

# **Race Management Committee Report**

for the NSYC Fall meeting October 15, 2016

Racing went well this year at the NSYC:

18 NSYC PHRF boats and 6 non-club PHRF boats participated in our 7 events. Additionally we had three Sonars participating in the CBRA weekend races from the Worry Wart.

NSYC boats dominated Thirsty Thursday racing with 9 out of the 22 registered boats. We only had boats competing in Divisions II & III but we took 4 of the 7 trophies in those divisions for the Summer Series.

One of our Sonars –Old Flame –competed in the Sonar North American Championships held here on Manhasset Bay.

This year cruising boats did some racing with:

- 4 boats in the Snyder Cup race from Gangway to Bell 32A in mid sound off Oyster Bay.
- 5 boats in the Commodore's Cup Cruising Division.

We plan to offer a Cruising division in more of the Club races next year to try to get more cruisers enjoying racing.

We created a separate division for the J-105s whenever we had at least two 105s sailing in an event.

We had one boat, Pana-Sea, compete in the Around Long Island Regatta.

We offered the Rosenberg Trophy for the best performance of our racing Sonars but we are not able to award the trophy because the three Sonars did not compete in the same race at least three times during the season.

The coordinated promotion of racing activities and the reporting of race results through eblasts, the Club's website and the Blinker have been very productive. Using the combination of eblasts and the website were great for distributing Notices of Races and Sailing Instructions.

We fulfilled our obligation to the sailing and racing community on the bay by supplying knowledgeable Principal Race Officers (PORs) and race committees to the Worry Wart for the bay races. We believe that those who served on RC had a good time doing it.

Our Protest Committee Chairman was even called to duty for a protest coming out of the Sonar fleet this year.

During the off season the RMC will again run training/refresher courses for PROs (Principle Race Officers) and those serving on Race Committee. Those courses will be announced by eblasts and on our website calendar.

This year the trend of fewer outside boats competing in our invitational events continued. We had only 3 non-C boats in the Day Race and 3 different non-club boats in the Moonlight Regatta.

Only one of our PHRF boats competed in a Spinnaker division in our open regattas.

In general racing turnouts have been diminishing on the bay over the years. Sonars are the only one-design boats racing consistently on the weekends with Manhasset Bay One-Designs racing less frequently. Port Washington YC had to cancel the PHRF racing in their Charity Cup this year because of lack of participants.

We are considering not advertising our Moonlight Regatta next year but rather holding the race for Club members but also invite the other clubs on the bay, the Thirsty Thursday racers and non-club members who have participated in prior years or express an interest. We would, of course, also invite the US Merchant Marine Academy who has sent two boats in each of the last two years and won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Spinnaker Division both times.

If anyone would like to make a suggestion or suggestions for improvements in our racing program we encourage you to communicate with any member of the RMC or any of the flag officers. If anyone is interested in serving as a PRO but not sure of what it entails please let us know, we will be glad to review the requirements and knowledge needed and supply training where appropriate. If you would like to serve on race committee just let any member of the RMC know, again we will supply any information or training that is necessary. Time spent as PRO or RC counts towards your annual "work requirement".

Thank you for the opportunity to keep you current on the Club's racing activities.

Are there any questions?

Respectfully submitted.

Bob Ebenau, Bill Palafox & Richard Raskin  
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