

## 2019 NEW ENGLAND 100 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Fort Adams State Park, Newport, RI August 9-11, 2019 Organizing Authority: North East NACRA Sailing Association Sponsored by: Narragansett Athletic Sailing Association

## UPDATE REGARDING REGATTA RESULTS, AWARDS, SANDRA TARTAGLINO MEMORIAL FUND AND ONGOING ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

On Friday, September 27, 2019, family and friends gathered at the Eisenhower House at Fort Adams State Park in Newport, Rhode Island, for a Celebration of Life in the memory of Sandra Tartaglino. As has been previously reported, Sandra lost her life near the Claiborne Pell Newport Bridge, within a mile of the finish line on the second day of racing of the 2019 New England 100 Regatta. Sandra organized and/or competed throughout the entire 30-year history of the event.

Sandra's awards, trophies and mementos from throughout her decorated catamaran racing career were on display throughout the house. The newly issued <u>Sandra Tartaglino Top Woman Competitor</u> <u>Perpetual Trophy</u>, which will be awarded annually at the Formula 18 Catamaran North American Championship, was also on display. This beautiful wooden trophy was created by fellow catamaran sailors Nora and Jim Zellmer of Sarasota, Florida (previously of Vermont).

The greatest tribute to Sandra was the large assembly of sailors from around the country and the world. Catamaran sailors from all New England states, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Florida, Mississippi, California, Canada and Australia came together to share stories and remember the incredible legacy left by Sandra. As noted by her parents, Jack and Paula Tartaglino, we are Sandra's second family.

At the request of the Tartaglino family, the results of the New England 100 Regatta were announced, and prizes presented to the regatta winners. The perpetual trophy for first place overall was awarded to John and Peter Giuliano of Connecticut. Full results are posted at the regatta site on Regatta Network: http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/regatta\_uploads/19280/2019NE100FinalResults27Sep19.pdf

Special awards were presented to Chris Bulger (regatta sponsor), Trish Hopkins (regatta catering and support), and Mike Levesque (PRO). Jack and Paula Tartaglino were also presented with an award, in recognition of their continuing support for the regatta and loss of their daughter. The Tartaglinos were also presented with a burgee from Roton Point Sailing Association in Rowayton, CT, acknowledging Sandra's many years of competition at their annual Fall Multihull Regatta, and her premature passing.

Sandra's family has established a memorial fund, which will be used to promote women's sailing, youth sailing and boating safety. Kindly send donations to:

Sandra Tartaglino Memorial Fund PO Box 491 Tiverton, RI 02878



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Requests for information regarding the ongoing accident investigation should be addressed to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Division of Law Enforcement.

Requests for information concerning the regatta should be addressed to the Event Chair, Rick Bliss.

Rick Bliss Event Chair Michael Levesque Principal Race Officer

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Sunset at the Eisenhower House in Newport, RI on 27Sep19. Photo by Michael Levesque.