

A BIG DAY FOR COLE BAKER

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February 7 was a big day for Cole Baker. It was a Saturday, and he headed down to Mission Bay Yacht Club for a day of Sabot practice. Soon after he arrived, Tom Schock drove into the parking lot with a brand new Brian Thomas/Corsair Racing Sabot. With his 11th birthday just a few days away, it didn't take long for him to figure out that Sabot #10203 was an early surprise birthday present. Needless to say, he was speechless, and a BIG SMILE spread over his face.



After Tom showed Cole how to rig his new boat, he jumped into his boat and spent most of the day sailing around the bay, with his father waiting inside as he watched the rain come down. Cole refused to come in! On Sunday Cole raced at San Diego Yacht Club, his very first race as a B sailor. He told his dad that his goal was to be in the middle of the pack, since the B fleet is much more competitive than the C fleet. With the new boat, he was not just in the middle, but finished in the top four out of 15 boats, and he was just one point from third. In the Sabot Mid-Winters just a few weeks later, Cole moved up one place to finish third in a competitive fleet of 19 boats.



Cole's father tells us, "The only problem with this is . . . Now he's talking about going to the Olympics. Does Schock make an Olympic boat? You made a little boy's birthday a great memory. Thank you."

Keep your eye on this white Sabot with the blue and black racing stripes. You will find it in front of the A fleet soon.