

CUTTER SMITH/LAURA HUTTON WIN MIDWINTER'S 2003!

Cutter Smith and Laura Hutton won the JY15 Midwinter's held last week at Clearwater. It was a battle down to the last race between Cutter/Laura the Gimples, Greg and Suzanne Griffin and Dave Hoye/Misty Reeder. Luckily for Cutter it blew like stink on Sunday, 20 plus which is his favorite breeze and he got two bullets to bring home the gold. Check out the website which will have pictures and results next week. This years format was new and worked out great. The Clearwater Sailing Center is under new management and you can have the social events right there including beer. So we had all after race entertainment right at the center, worked out great. They also provided a race committee who did a great job. 9 races!!!! The weather was great and after this winter we have had, it was just nice to be warm and feel the sunshine. With the new changes at the center, we have decided to make it the permanent home for our midwinter's. We will put together another package for next year including hotel. Great place for a quick family vacation in the doldrums of winter. Wendy and Morgan went to Busch Gardens. We will limit entries next year to 45 boats which is a good size for the area we sail in and race management. You should also start thinking about this years North Americans which are being held at Rush Creek Yacht Club in Dallas Texas. First weekend of October. It is going to be a real Texas shootout. You will be able to register on line and charter/delivery to Texas will only cost \$100. For those in the Northeast, Breakwater Yacht Club in Sag Harbor is going to host the Atlantic Coast Championships in June. Don't miss this one. Its always fun to head out to Long Island. Spring is almost here, and before you know it, summer will be upon us.

See you all this summer,

Dave Eck