

## Santa Monica Bay Youth Sailors Win Sportsmanship Award at 2011 Orange Bowl Youth Regatta



Marina del Rey sailor Nikki Obel, a member of Del Rey Yacht Club and the Association of Santa Monica Bay Yacht Clubs (and ASMBYC's 2010 Junior Yachtsman of the Year) and her teammate, Chris Vilicich, were awarded the Sportsmanship Award at the 2011 Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta, held in Miami, Florida, at the Coral Reef Yacht Club.

Nikki and and Chris competed against 559 sailors from 22 different countries and 25 different states in the regatta and there were 42 nominations for the prestigious Magnus Liljedahl Sportsmanship Award. They won for coaching their fellow sailors before starts and for their courtesy toward the Race Committee when they committed an “over early” foul at the start of one race.



Magnus Liljedahl is an Olympic Gold Medalist sailor from Coral Reef Yacht Club. The award is given for courteous actions and fairness when dealing with other competitors and the Race Committee.

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