You'll see that each is unique. But all are well written and honest.

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