



A SCHOCK SABOT FROM SANTA

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One lucky little girl woke up Christmas morning to find a beautiful new Sabot in her entry way (it wouldn't fit under the tree). It is a gorgeous dark blue Brian Thomas/Corsair racing Sabot, and it has all the go-fast things she will need to win big.

The lucky little girl is D'amy Steward of Coronado Yacht Club. Last summer, at ten years old, D'amy was sailing a tired old Sabot as a C3 sailor. But it was obvious she had what it takes to get to the top. So in late August, her mom decided D'amy deserved a new boat. She ordered a Schock Brian Thomas/Corair Sabot, with plans to wait until Christmas to give it to D'amy. During the last weekend in September, D'amy sailed her first regatta away from home. She sailed in a fleet

of thirteen C3s in the ABYC Fall Junior Invitational. And in her old Sabot with #262 on the sail, she placed second after a tie breaker for first. And this put her in C2s! Sailing beyond the comfort of Mission Bay was a big step for a 10 year old, but not really surprising for this "fast track" Sabot sailor.



At this point D'amy started talking seriously about, perhaps, needing a new boat. Keeping Santa's plans a secret was getting harder and harder for Mom and Dad. Finally, after 3½ months, the big day arrived. Two days later, we received an email from D'amy's mom: "D'amy got up at 1:45 am Christmas morning and saw the sail from upstairs. She couldn't get back to sleep she was so excited! Yesterday she christened her boat with a can of Red Bull (gives you wings

according to her coach, Diego Gomez-Hall) and sailed in 25 knots of wind! She flew like a rocket! She sailed in almost no wind again today with Diego.... *O'cean II* did extremely well! D'amy and *O'cean II* (Pronounced "O-she-on") have bonded and a new love affair has begun! Thank you."

Keep your eye on the results. D'amy is a young Sabot sailor with huge potential.

