



## 2016 Edgartown Race Weekend

### *Sharing the Passion for Sailing*

EDGARTOWN, MASS., (August 1, 2016) — Edgartown Yacht Club's three-day Edgartown Race Weekend proved to be a solid test for the mix of friends-and-family teams who raced side-by-side with high-profile racers during two days of inshore 'Round-the-Buoy Races that were followed by the 'Round-the-Island Race.

Weather conditions ran the gamut from sunshine and a nine-12 knot southwesterly breeze on day one, to drenching rain and blustery conditions on day two, and, finally, light air for the start of the 57-mile race around Martha's Vineyard.



***Oakcliff Sailing's Ker 50 Temptation during the 'Round-the-Buoy Races  
(photo credit: Bill Brine)***

The 12-strong crew on Oakcliff Sailing's Ker 50 *Temptation*, with Arthur Santry at the helm, included two well-known racers: Dawn Riley in the pit position and navigator Suzy Leech. Riley, the 1999 Rolex Yachtswoman of

the Year, explained that eight of the 12 crew were experienced sailors, and, with the remaining four being relatively new to sailing, Edgartown Race Weekend covered all the bases by offering both high-performance inshore and offshore racing. While neither Riley or Leech had sailed the event previously, Riley explained that after two days of the 'Round-the-Buoy Races, the 'Round-the-Island Race gave "the newer sailor a little more time to absorb what is happening; they get a chance to do trimming, to drive, and to get into different positions."

Two years ago, the skipper of *Uncle Joe* recruited Luke Leafgren, a Wisconsin transplant now living in Cambridge, Mass., and Dubliner Peter Denham, who also now lives in Boston, to sail the 'Round-the-Island Race. While Denham had grown up sailing in Ireland, Leafgren had learned to sail in Boston's Community Boating program and had only sailed about 12 times on the Charles River. With no real experience, Leafgren was given the role of navigator, while Denham was on the helm.

"We tried to cross middle-ground, this sandbar out there, and Peter followed me blindly," said Leafgren. "We ran aground up on the northwest corner of the island. We were surfing; had the spinnaker up and went from 11 knots to zero." Leafgren explained that although he had limited sailing experience, "the skipper on *Uncle Joe* is really passionate about bringing people into sailing and he takes people on who haven't learned much and puts us into positions where it stretches us. We had a great race, ran aground and it's a memory that will always stick with us."



*The URI Keelboat Team on Kanga (photo credit: Jan Harley/MediaProNewport)*



For this year's 'Round-the-Island Race, the friends were racing on Mark Fitzgerald's Baltic 35 *Tonga* with a crew of eight. "Most of the crew have done the 'Round-the-Island Race before," said Denham. "We're ready; we're not going to run aground."

Cam Tougas of Marion, Mass., a rising senior at the University of Rhode Island and captain of its Keelboat Team, entered *Kanga*, a Peterson 34 for the 'Round-the-Island Race as practice for the upcoming fall sailing season.

"This was the first time we have done the race," said Tougas who explained that it was the team's second distance race of the summer and that two more were planned around Buzzards Bay before the summer is over.

"We really liked the race, we got a little bit of everything except for heavy air. Every wind angle and some areas with a lot of current and some areas with no current, so we always had a different strategy depending on where we were. We were able to do many sail changes which was great practice, along with sets and douses which is exactly what we need to work on. The wind shifts made us work quickly and we had to be spot on. Since this was a long race for us, I really believe it was a great team bonding experience, which was awesome. Edgartown Yacht Club welcomed us in with open arms, and we can't wait to do it next year!"



The event organizers expanded the awards for the 'Round-the-Island Race to recognize the first through third-place finishers, on corrected time, amongst all J/Boats in all classes. With a strong turnout of 16 boats, Douglas

Curtiss of Branford, Conn., on the J/111 *Wicked 2.0*, placed first among all J/Boats, followed by Eliot Shanabrook of Watertown, Mass., on the J/109 *Hafa Adai*, and Stephen McManus of Annapolis, Md., on the J/120 *Saykadoo*.

*Vesper*, Jim Swartz's custom IRC52, took 'Round-the-Island Race line honors overall and won on best corrected time to take the Commodore's Concord Cup. Clay Deutsch of Newport, R.I., on *Just A Friend*, was the winner of the Venona Trophy awarded to the overall winner on best corrected time in the Spinnaker division. Taking division honors in, respectively, PHRF N/S and Double-handed, were Twanette Tharp of Edgartown on *Glisse* and Paul Stafford of Greenwich, Conn., on the Alerion Express 38 *Iniki*.

Full results from Edgartown Yacht Club's Edgartown Race Weekend are online at:

<http://rtirace.org/raceresults.shtml>

Edgartown Yacht Club will next host the Annual 12 Metre Regatta (August 12-14). For more information and to register for Edgartown Yacht Club sailing events, visit [www.edgartownyc.org](http://www.edgartownyc.org) and click on the racing tab.

### Edgartown Race Weekend Quicklinks:

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### Results 2016 Big Boat Buoy Races (July 28-29)

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

#### Class 4 PHRF A (8 boats) - 7 races scored

1. Next, Rodger Martin, Jon Desmond, NYYC, 1-4-2-2-2-1-1- ; 13
2. Baby Bella, Goetz Dunning 42, Jim Grundy, NYYC, 2-1-1-1-5-3-2- ; 15
3. The Cat Came Back, Swan Club Swan 42, Lincoln Mossop NYYC, 5-2-4-3-1-4-3- ; 22

#### Class 5 PHRF B (5 boats) - 7 races scored

1. INTEGRITY, Farr Farr 40, Mike Sagan, NASS, 1-1-1-1-1-1-1- ; 7
2. Wampum, Nelson Marek 30, Tom Lanagan, 3-3-3-3-2-2-2- ; 18
3. Dark 'n Stormy, J/105, Joyce/Reservitz/ Wagner, Plymouth YC/Buzzards YC, 2-2-2-2-6/DNC-6/DNC-6/DNC- ; 26

#### Class 7 PHRF N/S A (5 boats) - 6 races scored

1. Caneel, C&C 41, Chip Hawkins, Barrington, 1-1-2-1-2-2- ; 9
2. Flying Cloud 11, Nautor Swan 44 mk 2, Gordon McNabb, NYYC, 2-2-1-3-1-1- ; 10
3. Fidelis, Sabre 426, Brian Crowley, Megansett Yacht Club, 3-3-3-4-4-4- ; 21

#### Class 8 PHRF C (3 boats) - 6 races scored

1. Freya, Ohlson Ohlson 38A, William Tifft, Beverly, 1-2-2-2-1-1- ; 9T
2. Kinsale, Pearson P36-2, Allen Eddy, PYC, 2-1-1-1-2-2- ; 9T
3. Indian Summer, Sabre 38 MK II, Sheridans Carey, Hyannis Yacht Club, 4/DNC-4/DNC-4/DNC-4/DNC-4/DNC-4/DNC- ; 24

### **Class 1 Multihull (2 boats) - 0 races scored**

### **Class 2 IRC 1-52 (3 boats) - 7 races scored**

1. Vesper, Custom IRC52, Jim Swartz, EYC, 1-2-1-3-2-1-3- ; 13
2. PHOENIX, King Marine tp52, Richard Cohen, NYYC, 3-3-3-1-1-2-1- ; 14
3. SPOOKIE, Longitud Cero TP52, Stephen Benjamin, Seawanhaka Corinthian & Noroton, 2-1-2-2-3-3-2- ; 15

### **Class 3 IRC 2 (3 boats) - 7 races scored**

1. Temptation Oakcliff, Ker 50, Arthur Santry, Oakcliff Sailing/NYYC, 1-1-1-1-1-1-1- ; 7
2. Pterodactyl, Hakes Marine Custom R/P 45, Scott Weisman, NYYC, 2-2-2-2-2-2-2- ; 14
3. AZURA, Swan 56, Jamie Walker, RBYC, 3-3-3-3-3-3-3- ; 21

## **2016 'ROUND-THE-ISLAND RACE**

### **Class 1 Multihull (2 boats)**

1. Lord Charlton, Robertson & Caine Leopard, Jon Charlton, Storm Trysail Club, 1- ; 1
2. Triumph, Quorning Boats APS Dragonfly 28, Sasha Robinson-White, VHYC, 2- ; 2

### **Class 4 PHRF A (14 boats)**

1. Just A Friend, USWatercraft C&C30, Clayton Deutsch, NYYC, 1- ; 1
2. WICKED 2.0, J/111, Douglas Curtiss, New Bedford YC, 2- ; 2
3. Saykadoo, J/120, Stephen McManus, Annaplis Yacht Club, 3- ; 3

### **Class 5 PHRF B (13 boats)**

1. Hafa Adai, J/109, Eliot Shanabrook, Marblehead Yacht Club, 1- ; 1
2. INTEGRITY, Farr 44, Mike Sagan, NASS, 2- ; 2
3. RAPTOR, J/109, Ed Dailey, Beverly Yacht Club, 3- ; 3

### **Class 6 PHRF C (11 boats)**

1. Seefest, J/29, Ira Perry, NBYC, 1- ; 1
2. Riva, J/35C, Steve Dahill, Beverly Yacht Club, 2- ; 2
3. Sparkle Pony, Kirie Elite 37, Chris Sousa, Savin Hill YC, 3- ; 3

### **Class 7 PHRF N/S A (6 boats)**

1. Flying Cloud 11, Nautor Swan 44 mk 2, Gordon McNabb, NYYC, 1- ; 1
2. Caneel, C&C 41, Chip Hawkins, Barrington, 2- ; 2
3. CYGNE, Nautor Swan 46, Norman Lewis, NYYC, 3- ; 3

### **Class 8 PHRF N/S B (6 boats)**

1. Double Black, C&C 40-2, Adam Marks, Newport Yacht Club, 1- ; 1
2. Eider Down, Morris 51, Bruce Robinson, Buzzards YC, 2- ; 2
3. Windigo, Sabre 426, George Brown, New Bedford, 3- ; 3

### **Class 9 PHRF N/S C (6 boats)**

1. Fidelis, Camper & Nicholson Nic-32, Jim Taylor, None, 1- ; 1
2. Kinsale, Pearson P36-2, Allen Eddy, PYC, 2- ; 2
3. Blue Pigeon, Swan 38, John Doub, Eastern Yacht Club, 3- ; 3

### **Class 0 Double-Handed (6 boats)**

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

### **Class 2 & 3 IRC (7 boats)**

1. Crazy Horse, Baltic JV50, Kevin McLaughlin, Low Tide, 1- ; 1
2. Temptation Oakcliff, Ker 50, Arthur Santry, Oakcliff Sailing / NYYC, 2- ; 2
3. AZURA, Swan 56, Jamie Walker, RBYC, 3- ; 3

## **2016 'Round-the-Island Special Awards**

Martha's Vineyard Ocean Race - Best Finish Corrected Time for EYC Member - IRC  
VESPER, Jim Swartz

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

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

Venona Trophy PHRF Spinnaker FIRST - Best Finish Corrected Time  
Just A FRIEND, Clay Deutsch

Commodores' Concord Cup - Shortest Elapsed Time  
VESPER, Jim Swartz

J Boats – Top-Three Overall Best Corrected Time Among All J/Boats in All Classes:

WICKED 2.0, Douglas Curtiss  
HAFA ADAI, Eliot Shanabrook  
SAYKADOO, Stephen McManus

Hobart A. H. Cook - Maritime Award  
RANGER, Kyle Pate

UPBEAT CUP - Overall winner of the non-spinnaker class  
FLYING CLOUD, Gordon McNabb

Yacht Club Team Trophy – *Beverly Yacht Club*  
RIVA, Steve Dahill  
RAPTOR, Ed Dailey  
BALLYHOO, Wesley McMichael