

Fleet 34 Stonington, Connecticut

Fishers Island Sound, 1965

2013 Officers

Commodore: Ted Parker

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2012 Season Champions:

1 st	Ward Woodruff, NIGHTWIND - # 458	95 pts
2 nd	George Bates, BONANZA #385	92 pts
3 rd	Mike Macina, FIREBIRD#301	84 pts
4 th	Roy Adamson, FRIENDSHIP #1066	73 pts

The 2012 Ensign Racing Season for Fleet 34 consisted of 13 races in Fishers Island Sound and Long Island Sound hosted by six local yacht clubs. In addition, seven boats from Fleet 34 participated in the 2012 Region II & III Ensign Championship hosted by Fleet 76 of Mattapoisett, MA, on Cape Cod. Ward Woodruff in NIGHTWIND won this best of 8 series with Rick Conley in FRIENDLY SPIRIT second, Robin Durrschmidt in MAGIC third and Eric Jones in TEAM WORK fourth.

Two members made the long haul to Marquette, MI, to participate in the 2012 Ensign National Regatta hosted by Fleet 35. Finishers from our fleet were George Bates in BONANZA who finished 16th and National Commodore Russ Carr in SWOOSE who finished 25th in this regatta of 39 Ensigns.

The Fleet 34 Early Series (June – July) averaged 5.3 Ensign's per race. The Early Series was won by George Bates in BONANZA (90.1 pts) followed by Robin Durrschmidt in MAGIC (88.2 pts) and Ward Woodruff in NIGHTWIND (87.4 pts). The Late Series (Aug. – Sept.) averaged 6.7 boats for each race and was won by Ward Woodruff in NIGHTWIND (96.9 pts) followed by George Bates in BONANZA (87.1 pts), Mike Macina and Roy Adamson.

Overall Fleet 34 averaged 6.1 Ensign's per race, about the same as 6.2 in 2011. A total of 13 different boats participated throughout the season, down from 17 the previous year. Ward Woodruff in NIGHTWIND (95.0 pts with throw-outs) won the Season Championship. Second place went to George Bates in BONANZA (91.6 pts). Third was Mike Macina in FIREBIRD (84.2 pts) and Roy Adamson was fourth in FRIENDSHIP (73.3 pts). Ayers Trophy for best in June went to George Bates. The Leuze Trophy for most improved went to Mike Macina in FIREBIRD.

Rick Conley in FRIENDLY SPIRIT won the opening race of the season, the Bob Jones Trophy Race and the Early Bird at NBYC. NIGHTWIND won, the Masons Island, Ram Island and Fishers Island YC Regattas. Team Bates in BONANZA won the Sails Up for Cancer Regatta and the Thames YC Governor's Cup Regatta. Mike Macina in FIREBIRD won the Mudheads Benefit Cup and Rick Conley in FRIENDLY SPIRIT won the TYC's Commodore's Regatta. Five Ensigns participated in the end of season Bill Jones Around Fishers Island Race which as hosted by and won by Ward Woodruff in NIGHTWIND.

The Kyle Sheets Trophy for Outstanding Crew was awarded this year to Nancy Bates long time crew on George Bates' Ensign BONANZA..

Fleet 34 consisted of 14 skippers and 10 associates this year, about the same as last year(15), spanning the shoreline from Niantic to Stonington, CT.

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 several belong to US Sailing. In summary, we had a very busy and enjoyable sailing season this year and look forward to more exciting Ensign sailing in 2013.

Roster:

11	SWOOSE	Russ Carr
301	FIREBIRD	Michael & John Macina
319	TEAMWORK	Eric Jones
363	MAGIC	Robin Durrschmidt
385	BONANZA	George Bates
458	NIGHTWIND	Ward Woodruff
724	HIBERNIA	Richard Foye
819	FRIENDLY SPIRIT	Rick Conley
864	GRASSHOPPER	John Brousseau
981	SAM	Jim Anderson
1066	FRIENDSHIP	Roy Adamson
1070	INDESEAS	Gene Fiese
1497	PEREGRINE	Bob & Charlie Shabunia
1623	SANS SOUCI	Ted Parker



Fleet 34 Season Trophy Winners

L .to R. Roy Adamson(4th), Commodore Ted Parker, George Bates (2nd), Vice Commodore Lisa Peringer, Ward Woodruff (1st), Nancy Bates (Sheets Trophy) Mike Macina(3rd & Leuze), Casey Combies(NIGHTWIND Crew). Photo by Gene Fiese.