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Upcoming Events

Storm Trysail Hands-on-Safety at Sea

SUNY Maritime College, Ft Schuyler, Bronx, NY

May 20, 2017

Contact: Lisa Schinella

<u>seminar.stormtrysailfoundation.org</u>

Block Island Race

Stamford Yacht Club

Start - May 26, 2017

Awards Party - May 28 2017

Commodore's Column - Report from the Bridge

Before I give my report
"from the Bridge," I would
like to take this opportunity
to thank all of our Club
Members who are
volunteering to help make
our Club successful. This
month we have two exciting
events. First there is the **STC**



Hands-on Safety at Sea

Seminar presented by Storm Trysail Foundation on May

20,2017 at SUNY Maritime College, under the Throgs Neck Bridge. This will be the first SASS that we will be offering for participants who would like to qualify for a Level 200 Certificate. Secondly, the Club will running our 72nd annual **Block Island Race**; hard to believe that the Club has created a real classic distance race on Long Island Sound. Personally I have competed in at least 30 of these races. I remember, prior to being a

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Down the Bay Race

Start - Annapolis - May 26, 2017

Awards Party - Hampton Yacht Club - May 28, 2017

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Mills Trophy Race

Toledo Yacht Club

Start: June 9, 2017

Many pre and post race events

General Chairman - Ron Soka 419-726-3485 ext 201 www.toledoyachtclub.com

Block Island Race Week

June 18-23, 2017

AJ Evans, Chair

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Members Party

Block Island Race Week

Narragansett Inn

Wednesday June 21, 1800 hrs.

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Junior Safety at Sea Seminars

Various Times And Places

See List In This Letter

fog with a number of Members reminding me that there really is a Block Island!

None of these great events are possible without Volunteers. Past Commodore Butch Ulmer and his team work very hard for months prior to the actual Safety at Sea event. I just wish that all STC Members where aware of the time and effort that takes place prior to the event and the day of the event. If any Member would like to be part of the Club effort to make this seminar a success in the future, please contact the Commodore or Event Chairman Butch Ulmer, (718) 885-2028, .

I would also like to thank Fleet Captain Ray Redniss and his Race Committee for their work prior to the start, running the start of the Block Island Race and then the most difficult, most time consuming part - taking all the finishing times. But there's more - the great party following the race with great trophies, some fine munchies and the best of all the war stories generated by the race. I would be remise if I did not thank the Flag Officers, the members and the staff of Stamford Yacht Club for extending the hospitality of the Club for this event. Remember, even if you did not race, come over to Stamford Yacht Club on Sunday, May 28, 2017 at 1700 hrs. This is an ideal time for Members to get together and have a pop during the Memorial Day Weekend. Come see some old friends and make some new friends.

Now the "Report from the Bridge." The Flag Officers and the Board have been very busy making sure that the Storm Trysail Club's Block Island Race Week, scheduled for June 18 - 23 will be success under the leadership of Vice Commodore and Event Chairman AJ Evans. AJ has put together a great group of Members who have VOLUNTEERED to make this a big success. He has insured that every facet of the Event will be successful. The On The Water Team is lead by Past Commodore, Race

Chairman and On the Water Chairman Dick Neville and his three PRO's, Dave Brennan, Bruce Bingman and Ray Redniss. The Shoreside volunteers are chaired by Past Commodores John Fisher and Eric Kreuter. This year I have appointed two understudies for Eric: Tom Colucci and Gary Martin, I would like to thank them for volunteering to accept the shovel from Eric and carry on the fine work he has done for the Club for many BIRWs. Also we have Past Commodore Nick Langone being our Harbormaster and Jack-of-all-Trades, insuring a smooth operation with regard to the equipment used during the regatta. And without Duty Officer Co-Chairs, Elllen Osmond and Penny Langone, no one would actually make it to the starting line! These are just a few of the many Club Volunteers who are working to make the 2017 Block Island Race Week a success.

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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

<u>tedhoodregatta.com</u>

2017 LIS Championships

Sept. 16 - 17, 2017

Riverside Yacht Club

Contacts:

Nick Langone

Ty Anderson

STF Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta

October 7 & 8, 2017

Larchmont Yacht Club

To Volunteer Your Boat Or To Coach

Contacts:

Barry Gold, Chair

In addition, we have some Young Members volunteering for some of the significant additional support jobs that also insure a successful BIRW. Will Gammell heads up the week's Media Operations. STC Governor Jesse Fielding will be heading up shoreside layday activities. He assures me that there will be something for everyone if we are not out on the water racing. Eric Zeller reorts that he expects BIRW to achieve a Gold Level Rated Clean Regatta by the Sailors for the Sea organization remember NOTHING goes into the water, ever! Watch for his helpful hints on how you can help Storm Trysail Club make BIRW the Gold Level sustainable regatta. Ron Weiss, I am happy to say has accepted my charge as our new Communication Chairman. He will be letting the world know about the great time the Storm Trysail Club and all the competitors are having at BIRW. And finally, Joey Moffit will be in charge of the post regatta surveys. These are extremely important to the Club, since they will help us make this event even better in the future.

There are many Members who have volunteered to help make this event great, I wish I could thank them all personally in this newsletter, however space will not allow me to do it. I just want every Volunteer to know that you are all on my honor roll for the excitement that you all bring to this very important Club event.

The Flag Officers and the Board have voted to add the ORC rating system, requested by popular demand, to the ratings systems offered at BIRW. I hope that this will bring more boats to out to

participate. The STC is very customer orientated. Let see how it goes. Good Luck to all Competitors.

As Commodore, I have reached out to the Toledo Yacht Club with regard to the **Mills Trophy Race**. We have reviewed our mission statement and I have been assured that all is well and that the Mills Trophy Race will conducted to the same high standards of our Club.

This topic bring me to another very important topic: **Club Stations**. The Club Station is the primary vehicle to club growth, providing a sense camaraderie and club purpose to Members all over the country. Currently we have 10 Stations at the following locations:

- Chesapeake Bay Fleet Captain Jeff Goldring,
- Gulf of Maine Fleet Captain Robert Scott,
- Great Lakes Fleet Captain Peter Griffin,
- Long Island Sound Fleet Captain Buttons Padin,
- Marblehead Fleet Captain Clarke Smith,
- Newport Fleet Captain Pat Kennedy,
- Southern Fleet Captain Bill Moriarty,
- Gulf Coast Fleet Captain Will Loe,
- Coutharn California Jan Mickey

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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

HOLD THE DATE!

ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday January 6, 2018

Naval War College

Officer Club

Newport RI

Call For Articles

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

- Southern California Ian vickers,
- Northern Californis Fleet Captain and Governor Steve Taft,
- And Announcing The New Sandy Hook Station

The station will be located in Sandy Hook Bay, New Jersey, at the Atlantic Highlands Yacht Club. Bob Behringer has volunteered to be the first Station Fleet Captain. Welcome aboard Captain Behringer and thanks for volunteering.

All Members are invited to visit these stations. I am sure that the Fleet Captains will welcome any and all visiting Members. Many of the Stations have a regular social calendar, any questions contact the fleet captain or call our Executive Director Whitney at (914) 8343-8857, or the STC Fleet Captain, Ray Redniss, or me, Commodore Lenny.

During the past few months I have requested volunteers for some new committees, I have not forgotten this request and the response that I have received from over 30 Members. This

month I will appoint a Chairman Pro Tem to get these new committees going and lets see them grow. I will give a more indepth report on the committee in the June newsletter.

So with that I say, go sailing, have a good time. And remember on my boat I spell fun, "WIN."

Cheers,

Lenny Sitar, Commodore

Commodore Sitar's Photo Credit: Gary Martin

Storm Trysail Hands-on Safety At Sea Seminar

The preparations are made -

Registrations are in place -

The boats are on the way -

The pool is cold -

The instructors are preped and ready -

The Hands-on Safety at Sea Seminar at SUNY Maritime College is a go!

See you Saturday starting at 0700 for a great day of learning and new experiences!

Charles "Butch" Ulmer, Chairman

Rich du Moulin, Moderator

Peter Becker, Level 200 Coordinator

Late registration deadline Thursday, May 18, 1700 EDT at <u>seminar.stormtrysailfoundation.org</u>.

Questions? Contact Lisa Schinella at (914) 813-0233

Hands-On Safety At Sea Seminar SUNY Maritime, Sat., May 20th



The Storm Trysail Foundation will conduct its one-day US Sailing Sanctioned Safety at Sea Seminar on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at SUNY Maritime College in the Bronx. This will be a hands-on seminar where attendees will fire distress flares, put out fires, set storm sails, rescue a man overboard and swim in a pool with foul weather gear using inflatable PFDs. The hands-on activities will be supplemented by online videos produced by Storm Trysail and US Sailing. The videos provide additional lessons, which are needed to earn optional World Sailing Offshore certification.

New this year is a Level 200 program for sailors (limited to 48) who have previously attended a Storm Trysail seminar. In lieu of the regular curriculum, Level 200 participants will spend one half day sailing and the other half day with concentrated classroom instruction. Admission fee is \$295 (\$75 extra for World Sailing certification) and includes breakfast pastries and coffee, lunch, and afternoon snacks and refreshments.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER: www.stormtrysailfoundation.org or www.stormtrysail.org

New! From USSailing - Safety at Sea Handbook.

Special Deal during the Seminar.



Special "Hands-on" offer for Safety-at-Sea Participants

US Sailing's Safety-at-Sea Handbook A Guide To Safety Under Sail and Personal Survival

200 pages of techniques and tips that could save the life of a shipmate...or your own!



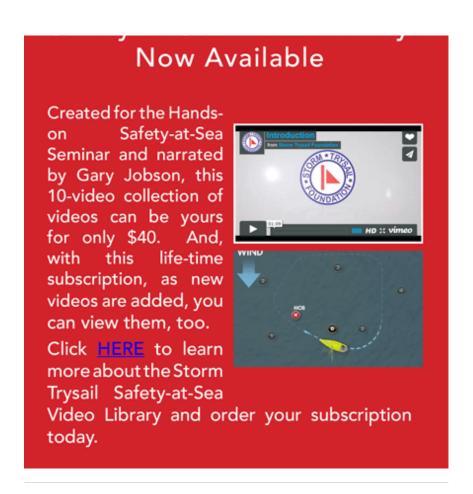
Copies available at Registration on May 20.

Special Price: \$20 Cash only Exact change only

Safety-at-Sea: It all comes down to knowledge, leadership, and seamanship combined with training and available technology.

Safety-at-Sea Videos

Storm Trysail
Safety-at-Sea Video Library



Classic Spring Races Storm Trysail Club's Block Island Race



April 1, 2017, LARCHMONT, NY - Storm Trysail Club Fleet Captain and Block Island Race Chairman Ray Redniss today encouraged all Storm Trysail Club members to enter 72nd running of the club's signature event, the Block Island Race. The 186 nm Block Island Race was first run in 1946 as America and the club began to return to some sense of normalcy after many of its members successfully fought in World War II.

The Block Island Race is a staple on Long Island Sound and is a qualifier for for the Northern Ocean Racing Trophy (IRC), the Double Handed Ocean Racing Trophy (IRC), the New England Lighthouse Series (PHRF), and the Gulf Stream Series (IRC). The Block Island Race is also a qualifier for the Caper, Sagola, and Windigo trophies awared by the YRA of Long Island Sound and the 'Tuna' Trophy for the best combined IRC scores in Larchmont Yacht Club's Edlu Race (40%) and the Block Island Race (60%).

Information and Entry at Block Island Race.

Hampton Bay Yacht Club and Storm Trysail Club -

Down the Bay Race

April 10, 2017, ANNAPOLIS, MD - Storm Trysail Club Governor and Down the Bay Co-Chair, STC - PRO, Wally Miller, announced details for the longest race on the Chesapeake Bay.

A Welcome Party for skippers and crew will be held on Thursday 25 May 2017 at Severn Sailing Association in Eastport from 1800-

2100 with a brief Skippers Meeting at 1900. The check-in desk will be open from 1800 - 2000 on Thursday 25 May 2017. The first warning signal will be at 1000 on Friday 26 May 2017, in the Bay near Severn River R "2". The post-race awards party will start at 1900 on Saturday 27 May 2017 at the Hampton Yacht Club.



STC Station Fleet Captain Jeff Goldring's *Melody* will be the Signal Boat for the start of the DOWN THE BAY RACE Friday May 26, 2017. *Melody* is shown here performing her duties in

Information and Entry at **Down the Bay Race**

Block Island Race Week

It's Not Too Late To Enter!

IRC - ORC - ONE DESIGNS - PHRF - PERFORMACE CRUISERS -**MULTIHULL**

New! ORC Sportboat Class

The Realtors and Hoteliers Say "Come on over! Plenty of housing available!"

Entries accepted through registration Sunday June 18! blockislandraceweek.com





News From The Stations

Southern Station: Domestic and International Regattas

The Southern Station STC Members made major contributions to both inshore and offshore regattas being held in South Florida during the winter/spring sailing season. Inshore, the conduct by the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club (BBYC) Regatta Committee of the Etchells Mid-Winters in late February, the J/70 race circle in March as part of Bacardi Race Week and the "Star Spring Championship" in April had the invaluable leadership of members Stuart

Childerley as PRO for the Etchell Mid-Winters, and Dave Brennan as PRO for the J/70s and Star Spring Championship. Offshore, Dick Neville served as the PRO for the TP 52's "Miami Royal Cup".



Some of the Southern Station Race Committee Mmebers at Biscayne Bay YC before TP 52 and J/70 Duty - (L to R) Jim Amaducci, Bruce Harper, Stewart McLeod, Dave Brennan, Luiz Kahl, Bill Canfield. Photo courtesy of Ken Batzer

Southern Station member Chris Willits kindly provided his yacht *Sarah* to serve as the Signal Boat for the three regattas held on beautiful Biscayne Bay, while member Shawn Adams' boat, *Ahi*, was the Committee boat for the TP 52s in the ocean off Miami Beach. Tom Rinda served as Chief Judge for the Etchells Mid-Winter Series, Jury for Bacardi Cup, Umpire for the TP 52's and the Chief Judge for the Star Spring Championship.

The entire Southern Station membership in conjunction with the the BBYC/RC was actively involved with the on the water support and operation of the signal and mark boats in all of these regattas.

Some Southern Station members then moved to the Virgin Islands. Dave Brennan and Scott Giering were busy in the Virgin Islands with Dave being the PRO and Scott the Deputy PRO for

the "Saint James Circle" at the Saint Thomas International Regatta (STIR). The balance of the Southern Station team, Dick Neville PRO for the IC 24 circle, Barbara Neville Timer for the St James Circle, Luiz Kahl Scoring and Logistics and Kendra Brennan finishing and documentation. Prior to STIR, Scott was the Race Officer for the "Round the Rocks Race" around the island of St John, an excellent race with challenging conditions.

Moving to Tortola, Dave and Scott ran the "Sol Circle" for the BVI Spring Regatta, Dick Neville was the PRO for the "Norman Circle" with Tom Rinda being the Chief Judge for the BVI Spring Regatta.

The Southern Station is looking forward to actively participating in BIRW 2017.

Bill Moriarty, Southern Station Fleet Captain

New Members - April 2017

Steven Barry, Regular - Marblehead Station - Steve didn't grow up sailing and his introduction to racing was on an IOD in Marblehead. After serving in the US Coast Guard, he headed to Florida and started racing "Beach Cats". Eventually moving back to the Marblehead area, he moved into One Design and PHRF sailing. He has done multiple deliveries to the Caribbean, and multiple Halifax and Bermuda Races. A highlight was sailing and winning their division on *Clover III* in 2010. Steve is looking forward to watching his daughter rig her Opti and watch her sail out of Pleon Yacht Club this summer. And is also looking forward to the inaugural STC Ted Hood Regatta in Marblehead.

James Bill, Regular - Southern Station - Bill migrated to Florida at the age of 23 from Syracuse NY where he learned to sail catamarans and started racing. He graduated to J/24's and completed his first ocean race, Miami to Montego Bay in the early 80's on *Victory* and has done 4 more since. HE competed in the SORC circuit on *Jackknife* and various other boats and 3 complete circuits from '85 to '87. Three years ago he and his wife, Ada, sold their Tripp 33 *Main Squeeze* and bought a Farr 395 *Senara*. They race the complete SORC series and the BBYRA series in Miami with a crew that also includes their son Matt and daugheter Nina. Bill serves on the board of the US Sailing Center in Miami, is a

member of Coral Reef Yacht Club and is on the SORC committee.

Tom Buckard, Regular - Southern Station

John Devine, **Regular - Chesapeake Bay Station -**

John grew up on a hilltop overlooking Manhasset Bay. As a boy, he rowed out to his family's moored Blue Jay and sailed his summer days away which led to racing and cruising adventures around the North Atlantic. He now resides in Wilmington, NC with his wife and best friend Patty. They have two daughters, a son-in-law, and a young grandson. They all love to sail!

Daniel Ebin, Regular - Long Island Sound Station

Daniel grew up cruising with his family between Long Island Sound and Down East Maine. He has been actively racing for the past 12 years, both inshore and offshore. He is a tunnel design engineer currently living in New York City with his wife, Ally.

Bryon Ehrhart, **Regular - Great Lakes Station -**

Bryon built a program around a series of boats called *Lucky* in both inshore and offshore campaigns. He has owned five Etchells over twenty years of one design racing. The offshore racing program has covered over twenty of the world's important races including the major races of the Mediterranean, Caribbean, Atlantic, Pacific and Asia. Overall IRC wins include the Maltese classic Rolex Middle Sea Race, the classic from Hong Kong to Vietnam and the Rolex Transatlantic Race. Bryon and his wife Lisa have three children and are active members of NYYC, Chicago YC, Biscayne Bay YC and RORC.

Janet Garnier, Regular - Newport Station - Janet began sailing C Scows with her brothers on Cedar Lake in Indiana where she grew up. She did her first major passages on her brother Al's 51ft ketch *Chez Nous*, sailing from LA to San Fransisco and back to LA. She then







joined *Chez Nous* a few years later in the Canary Islands to help with the passage across to Martinique. Most of her sailing after that was in Vineyard Sound. In 2006, after a 2 year refit of a 42ft ketch she owned with a partner, Janet spent three years cruising on her boat and on friend's sailboats. She left from the east coast and arrived in Auckland the following year via the Panama Canal, Galapagos, Marquesas, Tuamotus, Society Islands, Cook Islands, Niue, Tonga. Janet has spent time cruising in

the Mediterranean and in the Fiji





Islands as well as making multiple trips up and down the east coast the furthest being to Granada. Her most memorable and challenging passage was in 2011 when she was invited to sail on a friend's Bowman 48 from Sydney to Hobart via the west side of Tasmania. The payoff was seeing Tasmanian Devils in their natural habitat! Janet's other club affiliations include: Ocean Cruising Club, Cruising Club of America and the New York Yacht Club.

David Gurney, **Regular - Long Island Sound Station**Edwin (Ted) Jones, **Regular - Great Lakes Station**

Brian Mulhall, Regular - Long Island Sound Station - Brian spent his childhood summers sport fishing on the Jersey shore and transitioned to sailing later in life after a charter sail trip in the USVI. With the sailing bug caught, he immediately realized the value of sailboat racing as a means to drive his love and passion for being on the water. For the past eight years, he and his family have campaigned their Tartan 4600 *Testing Life* along the eastern

seaboard. Key races and events include Multiple STC Block Island Race Weeks, Newport - Bermuda Race, Annapolis-Newport Race as well as some SORC (Florida) races to include Fort Lauderdale-Key West and the recent Miami - Havana race. *Testing Life* sails with a strong focus on family and his children always play key roles as part of the race crew. Key highlights of the "*TL*" program include winning the Youth Challenge Trophy for the 2015 A2N race and the Youngest Crew Member award for the 2017 Miami-Havana Race (13 year old daughter, Jenevieva). Other key sailing highlights include crewing on a Volvo 70 for the 2010 "Round the Isle" race in England and sailing aboard *Lending Club*, a 105' record breaking trimaran from Bermuda to Newport (31 hours unofficial time). In addition to *Testing Life*, he runs a Sport Fishing Viking 52, *Debs Reel Jem*, that competes in a host of East Coast

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John (Jay) O'Brien, Regular - Chesapeake Bay Station

Cristopher Simon, Regular - Long Island Sound Station

Taylor Walker, Regular - Long Island Sound Station - Taylor grew up sailing in Eastern Long Island Sound and is a 2013 graduate of SUNY Maritime College where he was the captain of the offshore sailing team. Under Taylor's guidance the team excelled and participated in the 2012 Newport to Bermuda race, it was the first time the school participated in 30 years. Taylor was active in the J/44 fleet sailing with Norm Schulman on *Charlie V* and eventually leading to the donation of *Charlie V* to SUNY Maritime where he continues to volunteer coach. He is a Senior Marine Underwriter at Markel Global Insurance in New York City and resides in Fairfield, CT.

Rob Weiland, Regular - Overseas

Pier Witek, Regular - Long Island Sound Station

Ryan Zupon, Regular - Long Island Sound Station

Junior Safety at Sea Seminars

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. But without your help the seminars can't go on. Contact the local leader to offer your expertise or to lend a boat. Both appropriate sailboats, 30 to 40 feet set up for offshore sailing are ideal, and safety boats are needed.

Date	Club/Host	Storm Trysail Foundation Leader	Local Leader
Saturday, May 20	Annapolis YC, Annapolis, MD	Ross Dierdorff:	Same
Saturday, June 10	Newport Sea Base, Newport Harbor, CA	Kelly Robinson:	Peter Macdonald
Weds., lune 28	Shelter Island YC	Ed Carey:	Same 14

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Shelter Island, NY

Monday,	Maine Maritime	Bob Scott:	John- Michael
July 17	Academy, Castine, ME		Payne
Friday,	Larchmont	Rich du Moulin:	Same
July 21	YC, Larchmont, NY	rtdumoulin@gmail.com	

Thursday, July 27	Grand Traverse Yacht Club, Traverse City, Ml	Kelly Robinson:	Gail Turluck, LMSRF
	Lake Michigan Sail Racing Federation		
Thursday,	Raritan YC, Perth	Kelly Robinson:	Same
July 27	Amboy, NJ	Ann Myer:	
Monday, July 31	Courageous Sailing Center, Boston, MA	Clarke Smith:	TBD
Thursday, August 3	Ram Island YC, Noank, CT	Peter Rugg:	Same
Thursday, August 17	Sail Newport,	Pat Kennedy	Dawn 401- 849-9400

Newport. RI

2017 Schedule

STC Ted Hood Regatta

The Storm Trysail Club Marblehead Station Presents:





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 MERE.

Information at <u>tedhoodregatta.com</u>