

Fleet 34 Stonington, Connecticut

Fishers Island Sound, 1965

2014 Officers

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2013 Season Champions:

1 st	Ward Woodruff, NIGHTWIND - # 458	98 pts
2 nd	Robin Durrschmidt, MAGIC - #363	91 pts
3 rd	George Bates, BONANZA #385	84 pts
4 th	Rick Conley, FRIENDLY SPIRIT #819	82 pts

The 2013 Ensign Racing Season for Fleet 34 consisted of 12 races in Fishers Island Sound and Long Island Sound hosted by six local yacht clubs.

In addition, twelve boats from Fleet 34 participated in the 2013 Region II & III Ensign Championship hosted by Niantic Bay Yacht Club. Ward Woodruff in NIGHTWIND won this best of 6 series with Rick Conley in FRIENDLY SPIRIT second, Gary Woodruff in TAILGUNNER fourth and Robin Durrschmidt in MAGIC fifth. Charlie Shoemaker in CHALLENGER was third.

Six members participated in the 2013 Ensign National Regatta hosted by Fleet 63 of Toms River Yacht Club. Gary Woodruff in TAILGUNNER had some impressive finishes before their standing rigging gave way in a big breeze to his "strong as bulls" crew. Top finishers from our fleet were TAILGUNNER who finished 5th and ECA Past-Commodore Eric Jones who finished 6th in this regatta of 28 Ensigns.

The Fleet 34 Early Series (June – July) averaged 5.5 Ensign's per race. This average is biased high because of the good local turn-out for Regionals. Average participation excluding Regionals was 4.0 boats, versus 5.3 in 2012. The Early Series was won by Ward Woodruff in NIGHTWIND (91 pts) followed by Robin Durrschmidt in MAGIC (89 pts) and Rick Conley in FRIENDLY SPIRIT (86 pts). The Late Series (Aug. – Sept.) averaged 4.8 boats for each race and was won by Ward Woodruff in NIGHTWIND (98 pts) followed by Robin Durrschmidt in MAGIC (86 pts) and George Bates in BONANZA (84 pts).

Overall Fleet 34 averaged 5.2 Ensign's per race in contrast to 6.1 in 2012. A total of 13 different boats participated throughout the season, same as the previous year. Ward Woodruff in NIGHTWIND (97.6.0 pts with two throw-outs) won the Season Championship. Second place went to Robin Durrschmidt in MAGIC (90.7 pts with two throwouts) and third to George Bates in BONANZA (84.4 pts with two throwouts) followed by FRIENDLY SPIRIT and SANS SOUCI. The Ayers Trophy for best in June went to Commodore Ted Parker in SANS SOUCI. The Leuze Trophy for most improved was not awarded. Kris Shabunia was awarded the Kyle Sheets Trophy for outstanding crew-woman-ship.

Fleet 34 consisted of 18 skippers and 8 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 2014.

Roster:

11	SWOOSE	Russ Carr
101	SECOND CHANCE	Dave Motherway
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
910	SEA NOTE	Paul Maxfield
981	SAM	Jim Anderson
1066	FRIENDSHIP	Roy Adamson
1070	INDESEAS	Gene Fiese
1497	PEREGRINE	Bob & Charlie Shabunia
1623	SANS SOUCI	Ted Parker