

## Fleet #34

# Fisher's Island Sound — Connecticut & R.I.

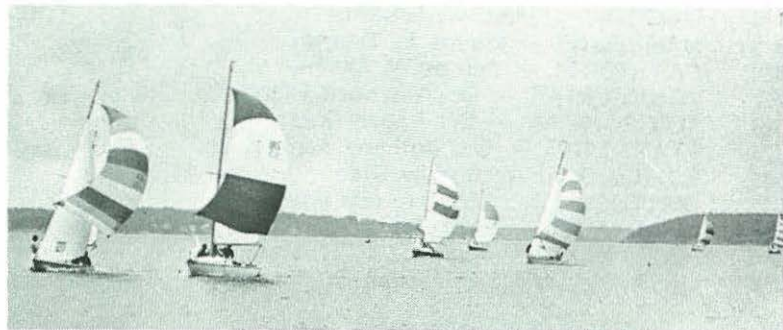
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### OFFICERS

COMMODORE - Gerald R. Daly  
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### ROSTER

- 132 EDISTO — James D. Thornton  
156 NERIO — Allen B. Smith  
194 JULIE ANN — John W. Maisch  
216 CARINOSA — Horace W. (Tuck) Jones  
286 CYRANO — Joseph H. Hunt  
340 WIKI WIKI — John V. Leonard  
362 PILGRIM — Timothy C. Tilney  
377 YANKEE D. — William Roehl  
385 BONANZA — George P. Bates  
496 NUMERO UNO — Stearns Martin  
587 ON RUST — Robert B. Ziegler  
660 MOONAKIS — Mrs. J. Merrill Gibson  
689 AMAIN — Sidney E. Speed  
710 CAJUN — Burton G. Tremaine, Jr.  
823 ROMANCE — Gerald R. Daly  
830 MYSTIQUE — James W. Babcock  
838 LICKETY — Walter B. McKinney - William H. Boatwright  
1002 THE PEDDLER — John C. O'Brien - C. William Stamm  
1020 ISIS — Dr. Robert P. Rowe  
1021 PUSSY CAT — George Gregory  
1048 FLYING HIGH — Robert S. Jones  
1098 MAKIN KNOTS — Alfred Wilcox  
1154 ARIES — William A. Budding, Jr.  
1181 NAUTI GAL — Dr. Paul J. Kingston  
1227 SABRINA — Dr. William N. Jones  
1266 MOJO — David M. Johnstone  
1411 ..... — Clifford H. Parris  
1434 SLICKER — Emory D. Ayers  
1490 CHIMERA — William T. Hegenberger



## **FLEET #34, FISHER'S ISLAND SOUND, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND AND NEW YORK**

Fleet Champion for **1973** — Bob Jones

Second place skipper — Sid Speed

Third place skipper — Bill Jones

Bob Jones sailed his FLYING HIGH to a going-away victory in the 1973 17-race championship series, repeating his 1972 win. Out of 12 starts (fleet rules require entry in more than 50% of the races) FLYING HIGH had seven firsts, for a winning score of .9397 (total points accumulated as a per centage of total possible points had she won every race she entered).

Jones received the Perpetual Trophy, a new prize made this year bearing a half model of an Ensign and plaques listing all Fleet 34 champions since the first series in 1965. FLYING HIGH's name appears on the plaques for the years 1967, 1968, 1972 and 1973.

Sid Speed sailed AMAIN to second place with a score of .8521, ably assisted by his wife Sue, who is not only Fleet 34 Secretary, Treasurer and Scorekeeper, but is also Treasurer of the Ensign Class Association.

In sailing SABRINA to third with a score of .8044, Bill Jones, elder brother of Bob, maintained his perfect attendance record. SABRINA hasn't missed a Fleet 34 start in four seasons.

Races were conducted by four clubs around the Sound: Fishers Island, Groton Long Point, Mason's Island and Wadawanuck Yacht Clubs. Wadawanuck also ran the 7th annual Ensign Memorial Day race, the season's opener. FLYING HIGH won this, thereby moving into Bob Jones' possession for a year the perpetual trophy he put up for this race in 1967.

In August three boats from Fleet 34 competed in the Ensign Nationals at Casco Bay, Maine: FLYING HIGH, AMAIN and SABRINA. FLYING HIGH went into the fifth and final race of that series with a two-point lead. But fickle winds in a dying northerly dropped her to a 21st place and she ended up 4th in the series—the third time Bob Jones has taken that spot.

Fleet Commodore Jerry Daly, who is also Vice Commodore/Publicity of the Ensign Class Association, sailed ROMANCE to lead the Ensigns in the annual Labor Day 12-mile Around Fishers Island Race of the Fishers Island Y.C. Two weeks later Fleet 34 wound up its season with its own Around the Island race (going counter clockwise this time) to compete for the Bill Jones trophy. Dave Johnstone skippered his MOJO (ex-NAUTICAL from FLEET 5), which he had bought two weeks earlier, to a convincing victory over 14 others in stormy Atlantic Ocean seas and knockdown gusts that broke two spinnaker poles, exercised a lot of pumps and caused a broken main halyard that yielded one DNF. George and Nancy Bates, last year's winner in BONANZA, threw the traditional post race party—a whing ding affair for a lot of soggy sailors at their beautiful Ledswood Island home in Little Narragansett Bay.

At the close of the season Fleet 34 had 29 boats registered. Starting fleets averaged around a dozen Ensigns. The Fleet has unusual representation on the Class Association, for in addition to Daly and Sue Speed, Bob Jones is Class Vice Commodore for Regional Affairs. The Fleet hosted the Class annual meeting at the Mystic Seaport in the winter of 1973 and again in the winter of 1974.