

SABOT ARTICLES

A BIG DAY FOR COLE BAKER

March 13, 2009



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.

A SCHOCK SABOT FROM SANTA



January 16, 2009

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.



Schock is Now Producing the Corsair Sabot

June 11, 2007



Doug Sherman, President of Sher-Fab Unlimited Inc., and Steve Schupak, Production Manager of W.D. Schock Corp., are proud to announce the "Passing of the Molds" of the Corsair Naples Sabots from Sher-Fab to W.D. Schock Corp.

Brian Thomas launched the revolution in Naples Sabots when he first introduced his fiberglass boat back in 1965. These boats quickly became the boat of choice among top racers. In 1976 Doug Sherman acquired the tooling renaming it the Corsair Naples Sabot. During Doug's stewardship of the design, he

has further refined the already proven design, designed additional hardware still in use today, and introduced the eye catching racing stripes that became the trademark of the boat. Over the years, the Corsair Naples Sabot has been the most consistent winner in local races, and at the podium at Nationals.

Doug wanted to see the legacy of the Corsair Sabot continue and selected W.D. Schock Corp. as the natural choice to continue the legacy. Based on the fact W.D. Schock has the production experience, facility capacity, and ability to produce boats consistently and in a timely manner, they have been chosen as the successor for the Corsair Sabot. Most importantly, Steve Schupak, production manager, is as passionate as Doug has been regarding quality and performance of the Corsair Sabots. As Steve's wife and two children currently race Sabots, Steve has a long future ahead of him in the world of Sabots.

Sherman and Schupak will be working closely together to ensure the Corsair remains the sabot of choice within the International Naples Sabot Association (INSA). With the acquisition of the Corsair Naples Sabot and Sherman's "3-D" Sabot, W.D. Schock Corp. will now offer the most complete line of Sabots with models for beginners, institutions, club racers, and championship level racers.

W.D. Schock is a family owned business that has been building one design racing sailboats since 1946. W.D. Schock Corp. has been building Naples Sabots for over 50 years.

For more information or to place your order for your new boat please contact Steve Schupak at 951-277-3377.