

34 Stonington, Connecticut Fishers Island Sound 1965

1994 Ensign Class Association Yearbook

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1993 Season

- 1 Bob Geary, SAGACIOUS — 1602
- 2 Stearns Martin, NUMERO UNO — 496
- 3 Bob Jones, FLYING HIGH — 1048

The 1993 Ensign racing season for Fleet 34 consisted of 18 races in Fishers Island Sound (20 scheduled). The races were hosted by seven local yacht clubs.

The Early Series averaged 7.8 Ensigns per race and was won by Bob Jones in FLYING HIGH (94.07 points) followed by John Macina in LA CHIC (93.49) and Bob Geary in SAGACIOUS (92.31). The Late Series averaged 14.4 Ensigns per race and was won by Stearns Martin in NUMERO UNO (90.99) followed by Rich Foye in HIBERNIA (89.00) and Bob Geary in SAGACIOUS (88.71). Overall, the Fleet averaged 11.4 Ensigns per race (avg. 9.8 in '92) with 25 different Ensigns participating in the races throughout this season. The Season Championship was won by Bob Geary in SAGACIOUS (92.37) with second place to NUMERO UNO (92.24) and third place to FLYING HIGH (90.71). Obviously, racing in a boat class can be very close and exciting.

Other award or regatta winners from Fleet 34 this season were John Macina in LA CHIC; the Robt. Jones Trophy, the Ayers Trophy and Horton One Design. Bob Geary in SAGACIOUS; the Masons Island Invitational and Ram Island Invitational. Jerry & Trudy Daly in ROMANCE; the Leuze Trophy. Ben Carpenter in SARI won the Ensign Division of the Governor's Cup, Stearns Martin in NUMERO UNO the Wadawanuck Invitational, George Bates in BONANZA the Fishers Island Invitational, Robin Durrschmidt in MR. FRISKY

the Fleet 34 Around Fishers Island Race and The Woodruffs in NIGHTWIND in the HOSPICE Regatta in Niantic. The latter was an astonishing victory in that they took the 13 boat spinnaker class by 13 minutes (with the help of PHRF) after finishing more than an hour behind the first place boat. Louise Woodruff had a bottle of champagne stashed away to celebrate not finishing in last place, but decided to use it for their victory celebration instead.

Fleet 34 consists of 38 paid members residing along the southeastern shoreline of Connecticut. Twenty-six of these members belong to the Ensign Class Association and 14 belong to USSailing. The Fleet also has 18 paid Associate Members and continues to grow.



Bob Geary of SAGACIOUS #1602 accepts the 1993 Fleet 34 Season Championship Trophy from Dr. Greg Lukowski

MR. FRISKY First Around Fishers Island-2

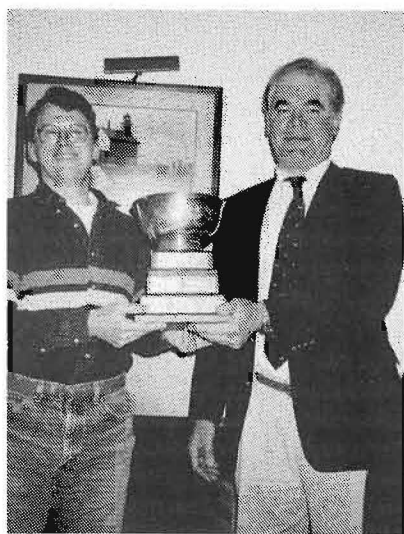
No wind and a light flood tide resulted in abandonment of the Saturday (9/18) edition of the 23rd Annual Around Fishers Island Race which attracted 14 Ensigns. Some of us took over an hour just to cross the starting line on Saturday. At 3:00 PM the lead boats (Nancy Gibson in MOONAKIS II, Team Bates in BONANZA and Dr. Bill Jones in SABRINA) approached the rocks at the eastern end of Fishers Island with no wind and no steerage, thus Iron-Genny-time and abandonment which several other boats had implemented **much** earlier in the day. True to the schedule, however, the post-race party was a fantastic affair at the home of Pat and Stearns Martin. Lots of tasty things to eat and drink coupled with many new and old Ensign sailors from the area.

Sunday (9/19), at 1000 hours it was back to the boats with a brisk 15-20 mph northerly. For most, the chutes went up right after the start and the Woodruff Family from Niantic in NIGHTWIND took the commanding lead position for the reach to Wicopesset Passage ("WP"). SABRINA took the Connecticut shoreline tour while John Macina in La CHIC headed south to Fishers Island shoreline and then hid from the flooding tide inside the clumps. The foul current at "WP" was fierce, NIGHTWIND and her entourage of Bob Jones in FLYING HIGH, Robin Durrschmidt in Mr. FRISKY and Gene Fiese in INDESEAS slowly

made their way to the mark. John Macina in La CHIC was sheltered from the current and appeared to be powered by a jet-ski. SABRINA, on the other hand, had yet to cross the white water off Latimer Reef and proceeded to disappear from view.

Down the south shore of Fishers Island it was a spinnaker or Genoa reach with NIGHTWIND still in the lead followed by Mr. FRISKY, FLYING HIGH, La CHIC and INDESEAS. At Race Rock, the lead boats tacked quickly and hugged the western shoreline of FISHERS ISLAND while the more adventuresome went through the chop of The Race to get a better angle on the next mark North Hill Bell. Hugging the shoreline paid off for Mr. FRISKY as well as NIGHTWIND and La CHIC as this trio pulled away from the rest of the fleet. Robin Durrschmidt in Mr. FRISKY eventually eked past NIGHTWIND at the finish line making this a very exciting finish to the FLEET 34 ENSIGN racing season.

Gene Fiese



Robin Durrschmidt accepts the AROUND FISHERS ISLAND TROPHY, donated by Dr. Bill Jones in 1970, from Fleet 34 Commodore Dr. Greg Lukowski at the fleet's annual awards dinner.

Roster

11	SWOOSE	CDR RUSSEL CARR USN
46	GIZMO	RUSSELL SHEETS
144	CIRCE	JOHN MOUGHTY JR.
194	JULIE ANN	JOHN W. MAISCH
207	RESOLUTE	PATRICK HYNES
340	INNISFREE	RICHARD A. FRASER M.D.
363	MR. FRISKY	ROBIN DURRSCHMIDT
385	BONANZA	GEORGE P. BATES
458	NIGHT WIND	WARD WOODRUFF
473	AIR BORNE	KEVIN HERRIGAN
689	AMAIN	DR. DOROTHY WINDHORST
724	HIBERNIA	RICHARD FOYE
812	LA CHIC	JOHN P MACINA

819 FREINDLY SPIRIT
823 ROMANCE
1021 MOONAKIS II
1046 WHITE CLOUD
1070 INDESEAS
1126 RED CHIEF
1227 SABRINA
1299 WINDFALL
1348 ABORN AGAIN
1411 CLIFFHANGER
1434 SLICKER
1602 SAGACIOUS
1657 RHAPSODY IN BLUE
1703 OPHIR
1712 GIN-GIN
1729 VIM
1731 SARI

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