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### **Martin Angsell (SWE) Wins the 2006 Knickerbocker Cup**

Port Washington, NY – In an upset in the finals, Martin Angsell (SWE) with crew Johan Sawensten, Peter Thorwid, and Par Johansson beat Adam Minoprio (NZ), 2-1 to win the 2006 Knickerbocker Cup. In addition to the prize money, Angsell will have his name permanently placed on the Cup along with such past winners as Peter Gilmour, Ed Baird, Paul Cayard, Russell Coutts, Terry McLaughlin and Dave Perry.

If spectators were to make bets on the outcome of this year's competition, it most likely would not have been on Angsell. They entered the semi-finals in fourth place with a record of 6-4 at the end of the full round robin. All bets were for the young New Zealanders, from Team BlackMatch, with, in addition to Minoprio included David Swete, John Puckey and Nick Blackman. They ripped up the competition with 10 bullets after two days of racing, which put them solidly in first place with the right to chose their competition in the semis. With wind at a minimum after the fiasco with Tropical Depression Ernesto, Minoprio chose Torvar Mirsky (AUS) because he wanted to stay away from the Europeans who are known for their skill in sailing in light air. Minoprio chose wisely as BlackMatch handily beat Mirsky, with crew Nick Davis, Mike Hughes, and Graeme Spence, 2-0. Angsell's semi-final round was also a 2-0 game against third place Pierre-Antoine Morvan (FRA), with Nicolas Pauchet, Eric Lejoliff, and Devan Lebihan.

Leads in match racing can change on a dime and many times it is one mistake that can make the difference of winner take all or second place. That is what happened on Manhasset Bay as the Swedes and New Zealanders faced each other in the finals. It was a match between the very experienced Angsell who has been to the Knickerbocker Cup four times and the young and talented BlackMatch team. In the end it was the experienced team that came out the victor. According to Angsell, he thought Minoprio "might make a few mistakes in the finals if he got a little nervous", but it was Angsell who provided the first disastrous mistake in the first match in the finals when he missed a wind shift right at the start of the match, and essentially handed the win to his opponent. Score one for BlackMatch. The second match provided another mistake, but this time for Minoprio, who was behind on the first upwind leg and thought the wind on the right side of the course was favored. Said Minoprio, "Clearly the wind wasn't better on the right, and Angsell went left, got a big puff, extended a comfortable lead and took the race." Score one point each. As so often happens in match racing, it is the pre-race that determines the winner. It looked like Minoprio had control at the start but BlackMatch got a little aggressive and came up to the line too early. Angsell was right there to take advantage of the situation and gave Minoprio no room to maneuver. Another big

mistake. As Minoprio rounded to restart, Angsell got an early lead that he maintained, and sailed off to victory.

Angsell attributed his win to “knowledge of local water and feeling comfortable sailing on Manhasset Bay. I didn’t have a specific strategy against Minoprio but though we had a good chance because we are more experienced.” He had nothing but good things to say about the Knickerbocker YC, the Race Committee and the Umpires. He continued, “And I really liked the Colgate 26 a lot because they are easy to maneuver and preformed well in all wind conditions.”

In the end it was Minoprio’s two mistakes to Angsell’s one in the final round that gave the Cup to the Swedes. In competition of this caliber, it doesn’t take much to lose the game. With both teams determined to return for the 2007 Knickerbocker Cup, it will be interesting to see how one year’s worth of match racing will improve the young team from New Zealand. But for now, it is Martin Angsell and his Swedish team who prevailed and hold the title of the winners of the 2006 Knickerbocker Cup.

The late Edward du Moulin, Past Commodore of Knickerbocker YC, and a member the New York YC and the Storm Trysail Club was the founder of the Knickerbocker Cup in 1982. This year’s Cup Journal is dedicated to him. Ed has a long history with the America’s Cup: he was involved in the management of seven America’s Cup campaigns – more than anyone in the history of the Cup; he was one of the organizers of the America’s Cup Hall of Fame and served as its first Chairman in 1993-1995. In 2000, he was inducted into the Hall of Fame. His interest in promoting sailing to the younger generation is legendary and many of his “students” went on to become involved in America’s Cup racing. Ed was also known for getting people together. He would have been very proud and happy to know that all three yacht clubs on our bay – Manhasset Bay YC, North Shore YC, and Port Washington YC – all had a hand in supporting this year’s Cup. Richard du Moulin, who won the Knickerbocker Cup in 1984, and is Ed’s son, and Carrie Morea, Ed’s granddaughter, presented the awards to the top teams. Richard spoke of the early days of the Knickerbocker Cup, and how it has changed over the years. He added, “It’s great to see the number of international competitors coming over here. Congratulations to all you guys and the volunteers who make this happen.”

The Knickerbocker Cup Committee wishes to thank the many people who, through their long hours of volunteering, have made this year’s Cup event successful. It is a most amazing feat to hold an event of this caliber and size at a yacht club the size of KYC, and it takes almost the cooperation of the entire membership. Those most involved this year: Steering Committee: Commodore Michael Barkan, P/C Joel Sterling, P/C Theodore Weisberg, Paula Davis, Robert Lager, David Schwartz, Tinette Sterling; Event Co-chairs: Paula Davis and David Schwartz; Race Committee: P/C Howard Hirschmann (Chair), P/C Norman Schefer, P/C Maurice Mandel, Commodore Barkan, Sue Miller (Assistant PRO), Sue Reilly (PRO). Additional volunteers include: Robin Helfat, Jim Lyman, Jeff Davis, Kris Piechota, Florence Barkan, Susan Gordon-Ryan and Barbara Kilarjian from Abilities!, Manny Greene, Sheila Saferstein, Debbie and Jay Dubowsky, Arthur Seidman, LoriBeth Schwartz and Felice Borer, Richard Farber, Norman Tanner, Brian Raskin, Bob

Ebenau Marla Freeman (Smallkaps Associates, Inc.) and Andrea Watson (Sailing Press, Inc.). And a big thank you is extended to Steve and Doris Colgate, who lent Knickerbocker YC six of their Colgate 26s.

Another big thanks goes to Knickerbocker Cup major sponsor, Sterling and Sterling, Inc Insurance, and to Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty and State Bank of Long Island. Abilities! was the Cup's designated not-for-profit this year. Abilities!, formerly the Nationals Center for Disability Services, has for over 50 years developed innovative education and training programs to assist adults and children with disabilities to gain maximum independence. These services are offered through the Henry Viscardi School (HVS), the Career & Employment Institute (CEI), the Nathaniel H. Kornreich Technology Center (KTC), the National Business & Disability Council (NBDC) and the Smeal Learning Center (SLC).

For more information, see [www.kyc.net](http://www.kyc.net).

### **Final Standings:**

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| <b>1. Martin Angsell</b>        | <b>(SWE)</b> |
| <b>2. Adam Minoprio</b>         | <b>(NZ)</b>  |
| <b>3. Torvar Mirsky</b>         | <b>(AUS)</b> |
| <b>4. Pierre-Antoine Morvan</b> | <b>(FRA)</b> |
| <b>5. Dave Perry</b>            | <b>(USA)</b> |
| <b>6. Jesper Feldt</b>          | <b>(DEN)</b> |
| <b>7. Brian Angel</b>           | <b>(USA)</b> |
| <b>8. Scott Dickson</b>         | <b>(USA)</b> |
| <b>9. Johnny Isdahl</b>         | <b>(SWE)</b> |
| <b>10. Chris Van Tol</b>        | <b>(USA)</b> |
| <b>11. Doug Shannon</b>         | <b>(USA)</b> |

### **Photos:**

- 1. Adam Minoprio (NZ), thinking the wind was better on the right, tacked behind Martin Angsell (SWE) in the second match of the Knickerbocker Cup finals. Angsell went right, found a puff, extended his lead to win the match. Photo title: Mino Tacking (IMG\_2478) Description: boat on right side of photo seen from their stern, going behind another boat that is seen from its side.**
- 2. In the prestart in the last match, Minoprio vs. Angsell. Minoprio got aggressive at the start and was over early. Angsell (boat on right) provided no room, and while Minoprio rounded to restart, Angsell got a lead and sailed on to Cup victory. Photo title: Prestart – Final MinoAngsell (Img\_2684) Description: two boats very close to each other as seen from their side, toward the stern (back part) of the boats.**

3. **Winners of the 2006 Knickerbocker Cup (l to r): Johan Sawensten, Par Johansson, Peter Thorwid, Martine Angsell, Knickerbocker YC Vice Commodore Robert Lager, Carrie Morea, granddaughter of the late Edward du Moulin who founded the Knickerbocker Cup, Steve and Doris Colgate who loaned their Colgate 26s for the event, and Event Chair, Paula Davis.**  
**Photo title: Angsell Team –PaulaCarrie Robbie (IMG\_2879) Description: Group photos with only 8 people. Note the difference from photo below with an extra adult male.**
4. **Team BlackMatch came in 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 2005 Knickerbocker Cup. L to R: Paula Davis, Event Chair, Richard du Moulin and Carrie Morea, son and granddaughter of the late Edward du Moulin, who founded the Knickerbocker Cup, Robert Lager, Knickerbocker YC Vice-Commodore, and Steve and Doris Colgate, who donated their Colgate 26s for the event.**  
**Photo title: NZ Team-Group (IMG\_2908) Description: Group photo with team wearing white shirts.**
5. **The late Edward du Moulin, seen here at the start of the Transatlantic Race in New York Harbor, who is a Past Commodore of the Knickerbocker YC and the founder of the Knickerbocker Cup. Photo title: Ed- Head Shot (IMG\_2739) Description: close-up on one man with binocular around his neck, wearing a faded red (almost pink) sailing cap.**
6. **Abilities! was the 2006 Knickerbocker Cup designated not-for-profit. After viewing the racing on Manhasset Bay, these young people posed with Martin Angsell (SWE) and his crew, the winning team.**  
**Photo title: Abilities!-Angsell (IMG\_2850). Description: 4 adult males in back row, three women in front row, with a young boy on the right.**
7. **Paula Davis, Event Chair, who was instrumental in making this year's Knickerbocker Cup a great one!**  
**Photo title: Paula Alone (IMG\_0367). Description: one female in cap and sunglasses wearing a navy vest over a white shirt.**
8. **Tropical Storm Ernesto came calling on Day 3 of the Knickerbocker Cup. Noted author, Dave Perry (USA) tries to stay out of the way of Martin Angsell (SWE) as he broaches. Angsell went on to win the Cup.**  
**Photo title: Dave Perry (DSC\_4006) Description: two boats in stormy weather. The one on the right is starting to capsize and the spinnaker is in the water.**
9. **Martin Angsell, the winning team, on a downwind leg in the finals of the 2000 Knickerbocker Cup**  
**Photo title: AngsellDownwindLeg (IMG\_2780a). Description: One boat with a large blue, black and white spinnaker**