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>> COED

MAISA

1. Georgetown
2. St. Mary's
3. Hobart/Wm. Smith
4. Navy
5. Old Dominion
6. SUNY Maritime
7. Cornell
8. Washington College
9. USMMA

MCSA

1. Wisconsin
2. Minnesota
3. Michigan
4. Northwestern
5. Notre Dame
6. Marquette

NEISA

1. Boston College
2. Roger Williams
3. Harvard
4. Brown
5. Yale
6. Tufts
7. Conn. College
8. Rhode Island
9. Vermont
10. Boston Univ.

NWICSA

1. Oregon
2. Western Wash.
3. Washington

PCCSC

1. Stanford
2. UC Santa Barbara
3. UCLA
4. USC
5. Hawaii
6. Cal Maritime (tie) UC Irvine

SAISA

- [1. Charleston]**
2. South Florida
 3. Miami
 4. Eckerd
 5. Florida
 6. Clemson

SEISA

1. Tulane
2. Texas
3. Texas A&M Galveston
4. Texas A&M

>> WOMAN'S

MAISA

1. St. Mary's
2. Hobart/Wm. Smith
3. Old Dominion
4. Georgetown
5. Navy
6. Pennsylvania
7. Fordham
8. Cornell
9. George Washington

MCSA

1. Wisconsin
2. Minnesota
3. Michigan
4. Northwestern
5. Notre Dame
6. Indiana

NEISA

1. Boston College
2. Brown
3. Conn. College
4. Yale
5. Coast Guard (tie) Rhode Island
7. Harvard
8. Tufts
9. Dartmouth
10. Vermont

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Matchmaking, Texas Style



Clubs everywhere are looking for ways to engage younger members, and down in Denison, Texas, a group of sailors has found a solution. In 2009, Texoma Sailing Club race captain Dave Long sat down with fellow racers Juan Mauri and J.D. Hill. They settled on a plan that capitalized on two resources they had in abundant supply: eager sailors at nearby institutions like Texas A&M University, University of Central Oklahoma, the University of Texas, and Texas A&M University at Galveston, and keelboat owners looking for crew.

The result of their brainstorm, the Collegiate Challenge, connects college sailors with club members for the Lakefest Regatta, a charity event that takes place every April on Lake Texoma, a 90,000-acre lake skirting the border of Texas and Oklahoma.

The plan was win-win for all involved. Local college sailors—most of whom sail for student-run club teams—appreciated the TSC's grass-roots effort, and owners jumped at the idea of having young talent onboard. "Even in the highly competitive spinnaker classes, some skippers had some of their regular crew stay home so there would be openings for the college students," says Long.

As a result of the Texoma Sailing Club's Collegiate Challenge, Texas A&M University sailors Bob Long and Kerry Pelton have become regular crewmembers aboard Juan Mauri's Farr 39 Enigma.

For the first Collegiate Challenge, in 2010, 20 college sailors raced on a variety of member boats, ranging from a Viper 640 to a J/122. When the regatta ended, some students signed on as regular crewmembers for the summer series. "Kids who had zero keelboat experience spent the summer racing keelboats as a direct result of the Collegiate Challenge," says Long.

Long's son, Bob, is captain of the sailing team at Texas A&M. Since racing in the Collegiate Challenge, he and fellow Aggie sailor Kerry Pelton have become semi-permanent crew aboard Mauri's Farr 39 Enigma. Bob Long rightly calls the program "contagious." In 2011, for the 25th anniversary of Lakefest, participation in the Collegiate Challenge doubled to 40 young sailors.

The Collegiate Challenge is here to stay, and organizers are searching for a date that doesn't conflict with ICSA Semifinals. After all, there could be a future All-American or national champion in their midst.

—KEN HURST

