



2015 Edgartown Race Weekend

Lead, And They Will Follow

EDGARTOWN, MASS., (July 27, 2015) — Located seven miles off the coast of Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard has long been known as an idyllic summer destination despite being accessible only by air or boat – which naturally posed no problem for the hundreds of sailors who made the trek to the eastern end of the island for Edgartown Yacht Club's 2015 Edgartown Race Weekend.

Over three perfect summer days, competitors had a full schedule with ['Round-the-Buoy Races](#) on Thursday and Friday, July 23-24, and the historic ['Round-the-Island Race](#) on Saturday, July 25. On the social side of things, Friday evening's Mount Gay "Jump-Up" party – which followed the awards presentations for the 'Round-the-Buoy Races – was a highlight of the weekend.

Following the lead of his father and uncle who raced at EYC in the '80s, Brian Crowley brought his brother Gene Crowley and cousin David Crowley to race his Sabre 426 *Fidelis* in the 'Round-the-Buoy Races. Explaining that they had sailed with the elder Crowley's when they all were teenagers, the trio recounted climbing through the club windows to be part of the EYC festivities which was then off-limits for under-aged crew. Representing Megansett Yacht Club and racing in the PHRF Non-Spinnaker Class, *Fidelis* won, respectively, first-place and second-place on Thursday and Friday. Marking the third year competing, the Crowley clan was animated in their enthusiasm for the event and for resuming the family tradition. "We'll be back," said Brian Crowley.

Following a different lead, was the crew on *Tenacious* being skippered by Midshipman Jackson Niketas, which won the final two races of the six-race buoy series to finish third in PHRF B. "You change crews twice a year and sail for about six months together," said Niketas who explained that the crew is selected at the beginning of the season when the regatta schedule is planned out. The rising senior first did the EYC race weekend two years ago as a crew, and commented on the conditions for this year's buoy races: "It's been tough racing; it was really light breeze, especially today. It was tough tactically to keep the boat out in front, but we were able to do that."

Niketas, who grew up in Birmingham, Alabama, and had never sailed before attending the Academy, went through a selection process to be selected skipper: "There are more people that want the position than there are positions available. I was very blessed to get the opportunity and it's been very good so far."

When asked how competing fits into the Navy's overall program, Niketas explained: "One of the things that the Navy wants to get out of any extra-curricular activity that we do is decision making under pressure. A lot of times in sailing there's not the exact right decision to make, there's a lot of different options and you don't know the exact turnout; so sailboat racing, it's very closely related to what I think we'll see out in the fleet and I think it's very beneficial. This crew has been together about five months now. We've made several position shifts throughout the season, but I'd say we're in about the best spot we could be at and everybody is just fine-tuning their jobs now."

Clearly Niketas and the Tenacious crew made some good decisions during Saturday's Round-the-Island Race: finishing first in PHRF C to win the Venona Trophy for the PHRF Spinnaker best finish on corrected time, as well as the Cook Award for the best finish among service academy yachts.

First held in the summer of 1938, EYC's 'Round-the-Island Race covers 56 nautical miles, with the 68-strong fleet passing the island's most distinguishing features, including seven lighthouses and the cliffs of Gay Head. Making its racing debut, and coming home the winner with the shortest elapsed time, was Richard Cohen's Foggy. The 74' German Frers-designed sloop, launched less than a month ago, was an attention grabber as she circumnavigated Martha's Vineyard to collect the Concord Cup.

For more information, visit <http://www.rtirace.org> or contact raceadministrator@edgartownyc.org. On Facebook: [Edgartown Yacht Club Racing](#).

Edgartown Yacht Club will host the 22nd running of the Annual 12 Metre Regatta (August 7-9). For more information and to register for Edgartown Yacht Club sailing events, visit www.edgartownyc.org and click on the racing tab.

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Results 2014 Big Boat Buoy Races (July 23-24)

Place, Boat Name, Type, Skipper, Home Club, Finish Pos., Points

Class 1 IRC (2 boats)

1. Temptation Oakcliff, Ker 50, Arthur Santry, Oakcliff Sailing, 1-1-1-1-1-1; 6
2. Foggy, BBY Frers, Richard Cohen, NYC, 2-2-2-2-2-2 ; 12

Class 2 PHRF A (11 boats)

1. Brigadoon, J/111, Michael Williamson, Portsmouth Yacht Club, 1-5-1-1-1-4-3; 16
2. Saykadoo, J/120, Stephen McManus, Annapolis Yacht Club, 2-1-2-2-2-5-5; 19
3. Stark Raving Mad, C&C 30, James Madden, New York Yacht Club, 4-4-3-3-4-2-1; 21

Class 3 PHRF B (11 boats)

1. Gut Feeling, J/109, Ted Herlihy, New Bedford Yacht Club, 2-1-2-1-2-2; 10
2. Gallant, Navy 44, Erik Derecktor, NASS, 1-3-1-2-3-3; 13
3. Tenacious, Navy 44, Jackson Niketas, NASS, 3-2-6-5-1-1; 18

Class 4 PHRF C (4 boats)

1. Summerin, Sabre 36, Jody Graul, Nahant Dory Club, 1-1; 2

Class 4 Double-Handed (4 boats)

1. Undine, Morris M36 SD, Edward Cerullo, Edgartown Yacht Club, 2-1-1-1-2-3; 10
2. Arrow, Aphrodite 101, Harald Findlay, Edgartown Yacht Club, 1-2-2-2-3-2; 12
3. Iniki, Alerion Express 38, Paul Stafford, Edgartown Yacht Club, 5/DNC-5/DNC-5/DNC-5/DNC-1-1; 22

Results 2015 'Round-the-Island Race (July 25)***Place, Boat Name, Type, Skipper, Home Club*****Class O C&C 30 (3 boats)**

1. Nyabinghi, C&C 30, Angus Davis, Bristol Yacht Club
2. Just A Friend, C&C 30, Clayton Deutsch, New York Yacht Club

Class 3 J/120 (3 boats)

1. Saykadoo, J/120, Stephen McManus, Annapolis Yacht Club
2. Apres, J/120, Stephen Besse, Vineyard Haven Yacht Club
3. Kindred Spirits, J/120, Richard Joy, Mattapoisett Yacht Club

Class 1 Classic (2 boats)

1. Adventuress, Abeking & Rasmussen R27, Wendy Nichols, Real Club Nautico Denia (DNF)
1. Wild Horses, W-Class W.76, Donald Tofias, Royal Thames Yacht Club (DSQ)

Class 4 PHRF A (8 boats)

1. Scherherazade, Farr, Betsy McCombs, Eastern Yacht Club
2. Wicked 2.0, J/111, Douglas Curtiss, New Bedford Yacht Club
3. Brigadoon, J/111, Michael Williamson, Portsmouth Yacht Club

Class 5 PHRF B (10 boats)

1. Pressure Drop, Arcona 430, Dave Alexander, Constitution Yacht Club
2. Raptor, J/109, Ed Daily, Beverly Yacht Club
3. Hafa Adai, J/109, Eliot Shanabrook, Marblehead Yacht Club

Class 6 PHRF C (13 boats)

1. Tenacious, Navy 44, Jackson Niketas, NASS
2. Gallant, Navy 44, Erik Derecktor, NASS

3. Sparkle Pony, Kirie Elite 37, Bill Finn/Francis Shiman-Hackett, Savin Hill Yacht Club

Class 7 PHRF Non-Spinnaker A (10 boats)

1. Cygne, Swan 46, Norman Lewis, New York Yacht Club
2. Panasea, J/42, Kent Nicholas, Red Brook Harbor Yacht Club
3. Double Black, C&C 40-2 TRDK, Adam Marks, Newport Yacht Club

Class 8 PHRF Non-Spinnaker B (7 boats)

1. Indian Summer, Sabre 38 MK II, Sheridan Carey, Hyannis Yacht Club
2. Summerin, Sabre 36, Jody Graul, Nahant Dory Club
3. Trust Me, Moody 47, Jeff Dowling, Plymouth Yacht Club

Class 9 PHRF Non-Spinnaker C (6 boats)

1. Breezing Up, Beneteau 373, Roy Catignani, Hyannis Yacht Club
2. Saylavee, Beneteau Oceanis 311, Peter Soule, Saquatucket Yacht Club
3. Mermaid, Pearson 36, Joseph Mozzone, Beverly Yacht Club

Class 9 PHRF Double-Handed (5 boats)

1. Yankee Girl, Morris Justine 36, S. Zachary Lee, none
2. Iniki, Alerion Express 38, Paul Stafford, Edgartown Yacht Club
3. Atlanta, Sabre 28, Richard Sides, Eastern Yacht Club

Class 2 IRC (2 boats)

1. Temptation Oakcliff, Ker 50, Arthur Santry, Oakcliff Sailing
2. Foggy, BBY Frers, Richard Cohen, NYC

2015 'Round-the-Island Special Awards

Martha's Vineyard Ocean Race - Best Finish Corrected Time for EYC boat - PHRF N/S
GLISSE, Twanette Tharp

Martha's Vineyard Ocean Race - Best Finish Corrected Time for EYC boat - Double-Handed
INIKI, Paul Stafford

Venona Trophy PHRF Spinnaker FIRST - Best Finish Corrected Time
TENACIOUS, Jackson Niketas

Commodores' Concord Cup - Shortest Elapsed Time
FOGGY, Richard Cohen

C&C Yachts – Overall Best Corrected Time
NYABINGHI, Angus Davis

J Boats – Overall Best Corrected Time
SAYKADOO, Stephen McManus

Hobart A. H. Cook - Maritime Award

TENACIOUS, Jackson Niketas

UPBEAT CUP - Overall winner of the non-spinnaker class

BREEZING UP, Roy Catignani

Yacht Club Team Trophy – *Annapolis Yacht Club*

TENACIOUS Jackson Niketas

GALLANT Erik Derecktor

SAYKADOO Stephen McManus