

Fleet 34 Stonington, Connecticut

Fishers Island Sound, 1965

Commodore: John Brousseau

Vice Commodore: Michael Macina

Treasurer: Ted Parker

Secretary: Gene Fiese

Newsletter Editor: Russ Carr

2004 Season Champions:

1st	Ward and Louise Woodruff, NIGHTWIND - #458	97.5 pts
2nd	George and Nancy Bates, BONANZA - #385	91.6 pts
3rd	Robin Durrschmidt, MAGIC - #363	91.4 pts

The 2004 Ensign Racing Season for Fleet 34 consisted of 20 races in Fishers Island Sound and Long Island Sound. These races were hosted by the seven local yacht clubs. In addition, eleven local boats participated in the 2004 Ensign Regional Championship hosted by Fleet 57 at Thames Yacht Club in New London. Eleven of Fleet 34 Ensigns also participated in the Ensign National Regatta in Newport, Rhode Island. At season's end, the Hospice Regatta and the Round the Island Race for the Bill Jones Trophy were combined for the last race of the season on September 25th.

The Fleet 34 Early Series averaged 7.1 Ensign's per race. The Early Series was won by Ward and Louise Woodruff in the restored *Nightwind* (88.5 pts) followed by Robin Durrschmidt in *Magic* (88.4 pts) and Bob Geary in *Sagacious* (82.7 pts). The Late Series averaged 8.1 boats for each race and was won by Team Bates in *Bonanza* (88.2 pts). Second place went to *Sagacious* (88.0) followed by *Nightwind* (85.4 pts).

Overall Fleet 34 averaged 7.6 Ensign's per race, an increase from 5.5 in 2003. A total of 14 different boats participated throughout the season, similar to the previous year. The Season Championship was won by Ward and Louise Woodruff in *Nightwind* (97.5 pts) followed by George and Nancy Bates in *Bonanza* (91.6 pts) and third place went to Robin Durrschmidt in *Magic* (91.4 pts). The Bill Leuze Trophy for most improved performance over the season was awarded to Rick Conley in *Friendly Spirit*. The Ayers Trophy, for best performance in June, was awarded to Ward Woodruff who was in the water and undefeated



Ward Woodruff (left) of *Nightwind* accepts the Fleet 34 Season Championship trophy from Commodore John Brousseau.
Photo by Gene Fiese.

during the month of June.

Other award/regatta winners this season were as follows: Robin Durrschmidt in *Magic* won the Roberts S. Jones Trophy for the Memorial Day Race and the Niantic Jamboree. The Woodruffs in *Nightwind* won the Niantic Early Bird, Pine Island and Horton One Design regattas. Bob Geary in *Sagacious* won the Governors Regatta and the Fishers Island YC Regatta.

George Bates and Crew won the Fuller/Wadawanuck Invitational in *Bonanza*. Rich Foye in *Hibernia* won the Commodores Trophy race at Thames Yacht Club. The Macina family in *Firebird* won the HOSPICE Regatta/Bill Jones Round the Island Race at the end of the season. *Firebird* gets to host the 2005 version of this race.

Fleet 34 consists of 17 skippers and 10 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, and Fleet 73 at Niantic Bay Yacht Club. A majority of the members also belong to the ECA, and are listed in the Fleet 57 and Fleet 73 as ECA members if not listed here, and about a dozen belong to US Sailing. In summary, we had a very busy and enjoyable sailing season in 2004 and look forward to more exciting sailing in 2005.



Russ Carr (left) Fleet 34
Newsletter Editor
and Commodore John Brousseau
compare beards in preparation
for a long New England winter.
Photo by Gene Fiese

Roster:

11	SWOOSE	Russ Carr
301	FIREBIRD	John Macina
319	TEAMWORK	Walter & Jeanne Pratt
		Eric & Lorena Jones
363	MAGIC	Robin Durrschmidt
385	BONANZA	George Bates
458	NIGHTWIND	Ward Woodruff
473	AIRBORNE	Mark Steinmetz
496	TAILGUNNER	Gary Woodruff
549	T.T.F.N.	Mac Cooper
724	HIBERNIA	Rich Foye
981	SAM	Jim & Karen Anderson
1046	WHITE CLOUD	Louis Fehrenbach
1070	INDESEAS	Gene Fiese
1334	FEARLESS JOY	Cristina Dominijanni
1534	WILLIWAW	Ted Parker
1602	SAGACIOUS	Bob Geary

ECA Members:

Jim Anderson, George Bates, John Brousseau, Russ Carr, Rick Conley, Mac Cooper, Cris Dominijanni, Robin Durrschmidt, Gene Fiese, Bob Geary, Tom Groark, Jr., Eric Jones, Greg Lukowski, John Macina, Michael Macina, Walt Pratt, Mark Steinmetz, Dick Taber, Gary Woodruff, Ward Woodruff

ECA Associates:

Jerry Daly, Rick Diachenko, Kathy Fiese, Dick Fraser, Virginia Groark, Fun Jenkins,
Tom Layton, Melissa Madaus, Jeanne Pratt, William Sabastyan, George Wiederman