

Fleet 34. Stonington, Connecticut

Fishers Island Sound, 1965

Commodore: Eric Jones

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2001 Season Champions:

- 1st Ward, Gary and Louise Woodruff, NIGHTWIND - #458 97.3 pts
- 2nd John Macina and Family, FIREBIRD - #301 90.4 pts
- 3rd Robin Durrschmidt, Mr. FRISKY - # 363 90.0 pts



The Fleet 34 Season Championship went to Ward Woodruff (left) skipper of NIGHTWIND #458 and son Gary Woodruff, crewman exceptional and co-skipper.

The 2001 Ensign Racing Season for Fleet 34 consisted of 13 races in Fishers Island Sound and Long Island Sound. These races were hosted by the seven local yacht clubs. In addition, four local boats participated in the 2001 Ensign Regional Championship for Regions II & III in Newport, RI. Six of Fleet 34 Ensigns also participated in the Ensign National Regatta in Northport and Centerbrook, New York, see October issue of The Ensign for details. At season's end, the local Hospice Regatta and the Fleet 34 Round the Island Race for the Bill Jones Trophy were combined for one very slow race around Fisher's Island on September 22nd.

The Fleet 34 Early Series averaged 7.5 Ensign's per race and was won by the Woodruff's in NIGHTWIND (94.7 pts), followed by Rick Conley in FRIENDLY SPIRIT (89.5 pts), and Robin Durrschmidt in Mr. FRISKY (86.0 pts). The Late Series averaged only 7.6 boats for each race and this too was won by Team Woodruff in NIGHTWIND (95.6 pts), followed by The Macina Family in FIREBIRD (92.0 pts), and Robin Durrschmidt in Mr. FRISKY (90.8 pts).

Overall the fleet averaged 7.6 Ensign's per race and 19 different boats participated throughout the season. The Season Championship was won by Ward, Gary, and Louise Woodruff in NIGHTWIND (97.3pts). Second place went to The Macina Family in FIREBIRD (90.4 pts) while third place went to Robin Durrschmidt in Mr. FRISKY (90.0 pts). The Season Championship Scoring System allows throw-outs for frequent racers. The Alice Ayers Trophy for best performance in June went to Team Woodruff in NIGHTWIND. The Bill Leuze Trophy for most improved performance over the season was not awarded this year, as no one was eligible.

Other award/regatta winners this season were as follows: The Jim Anderson Family in SAM won the Roberts S. Jones Trophy for the Memorial Day Race, while Walter Pratt and Eric Jones won the Governor's Regatta hosted by Thames YC. The Macina Family in FIREBIRD won the Ram Island YC Invitational and Robin Durrschmidt in Mr. FRISKY won the Masons Island Invitational. All other regattas were won by the untouchable Woodruff Team in NIGHTWIND: Horton One Design, the Fuller-Wadawanuck Invitational, the Niantic Bay Series (4 races over two days), the Fishers Island Race, the Thames Commodores Trophy Race and the HOSPICE Regatta/Bill Jones Round Trophy Around the Island Race. The latter race, however, was a victory for skipper Gary Woodruff.

Fleet 34 consists of 28 skippers and 25 associates spanning the shoreline from Niantic, CT, to Westerly, RI. Many of the members also belong to Fleet 57 at Thames Yacht Club, New London. Twenty-seven of the skippers also belong to the ECA and 19 belong to USSailing. Fifteen associate members of Fleet 34 also belong to the ECA. In summary, we had a very busy and enjoyable sailing season in 2001 and look forward to more exciting sailing in 2002.

Roster:

11	SWOOSE	Russ Carr
101	GARRYVOE	Melissa and James Christian
194	JULIE ANN	Jack Maisch
200	LOHM	USCGA
301	FIREBIRD	John Macina
319	TEAMWORK	Walter & Jeanne Pratt, Eric & Lorena Jones
363	Mr. FRISKY	Robin Durrschmidt
385	BONANZA	George Bates
458	NIGHTWIND	Ward Woodruff
473	AIRBORNE	Mark Steinmetz
549	T.T.F.N.	Mac Cooper
680	THELMA	Gary P. Bennett
819	FRIENDLY SPIRIT	Patrick Conley
864	GRASSHOPPER	John Brousseau
981	SAM	Jim and Karen Anderson
1020	PENDRAGON	Morgan St. John
1021	DEO GRATIAS	Annette Hall & Page Rogers
1046	WHITE CLOUD	Louis Fehrenbach
1048	FLYING HIGH	Bob Jones
1070	INDESEAS	Gene Fiese
1348	MARANA	Jennifer Pratt
1411	CLIFFHANGER	Cliff & Prudy Parish
1534	WILLIWAW	Ted Parker
1602	SAGACIOUS	Bob Geary
1729	VIM	Greg Lukowski
1731	SARI	Steven Purdy

Associates: Carl Anderson, Katie Bradford, Jon & Tracey, Brice, Ben Carpenter, Karen Collier, Gerald Daly, Emily Fiese, Lois Geary, Doug Hanna, Gary Hartley, William Hegenberger, Kathleen Jenkins, Eric Jones, Jr., Chris Macina, Michael Macina, Pamela Melch Phil Michalowski, David & Mary Motherway, Jeanne Pratt, Beth Reeves, Ken Scott, Bob Shabunia, John Stainer, Gary Woodruff, Louise Woodruff