

Doyle Sails Dominate Beneteau-36.7 Class at the Chicago NOOD Regatta

Warren Levins' Beneteau 36.7 *Program* with a full Doyle inventory dominated a fleet of 14 Beneteau-36.7's. The regatta was held over three days and a total of eight races were completed in conditions ranging from 12-20 knots. *Program* won six of the eight races, winning some races by well over a minute. Warren Levins was beyond excited. "As a team, we have worked very hard for this. I purchased the boat last year and turned to Doyle to help me in setting up the boat. It has been great, as they were the first to actually look at the general layout and come up with ways to improve it. Every sail we have has been fantastic, and its great to see them putting time in on the sail development. Granted we are only aloud a small number of sails, but every step helps."



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Program with her Doyle Sails flies up wind during the 2006 Chicago NOOD Regatta

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Levins commented, "coming from the Farr-40 we were comfortable with getting the rig settings, and being able to adjust the rig as conditions change. This year we started out either 2nd or tied for second in our first three events. We lost all of the tiebreakers, so it was time for us to shine." In the NOOD Regatta, *Program* excelled by winning the first five races in a row. "We were just blazing fast up wind and everybody was really tuned in to going fast. While sometimes difficult to decide between the #1 or #3, we typically opted for the larger sail. We were really good at sailing with the big genoa up range and had everything set up so well it made it look easy. Easy it was not, and we did have to come from behind in a few races. The crew did a fantastic job and while we made some mistakes it was how quickly we recovered that really made the difference."

Tied for second place in the Beneteau 36.7 class was Sue Hogan's *As You Wish*. Also new to the 36.7 last year, *As You Wish* has made steady improvements over the past year. Hogan remarked, "When we bought the boat we met with all of the sailmakers and Doyle came across as the group who we felt would help us out the most. I can say help us they have. They have spent time in helping us get the boat set up from rigging to rig tune and helping our crew in learning how to get the most out of our sails. We used our only race mainsail a Doyle single taffeta class mainsail with slugs, a new 2006 AP #1 and a new .5 spinnaker for the NOOD and they were great. As the regatta went on we learned from Warren Levins and had the boat going better and better. It was so great for Warren and his crew to share their go fasts with us as well as the other Doyle boats during the event." *As You Wish* unfortunately lost the tiebreaker but is looking forward to the next big event The Chicago - Mac Race.



Sue Hogan's *As You Wish* Finishes tied for 2nd in the 2006 Chicago NOOD Regatta

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