



July  
Newsletter



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### Upcoming Events

#### **Marblehead Station Gathering**

*Maddies Sail Loft*

*6:00 pm - August  
7th*

*Jamie Noyes*

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#### **Junior Safety at Sea Seminars**

*Various Times  
And Places [See List](#)*

## Commodore's Column - Report from the Bridge

First I would like to wish all our members a safe and healthy summer season. I hope that everyone is enjoying their boat or the boats of their friends.

As the sun set over the yardarm on June 23, 2017 the Club concluded its 27<sup>th</sup> Block Island Race Week. I know that Vice Commodore AJ Evans was looking forward to the final trophy presentation, and I am sure that Rear Commodore Ed Cesare is even now gearing up for the Storm Trysail Club's 28<sup>th</sup> Block Island Race Week in June 2019. The club

had a very successful BIRW 2017. Even though the number of boats was down a bit, I think the club members in attendance and the race participants made up for any lower numbers with their enthusiasm, and with a great week of racing and socializing.



In This Letter

Contact: Lisa  
Schinella

**Grandmasters  
Team Race**

**NYYC Harbour  
Court**

August 24-27, 2017

Call for STC Racers

Skippers - 60 or over

Crew - 50 or over

Casey Nickerson,  
Team Captain

(603) 387-5427

**STC Ted Hood  
Regatta**

August 25-27, 2017

In Cooperation With  
Boston, Corinthian  
& Eastern Yacht  
Clubs

Clarke Smith,  
Chairman

(781) 462-7040

[tedhoodregatta.com](http://tedhoodregatta.com)

**2017 LIS  
Championships**

Sept. 16 - 17, 2017

Riverside Yacht Club

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Nick Langone

Ty Anderson

**STF Intercollegiate  
Offshore Regatta**

October 7 & 8, 2017



**Block Island Race Week volunteers gather on the porch of The Narragansett Inn. Even the rain didn't dampen their enthusiasm.** Photo ©Stephen R Cloutier

I must start out with thanking all the club volunteers who made this a great regatta. I would like to be able to thank each member personally, which I tried to do on Block Island. If I missed you, please accept my apologies. The regatta's success was due to the leaders for their preparation, motivation and sincere interest in making our event great.

First to be recognized has to be Regatta Chairman, Vice Commodore AJ Evans who with his core leadership committee made the regatta a big success, "Thank-you, AJ!"

I would like to drill down and recognize the Chair people who assisted AJ in making this event outstanding.

Past Commodore Eric Kreuter and his two new helpers Gary Martin and Thomas Colucci, performed amazingly well. Eric has been the Tent Chairman for the last 14 years; it is my hope that Gary and Tom will be able to succeed him with this most important task. See Eric it will take two great members to replace YOU!

Moving on from the tent to the Duty Desk. I must thank Ellyn Osmond and all the ladies who manned the Duty Deck from Thursday prior to the regatta to the last evening insuring that all race participants were properly informed as to the race requirements, as well as handling innumerable participants' requests and generally taking care of their many needs. Everyone at the Duty Desk did a great job. Thank you!

I would like to thank Past Commodore Nick Langone, our Official Harbor Master and jack-of-all-trades for his ability to keep all the committee boats, mark boats, all the marks (they really looked great, with their prominent Storm Trysail Club logos, on the race course) and all the ground tackle in Bristol fashion. His greatest task was keeping all his club volunteers in good working order. Thanks for making our Club look great, job well done!

Now we come to our On the Water Race Committee Chairman, our revered Past Commodore Dick Neville. I must say that Dick and his three PROs, Bruce Bingham, Dave Brennan and Ray Redniss, did a terrific job making our Club look outstanding. Great job! I must extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to Dick for his never ending mission of providing great racing to all the skippers and their crews.

And finally, Past Commodore John Fisher and his on shore team for a great regatta. Without John's wise understanding of all the politics on Block Island, our Club would have had much more difficult time making the 27<sup>th</sup> edition of Block Island Race Week such a big success.

This brings me to the subject of club volunteers. I was very impressed by the great group we had at our Volunteers' Dinner as I have been at all our events, whether the

Larchmont Yacht Club

To Volunteer Your Boat Or To Coach

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**2017 STC  
Annapolis Fall  
Regatta**

October 19-20, 2017

Competition in One Design and ORC Classes with

Farr 30 International Champs

ORC Chesapeake Champs

Contact: Dick Neville

(410) 268-8400

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**HOLD THE DATE!**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**Saturday January 6, 2018**

**Naval War College**

**Officer Club**

**Newport RI**

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**Call For Articles**

Do you have an adventure you'd like to share with fellow Storm

Hands-on Sarety at Sea or any of the junior Sarety at Sea seminars, Key West Race Week or the Block Island Race. These volunteers play a major role in making the Storm Trysail Club what it is, especially to the general sailing public. One observation I did make at dinner was that we need to involve our younger members to carry on the traditions of the Storm Trysail Club. Since this expanding our volunteer base is one of the objectives I have made a priority during my time in office and since I can climb on my soapbox in every newsletter and since so far I have had a poor response to my "help wanted" request I am proposing another approach. When considering inviting a sailor to be a member, remember one must be invited to join the Storm Trysail Club, please make it extremely clear what is expected of a new member. Show them our Club Directory and say to them, "You must volunteer to join a committee once you are approved as a member." If they are reluctant, they might just not be what we are looking for in members who will carry on the Storm Trysail Club tradition. Lets just call this the "Lenny Test." Putting all this new member stuff aside, I wish to thank all the volunteers for all their efforts to help the club. THANK YOU.

I learn things everyday, and things about the Storm Trysail Club are no exception. This is the first time I have participated in the biennial hoisting of our club burgee at the Oar Restaurant. Not only did they flag officers have to ensure to the Oar staff that our flag etiquette followed proper form, but in the past we have been challenged with regard to the Storm Trysail Club burgee above the Stars and Stripes by some of the Oar's customers. As many of you know the flag pole with a gaff and yard is known as a mast and is the shoreside replica of a ship's mizzen mast and as such the place of honor for the American flag is at the gaff, with the burgee flown at the mast top and other flags flown from the spar. However, I was particularly dismayed at the lack of ceremony, which brings me to another topic. The mast at the Oar Restaurant is the property of the Storm Trysail Club; there is a plaque on the mast to that effect.

The plaque memorializes the beginnings of the Storm Trysail Club's Block Island Race Week. I propose to make more out of this than we have done, because this is an opportunity that we should not miss. I will suggest to the Board and the next BIRW Committee that we fire guns at this event and I will request that at this flag raising we recognize our members who have set their last storm trysail since the last Block Island Race Week. What would be more fitting than to lay a wreath out on the water in their honor? The members make the club, and this is our best-known event, let's take this opportunity to honor those who made us great.

At the annual BIRW Members dinner, the Flag Officers honored three of our members for their years of service to our club. If you were not at Block Island here is what happened. The Flag Officers presented the Abrams Family Trophy not to one member but to three who in the Flag Officers' opinion have made a significant contribution to the on going success of Block Island Race Week; Past Commodores Eric Kreuter, John Fisher and Dick Neville. The Abrams Family Trophy, a half-hull model of Storm Trysail Club member Robert W. McCullough's *Inverness*, the overall winner of the first Block Island Race Week in 1965, is displayed in the 1661 Inn on Block Island; each honoree received a keeper version of the *Inverness* half-hull model.



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Members? A book  
you've written  
you'd hope other  
club members  
would enjoy?

Send your article,  
650 words or less  
with a good photo  
or two, to

- Lee Reichart,  
Editor

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**2017 Abrams Family Trophy honorees: Commodores Fisher, Kreuter and Neville.  
Photo credit: Andrea Minoff**

I had the honor of making the presentation to Past Commodore Eric Kreuter for the many years of service to the club at Block Island. After our members recognized the significant difference in our heights, there were many shouts requesting me to stand up and a few other unrepeatable comments. I must truly say that Eric was very touched by the presentation.

Rear Commodore Ed Cesare presented the same half-hull model to Past Commodore John Fisher who has been the Event On Shore Chairman for many, and I do mean many, BIRWs, chaired Key West Race Week and is President of the Storm Trysail Foundation. This was a most deserved honor.

Vice Commodore AJ Evans presented another Abrams Family Trophy to Past Commodore and On the Water Race Committee Chairman Dick Neville. Dick has performed outstanding service to our Club whenever he requested *and often even when he was not requested!* Dick has done a great job with the Race Committee; he has been responsible for all the PROs, Judges, committee boats and many of our club member volunteers. He has served the Club tirelessly for many years.

To these three members I say "Bravo Zulu" - thanks for a job well done!

I will be doing the Marblehead-Halifax race on board *Kenai*, a J/44 owned by new member Chris Lewis and his wife, Karen. Chris is new to the J/44 Class and won the J/44 North American Championship at Block Island Race Week. Not bad for a beginner. But while up in Marblehead I plan on attending an event to honor Rich Wilson for his many

...time spent in the business of preparing and executing an event to honor their members for the many accomplishments offshore. In addition I will meet with our new Station Captain, Clarke Smith and review the preparations for the Ted Hood Regatta, which the Storm Trysail Club is part of. More of that next month.

So fair winds and following seas, enjoy the summer, here today and gone tomorrow.

Your Commodore, Lenny

**Lenny Sitar**, Commodore

**Commodore Sitar's Photo Credit: Gary Martin**

**Plaque Photo: ©Stephen R Cloutier**

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**News Flash!** STC Member Chris Lews' *Kenai* with Commodore Sitar and other STC members aboard won IRC2 in the Halifax Race.

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## **Block Island Race Week**

### **The 1BI - Daily Electronic Magazine**

New to Block Island Race Week in 2017 was the daily electronic magazine, **The 1BI**. **The 1BI** effectively captured the sound and atmosphere of Block Island Race Week.

Friday: Day 5 - [All Good Things Must Come to an End](#)





Links to the other editons of **The 1BI**:

- Thursday - [Fun in the Sun](#)
- Wednesday - [Sun, Fog, Wind - Around the Island We Go](#)
- Tuesday - [Let's Go Racing Already](#)
- Monday - [Fog and Wind on Water Leads to Fun Ashore](#)
- Sunday - [Block Island Race Week XXVII](#)

### **BLOCK ISLAND RACE WEEK PERPETUAL PRIZES**



**EVERETT B. MORRIS MEMORIAL TROPHY Winner, *Good Trade*, Bruce Stone, skipper, Nicole Breault, co-owner, mainsail trimmer and tactician, Marc Acheson, headsail trimmer, Bill Higgins, bow, John Sahagian, pit, and Casey Williams, bow. Photo Credit: PhotoBoat.com**

**EVERETT B. MORRIS MEMORIAL TROPHY**

First awarded in 1967 and rededicated in 1991, it is presented to the Block Island Race Week participant who wins its class and, in the judgment of the race committee and the Commodore, has made the Best Overall Performance.

**GOOD TRADE - BRUCE STONE & NICOLE BREAUT**

**THE ISBRANDTSEN OVERALL PERPETUAL TROPHY**

First awarded in 1975, and rededicated in 1991, it is awarded to the participant with the "Second Best Performance" for the week.

**LOKI - DAVID ROSOW**

**A. JUSTIN WASLEY MEMORIAL TROPHY**

Rededicated to Block Island Race Week in 1991, it is presented to the Overall Winner of the One Design class with the largest number of entries.

**LOKI - DAVID ROSOW**

**US-IRC TROPHY**

Awarded to the IRC class winner with the best total corrected speed for the week.

**SPOOKIE - STEVE & HEIDI BENJAMIN**

**ISLAND SAILING CLUB OF COWES PERPETUAL TROPHY**

First awarded in 1965, it commemorates the link between Block Island Race Week and Britain's Cowes Week, after which Block Island Week is patterned. In 2005 the trophy will be awarded to the 1st overall IRC rated boat in the Around the Island Race along with a Rolex Oyster Perpetual Submariner timepiece.

**SPOOKIE - STEVE & HEIDI BENJAMIN**

**SHELTER ISLAND TEAM TROPHY**

Teams will be scored by using the average of each team member's percentage placement within its respective class.

**STORM TRYSAIL SOUTH - SEA BISCUIT, TEAMWORK & TESTING LIFE**

**VINTAGE YACHT TROPHY**

Since 1971, awarded in memory of Hugh Kilmer, it is presented to the yacht 25 years or older, substantially unaltered, with the best performance for the week. Boats will be scored by using the average of each team member's percentage placement within its respective class.

**RASCAL - CHRISTOPHER SCHNEIDER**

**EMIL "BUS" MOSBACHER SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHY**

Dedicated in 1997, it is awarded to the participant who in the judgment of the Flag Officers and the sportsmanship committee, has displayed an outstanding example of good sportsmanship during Block Island Race Week.

**AHI - SHAWN ADAMS**

## **JOHN ALDEN REED PERPETUAL TROPHY**

Awarded to the best performance by a Service Academy Yacht.

**RANGER - USNA, MIDN 1/C Gunnar Hough**

## **THE GEM TROPHY**

The GEM Trophy memorializes the ideals of Ziegler, an accomplished sailor who frequently raced his yachts named *GEM* at Block Island Race Week with youth sailors, some of whom were recruited off the dock on race day. The trophy will be presented to the best yacht with at least 70 percent of its crew, male or female, younger than 25 years of age.

**NIGHT MOVES - COLBY THIM**

## **GOVERNORS PERPETUAL TROPHY**

First awarded in 1983 to recognize the international competitors at Block Island Race Week, it is presented to the foreign yacht with the Best Performance for the Week

**NOT AWARDED IN 2017**

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## **News From The Stations**

### **Marblehead Station Honors Rich Wilson**



**STC Member Rich Wilson honored at Old Town House, Marblehead, ceremony for his exploits in the Vendée Globe Race. Pictured left to right: Station Entertainment Chair Jamie Noyes, Commodore Sitar, Rich Wilson and Station Fleet Captain Clarke Smith.** Photo credit: Susan Smith

On July 6<sup>th</sup>, The Storm Trysail Club's Marblehead Station in partnership with the Marblehead Museum sponsored an evening in honor of Rich Wilson. Rich arrived in Les Sables d'Olonne France at the finish line of the ***Vendée Globe Single Handed Round the World Race*** on February 2nd. After 107 days, 48 minutes, and 18 seconds alone on

Great American IV, Rich was one of only 18 skippers to finish the race, from the original 30 that started in early November.

This is the second time Rich has completed the Vendée Globe and he now holds the American Solo Record at age 66! He is only the third American to complete a single handed non-stop circumnavigation, and now he's the only American to have done it twice! In addition to the amazing feat of completing two Vendée Globes, Rich is a past Newport - Bermuda winner, Trans-Atlantic winner, and holder of 3 Sailing World Records, Hong Kong to New York, New York to Melbourne, and San Francisco to New York. In 1990 Rich and Steve Pettengill were capsized in their 60 foot trimaran off Cape Horn in 85 knot winds and 60 foot seas in his first attempt to break the San Francisco to New York sailing record. They were rescued by the container ship New Zealand Pacific.

Rich is certainly one of, if not the most accomplished member of the Storm Trysail Club. Commodore Lenny Sitar presented Rich with a special trophy of commendation from the Storm Trysail Club for his fantastic accomplishment. Along with Massachusetts Senator Thomas McGee, and other local dignitaries presenting Rich with commendations, around 100 were present to officially welcome Rich home. Among the crowd were 20 or so young sailors from Oakcliff Sailing who were in town for the Marblehead Halifax Race. Their presence delighted Rich, an MIT and Harvard graduate and veteran Boston school teacher. His Vendee Globe Race efforts have been focused on, and connected to, classrooms all around the world with specially developed curriculums linking those students with Rich and his daily activities during the race. Rich's efforts through his adventure teaching website **Sites Alive** reached well over one million students who actively participated in subjects from Oceanography, Geography, Navigation, and Nutrition to name only a few.

Report by Jamie Noyes

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### **Chesapeake Station Supports Two Boomerang Race Junior Entries**

This year was the second running of the **Eastport Yacht Club** Boomerang Overnight Race. It replaced the Annapolis to Solomons Island race that ran for 35 years. Last year Jim Praley hosted a Junior team aboard his J/120 *Shinnecock*. This year we entered two boats. The race started in the Severn River off EYC. There were 3 course choices that were 58, 48 and 35 miles. The course posted was for the fast boats to do the 58 mile

course and the rest race 48 miles. We requested that the STC Junior Challenge sail the 35 mile course which ran out the river (east), north to the Bay Bridge, around two marks and south to Poplar Island, west to a mid-bay mark and north with marks at West River and Thomas Point, around R2 at the entrance to the Severn River and to the finish in the Severn. Our two boats had a combined start with three other classes putting about 15 boats on the line. Jahn Tihansky's *Halcyon*, a J/37, won the start with the boys team from NE High School. Ross Dierdorff and Brad Cole were the STC coaches. Angus Phillips' *Elan*, a Saber 34, had the NE High girls team with Angus and Andy Hughes (not an STC member) as coaches. Andy was also a coach for the Annapolis Jr. S@S Seminar. *Elan* got a mid-fleet start. The weather was "picture perfect" with a downwind start in a 10 - 15 knot NW breeze with a full moon rising. We sailed non-spinnaker.

Things got a bit exciting about 2230 when a pop-up cell blew through briefly packing about 40 knots along the shore of Kent Island. The NW breeze held and didn't lighten till near dawn. The juniors finished about 0100 and rafted together elated at EYC for a little shut-eye. The rest of the fleet began finishing at about 0200 arriving at EYC with some revelry. The finish committee boat made dock about 0730. The complimentary

Breakfast from **Grumps Cafe** was welcome. Competitors also had a huge complimentary lunch buffet from the **Smoke House**. By the time the awards were presented, the juniors had gone home with their folks and our boats were in transit back to their slips.

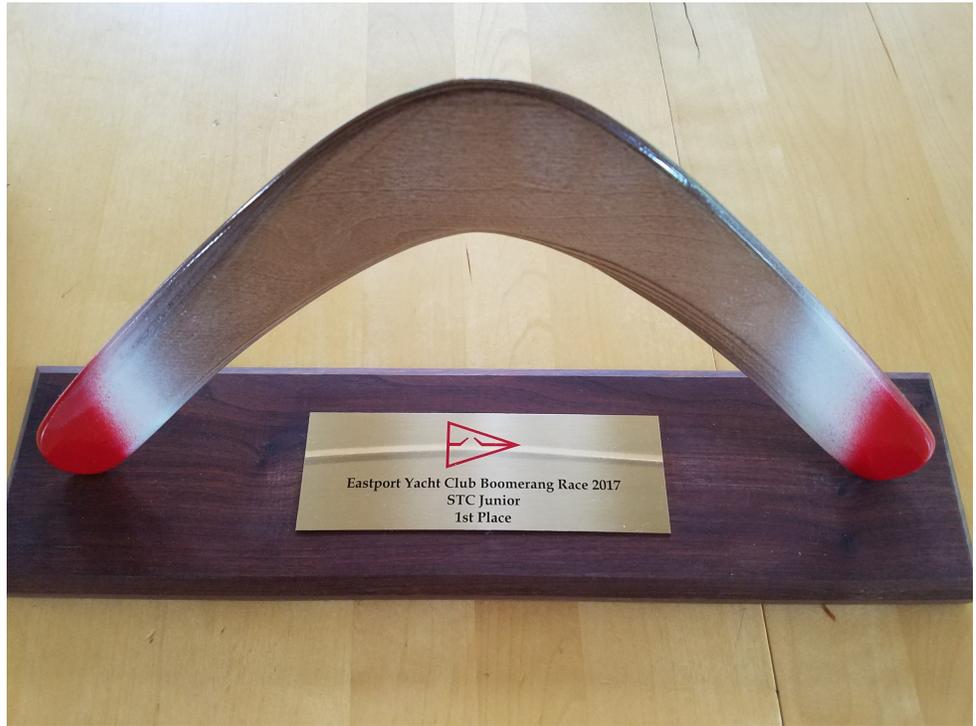


**The Boys Team aboard *Halcyon* (the Goldring's boat *Melody* is in the background preparing to be the signal boat for the start).**





**Logan at the wheel on the night watch - *what its all about!***



### **The Boomerang Race Trophy**

STC Station Fleet Captain Jeff Goldring provided morning entertainment on his guitar with percussion by Eric Greene.

Report by Jeff Goldring

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### **Grandmasters Team Racing**





**Storm Trysail Club Grandmasters Team and supporters, l to r, Past Commodore Rich and Ann du Moulin, Ross and Sheree Dierdorf, John Browning and Stephanie Baas, Nancy and Bill Jorch, Gerry Bain-Ryder, Claire and Tony Parker, Elliot and Patty Oldak, Casey Nickerson and Heidi Kephart, Chris Reyling and Andrea Minoff at the March 2017 Nichols Cup at Southern Yacht Club, New Orleans LA. Photo credit: Tom Long**

The next event on the team's calendar is the **New York Yacht Club Grandmasters Regatta** August 25-27, 2017 at Harbour Court, Newport. The team is expected to include Casey Nickerson, Captain, Past Commodore Lee Reichart, John Browning, Stephanie Baas, Andy Burton, Duby Joslin, Bret Hall, John Keogh, Dan Rugg, Peter Salkus, Phil Cox and Heidi Kephart.

The competition promises to be formidable with multi-year champions Noroton YC back to defend against NYYC, Southern, St Francis, St Petersburg and Texas Corinthian. If you're in Newport, stop by to cheer the team on - it's a great spectator sport!

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## **Junior Safety at Sea Seminars**

### **Upcoming Seminars:**



**Training onboard Bob Scott's *Falcon* during the seminar at Maine Maritime Academy, Castine ME, in 2015. Photo courtesy The Ellsworth American.**

The Storm Trysail Foundation Junior Safety at Sea program is an important outreach for the Club, its Foundation and the sport. For 2017 the Committee has scheduled 10 seminars with 6 still to run. **Without your help the seminars will fail.** Contact the local leader to offer your expertise or to lend a boat. Sailboats, 30 to 40 feet, set up for offshore sailing, and safety boats are needed.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Club/Host</b>	<b>Storm Trysail Foundation Leader</b>	<b>Local Leader</b>
Monday, July 17	Maine Maritime Academy, Castine, ME	Kelly Robinson:	Bob Scott:
Friday, July 21	Larchmont YC, Larchmont, NY	Rich du Moulin: <a href="mailto:rt dumoulin@gmail.com">rt dumoulin@gmail.com</a>	Rich du Moulin: <a href="mailto:rt dumoulin@gmail.com">rt dumoulin@gmail.com</a>
Thursday, July 27	Raritan YC, Perth Amboy, NJ	Kelly Robinson:	Ann Myer:
Monday, July 31	Courageous Sailing Center, Boston, MA	Clarke Smith:	Clarke Smith:
Wednesday, August 2	Ram Island YC, Noank, CT	Peter Rugg:	Frank Bohlen: 860-608-5295
Thursday, August 17	Sail Newport, Newport, RI	Joe Cooper:	Joe Cooper: 401-965-6006

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**Remaining 2017 Schedule**

**STC Ted Hood Regatta - Marblehead Station**

The Ted Hood Regatta will be hosted by the Storm Trysail Club's Marblehead Station August 25-27 at The Boston Yacht Club.

**PHRF. One Design and lib/Main Classes**

Ted Hood Regatta



- Double-handed Distance Race starts Friday evening.
- Pursuit Race on Sunday to further open the range of participation.



Marblehead 2017

Storm Trysail parties will not disappoint thanks to **Goslings Rum**, **The Guy Ford Band** entertaining on Friday under the tent, and **The Chris Fitz Band** cranking it up on Saturday. **Team One Newport** will have their regatta gear tent in place, and The Marblehead Station promises lots of On-The-Water surprises in the true Storm Trysail Tradition!

Complete Event information and registration is available by visiting [www.tedhoodregatta.com](http://www.tedhoodregatta.com)

## The Storm Trysail Club Marblehead Station Presents:

Ted Hood Regatta



Marblehead 2017



The First Annual Ted Hood Regatta will be hosted by the Storm Trysail Club's Marblehead Station August 25-27 at The Boston Yacht Club. Racing will be managed by the Boston, Eastern, and Corinthian Yacht Club Race Committees.

Storm Trysail will host several shore-side parties at the Boston Yacht Club during the weekend, and over 1,000 participants and guests are expected. Registration is open at YachtScoring or by clicking [HERE](#).

Information at [tedhoodregatta.com](http://tedhoodregatta.com)

