

# Vapor wins Crabbe trophy

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**OCEAN GATE** — Chris Chadwick took home another Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association trophy, sailing Vapor to victory in the A Cat class for the Beck Crabbe Memorial Trophy yesterday.

The Beck Crabbe race featured a special start from anchor that Chadwick said could best be described as a spectacle.

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"It is extreme chaos at the start," said Chadwick, who sails out of Seaside Park Yacht Club. "You are trying to pull up the anchor and raise the sail at the same time. It is purely for spectators."

Chadwick, who also won the Toms River Yacht Club Challenge Cup on July 18, said that having a successful race from anchor boils down to maneuvering for the best position at the start. Unfortunately for Chadwick, he didn't realize the race had begun until he saw the other competitors raising their sails.

"I didn't hear the gun go off, then I looked around and said 'Oh my God!'" said Chadwick, who co-skippered with James C. Kellogg Jr. yesterday.

As Vapor's sail filled, though, Chadwick knew that his outside position was just right for catching

the Toms River's fluky winds.

Chadwick also credited Russell Lucas, Vapor's tactician, with helping him to victory.

"I couldn't have won the race without him, he was very important," Chadwick said.

Chadwick's victory also tightened up the points race for the overall A Cat championship, moving him into a tie for second place. All the A Cat competitors will have the opportunity to drop their worst finish at the end of the season before the final points are tallied.

"This makes it fun," Chadwick said. "Last year, it was over midway through the season, but now we have a real competition on our hands."

The BBYRA also held two other trophy races. Bob Reago, Metedeconk River Yacht Club, won the Marshall Trophy for Sanderlings and Ed Vienckowski, Mantoloking Yacht Club, took home the Kenneth W. Mease Memorial Trophy in the Sneakbox class.

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