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BBYC'S ERIC KOPPERNAES' CREW WINS 6TH ANNUAL NOVA SCOTIA MATCH RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

Bedford NS, September 9, 2001 – The 2001 Nova Scotia Match Racing Championships, held this weekend in the Bedford Basin, was won by skipper Eric Koppernaes, representing the Bedford Basin Yacht Club, who defeated Rory MacDonald's crew from the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron three races to two in the finals. Also competing on Sunday in the semi-finals was the Tony Moore crew from St. Margaret's Sailing Club and the Bill Haliburton skipped crew from Armdale Yacht Club.

Race chairman Rod Wark said this weekend's races were run under good conditions although winds started light on Sunday but increased throughout the day. "We witnessed great boat handling and exciting tactical duels throughout the weekend," said Wark. "The finals came down to the last race between the winner of the William Alexander & Associates perpetual trophy for first place in the round robin, Rory MacDonald, versus the Match Racing Championship's veteran crew skipped by Eric Koppernaes, with all races really tight until the end. All participants reported a tremendous time was had all around."

Peter Graham Dwyer, representing the primary sponsor William Alexander & Associates Ltd., presented the David Forsyth trophy to the winning BBYC team of Eric Koppernaes, skipper; Mark Dejoux, main trimmer; Joanne Haley, jib trimmer; Donna Rodjerson, jib trimmer; Jeff Sears, panel, Andrew Lordly, mast and Terry Doran, foredeck. Rory MacDonald's crew representing RNSYS included Sean McDermott, main trimmer, Rob Trainor, jib trimmer; Geoff Dalzell, jib trimmer; Patrick Larouche, mast; Andrew Orr, panel and Joe Sampson, foredeck.

The 6th annual Nova Scotia Match Racing event was a success thanks to the support of Black & MacDonald, Cisco Systems, Compaq, Fairwyn Partnerships Limited, Impact Promotional Products, Maritime Marlin Travel, Nova Communications, Office Interiors Group, Oland Brewery, Quantum Sailmakers, Robertson Surette, Toshiba, William Alexander & Associates, and **xwave**. This year's event also featured a web site including daily results and photos that can be accessed at: www.nsmrc.com.

Results

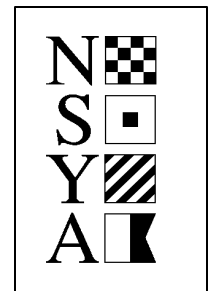
Sunday, September 9

Semi Final (best of three races)

MacDonald, RNSYS versus Haliburton, AYC	2 - 0
Koppernaes, BBYC versus Moore, SMSC	2 - 0

Final (best of five races)

Koppernaes, BBYC versus MacDonald, RNSYS	3 - 2
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For More Information

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