

QUISSETT YACHT CLUB ROUND THE BAY RACE 2019

Sunday September 8th marked the 67th running of Quissett Yacht Club's Round The Bay Race. This year's event was heavily influenced by Hurricane Dorian which forced the race to be postponed from Saturday to Sunday and influenced participation in the race resulting in fewer competitors than has been seen in several years.

However, Sunday delivered a spectacular day on the water. The forecast called for the wind to move from the west to the southwest and build to around 15 knots. In reality, the wind overdelivered on that prediction and everyone on the course experienced more breeze than the forecast predicted before they got to the windward mark.

As usual the Race Committee gave the competitors an excellent test, sending the fleet south-west down to the middle of the bay and then down wind to a mark near the Cleveland Ledge lighthouse and then back to Quissett.

Most of the fleet that had registered to race on Saturday were able to adjust their schedules to come on Sunday and represented harbors all around Buzzards Bay. The fleet was led out onto the course by a Quissett entry, Stardust, and followed soon after by the rest of the fleet. Scratch boats Scarlet and Glory crossed the start line a little more than 40 minutes after noon and the race was on!

As the racers worked their way upwind past Woods Hole and the Weepeket Islands the wind completed it's predicted shift and built quickly past the predicted levels making the second half of the upwind leg into a tough test for the competitors. The J/105 Hardtack led the fleet around the weather mark and began the trek downwind. The leg was nearly straight downwind, forcing the racing fleet boats to gybe back and forth and allowing the cruisers to go "wing on wing" straight to the mark.

When the leaders reached the leeward mark, Hardtack still had the lead, but the biggest boat in the fleet, the Taylor 54 Glory had nearly caught up.

On the final stretch back to Quissett Glory was able to get by Hardtack and claim the overall victory. 3rd place was claimed by Waterwolf soon after with Blue Pigeon Too claiming second place in the Cruising division.

It was a great day on the water to close out the Quissett racing season!

Skipper	Boat Name	Division	Overall finish	Racing Division	Cruising Division
Barry Steinberg	Glory	Cruising	1		1
Mary Schmitt	Hardtack	Racing	2	1	
Edward Lobo	Waterwolf	Racing	3	2	
Melissa Gordon	Blue Pigeon Too	Cruising	4		2
Jim Masiero	Ursus maritimus	Racing	5	3	
Jon Burt	Lola	Racing	6	4	
Barry Feldman	SCARLET	Cruising	7		3
Josh Weiss	Denali	Cruising	8		4
Joel White	Stardust	Cruising	9		5
Nick Brachet	Dune Buggy	Racing	DNF		
Luke Tougas	Kanga	Racing	DNS		