

2018 New England 100

On July 21 & 22, 2018, the New England 100 was held. The 29th Annual Northeast Nacra Sailing Association (NENSA) event was sponsored by Narragansett Athletic Sailing Association (NASA) and sailed out of Sail Newport, RI. It is a two day race in Narragansett Bay and surrounding waters with distances totaling ~100 hundred miles. The event was only one day this year as stormy weather caused the cancellation of racing on Sunday.

We would like to thank our sponsor and fellow F18 racer, Chris Bulger of NASA. NASA is looking to create a competitive sailing program in Narragansett Bay specifically for athletic boats such as F18s.

There were seven F18s and one Nacra Carbon 20 in the race. On day one, the weather began sunny and temperate with 10-15 knot easterly winds varying greatly (read gusty!!) throughout the course. Spinnakers were up for the start near Rose Island. The racers headed north under the Newport Bridge, rounded Hope Island, and continued around the northern ends of Patience and Prudence Islands. The racers then sailed south of Hog Island, through the Mount Hope Bridge, up into Mt Hope Bay, turning back just before the Braga Bridge in Fall River. The racers then doubled back through the Mount Hope Bridge, rounded the north end of Hog Island, ending with a very long reach back to Rose Island in a building breeze and even bigger gusts. The total race distance was ~ 45 miles.



The great sailing was not without various calamities: navigational mistakes (Giulianos, Setarehs), a breakdown (Easton/Whitte), a capsize causing a facial gash (Ray/Libre), a grounding causing another capsize (Whyte/Sertl), another grounding involving a rock causing yet another capsize and some boat damage (Bulgers), and a head strike to the hull causing a concussion (Valante). Despite all the carnage, and fatigue from the challenging day, most all sailors were smiling as they recapped the day's adventures while enjoying the evening's feast of stuffed quahogs and RI clam chowder.

Valante/Zellmer set a blistering pace throughout the race on the only Carbon 20. They covered the course in 3:23:50 for an average pace of fourteen mph. While they may have, in Joe's own words, "brought a gun to a knife fight" by racing against a fleet of F18s, they also had lady luck on their side. They were one of the few teams without a navigational error, capsize or breakdown, though after hitting his head on the hull, Valante growled at the boat (and probably at Jimmy!) and kept on. (Two days later he went to the hospital and was diagnosed with a concussion.) When they examined their shrouds after the race they realized the leeward shroud was hanging on by a thread on the last long leg. (Racers remember to tape your shrouds!) This all combined to make them the fastest boat and the overall winner on corrected times.

The true battle was for second place with the Giuliano brothers time was slowed to double back to round the mark on the north end of Hog Island. The Bulgers soldiered on with a damaged dagger board that could only have acted like a terrific sea break. All mistakes seemed to even out the playing field with the racers coming in seconds or minutes apart. In the F18 Class, the Giuliano brothers finished first, the Bulgers second, Whyte/Sertl third and Tartaglino/Herzon fourth.

Meanwhile in the back of the pack, Easton/Whitte and Ray/Libre were beginning to recover from their various challenges and were catching the Setarehs who had to double back for a missed mark in Mt. Hope Bay. The Wind Gods favored the Setarehs, who pulled out the spinnaker



twice and escaped the doldrums that becalmed Easton/Whitte and Ray/Libre in Mount Hope Bay.

The NE100 is truly a family event. Sandra and her parents put on a lovely post race dinner. There were three family teams: a team of brothers (Pete & John Giuliano), a father/son team (Chris & Max Bulger) and a father/daughter team (Ben & Rachel Setareh) with Rachel turning 15 while skippering from the wire.

Next year is the 30th anniversary so bring the family out for the event!

What a great way to turn 15. Happy birthday Rachel!

For complete results, go to [2018 New England 100 : NENSA](#)

New England 100 2018
Sail Newport
Results as of 10:57 on July 23, 2018
Overall

Sailed: 1, Discards: 0, To count: 1, Rating system: USPN, Entries: 8, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Boat	Class	SailNo	Club	HelmName	CrewName	USPN	Race 1	Total	Nett
1	Land Rover	Nacra C20	156		Jim Zellmer	Joe Valente	59.6	1.0	1.0	1.0
1	Capricorn	Formula 18 Slp spi	94	Madison Surf Club	John Giuliano	Pater Giuliano	62.4	2.0	2.0	2.0
1		Formula 18 Slp spi	1864	NASA	Chris Bulger	Max Bulger	62.4	3.0	3.0	3.0
1	No Worries	Formula 18 Slp spi	286	Wickford YC	Skip Whyte	Nick Sertl	62.4	4.0	4.0	4.0
1		Formula 18 Slp spi	1719	NENSA	Sandra Tartaglino	Seth Herzon	62.4	5.0	5.0	5.0
1	Jenny II	Formula 18 Slp spi	1563	Shattemuck YC	Rachel Setareh	Benjamin Setareh	62.4	6.0	6.0	6.0
1	Sponsor Us	Formula 18 Slp spi	77	MITNA	Michael Easton	Eric Witte	62.4	7.0	7.0	7.0
1	Ingwe	Formula 18 Slp spi	162	NEMA	Ian Ray	Peter Libre	62.4	8.0	8.0	8.0

Principal Race Officer: Michael Levesque

Race 1 - 21 July 2018 at 1125

Start: Start 1, Finishes: Place, Time: 1125

Rank	Boat	Class	SailNo	Club	HelmName	CrewName	USPN	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Points
1	Land Rover	Nacra C20	156		Jim Zellmer	Joe Valente	59.6	14:48:50	3:23:50	5:42:00	1.0
2	Capricorn	Formula 18 Slp spi	94	Madison Surf Club	John Giuliano	Pater Giuliano	62.4	15:26:00	4:01:00	6:26:13	2.0
3		Formula 18 Slp spi	1864	NASA	Chris Bulger	Max Bulger	62.4	15:26:40	4:01:40	6:27:17	3.0
4	No Worries	Formula 18 Slp spi	286	Wickford YC	Skip Whyte	Nick Sertl	62.4	15:27:30	4:02:30	6:28:37	4.0
5		Formula 18 Slp spi	1719	NENSA	Sandra Tartaglino	Seth Herzon	62.4	15:32:50	4:07:50	6:37:10	5.0
6	Jenny II	Formula 18 Slp spi	1563	Shattemuck YC	Rachel Setareh	Benjamin Setareh	62.4	15:51:12	4:26:12	7:06:36	6.0
7	Sponsor Us	Formula 18 Slp spi	77	MITNA	Michael Easton	Eric Witte	62.4	15:54:16	4:29:16	7:11:31	7.0
8	Ingwe	Formula 18 Slp spi	162	NEMA	Ian Ray	Peter Libre	62.4	15:54:36	4:29:36	7:12:03	8.0