

7/2/95 Smooth sailing for Zwarg at BBYRA

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ISLAND HEIGHTS — Brooke Zwarg of the host club swept the Laser Radial races yesterday as the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association capped off its second week of competition.

Zwarg, 16, took first in both the Open and Junior classes of the Laser Radials. She cruised to victory in both, outdistancing Caroline Spinaer of Ocean Gate Yacht Club in the Open and Brad Schwartz of Manasquan River in the Juniors. The Junior win gave her the Ernest D. Hangarter trophy, an award her older brother Jon, 20, who sails at Brown University, has won twice (1989-90).

"It was kind of yucky out there today," Zwarg said. "But I had a pretty big lead. I just kept thinking that I was going to lose it, but it picked up a little later in the afternoon."

Zwarg is a two-sport athlete (soccer, lacrosse) in Connecticut, where she lives in the winter. She has been sailing since she was a young girl, and thinks of it as something to keep her competitive juices flowing.

"I really don't have a favorite sport," Zwarg said. "I love them all. And I love all the aspects of sailing. I

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like the racing and the competition, but I also just love going out on the water."

Zwarg's been sailing Laser Radials for four years. Before that she made the logical transition of boats from an Optimus Pram to a Blue Jay and now up to a Laser. Jon was the BBYRA Laser Radial champion last year for the season, but Brooke doesn't see having a successful sibling as a drawback.

"He's more of a teacher than a foe," she said. "He sails Laser Full Rigs at Brown, so he really knows what he's doing."

In the morning races, Richard Wight of Mantoloking YC took home the Wanamaker Trophy in the E Scows. Stephanie Sayia of Seaside Park YC won in the Laser II's. Scott Callahan of Bay Head YC won in the M Scows. Two skippers from Lavalette YC, James Maïda and John J. Aplegate, won the Laser and Laser Masters, respectively.

Paul Anon of Toms River YC won in the Sneakbox class and J.P. Broderick won in the Blue Jays. Island Heights' Brian Gabriel captured the slack Bowl in the morning Ensigns.

In the afternoon, William Fortenbaugh of Bay Head YC won the J. Willard Morgan Cup in the A Cats. Bay Head's Bob Adams won the Sanderlings. Erik Johnson of Toms River YC claimed the Atkinson Trophy in the E Scows. Metedeconk's Jody Lutz won the Jack Wright Cup in the Lightning Division. Allan K. Terhune, Sr. of Toms River YC finished first in the Flying Scots. Robert Warner of Toms River YC won the afternoon Ensigns and J.A. Brown of Bay Head won in the Sandpiper Division.