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After the breeze clocked around to about 120 by the end of the race, it lightened so much the RC raised the AP flag to await a more sailable breeze. Around 3 p.m. the breeze filled back in from the north east and the second race was started. Alas, it was not to be as the race was abandoned about the time the first boat ghosted into the vicinity of the weather mark. The fleet was rounded up by the RC and spectator boats. Filler, who would remain in 3rd place overall. 

The last race found Newman-Cronin/Biehl leading the entire race with Pam Kelly/Michele Bastamante closing in on the final beat. A great tacking duel ensued to the finish, entertaining the fleet and spectators to a close finish. In the end, Pam Kelly/Michele Bastamante of Coconut Grove, FL and Durham, NC squeaked out a win over Carol Newman-Cronin/Jeryln Biehl to capture second overall with 29.75 points; The third spot went to Jennifer Lovell/Molly Alexander with 30 points. Newman-Cronin/Biehl discarded a 12th in race 6 to end up 4th while the great day of a 1.1.5 for Pine/Eldridge moved them up to 5th overall.

—aAlex Pline

Skudina/Lartseva were looking solid with a 5,1,1.5 while several other competitors were hoping for two races the next day so that a race can be discarded. The drop race would certainly benefit Isobe/Matsura and Malinou/Kitchik while not affecting the local team of Lorio Stout and Liz

The entire group of women’s competitors look forward to Italy in 2000, where SCIRA will hold the 4th Women’s World Championship. Ciao!