

FLEET 34. Stonington, CT.

Fishers Island Sound 1965

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1. Bob Jones, **FLYING HIGH** - #1048
2. George Bates, **BONANZA** - #385
3. Ward and Louise Woodruff, **NIGHTWIND** - #458

The 1998 ENSIGN racing season for Fleet 34 consisted of 16 races in Fishers Island Sound and Long Island Sound, two canceled races and the Annual Fleet 34 Round Fishers Island Race. These races were hosted by the seven local yacht clubs. Bob Geary of Thames Yacht Club served as Commodore, Ted Parker of Masons Island Yacht Club was Vice Commodore and Treasurer, while Gene Fiese of Shennecossett Yacht Club served as Secretary and Scorer.

The Early Series averaged 9.7 Ensign's per race (11.2 in '97) and was won by and the Woodruffs in **NIGHTWIND** (88.9 pts), followed by Bob Jones in **FLYING HIGH** (88.1 pts), and Robin Durrschmidt in **Mr. FRISKY** (88.0 pts). The Late Series averaged 10.2 boats for each race (12.0 in '97) and was won by George Bates in **BONANZA** (92.5 pts), followed by Bob Jones in **FLYING HIGH** (90.2 pts), and Bob Geary in **SAGACIOUS** (88.1 pts).

Overall the fleet averaged 10.6 Ensign's per race and 21 different boats participated throughout the season. The Season Championship was won by Bob Jones in **FLYING HIGH** (95.3 pts) who captured first place in 6 of the 15 Fleet 34 races. Second place went to George Bates in **BONANZA** (93.1 pts) who collected only four bullets. Third place went to Ward and Louise Woodruff in **NIGHTWIND** (91.3 pts) with two firsts and five second place finishes in the series. The Alice Ayers Trophy for best performance in June also went to Bob Jones in **FLYING HIGH**. No one qualified for the Bill Leuze Trophy for most improved performance.

Other award/regatta winners this season were as follows: Robin Durrschmidt in **Mr. FRISKY** won the Horton One Design Race hosted by the Watch Hill Yacht Club, Team Woodruff in **NIGHTWIND** won both the Governor's Regatta hosted by Thames Yacht Club and the Annual Fleet 34 Round the Island Race founded in 1970 by Dr. Bill Jones. Bob Jones and crew in **FLYING HIGH** won the Masons Island Invitational and the Fishers Island Race. Team Bates in **BONANZA** won the Ram Island Invitational and then went on to win the Commodore's Trophy Race at Thames YC for the eighth time.

Lastly, Commodore Bob Geary in **SAGACIOUS** won the Ensign Class in the HOSPICE Regatta hosted by Thames Yacht Club.

In late June, the Region II and III Ensign Regional Championship was held at Niantic Bay Yacht Club. Ward and Louise Woodruff coordinated this event with lots of help from the rest of Fleet 34 and their significant others. Fourteen Ensigns participated in this regatta which featured major wind shifts and a squall. Charlie Shoemaker from Fleet 5 won this Regional in **CHALLENGER** (4.5 pts) followed by Bob Jones in **FLYING HIGH** (8.75 pts) and Ward Woodruff in **NIGHTWIND** (9.0 pts).

In summary, we had a great time in 1998, and we look forward to the 1999 sailing season and

hosting the National Championships at Niantic Bay Yacht Club from August 8-12.

Roster:

46 GIZMO
101 GARRYVOE
194 JULIE ANN
200 LOHM
207 RESOLUTE
286 CYRANO
319 TEAMWORK
363 Mr. FRISKY
385 BONANZA
458 NIGHTWIND
473 AIRBORNE
549 T.T.F.N.
620 DOVE
680 THELMA
812 LA CHIC
864 GRASSHOPPER
981 SAM
1048 FLYING HIGH
1070 INDESEAS
1154 SHINING BLUE
1218 MIDNIGHT
1227 SABRINA
1703 OPHIR
1729 VIM
1731 SARI

Russ Sheets
David Motherway
Jack Maisch
USCGA-Karl Knauss
Patrick Hynes
Bill Attwood
Walter Pratt & Eric Jones
Robin Durrschmidt
George Bates
Ward Woodruff
Kevin Horrigan
Mac Cooper
Ted Parker
Gary P. Bennett
John Macina
John Brousseau
Jim Anderson
Bob Jones
Gene Fiese
Rick Novakowski
Chris McLaughlin
Dr. Bill Jones
Colin Revill
Greg Lukowski
Ben Carpenter

Associates: Carl Anderson, Jerry Daly, Eric Durrschmidt, Edie Evans, Lois Geary, Gary Hartley, William Hegenberger, Joe Hunt, Charles Link, Chris Macina, Michael Macina, Beth Reeves, Ken Scott, Bob Shabunia, Mrs. Allen Smith, Sid Speed, Marty Steucek, Louise Woodruff



The winning Crew and the Skipper of FLYING HIGH #1048, (l to r) John Stainer, Kathleen "Fun" Jenkins, and skipper Robert Sargent Jones. Photo by Gene Fiese