

OFF SOUNDINGS RACE - FIRST DAY

Despite the lure of the America's Cup Series further east, 156 skippers proved that they would rather race than spectate, as they crossed the starting line at Sarah's Ledge off New London, Connecticut, to start the 30th Annual Fall Off Soundings Series.

Strong northerlies on the beam at the start made exciting racing at hull speed for the six classes competing. The smaller boats were away early on a 16.81 mile reach and run to the finish off Three-Mile Harbor on Long Island, followed by the larger classes, sailing the long 25.41 mile course to the same destination by way of Cerberus Shoal. Winds gusting to 40 MPH caused torn sails and gear failures to many boats, although the only real casualty was to the 53 year old A-2 sloop Mischief, which was forced to withdraw with a broken rudder.

Class winners were:

Class A-1, Xanadu, John I. Menzies, Class A-2, Magic Lantern, Richard N. Jayson, Class B-1, Sable, Albert Wilson, Class B-2, Shaman, Stanley G. Barnes, Class C-1, Hot Foot, Charles J. Blair, Class C-2, Quartet, Nick Fast.

Class A-1

<u>Boat</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Time</u>
Xanadu	John I. Menzies	184:98
Kona	C. Wallace Tiernan	184:99
Wainscott Wind	Stuyvesant Wainwright II	
Chantey	Wilbur F. Young	
Gay Gull III	Robert M. Love	

Class A-2

Magic Lantern	Richard N. Jayson	187:65
Windoon II	Stuart C. Woodman	187:82
Paprika	Lawrence H. Reybine	
Dispute	George P. Carter	
Solitaire	Dud Blanchard	

Class B-1

Sable	Albert Wilson	136:98
Persephone	John M. Mills	139:73
Khamsin	John V. Leonard	
Black Arrow	W. L. Ames	
Melody	Herbert H. Cooper	

Class B-2

Shaman	Stanley G. Barnes	70:98
Altair	S. Barry Jennings, Jr.	72:67
Wee Jo	Frederick L. Minson	
Alacrity	P. F. Papineau	
Hornet	John H. Hubbard	

Class C-1

<u>Boat</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Time</u>
Hot Foot	Charles J. Blair	144:47
Cleatless	Robert N. Fountain	149:59
Destination	Edmund S. Kelley, Jr.	
Avante III	Frank P. Cafaro	
Windlassie	R. J. Comstock	

Class C-2

Quartet	Nick Fast	80:17
Myraina	W. D. Webster	85:31
Curlew	Eugene M. Reardon	
Schedar	Frank L. Capers, Jr.	
Cavu VI	William W. Soverel	

Triton (Sailing in Class B2)

Alacrity	P. F. Papineau
Blueflower	Samuel Hird
Anne II	C. C. Christiansen

Tartan (Sailing in Class B2)

Wee Jo	Frederick L. Minson
Sporran	G. T. Gurney
Soogie Moogie	Jim Castle