

RACING

29ER GERMAN NATIONALS By Peter Macdonald

Tyler Macdonald (Newport Beach) and Willie McBride (from Santa Barbara) sailed recently in the 29er German National Championships held on Lake Walchensee, Germany.

This is the first big event for the newly formed team. Forty-four teams from five nations, including GER, GBR, AUT, AUS, and USA competed in this event.

After four days of racing, Tyler and Willie finished 4th overall. Conditions were light to medium breeze 6-15 knots, and very shifty. Both adults and juniors competed in this event. Seven teams from the USA also participated in this event.

The 29er is an international skiff, and is a training boat for the 2-man Olympic Skiff, the 49er, and the newly



announced Olympic women's double handed Skiff.

Tyler and Willie along with the other seven US teams were preparing

for the 29er European Championships which were held in Locarno-Brissago, Switzerland on Lake Maggiore, from July 16 - 23.



29ER EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, LOCARNO-BRISAGO, SWITZERLAND By Peter Macdonald

Newport Harbor Yacht Club's Tyler Macdonald and crew William McBride of Santa Barbara traveled to Switzerland with nine other US teams to compete in the 29er European Championships. The 29er Europeans were held in Locarno-Brissago, Switzerland. 154 teams representing 17 countries on Lake Maggiore competed for the title. There were many challenging days including massive rains not seen in 30 years and very unstable wind patterns. The European championships are the largest championship event for the 29er in Europe this year. In the six day championship they sailed four days to qualify, and sailed two days in the gold fleet. Tyler and William qualified in 13th overall, to be selected for the gold fleet and then ended up 5th overall.