



St. Mary's College of Maryland

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2009 St. Mary's College of Maryland Governor's Cup Yacht Race Photography Competition

(Photos available on the FTP site. See editor's note below.)

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(St. Mary's City, MD) June 12, 2009— St. Mary's College of Maryland (SMCM) invites photographers to capture the challenges of sailing by entering the 2009 St. Mary's College of Maryland Governor's Cup Yacht Race Professional Photography Competition. This year's race, which begins in Annapolis July 31 and ends at SMCM August 1, marks the 36th annual running of the Bay's oldest and most prestigious overnight race. Discover and explore firsthand what goes into an overnight sailboat competition. The potential for dramatic photographs is remarkable. For more details on the race, please visit www.smcm.edu/govcup/ or contact Katie Lanham at 240-895-4191 or kelanham@smcm.edu.

The first-place winner of each category in the Governor's Cup Professional Photography Competition will receive an SMCM Governor's Cup Trophy and \$250. Second- and third-place winners will receive an SMCM Governor's Cup Trophy. Winning photos may also be published in such media outlets as *Chesapeake Life* magazine, *SpinSheet*, *Chesapeake Bay* magazine, as well as SMCM publications – *The Mulberry Tree* and *River Gazette*. Photo entries may also be exhibited by the College in various venues and used for promotional purposes. Appropriate photo credit will be given.

Contest entries must be submitted as prints and are due by Monday, September 21, 2009. A completed entry form must be firmly attached to the reverse side of each submitted photo. A copy of the form can be found on the Web site. Forms may be photocopied. Entries will be judged by a panel of SMCM art faculty and staff.

Photographers may do one of the following:

1. Ride the photography/press boat from 5 – 7 p.m. at the start of the race in Annapolis.
2. Race aboard a competing yacht from their media market or hometown.
3. Ride the finish boat and cover the day-long festivities at the College on Saturday, August 1.

Please contact Marc Apter at 301-904-3690 or by e-mail at mlapter@smcm.edu before July 18 to arrange passage on a competing yacht and by July 29 to arrange passage on the start photo boat or the finish photo boat.

Photo contest rules:

- Contest entries must be photographs taken during the 2009 Governor's Cup Yacht Race or related 2009 Governor's Cup events, such as the post-race party at the College, the start of the race, or the race participants.
- Entries must be submitted as printed photographs. Photos may be of any size, and in color or black and white.
- Each photograph submitted must have a completed entry form attached with all fields filled in: name, title of entry, address, and either phone number or e-mail address.
- All entries must be postmarked on or before Saturday, September 19.
- Photo entries may be exhibited by the College in various venues and used for promotional purposes. Winning photos, with the appropriate photo credit, may be published in various media outlets as well as the College's publications: *The River Gazette* and *The Mulberry Tree*.
- Judges will be a panel of experts selected from the College, and winners will be notified when judging is complete.
- If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Katie Lanham in the Public Relations office at 240-895-4191 or by e-mail at kelanham@smcm.edu.

St. Mary's College of Maryland, designated the state's honors college in 1992, is ranked one of the best liberal arts schools in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report* and *Kiplinger's*. *The Princeton Review* named it a "best value college" in its 2009 edition. Founded in 1840 as Maryland's "monument school" commemorating the state's first capital, SMCM is the state's only public honors college, offering "an Ivy-level College with a public-school price tag" (*Newsweek*).

Some 2,000 students attend the college, which has the highest graduation rate for all Maryland public colleges and universities, and an SAT average for student admissions of 1848. The school's waterfront campus along the St. Mary's River in Southern Maryland is home to the 2009 National Intercollegiate Sailing Association Co-ed champions.

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Suggested photo cutline: Tom Wolff, of Mt. Rainier, Md., won first place in the color category for his untitled photograph in the 2008 St. Mary's College of Maryland Governor's Cup Yacht Race Photography Competition.

Editor's note: All winning photos are available on the College FTP site at www.smcm.edu:

Host: www.smcm.edu

Access: Passive FTP

Username: media

Password: h1cbA2KH