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# NORTH WILDWOOD ROW DRAWS 35 2-MAN BOATS

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The North Wildwood Around The Island Row is the South Jersey Beach Patrol competition season's test of iron men, and most of the 15th annual event's big stars are again on hand. Thirty-five two-man boats will get a floating start at the 15th Avenue beach on Wednesday and the oarsmen will travel in a counterclockwise 21-mile circuit around Five Mile Beach. The race is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m.

The crews will proceed north to the Hereford Inlet, continue down the Wildwood back bay, go around the Cold Spring Inlet and back up to 15th Avenue in the ocean.

John Kelley and Stuart Grant of Margate won the event last year, but will not be on hand Wednesday.

"Right now, we're concerned with the wind," North Wildwood Beach Patrol Chief Tony Cavalier said. "That's the biggest obstacle. It's coming from the northeast. We're hoping things will be OK by Wednesday."

Joe Sheffer and Chris Oves hope the surf is peaceful too. The Ocean City crew was having an undefeated season in the doubles row until the South Jersey Championships last Thursday. Their boat took on a lot of water from a swell at the beginning, and they finished 10th. Sheffer and Oves, third in the Around The Island Row last year, should certainly challenge Wednesday.

Mark Duszak and J.J. Nissley of Avalon, winners in the South Jerseys last Thursday, are on hand too. Jim McDevitt and Cliff Murray of Ventnor were second in the Around The Island Row last summer, and brothers Jim and John Swift of Margate, will be favorites too.

Also ready to go are Dennis Funk and George Miller, the well-known Ventnor alumni crew. Funk, a builder, and Miller, a lawyer, hold the meet record with a winning time of two hours, 56 minutes, 6 seconds in 1987.

Watch out for Chuck Dunn and Ted Evans of Ocean City. At the South Jerseys last week, Evans captured the singles row for the third year in a row. Dunn won the Around The Island Row with Ron Kirk in 1988.

Jim Gibbons and Chris McCann of Wildwood are sentimental favorites. The pair was in the lead with about four miles to go last summer when Gibbons collapsed unconscious and was taken to the hospital.

Bob Garbutt and Jeff Garbutt, fifth in the Jerseys, will row for Atlantic City and Dan Adams and Mike McGrath will represent Longport. Other favorites for Atlantic City include the crews of Matt Deibert and Paul Fetter, and George Naame and Mike Guerrieri.

Two veteran teams include Bill Howarth and Jim Mason of Ventnor, and Terry Randolph and Marty Franco of Cape May.

At 69 years old, former Margate lifeguard Whitey Thomas is the row's oldest-ever competitor. He'll team with 49-year old Bob Garbutt Sr. of Atlantic City.

#### Lineups

BRIGANTINE - Tim Fetter-Joe Diamond.

ATLANTIC CITY - Bob Garbutt Jr.-Jeff Garbutt, Alan Moss-Charles Joseph, Matt Deibert-Paul Fetter, George Naame-Mike Guerrieri. Whitey Thomas-Bob Garbutt Sr. (Thomas is a Margate alumni).

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VENTNOR - Bill Howarth-Jim Mason, Jim McDevitt-Cliff Murray, Ed Harrold-Wilmer Abbott.

VENTNOR ALUMNI - Dennis Funk-George Miller.

MARGATE - Jim Swift-John Swift.

LONGPORT - Dan Adams-Mike McGrath.

OCEAN CITY - Rob DeSipio-Tom Fries, Joe Sheffer-Chris Oves, Chuck Dunn-Ted Evans.

AVALON - J.J. Nissley-Mark Duszak, Craig Whitehead-Mike Cras.

STONE HARBOR - Tim Wierman-Rod Tice /p NORTH WILDWOOD - Tim O'Brien-Frank Sites, Jack Luka-Wayne Rowe.

WILDWOOD - Thomas McCann-Tom Sher, Chris McCann-Jim Gibbons, Dennis Glancey-Rodman Pierce, Tom Killian-Dave Hart. Loy Ehlers-Doug Aitken (Aitken is a Wildwood Alumni).

WILDWOOD CREST - John Fair-John Lincke, Ron Peters-Ron Ayers, Tom Frederick-Ed McClain, Linda Kelly-Bill Quinn (Quinn is a North Wildwood lifeguard).

CAPE MAY - Terry Randolph-Marty Franco, Todd DeSatnick-Harry Back, Rich Demers-Tom McLaughlin, Fred McColl-Kim McKay.

CAPE MAY POINT - Keith Jackson-Bob Cwik.

UNATTACHED - Bob Schwartz-Jerry Bonsall.

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# OCEAN CITY'S EVANS-DUNN TAKE AROUND THE ISLAND ROW CROWN

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Two-thirds of Friday's 15th annual North Wildwood Around The Island Row, which was won by Ocean City's Ted Evans and Chuck Dunn, was one of the most thrilling ever. The silent but feverish race continued past the Cape May Bridge checkpoint with four two-man boat crews within 60 yards of each other. With the ocean sprint for home still ahead, the counter-clockwise marathon was up for grabs.

Then in the Cold Spring Inlet at the bottom of Wildwood island, it was showtime for Evans and Dunn of the O.C. Beach Patrol.

After a slow start, Evans and Dunn trailed Jim McDevitt and Cliff Murray of Ventnor Beach Patrol by less than a boat length, and the Ocean City oarsmen powered to the lead in the inlet.

The surging Evans and Dunn pulled away to win the event in three hours, three minutes, 50 seconds.

About 200 yards behind in second place at the finish was the Ventnor alumni team of Dennis Funk and George Miller, who crossed in 3:06.24. Joe Sheffer and Chris Oves of Ocean City were about 150 yards behind them in third place in 3:08.15, while McDevitt and Murray ended up fourth in

3:08.56.

"Chuck and I were understroking, taking longer strokes, using not as much energy to make the boat move faster," Evans said. "When they (Murray and McDevitt) were drinking water, I said "All right, Chuck, we can do it." We got the lead for a while, but they were right on our tail and drafting off of us. Where we really made our move was at the end of the rock piles and the turn into the ocean."

Evans and Dunn wasted no time as the final ocean chase to the flags began. At Diamond Beach in lower Wildwood, the Ocean City crew led by 100 yards.

The 22-year old Evans usually operates alone. Last week, he won the South Jersey 1,000-foot singles row for the third straight year.

But the undersized 26-year-old Dunn isn't just a fill-in at stern. He teamed with Ron Kirk to win the Around The Island Row in 1988. Friday's victory was only Evans and Dunn's third race together.

"I'm very fortunate to have Ted step into this race with me," Dunn said. "For him to go from rowing a six-minute race to a three-hour race takes a lot of guts."

By contrast, builder Funk and lawyer Miller, both nearly 40, have rowed together since the Nixon administration. Counting them, Ventnor had four boats in the top eight on Friday.

The Northeaster that has annoyed the Jersey coast for a week twice postponed this event. But things were calm, though dreary, at 9:42 a.m. when the race began at the 15th Avenue beach.

The Cape May crew of Terry Randolph and Marty Franco jumped to the lead as the boats headed north.

Randolph and Franco led the pursuing Funk and Miller by 30 yards at the Hereford Inlet, 40 yards at the Stone Harbor Bridge and 70 yards at the West Wildwood train trestle. Murray and McDevitt caught the Cape May boat down the back bay before the Rio Grande Bridge.

Randolph and Franco, who had a sub-three-hour time in finishing second in the row in 1983,

eventually came in fifth Friday in 3:10.19.

The row is never complete without a hard-luck crew, and this year it was Sheffer and Oves. They took on water from a wave, suffered a collision with two boats, and Sheffer briefly lost his right oar in the stretch run.

"I got a bad cramp in the back bay," Oves said. "We moved into third and I just started to cramp (Sheffer and Oves were third at the Cape May Bridge). I'm happy with the way we did the way I felt."

### Results

1. Ted Evans-Chuck Dunn, Ocean City, 3:03.50; 2. Dennis Funk-George Miller, Ventnor Alumni, 3:06.24; 3. Joe Sheffer-Chris Oves, Ocean City, 3:08.15; 4. Jim McDevitt-Cliff Murray, Ventnor, 3:08.56; 5. Terry Randolph-Marty Franco, Cape May, 3:10.19; 6. Bill Howarth-Jim Mason, Ventnor, 3:10.55; 7. Jim Swift-John Swift, Margate, 3:11.20; 8. Ed Harrold-Scott Jones, Ventnor, 3:11.58; 9. Tom Frederick-Ed McClain, Wildwood Crest, 3:13.48; 10. Ron Peters-Ron Ayers, Wildwood Crest, 3:14.07;
11. Dan Adams-Mike McGrath, Longport, 3:14.55; 12. Alan Moss-Charles Joseph, Atlantic City, 3:16.39. 13. John Fair-John Lincke, Wildwood Crest, 3:17.49; 14. Bill Quinn, North Wildwood, - Linda Kelly, Wildwood Crest, 3:18.08; 15. Dennis Glancey-Glen Nardelli, Wildwood, 3:18.18; 16. Craig Whitehead-Mike Cras, Avalon, 3:20.05; 17. Dave Hart-Tom Killian, Wildwood, 3:24.40; 18. Geoff Rife-Bob Kaehler, Cape May, 3:26.42; 19. Keith Jackson-Bob Cwik, Cape May Point, 3:27.57; 20. Tim O'Brien-Frank Sites, North Wildwood, 3:29.31; 21. Tim McCool-Steve Kowalik, Wildwood, 3:35.24; 22. Jack Luka-Wayne Rowe, North Wildwood, 3:36.29; 23. Fred McColl-Kim McKay, Cape May, 3:39.22.