

# Fleet

From C1

At the top of Class C-5 are Strange, sailed by Ronald Sternicki of Old Saybrook, Hotspur, sailed by David Deylin of Mystic and Salud, sailed by Reinhard Sarges.

Low-rated boats in Class A-1 are Linwood Mather's Excellence, Queene Hooper Foster's Saphaetra and George Moffett's Brilliant.

Valiant, sailed by Paul van Dyke of Mystic, heads up Class A-2, followed by Bow-Wow, sailed by Nick and Dusty Staub of Niantic and Bamboo, sailed by Peter McFadden and Howard Bidwell. McFadden, of Storrs, is Commodore of the Off Soundings Club for 1993.

Class B is topped by Watercolors, by Bill Drinkuth, Mandalay, sailed by John Saxe and Sanibel, sailed by Gerry Keeler.

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# Fleet takes gun today

## Off Soundings to make way

By VICKIE FULKERSON  
Day Sports Writer

One more class of boats than usual will set sail this morning in the 58th annual Off Soundings Club's Spring Race Series.

The series, which begins with a race from Watch Hill to Block Island will continue through Saturday with a race around Block Island. One hundred fifty-three boats are scheduled to compete.

A new division this season stems from a split of the Cruising Canvas Class, which had grown considerably in recent years. The 15 lowest-rated boats will sail in Division 1 of the class and 13 more in Division 2.

PHRF handicapping will be used for all classes, a measurement rule which allows for variations in length, sail area, hull and keel design within a given class. Penalties have been assigned to previous winners.

Courses for the smaller boats today will take them to a buoy south of Watch Hill and then to the finish line off the entrance to Great Salt Pond. Larger boats will have a longer course, heading out to the same buoy off Watch Hill, then to a buoy near Point Judith, R.I., before heading to the finish line.

Race results will be announced after each race and the four trophies will be awarded in each class for the combined two days of racing.

### Largest entry

The largest entry in this year's fleet is a McCurdy Rhodes 60-foot sloop named Alpha, hailing from Bermuda and skippered by Kirkland Cooper. Alpha will be racing in Class C-1.

The largest classes this year will be Class C-1 and Class C-2, with 19 boats each. Alpha is one of the top-rated boats in Class C-1, as are Jack Rose, sailed by Robert Audette of Putnam and Hooligan, sailed by Peter Brinkerhoff of Riverside.

In Class C-2, boats with the lowest ratings before penalties are Froya, sailed by William Gunther of Guilford, Chute One, sailed by Bart Rapaport and Sirprize, sailed by Bill Healy of East Lyme.

George Martin's Osprey, Dennis Posey's Firebrand and Alan Karenko's Wolverine are slated as top boats in Class C-3. Class C-4 favorites are Jonathan Lathrop's Arabesque out of Old Lyme, Robert Norton's Orion and Ronald and David Walker's Wave-walker.

## SAILING

### Off Soundings Club 58th Annual Spring Race Series At Block Island, R.I. Saturday's Results Top 10

Class A-1 — 1. Bob Read, Nepeithe; 2. John Lockwood, Dolphin; 3. David Noyes Jr., Elbdg; 4. James B. Sirmmon Jr., Irresistible; 5. Lt. Bill Rail, Osprey; 6. Jeffrey Stone, Neith; 7. Queene Hooper Foster, Saphaetra; 8. J. Robert Gunther Jr., Eastwinds; 9. Chel Hummehrey, Heritage; 10. Roy V. Hood, Summerfire Blues. Winning time: 261.58 minutes (corrected).

Class A-2 — 1. Donald C. Davis, Maria; 2. Samuel Hird, Blueflower; 3. Paul van Dyke, Valiant; 4. John M. Hawke, Evenstar; 5. Peter McFadden and Howard Bidwell, Bamboo; 6. John Orzech, Reveille; 7. Will Pesse, Charmer; 8. T.W. Cashel, Sally; 9. Nick and Dusty Staub, Bow-Wow; 10. Robert (Almeida Jr.), Piper Too. Winning time: 243.04.

Class B — 1. Russel W. Brown, Windrider II; 2. Ed Purcell, Just Friends; 3. Ed Birch, Bugler's Holiday; 4. Allen Ames, Sesame; 5. Thomas R. Marston, Good News; 6. Ed Dieckerhoff, Savili; 7. Jeffrey Going, Celebrations; 8. Bill Drinkuth, Watercolors; 9. John C. Beggs, Mistral; 10. Gerry Keeler, Sanibel. Winning time: 272.13.

Class C-1 — 1. Roger Coult Jr., Buckeroo Banzai; 2. Joe Bardenheier, White Fire; 3. John Molkone, Flashpoint; 4. Peter Brinkerhoff, Hooligan; 5. E. Kirkland Cooper, Alpha; 6. James H. Rich Jr. and III, Settler; 7. Richard Carlson, Falcon; 8. Gary Bennett, J'ai Tu; 9. George Ferguson, Moderation; 10. Michael D. Morin, Heart Breaker. Winning time: 280.34.

Class C-2 — 1. Kevin Farrar, Wildhins; 2. Bruce Kuryla, Defiant; 3. Ray Gincavage and C.T. Sturgess, American Pie; 4. Allen Smith, Stratosphere; 5. Leonard F. Hubbard and Tony Stan, Relentless; 6. Jack Wills, Jet Stream; 7. John C. Roberts, Yen-Yen; 8. John Nevin, Magbooks; 9. Rodney Johnstone, Slinger; 10. James F. Barrell Jr., V18. Winning time: 276.60.

Class C-3 — 1. John Johnstone, Shooting Star; 2. Bill Barlow, Alice; 3. Alan Johnstone, Jitterbug; 4. Norm Peck, Spirit; 5. Donald and Robert Kern, Fireball; 6. Warren Woodworth, Mirage; 7. Alan Karenko, Wolverine; 8. Gene Festa, Mellemi; 9. Dennis Marron, Pursuit; 10. Dennis Poser, Firebrand. Winning time: 249.00.

Class C-4 — 1. Neal O'Connell, Checkered Demon; 2. Walt Strang and Bill Lowell, Brer Rabbit II; 3. Hugh O'Brien, Wharf Rat; 4. Arlene Tunney, Last Drop; 5. Steve Anderson, Restless; 6. Jonathan Lathrop, Arabesque; 7. Thomas K. Saxe, Elan; 8. Jack Washburn, Our Tor; 9. William Lieber, Poch Bah; 10. Roger Beudet, Fire Girl. Winning time: 247.62.

Class C-5 — 1. Milan Bartek, Chasing Rainbows; 2. Paul Hewitt, New Wave; 3. Reinhard Sarges, Salud; 4. David Leventhal, Fast Forward; 5. Chris Field, Maybe; 6. Ed Hellenbrecht and Drew Stanier, Helion; 7. Manfred G. Noack, Emerald Express; 8. Ron Sternicki, Strange; 9. Douglas Peacock, Second Draft; 10. F. Peter Brechtler, Avalanche. Winning time: 289.03.

Cruising Canvas Class 1 — 1. Paul LeBeau, Leprechaun; 2. R.A. Joslyn Jr., Breakaway; 3. Ernie Messer, Mayflower; 4. Cal Browner, Serenity; 5. Lawrence Landry, Errant; 6. Al Girard, Venture; 7. Bruce Lockwood, Arrow; 8. Anthony Halsey, Patriot; 9. David Rathbun, Moorea; 10. Dennis Walker, Talisman. Winning time: 292.69.

Cruising Canvas Class 2 — 1. Ed Maxwell, Madcap; 2. David Bourne, Tempest; 3. Robert Edmonds, Ferret; 4. J.T. Callaghan, Dame of Sark; 5. Charles W. Snow Jr., Tern About; 6. R.J. Snyder, Shirmaera; 7. William Schmidt, Manantial; 8. Richard Tn Steinhilber, Rascal; 9. Varick Harrison and Robert Toth, Tiffer; 10. Robert Webb Jr., Xacoma. Winning time: 278.80. Combined Results

Friday and Saturday Top 5

Class A-1 — 1. Dolphin, 2. Nepeithe, 3. Osprey, 4. Neith, 5. Irresistible. Winning time: 416.94 minutes (corrected).

Class A-2 — 1. Maria, 2. Blueflower, 3. Reveille, 4. Evenstar, 5. Bamboo. Winning time: 388.48.

Class B — 1. Windrider II, 2. Bugler's Holiday, 3. Just Friends, 4. Savili, 5. Sesame. Winning time: 451.26.

Class C-1 — 1. Flashpoint, 2. Buckeroo Banzai, 3. Hooligan, 4. White Fire, 5. Alpha. Winning time: 497.68.

Class C-2 — 1. Wildhins, 2. Defiant, 3. Slinger, 4. Strata Various, 5. Jet Stream. Winning time: 474.11.

Class C-3 — 1. Shooting Star, 2. Jitterbug, 3. Alice, 4. Spirit, 5. Fireball. Winning time: 424.47.

Class C-4 — 1. Checkered Demon, 2. Last Drop, 3. Brer Rabbit III, 4. Wharf Rat, 5. Restless. Winning time: 419.87.

Class C-5 — 1. New Wave, 2. Chasing Rainbows, 3. Salud, 4. Helion, 5. Maybe. Winning time: 498.29.

Cruising Canvas Class 1 — 1. Leprechaun, 2. Serenity, 3. Breakaway, 4. Errant, 5. Arrow. Winning time: 513.43.

Cruising Canvas Class 2 — 1. Madcap, 2. Tempest, 3. Ferret, 4. Dame of Sark, 5. Manantial. Winning time: 507.49.

## ROAD RACING

June 15 — Westerly Track Club Fun Runs, Tuesdays June through August, ½, 1.7 and 3.1 miles, Westerly, 6 p.m.

Director: Tom McCoy, 599-1219.

June 16 — 34th Annual Westerly Lodge of Elks Larry J. Hirsch 3-Mile Road Race, 3 miles, Westerly, 5:30 p.m.

Director: — Jim Hirst/WASP, (401) 789-2165.

June 17 — St. Catherine's of Siena Country Run, 3.8 miles, Preston, 7 p.m.

Director: Jim Landherr, 886-2982.

June 19 — St. Lawrence Festival Road Race, 10K, Killingworth, 9 a.m.

Director: Ray Gosselin, 663-1463.

June 20 — Shoreline Road Race, 5 miles, 2 miles, 1 mile, Branford, 10:15 a.m.

Director: Ray Foglewski, 489-4457.

June 24 — Lt. Harris Memorial Cannonball Run, 1 mile, Preston, 6:00 p.m.

Director: Mark Ruffo, 374-0171.

July 5 — Four on the Fourth, 4 miles, Chester, 10 a.m.

Director: Ed Vianney, 526-2755.

July 8 — Norwich Summer Weekly Rec Runs, Thursdays, free, ages 12 and over, 2 and 3 miles, Norwich, 7 p.m.

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at it."

In Class C-3, Al Johnstone's Jitterbug was first in 172.52 and John Johnstone's Shooting Star was second in 176.67. The third boat was Meltemi, belonging to Gene Festa and finishing in 187.41 minutes.

In other classes, Tom Cashel's Sally was first in Class A-2, followed by Maria, sailed by Donald Davis of Haddam and Blueflower, sailed by Samuel Hird.

In Class B, there was a tie for first place between Stuart Dickinson's Fluent and Ed Dieckerhoff's Savili of Mystic, both finishing in 166.73. John R. Saxe got the gun in that class in Mandalay, but finished third with a corrected time of 168.28.

Frederick Stelle was first in Class C-1 in Ace, a white J/105, and Arlene Tunney was first in Class C-4 in Last Drop. Neal O'Connell of

Mystic was second in C-4 in Flickered Demon and Steve Anderson of Noank was third in Restless.

New Wave, sailed by Paul Hewitt of West Mystic, was first in Class C-5, followed by J.P. Read's Legacy second and Milan Bartke's Chasing Rainbows third.

In the Cruising Canvas Class, divided into two this year to benefit the smaller boats, Paul LeBeau of Stonington guided Leprechaun to a victory in Division 1 and Richard Tienan's Buccaneer was first in Division 2.

Classes B, C-5 and the cruising classes sailed a shorter course of 18.35 miles.

Racing continues today at 9 a.m. with a long course of 22.9 miles around Block Island and a short course of 18.2 miles. Awards will be given to the top four sailors with the best two-day results.



## LOCAL

## Different as the sun and moon, but 'stars' all

By VICKIE FULKERSON  
Day Sports Writer

**Block Island, R.I.** — The contrast between them is like the sun and the moon, antique wooden boats and newly designed fiberglass ones.

Yet when you see them both, as in Friday's opening of the Off Soundings Club's 56th annual Spring Race Series, they seem equally as bright.

Or in this case, equally as Brilliant.

Brilliant, a 61½ S&S Schooner belonging to the Mystic Seaport Museum, was one of the wooden boats on display Friday in its 24.81-mile race from Watch Hill to Block Island.

Brilliant, sailed by 10-year captain George Moffett of Ledyard, topped the 141-boat fleet, completing the course about 1 p.m., less than three hours after

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it started.

Brilliant, in fact, built in 1932 and donated to the Seaport in 1953, nearly crossed the finish line before the line had been set by the Race Committee, which arrived just in time.

Brilliant led a parade of old boats in Class A-1, including 90-year old Neith, sailed by Jeffrey Stone; Dolphin, sailed by John Lockwood; and Saphaedra, sailed by Queene Hooper Foster.

## Time changes all

On corrected times, however, Brilliant finished second in the class to Dolphin, which topped the division with a time of 154.39 minutes. Brilliant's time was 156.36.

At the opposite end of the spectrum for boats, Rodney Johnstone of Stonington made the maiden voyage of Stinger, a 30-foot J/92, a successful one, getting the gun in Class C-2.

Johnstone, who designs the J-boats, also watched proudly as two new J/80s finished first and second in Class C-3. Jitterbug, the first-J/80 in existence — bearing the sail No. 1 — was sailed to victory by Johnstone's son Alan. Shooting Star, sailed by Rod's brother, John Johnstone, was second.

So, you see, there was quite a contrast.

And skippers of both types of boats swear by their own.

"This was absolutely perfect schooner weather," said Moffett, whose boat is the only ocean-going vessel based at the Seaport. "It's tough to beat a schooner in this condition."

Winds were blowing moderately at the

start Friday off Watch Hill, 10-15 knots out of the Northwest with gusts up to 18 knots. But the wind soon picked up, climbing well above 20 knots during the race, and Brilliant simply flew.

"We were doing about 9.5, 9.6 knots consistently. We really got around the course fast," Moffett said. "The race couldn't have been more exciting."

"... Really, we got toward the finish line and thought maybe we were finishing in the wrong place because there was no committee out there. But it got there just in time."

## A busy summer

Brilliant, which raced in Off Soundings for the first time in the spring of 1991, will race several more times this summer, including New York Yacht Club races in Maine in early August, the Mystic Schooner Race in September and the

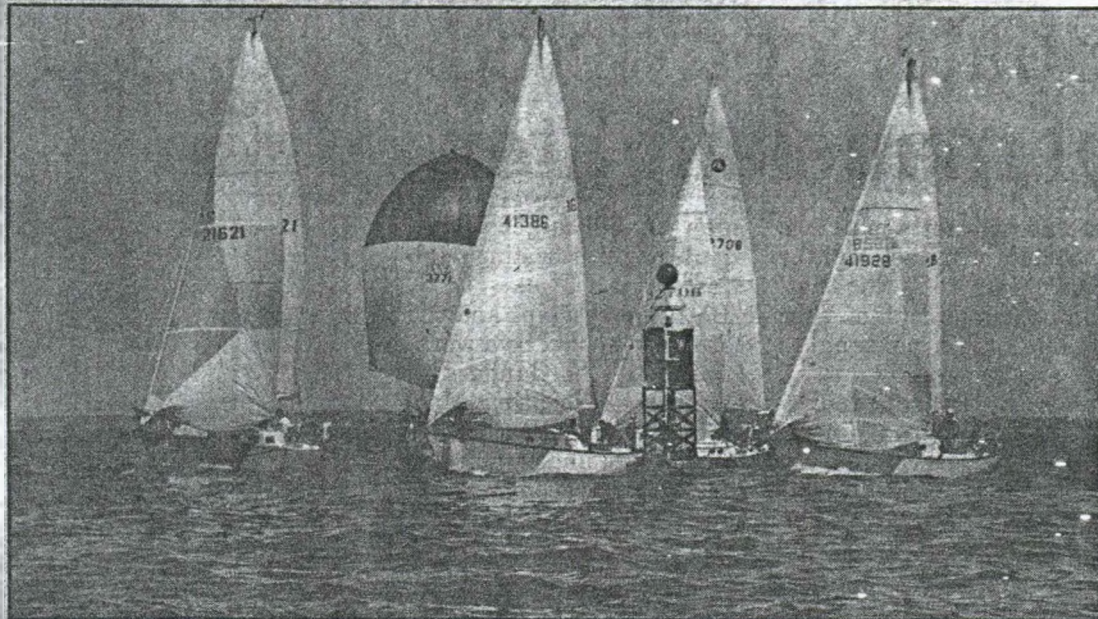
Great Cheseapeake Bay Schooner Race in Mid-October.

In the meantime, while Moffett was guiding his 11-member crew, Johnstone was presiding over just three other people aboard Stinger. Stinger also sailed the long course of 24.81 miles Friday, finishing in a corrected time of 195.34. Second was Kevin Farrar's Wildthing in 197.51.

"We had great fun today," said Johnstone, who said his new boat is one of the fewest racing class boats to be built with a roller furling, a set of lines which handily control the jib.

"I'm getting too old to do this run around on the foredeck stuff. Why should I when I can sit here and pull the jib down and have it be totally painless. That's how we're hoping people will look

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EBBA HIERTA/SOUNDINGS

Top boats from Class A-2 converge on the first mark off Watch Hill, R.I., during the first day of sailing in Off Soundings Club's spring series. The fleet raced to Block Island.

## Mystic schooner Brilliant beats fleet to Block Island

From a blustery 20-plus knots on day one, down to a whisper of wind on day two, this year's Off Soundings Club spring series gave racers a chance to test their skills and their boats in a wide range of conditions.

The race began Friday, June 11, with a 25-mile dash from Watch Hill, R.I., to Block Island. A northwest breeze blew 10 to 15 knots at the start and built quickly to the low 20s, making it a brisk reaching race that gave an advantage to many of the classic yawls and schooners entered that traditionally do well in those conditions.

The first boat to finish, Mystic Seaport Museum's 61-year-old schooner Brilliant, nearly beat the committee boat to the finish. Skipper George Moffett said he thought for a minute he'd misread the race instructions and had ended up in the wrong place. But Freedom, the 57-foot custom North Sea trawler that served as the committee boat,

set up the line just in the nick of time.

Saturday dawned still and the start of the traditional trip around the island was delayed for 40 minutes. The breeze built slowly throughout the day, eventually reaching 10 to 12 knots, allowing all 141 boats to finish on a shortened, 18-mile course.

Playing currents and chasing puffs were key elements of success, and more than a few positions changed hands by Saturday's finish. The series proved a success for J Boats new line of decimeter-numbered boats, with three of the four entered finishing in the money.

The two J/80s making their debut on the Northeast racing circuit, with Johnstone family members at the helm, finished first and second in their class, and the J/92 skippered by designer Rodney Johnstone placed third.

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#### RESULTS:

• CLASS A-1 — 1. DOLPHIN, HERRESHOFF NEWPORT 29, JOHN H. LOCKWOOD, MATTITUCK, N.Y.; 2. NEPENTHE, PEARSON 29 YAWL, ROBERT W. READ, SEEKONK, MASS.; 3. OSPREY, LUDERS 44 YAWL, COAST GUARD ACADEMY, NEW LONDON, CONN.

• CLASS A-2 — 1. MARIA, SEA SPRITE 34, DONALD C. DAVIS, HADDAM, CONN.; 2. BLUEFLOWER, TARTAN 34, SAMUEL HIRD, SHELTER ISLAND, N.Y.; 3. REVEILLE, TARTAN 34, JOHN ORZECH, NIAHTIC, CONN.

• CLASS B — 1. WINDRIDER II, BLOCK ISLAND 25, RUSSELL W. BROWN, NIAHTIC, CONN.; 2. BUGLER'S HOLIDAY, MORGAN 24, ED BIRCH, ESSEX, CONN.; 3. JUST FRIENDS, DOLPHIN 24, ED PURCELL, MYSTIC, CONN.

• CLASS C-1 — 1. FLASHPOINT, TRIPP 33, JOHN MOLLICONE, EAST GREENWICH, R.I.; 2. BUCKEROO BANZAI, J-35, ROGER COUTU JR., EAST GREENWICH, R.I.; 3. HOOLIGAN, EVELYN 42, PETER BRINCKERHOFF, RIVERSIDE, CONN.

• CLASS C-2 — 1. WILDTHING, EVELYN 32, KEVIN FARRAR, MYSTIC, CONN.; 2. DEFIANT, NEW YORK 40, BRUCE

KURYLA, MILFORD, CONN.; 3. STINGER, J/105, RODNEY S. JOHNSTONE, STONINGTON, CONN.

• CLASS C-3 — 1. SHOOTING STAR, J/80, JOHN JOHNSTONE, STONINGTON, CONN.; 2. JITTERBUG, J/80, ALAN JOHNSTONE, NEWPORT, R.I.; 3. ALICE, CATALINA 38, BILL BARLOW, BRISTOL, R.I.

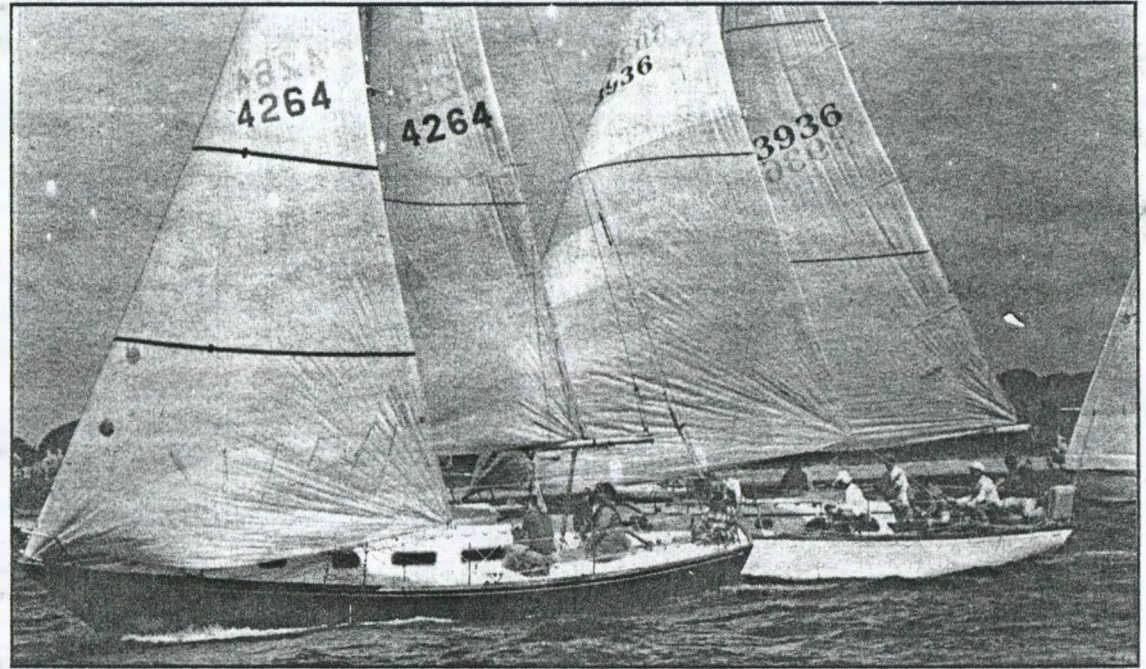
• CLASS C-4 — 1. CHECKERED DEMON, CUSTOM HALF-TONNER, NEAL S. O'CONNELL, NIAHTIC, CONN. 2. LAST DROP, CS-30, ARLENE TUNNEY, KILLINGWORTH, CONN.; 3. BRER RABBIT III, C&C 33, W. STRANG AND W. LOWETH.

• CLASS C-5 — 1. NEW WAVE, EVELYN 26, PAUL HEWITT, NEW YORK, N.Y.; 2. CHASING RAINBOWS, PEARSON 30, MILAN BARTEK, WATERFORD, CONN.; 3. SALUD, PEARSON 30, REINHARD SARGES, MYSTIC, CONN.

• CRUISING CANVAS 1 — 1. LEPRECHAUN, C&C 41, PAUL LEBEAU, NEW LONDON, CONN.; 2. SERENITY, C&C 35, CAL BROUWER, QUAKER HILL, CONN.; 3. BREAKAWAY, J/34, R. JOSLYN JR., GUILFORD, CONN.

• CRUISING CANVAS 2 — 1. TEMPEST, IRWIN 34, DAVID BOURNE, WATERFORD, CONN.; 2. FERIE, LUDERS 36, ROBERT A. EDMANDS, GUILFORD, CONN.; 3. DAME OF SARK, CONCORDIA 40 YAWL, J.T. CALLAGHAN, CHESHIRE, CONN.

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Blueflower, a Tartan 34 owned by Samuel Hird that took second overall in Class A-2 of the Off Soundings Club's spring series, edges out Bamboo, a Luders 36, at the start.

# Off Soundings sailors encounter a day that tries their patience

By VICKIE FULKERSON  
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**Block Island, R.I.** — The difference between races couldn't have been greater, Friday's a wild roller-coaster ride and Saturday's a slow-moving trip on a rusty carousel.

But it was actually the latter that made sailors in the Off Soundings Club's 56th annual Spring Race Series somewhat more nervous.

Saturday, with winds considerably under 10 knots at the start — sometimes next to nothing — the Race Committee was forced into a 40-minute postponement, after which the breeze picked up for a bit.

But by the time Class C-3 came around, with five more classes still to start, wind was nonexistent. The starting line looked more like a parking lot, the red-and-white spinnaker of Fireball and the green shamrock of Irish Witch, among others, billowing in the light air.

It was a day for patience.

"You had to be very patient," said Neal O'Connell of Niantic, whose 18-year-old Checkered Demon finished first on corrected time in Class C-4, earning the boat overall honors for Friday and Saturday.

"It was one of those days you just had to wait it out. The finishing positions seemed to be determined on the first leg. We just got lucky and seemed to find our way around."

All boats Saturday sailed short course No. 2, whereas normally six classes of boats would sail a longer course. Saturday's course around Block Island, which boats finished on a close reach, was approximately 18.2 miles long.

Kevin Farrar of Mystic in Wildthing, also maintained patience through Saturday's race, finishing first in Class C-2 with a corrected time of 276.60 minutes and in the two-day series with a time of 474.11. Bruce Kurlya's Defiant was second Saturday and overall.

"Yesterday was a hang-on sled ride and today there were just light, patchy winds," Farrar said. "Today was more nerve-racking to me, though. You really had to chase the puffs."

Friday's race was sailed from Watch Hill to Block Island.

Saturday, the committee boat, which usually stays anchored during the second day of racing from start to finish, motored more than six miles to the other side of the island to see what the wind was like there.

Race Committee Chairman Wes Maxwell then made the decision there was enough wind to finish the race, sending the committee boat back to the entranceway to Great Salt Pond.

"Until you went around the last mark it was pretty still," said past commodore Don Davis of Haddam, who sailed his boat, Maria,

## Committee's handling of protest proves to be ... well ... 'Madcap'

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**Block Island, R.I.** — The crew of Madcap, out of Noank, was a bit surprised when results were announced at Friday's Off Soundings Club party.

Eleventh? They were 11th?

What members of the crew hadn't realized was that they were over the starting line early at the beginning of Friday's race and therefore hadn't come back to restart, incurring a 30-minute penalty.

First place is where this crew thought it should have been.

All that was righted Saturday, after Madcap crew members Paul and Carol Connor, crewing for Carol's parents, Ed and Lil Maxwell, filed a protest with the Race Committee chairman.

The protest was negotiated, giving Madcap a five-minute penalty instead of 30, thus giving the boat a 57-second victory in the two-day standings ahead of Tempest.

But it wasn't all that easy.

For one thing, the chair of the Race Committee is Wes Maxwell, son of Ed and Lil, brother of Carol. It was his committee being protested.

And secondly, protest committee chairman Chris Field, married to another of the Maxwell's, Vicki, was unable to hear the protest due to a conflict of interest.

But things worked out.

"Paul and I went around and talked to some people who were in our class," Carol Connor said Saturday. "We got some

statement's from people about what they saw at the start.

"Chris wasn't able to handle the protest, but he passed it on to some very knowledgeable people. I felt very comfortable with them. They wound up giving us a five-minute penalty, which would have been the time it took us to turn around and go back."

Madcap finished first in Division 2 of the Cruising Canvas Class with a corrected time of 278.80 minutes and was first overall with a time of 507.12, edging Tempest's two-day time of 507.69.

The fact that subtracting the 25 minutes gave Madcap just the time it needed to win was purely coincidental. Neither the protest committee nor the crew of Madcap would have known the exact corrected times before the protest was filed.

It also gave Ed Maxwell, the oldest skipper in this weekend's fleet at 80, something to remember — the first-place trophy.

"My father always asks us to crew for him and we haven't," Carol Connor said. "So this time, Paul and I said, 'Let's go.' And we brought our friend K.G. Gregory from Bristol, R.I."

Connor said she understood her brother was only trying to do his job as Race Committee chairman, but simply disagreed with the 30-minute penalty.

"I know it's hard for him," she said. "They called him in to the protest and talked with him about it, too."

The protest delayed the announcement of results for several minutes following Saturday's race.

Madcap is a black, Tartan 28.

to a first-place finish in Class A-2. "But we hung in there."

On the last leg of the race, the wind picked up, closing in on 20 knots, carrying the boats steadily over the finish line. Shooting Star, a J/80 sailed by John Johnstone, was the first boat to cross the finish line, getting the gun at 2:20 p.m.

Bill Barlow's Alice was the second to cross. Both Shooting Star and Alice were competing in Class C-3.

In Class A-1, Bob Read's Nepenthe was first Saturday and second overall. Dolphin, sailed by John Lockwood, was second Saturday and first overall.

Davis' Maria was first overall in Class A-2, as well as finishing first Saturday. Second overall was Samuel Hird's Blueflower.

In Class B, Russell Brown's Windrider II was first overall and first in Saturday's race and Ed Birch's Bugler's Holiday was second overall.

Class C-1 had Roger Coutu Jr.'s Buckeroo Banzai first Saturday and John Mollicone's Flashpoint first overall. Buckeroo Banzai was second overall despite finishing 11th Friday.

Milan Bartek's Chasing Rainbows was first Saturday in Class C-5 and Paul Hewitt's New Wave took top overall honors.

And in the cruising classes, Paul LeBeau's Leprechaun was first Saturday and overall in Division 1 and Ed Maxwell's Madcap was first Saturday and overall in Division 2.

Prizes were awarded Saturday for the top four overall finishers in each class. The Off Soundings Club Fall Series will be raced Sept. 17-19.

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PHRF handicapping will be used for all classes, a measurement rule which allows for variations in length, sail area, hull and keel design within a given class. Penalties have been assigned to previous winners.

Courses for the smaller boats today will take them to a buoy south of Watch Hill and then to the finish line off the entrance to Great Salt Pond. Larger boats will have a longer course, heading out to the same buoy off Watch Hill, then to a buoy near Point Judith, R.I., before heading to the finish line.

Race results will be announced after each race and the four trophies will be awarded in each class for the combined two days.

# Sky holds local sailing club's fate

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## Off Soundings series begins this morning

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**New London** — Have no doubt that Off Soundings Club Commodore Peter McFadden and Race Committee Chairman Wes Maxwell will have their heads out the window this morning, taking note of the weather.

"We're getting ready to get wet and cold," McFadden said Thursday. "I'm not sure, but I think it's at least going to be showery if not stormy. We've had some interesting races in the fall."

This morning's racing, scheduled to begin at 9:30, will take the 149-member Off Soundings Club fleet from New London to Dering Harbor off Shelter Island, N.Y. The 56th Annual Fall Race Series will run today through Saturday.

In the rare case of the abandonment of today's race, two things are possible, McFadden said.

The fleet, depending on the decision of the Race Committee, could either sail Friday's race Saturday, racing to Shelter Island, or it could sail Saturday's race as scheduled, with boats making their own way to Shelter Island.

There will be nine classes of sailboats in all, three "A" and "B" classes, five "C" classes and a Cruising Canvas Class. PHRF handicapping will be used for all classes, accounting for variations in boat-length, sail area and hull and keel design within a given class. Penalties have been assigned to previous winners.

Courses for the smaller boats will take them to Valiant Rock at The Race, then into Gardiner's Bay to the finish line off Shelter Island. The larger boats will have a longer course out to Cerberus Shoal before entering Gardiner's Bay and going on to the same finish line.

Saturday, the entire fleet will sail an around the buoys race in Gardiner's Bay or Peconic Bay.

### Class-by-class

In Class A-1, the highest rated boats are Excellence, sailed by Linwood Mather, Saphaetra, sailed by Queene Hooper Foster and Neith, sailed by Jeff Stone, although Excellence will be assessed a 15 percent penalty and Neith five percent.

Class A-2 will be led by Bow-Wow, skippered by Nick Staub and Travis Burns of Niantic, followed by Elizabeth, skippered by Wallace Tobin and Valiant, sailed by past commodore Paul van Dyke of Mystic. All three boats will be assessed penalties.

Mandalay, sailed by John R. Saxe, will be the top-rated boat in Class B, followed by Bill Drinkuth's Watercolors and Bugler's Holiday, belonging to Edward C. Birch of Essex, all of which will also be penalized based of their past performances.

In Class C-1, Dick Rohman's J.A.R.D Loose, Peter Brinckerhoff's Hooligan and Robert Audette's Jack Rose are the three top-rated boats, while Class C-2 boasts William Gunther's Froya, Bart Rapaport's Chute One and Relentless, sailed by Len Hubbard and Tom Anderson, at the top of the ratings. Class

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C-1 is the biggest class with 17 boats.

John Johnstone's J/80 Shooting Star is rated at the top of Class C-3, and will be followed by Dennis Posey's Firebrand and Bill Barlow's Alice, all of which carry a 15 percent penalty.

Class C-4 will be led in the ratings by Robert G. Norton in Orion, Jonathan Lathrop of Old Lyme in Arabesque and Steve Anderson of Noank in Restless. Milan Bartek's Chasing Rainbows, Paul Hewitt's New Wave and Ron Sternicki's Strange are all favorites to do well in Class C-5.

Paul LeBeau's Leprechaun, Bruce Lockwood's Arrow and Anthony Halsey's Patriot are three of the top boats in Division 1 of the Cruising Canvas Class and the top-rated boats in Division 2 of the class are William Schmidt's Manantial, Edward Maxwell's Madcap and Robert A. Edmands' Ferien.

Race results will be announced during the shore party at Shelter Island Yacht Club after each race and four trophies will be awarded in each class for the combined two days of racing.

Final results will be available about one week after the series concludes, including perpetual trophy winners for the combined Spring and Fall 1993 Series.

# Off Soundings fleet in search of Shelter

Shelter Island, N.Y. — The first race of the Off Soundings Club 56th Annual Fall Series was sailed Friday from New London to Shelter Island, N.Y., with 138 boats being greeted by a steady rain and wind out of the northeast.

Results were:

■ **Class A-1** — 1. Jack English, Whimbrel; 2. William Rich Jr., Spindrift; 3. Frank Bohlen, Tattler; 4. Coast Guard Academy, Osprey.

■ **Class A-2** — 1. Peter McFadden, Howard Bidwell, Bamboo; 2. John Hawke, Evenstar; 3. John Orzech, Reveille; 4. Robert J. Almeida Jr., Piper Too.

■ **Class B** — 1. Edward C. Dieckerhoff, Savili; 2. Gerry Keeler, Sanibel; 3. Cal Beggs, Mistral; 4. John R. Saxe, Mandalay.

■ **Class C-1** — 1. Peter Brinckerhoff, Hooligan; 2. Perry Garvin, Salty; 3. Michael D. Morin, Heart Breaker; 4. Richard E. Carlson, Falcon.

■ **Class C-2** — 1. Allen H. Smith, Strata Various; 2. Robert Weinstein, Magic Button; 3. Bill Healy, Sirprize; 4. David Dickerson, Lindy.

■ **Class C-3** — 1. James Dill, Menace; 2. Gene Festa, Meltemi; 3. Allen Karenko, Wolverine; 4. George Martin, Osprey.

■ **Class C-4** — 1. Ronald and David Walker, Wavewalker; 2. Jack Washburn, Our Tern; 3. Robert G. Norton, Orion; 4. Paul E. Hale, Escapade.

■ **Class C-5** — 1. David Devlin, Hotspur; 2. Erich C. Glanz, Wave Function; 3. John Read, Legacy; 4. Bob Puder, Wildflower.

■ **Cruising Canvas Class, Division 1** — 1. Cal Brouwer, Serenity; 2. Martin Abrams, Toucan; 3. Lawrence S. Landry, Errant; 4. Bert Olsson, Ack-Va-Vit.

■ **Cruising Canvas Class, Division 2** — 1. Joe Callaghan, Dame of Sark; 2. Robert I. Welsh, Charisma; 3. Lochnivar; 4. William Schmidt, Manantial.

Racing will conclude today with a round-the-buoys race off Shelter Island.

## Locals finish 6th, 7th

Newport, R.I. — Two local teams finished sixth and seventh overall in the Rolex International Women's Keelboat Championship on Rhode Island Sound, which concluded with one race Friday. — Nancy Haberland of Westerly

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and her crew, including Niantic's Theresa Parker, finished sixth over the seven-race series aboard Assembly of Spirit, compiling 37.75 points.

Melissa Purdy of Tiburon, Calif., with crew members Carol and Whitney Connor of Noank, who sailed Small Flying Patio Furniture to a seventh-place overall finish with 39.75 points.

Defending champion Betsy Alison of Newport, the inaugural winner of the biennial event in 1985, had clinched her third title after the sixth race Thursday.

Each of the 44 six-woman crews from nine countries sailing J-24 sloops were allowed to throw out one race during the regatta.

## Yeomans leads at Yale

New Haven — Junior Greg Yeomans of Gales Ferry shot a 73 to lead five University of Connecticut golfers Friday in first-round play at the Yale Golf Invitational.

The 34-team invitational continues today at the Yale Golf Course in New Haven. Other UConn finishers were freshman Brian Ahern, 75; senior Marty Burke, 77; junior Peter Vitali, 80; and junior Andy Watters, 84.

## Stoddard, Plankeel win

New Haven — Andrew Stoddard and Jeff Plankeel, co-captains of the Fitch Senior High School tennis team, won the 'B' flight of the doubles tournament at the US Tennis Association Easter Seals Tennis Classic last weekend.

The winning match went to a tiebreaker with Stoddard and Plankeel winning best of twelve, 7-4.

The tournament was held at the Connecticut Tennis Center and raised \$15,000 for Easter Seals.

## Black Hall Club

Old Lyme — Results of Friday's women's Member-Member Tournament at Black Hall Club were:

■ **Low net** — 1. Ellie Machnik and Arlene Barrila, 133; 2. Doris Kimball and Judy Acker, 142.

■ **Low gross** — 1. Jean Marriott and Bets Chadwick, 168.

■ **Nine-holers** — 1. Holly DuPuis, 37.

# Off Soundings wraps up Fall Series

Shelter Island, N.Y. — Off Soundings completed its fall series Saturday. Here are results:

■ **Class A1** — 1. Tattler, W. Frank Bohlen, 390.25; 2. Snow Goose, Bill Fortmann, 407.11; 3. Elixir, David C. Noyes, 407.37; 4. Spindrift, William Rich Jr., 409.02; 5. Osprey, Bob Little, 410.01.

■ **Class A2** — 1. Bamboo, Peter W. McFadden and Howard Bidwell, 368.93; 2. Reveille, John Orzech, 379.23; 3. Evenstar, John Hawke, 387.72; 4. Maria, Don Davis, 397.93; 5. Piper Too, Robert J. Almeida Jr., 411.41.

■ **Class B** — Watercolors, Bill Drinkuth, 333.30; 2. Savili, Edward D. Dieckerhoff, 338.76; 3. Sanibel, Gerry Keeler, 344.03; 4. Mistral, Cal Beggs, 347.65; 5. Tigress, Allen

and Mark Anderson, 350.77.

■ **Class C1** — Hooligan, Peter Brinckerhoff, 527.08; 2. Settler, James Rich Jr., 535.83; 3. White Fire, Joe Bardenheier, 545.06; 4. Heart Breaker, Michael D. Morin, 555.52; 5. Steamboat, Jim Kammel, 556.10.

■ **Class C2** — 1. Strata Various, Allen H. Smith, 500.65; 2. Lindy, David Dickerson, 501.50; 3. Magbooka, John Nevin, 506.64; 4. Magic Button, Robert Weinstein, 509.10; 5. Wildthing, Kevin Farrar, 509.17.

■ **Class C3** — 1. Menace, James Dill, 421.58; 2. Wolverine, Alan Karenko, 434.03; 3. Meltemi, Gene Festa, 434.06; 4. Spirit, Norman Peck, 440.01; 5. Shooting Star, John Johnstone, 448.19.

■ **Class C4** — 1. Wavewalker,

Ronald and David Walker, 414.52; 2. Celebration, John Baird, 421.42; 3. Orion, Robert Norton, 431.88; 4. Wharf Rat, Hugh O'Brien, 432.63; 5. Brer Rabbit III, W. Strang and W. Loweth, 433.60.

■ **Class C5** — 1. Hotspur, David Devlin, 411.43; 2. Strange, Ronald Sternicki, 422.26; 3. Hellion, Ed Hellenbrecht and Sam Russell, 423.46; 4. Fast Forward, David Leventhal, 426.37; 5. Legacy, John Read, 428.42.

■ **Class CR1** — 1. Arrow, Bruce Lockwood, 454.88; 2. Leprechaun, C. Paul Lebeau, 463.75; 3. Errant, Lawrence Landry, 465.81; 4. Serenity, Cal Brouwer, 478.94; 5. Ack-Va-Vit, Bertil Olsson, 482.22.

# Off Soundings sailors encounter a day that tries their patience

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Block Island, R.I. — The difference between races couldn't have been greater, Friday's a wild roller-coaster ride and Saturday's a slow-moving trip on a rusty carousel.

But it was actually the latter that made sailors in the Off Soundings Club's 56th annual Spring Race Series somewhat more nervous.

Saturday, with winds considerably under 10 knots at the start — sometimes next to nothing — the Race Committee was forced into a 40-minute postponement, after which the breeze picked up for a bit.

But by the time Class C-3 came around, with five more classes still to start, wind was nonexistent. The starting line looked more like a parking lot, the red-and-white spinnaker of Fireball and the green shamrock of Irish Witch, among others, billowing in the light air.

It was a day for patience. "You had to be very patient," said Neal O'Connell of Niantic, whose 18-year-old Checkered Demon finished first on corrected time in Class C-4, earning the boat overall honors for Friday and Saturday.

"It was one of those days you just had to wait it out. The finishing positions seemed to be determined on the first leg. We just got lucky and seemed to find our way around."

All boats Saturday sailed short course No. 2, whereas normally six classes of boats would sail a longer course. Saturday's course around Block Island, which boats finished on a close reach, was approximately 18.2 miles long.

Kevin Farrar of Mystic in Wildthing, also maintained patience through Saturday's race, finishing first in Class C-2 with a corrected time of 276.60 minutes and in the two-day series with a time of 474.11. Bruce Kurlya's Defiant was second Saturday and overall.

"Yesterday was a hang-on sled ride and today there were just light, patchy winds," Farrar said. "Today was more nerve-racking to me, though. You really had to chase the puffs."

Friday's race was sailed from Watch Hill to Block Island.

Saturday, the committee boat, which usually stays anchored during the second day of racing from start to finish, motored more than six miles to the other side of the island to see what the wind was like there.

Race Committee Chairman Wes Maxwell then made the decision there was enough wind to finish the race, sending the committee boat back to the entranceway to Great Salt Pond.

"Until you went around the last mark it was pretty still," said past commodore Don Davis of Haddam, who sailed his boat, Maria,

## Committee's handling of protest proves to be ... well ... 'Madcap'

By VICKIE FULKERSON  
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Block Island, R.I. — The crew of Madcap, out of Noank, was a bit surprised when results were announced at Friday's Off Soundings Club party.

Eleventh? They were 11th? What members of the crew hadn't realized was that they were over the starting line early at the beginning of Friday's race and therefore hadn't come back to restart, incurring a 30-minute penalty.

First place is where this crew thought it should have been.

All that was righted Saturday, after Madcap crew members Paul and Carol Connor, crewing for Carol's parents, Ed and Lil Maxwell, filed a protest with the Race Committee chairman.

The protest was negotiated, giving Madcap a five-minute penalty instead of 30, thus giving the boat a 57-second victory in the two-day standings ahead of Tempest.

But it wasn't all that easy.

For one thing, the chair of the Race Committee is Wes Maxwell, son of Ed and Lil, brother of Carol. It was his committee being protested.

And secondly, protest committee chairman Chris Field, married to another of the Maxwell's, Vicki, was unable to hear the protest due to a conflict of interest.

But things worked out.

"Paul and I went around and talked to some people who were in our class," Carol Connor said Saturday. "We got some

statement's from people about what they saw at the start.

"Chris wasn't able to handle the protest, but he passed it on to some very knowledgeable people. I felt very comfortable with them. They wound up giving us a five-minute penalty, which would have been the time it took us to turn around and go back."

Madcap finished first in Division 2 of the Cruising Canvas Class with a corrected time of 278.80 minutes and was first overall with a time of 507.12, edging Tempest's two-day time of 507.69.

The fact that subtracting the 25 minutes gave Madcap just the time it needed to win was purely coincidental. Neither the protest committee nor the crew of Madcap would have known the exact corrected times before the protest was filed.

It also gave Ed Maxwell, the oldest skipper in this weekend's fleet at 80, something to remember — the first-place trophy.

"My father always asks us to crew for him and we haven't," Carol Connor said. "So this time, Paul and I said, 'Let's go.' And we brought our friend K.G. Gregory from Bristol, R.I."

Connor said she understood her brother was only trying to do his job as Race Committee chairman, but simply disagreed with the 30-minute penalty.

"I know it's hard for him," she said. "They called him in to the protest and talked with him about it, too."

The protest delayed the announcement of results for several minutes following Saturday's race.

Madcap is a black, Tartan 28.

to a first-place finish in Class A-2. "But we hung in there."

On the last leg of the race, the wind picked up, closing in on 20 knots, carrying the boats steadily over the finish line. Shooting Star, a J/80 sailed by John Johnstone, was the first boat to cross the finish line, getting the gun at 2:20 p.m.

Bill Barlow's Alice was the second to cross. Both Shooting Star and Alice were competing in Class C-3.

In Class A-1, Bob Read's Nepenthe was first Saturday and second overall. Dolphin, sailed by John Lockwood, was second Saturday and first overall.

Davis' Maria was first overall in Class A-2, as well as finishing first Saturday. Second overall was Samuel Hird's Blueflower.

In Class B, Russell Brown's Windrider II was first overall and first in Saturday's race and Ed Birch's Bugler's Holiday was second overall.

Class C-1 had Roger Coutu Jr.'s Buckeroo Banzai first Saturday and John Mollicone's Flashpoint first overall. Buckeroo Banzai was second overall despite finishing 11th Friday.

Milan Bartek's Chasing Rainbows was first Saturday in Class C-5 and Paul Hewitt's New Wave took top overall honors.

And in the cruising classes, Paul LeBeau's Leprechaun was first Saturday and overall in Division 1 and Ed Maxwell's Madcap was first Saturday and overall in Division 2.

Prizes were awarded Saturday for the top four overall finishers in each class. The Off Soundings Club Fall Series will be raced Sept. 17-18.

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