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October 7 & 8, 2017

Larchmont Yacht Club

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LIS Station Rendezvous

October 7, 2017

Andrew & Linda Weiss

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Junior Safety At Sea

October 8, 2017

0800 - 1700

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2017 STC Annapolis Fall Regatta

October 20-22, 2017

Competition in One

I would like
to first start
off my
monthly
column by
expressing
the
sympathy to
all our
Members
who life
have been

turned upside down due the two tragic storms
hurricane Harvey and Irma. The Flag Officers and all
our Members hope that all our Members who have
been affected in Texas and Florida are coping with this
tragic weather situation. Our hopes and prayers go out
to all. We are also hoping that the many Yacht Clubs in
both these areas are recouping and rebuilding.

And now for the report from the Bridge. On a lighter
note I would like to thank our new, or somewhat new
Marblehead Station under the leadership of **Clarke
Smith** and his team for doing an outstanding job with
the Storm Trysail Club Ted Hood Regatta. From all the
reports I have received I believe that the turnout was
great, the racing was very competitive and the parties
were rewarding. The three Marblehead Yacht Clubs,
Boston Yacht Club, Corinthian Yacht Club and Eastern
Yacht Club, along with the Storm Trysail Club Station
were behind making this an outstanding event. Great
Job to all who volunteered their time and efforts with
this fun event. I am sure that Ted Hood looking down
was also proud to see everyone sailing and enjoying
themselves during the regatta. His life was sailing,
promoting sailing and yacht and sail design. I would
just like to say "Thank You Ted Hood for helping make
our sport what it is today."

Over the Labor Day weekend Stamford Yacht Club
hosted the annual Stamford-Vineyard Race. This race
was sailed in almost idea conditions. Many of our



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Champs*

*ORC Chesapeake
Champs*

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ANNUAL MEETING

*Saturday January 6,
2018*

Naval War College

Officer's Club

Newport RI

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SORC

Islands in the Stream Series

Nassau Cup Race

November 9, 2017



WIRTH M. MUNROE
MIAMI TO PALM BEACH
YACHT RACE



Wirth M. Munroe

Storm Trysail Members did very well in the race. To see how everyone did please go to Yacht Score and look at the results. I will however mention the results of our Storm Trysail Club Teams that competed in the event. The STC White Team with Alibi, Aurora and Pterodactyl were First and tied with STC Blue Team of Abilyn Racing, Raptor and Sundari, the White Team won the tie and in fourth place was STC Red Team of Christopher Dragon, Lora Ann and Vamp. Not too bad. Congratulations to all our Teams.

This brings me to another topic. STC Members racing in other regattas. It would be great if the Club knew about other racing which our Members are involved with. I see a race like the Fastnet Race, the Club had a number of our Members participating in the event, however many of our Members are also members of other Yacht Clubs. It is difficult to identify them because they are registered under a different club. Maybe in the future Members could for example register as " NYYC/STC." This would help greatly for the Home Office to "ID" these Members and report on their success or participation in many of these major Ocean Racing Challenges. It would also be great if some of our Members put together STC Teams for these events. The Club will always need to promote our Club and our Brand worldwide.

Prior to the Vineyard Race, there were two other exciting events that took place at Stamford Yacht Club. First, our Fleet Captain, **Ray Redniss**, a long time Member of both Stamford Yacht Club and the Storm Trysail Club was honored by the City of Stamford, CT. The City of Stamford hosted their Annual Harbor Festival, this I believe was the second year that the City had such an event. This event is one of the major fundraisers that the town uses to promote the City's great harbor, junior sailing for the City's youth and their own sailing and leadership building yacht. At this years event our own Ray Redniss was made the Honorary Commodore of the event. It is always great to see an outstanding Member such as Ray be recognized for life

Ocean Race

December 1, 2017

Ft. Lauderdale to Key West Race

January 10, 2018

Miami to Cuba Race

February 14, 2018

Advance Notice



2019 Storm Trysail Club Block Island Race Week

June 23-28, 2019

Call For Articles

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

long service to the City of Stamford and the two Clubs, Stamford Yacht Club and the Storm Trysail Club. Great Job to Ray.

On the Thursday night prior to the start of the Vineyard Race, Stamford Yacht Club hosted the Storm Trysail Clubs' premier movie event. The Club sponsored a movie promoting Women in Offshore Racing. This movie was produced by the Club and the Foundation in collaboration with **Gary Jobson**. I highly recommend viewing this great movie - it will be posted soon on the club website. If you would like to show it at your local club night or for some other worthy reason contact Butch Ulmer, (718) 885-1700, for a DVD copy.. In addition, special thanks go out to Past Commodores **Rich du Moulin and Butch Ulmer** for their time and efforts to make this very timely and important movie possible. Also I must thank the actual "Stars," of our production. Prior to me doing that, just a little background of the cast. We had women who sailed offshore at many different levels from the Young American Team from American Yacht Club to Around the World Racers and Around the World Cruisers. Here is our cast: **Carina Becker, Martha Parker, Dawn Riley, Ann Myer, Sheila McCurdy, Maddie Ploch, Reene Mehl, Sally Honey, Linda Weiss and Dr. Kim Zeh.**

This is a very impressive group of accomplished women, hopefully their insights will help promote women to be more interested in Offshore sailing and racing. I like to thank everyone involved with this project. Well Done.

I have one more topic I would like to address prior to me running out of my 1,000 word allotment.

I must mention another outstanding Member we are lucky to have as a Member. This month I would like to call all Members' attention to a Member who is always behind the scenes, always ready to help, and always answers the call of "All Hands on Deck." That Member

is Captain **Henry Marx**. Most of our Members know Henry as the owner of Landfall Navigation in Stamford, CT. Henry has been a Member of the Storm Trysail Club for over TEN (10) YEARS. He has volunteered for countless Safety At Sea Seminars, he has loaned or given many Safety At Sea seminars, he has loaned or given to the Club many of the items we call essential for a successful SAS seminar. He is a current sponsor for the events at the Club or the Foundation. This month I would like to salute Captain Henry Marx as an Outstanding Member of the Storm Trysail Club. I tip my Commodores' Hat to you for a job well done.

Well, I cannot believe that it is September already. Time or Tide wait for no one. Enjoy the sailing. Hope to see you'll at the Intercollegiate Regatta, we still need some boats for our schools. Till then.

Commodore Lenny

Commodore Sitar's Photo Credit: Gary Martin

On The Waterfront

Grandmasters Team Racing



Storm Trysail Grandmasters Team Competes In NYYC Grandmasters Championship

(l to r) Casey Nickerson, Captain, John Browning, Dan Rugg, Lee Reichart, John Keogh, Stephanie Baas, Andy Burton, Bret Hall, Phil Cox, Mike Perry, Pete Stalkus, Buby Joslin

Photo Credit: Beth Duggan, NYYC

The STC Grandmasters Team flew the club's burgee at Harbour Court the third week in August in the NYYC Grandmasters Championship against teams from across the country. The team ended up second in the Silver Finals, but for four one point losses the team would have been competing in the Gold Finals. Watch for the team's exploits in upcoming competitions. The biggest news of the regatta was the announcement of a new trophy named for well known team racer and judge, **Peter Wilson**, for the national grandmaster team circuit champion. The STC event will be co-sponsored by Storm Trysail Club, Lake Winnepesaukee Sailing Club and Lake Winnepesaukee Sailing Association next June. The Winnepesaukee Championship will be one of the inaugural circuit events. The NYYC Grandmasters will be the final event in the circuit.

Upcoming Events

Storm Trysail Owned/Skippered Yachts Entered In Races Far and Wide

Rolex Middle Sea Race - October 21, 2017

*Rambler 88, Canting Keel Maxi, **George David** and Triple Lindy, Swan 44 Mk II, **Joe Mele**. [Race Video](#)*

Volvo Ocean Race - October 14, 2017 In-Port Race - October 22, 2017 Leg Start

*Vestas 11th Hour Racing, Volvo Ocean 65, **Charlie Enright**, Skipper and **Mark Towill**, Team Director.*

Rolex Sydney Hobart Race - December 26, 2017

*Christopher Dragon, Sydney 43, **Andrew & Linda Weiss**; Comanche, Supermaxi, Jim Clark & Kristy Hinze-Clark*

(**Ken Read**, skipper); *Dorade*, S&S Custom, **Pam Rorke Levy & Matt Brooks**; *Triple Lindy*, Cookson 50, **Joe Mele**; and *Warrior Won*, XP44, **Christoper Sheehan**.



With the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race an end game within sight, the "*Dorade Down Under*" campaign remains in full swing; the 86-year-old Sparkman & Stephens classic yacht proving yet again that age is just a number. Photo credit: Andrea Francolini at Audi Hamilton Island Race Week

Interview with *Dorade*'s tactician, Kevin Miller, and owners Pam Rorke Levy and Matt Brooks

It's been podium finishes for *Dorade* and her team in the first two events of her five-race series off the southern coast of Australia.

"*Dorade* is an amazing yacht to be in the hunt against some very competitive modern boats at a very technical venue," said Tactician Kevin Miller about *Dorade* taking third place in the 370-mile Brisbane to Keppel Race and second place in IRC Passage Division 2 at Audi Hamilton Island Race Week, both of which concluded last month. "The boat and the team are performing well down here, even up against conditions that aren't ideal for *Dorade*. She is an incredible yacht and always seems to surprise us.

"We're just coming off of a very challenging week

competing against a very talented fleet at Hamilton Island Race Week, and although we're tired, we have a great feeling of accomplishment and look forward to our next challenge."

That next challenge will come in the form of the CYCA's Blue Water Series including Newcastle Bass Island in October and Bird Island in November, followed by the peak of the Southern Hemisphere's offshore racing calendar, the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race in December.

Looking ahead to December, *Dorade*'s owners Pam Rorke Levy and Matt Brooks told us more about *Dorade*'s involvement in the big race.

What's the significance of a boat like *Dorade* racing in the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race?

Starting just weeks after being launched in 1930, *Dorade* has raced in the world's most challenging ocean races. It's what Olin and Rod Stephens designed and built her to do. When we bought *Dorade* back in 2010, we made a promise that we would not allow her to become a museum piece sitting at a dock. We wanted to bring her back to fighting form, and get her back out into blue water, competing against the world's best boats and crews in the most difficult ocean races. So far we've been competing mainly in races where *Dorade* was victorious back in the thirties, but now that we've completed that series, we're looking for new challenges, just as Olin and Rod would have. And there's no bigger challenge in the world of sailing than the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race.

Is this a personal goal for you to continue the legacy of the boat?

When we first purchased the boat, we thought of her as a recreational pursuit... An activity to do in our free time. She's become much more than that, taking us places we would never have gone and serving as a letter of introduction to whole sailing communities who

have embraced us with open arms. She has completely changed the course of our lives. What we've discovered is that you really don't own a boat like *Dorade*, you're just a custodian of her as an irreplaceable part of maritime history. We take that responsibility very seriously, and hope to add many more chapters to her winning history.

What are your hopes in meeting with the Australian sailing fraternity?

We've met and sailed with many Australians over the course of the last five years, and we are looking forward to getting to know them better on their home turf. Our favorite sailing venues so far have been places like Cowes, England, Maine, and the Med, where there's a long history of sailing and a deep connection with the sea, and the folks there understand and appreciate what we're doing with *Dorade*. Australia is in a league of its own when it comes to sailing enthusiasts, and even before we arrived, we were feeling the love.

Courtesy of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, Rolex Sydney Hobart Race Website

News From The Stations

Long Island Sound

Vineyard Race - Storm Trysail Teams Go 1-2-4

Stamford Conn., September 3, 2017 - The three Storm Trysail teams finished 1-2-4 in the competition for the NIRVANA TROPHY. STC White; *Alibi* (**Gary Grant**), *Aurora* (**Gus Carlson**) and *Pterodactyl* (**Scott Weisman**) took first place on a tie breaker with STC Blue; *Abilyn Racing* (**Josh Reisberg**), *Raptor* (**Frank Conway**) and *Sundari* (**Barry Gold**). STC Red *Christopher Dragon* (**Andrew & Linda Weiss**), *Lora Ann* (**Chris Reyling & John Browning**) and *Vamp* (**Commodore Lenny Sitar**) finished one point behind ceding third to Cedar Point Yacht Club on the tie breaker.

LIS Fall Rendezvous and Cocktail Party

Long
Island
Sound
Station



The poster is for the Storm Trysail Club LIS Station Rendezvous and Cocktail Party. It features a central image of a wooden barrel with the text "The Storm Trysail Club" and "FOUNDED 1930" on it. To the left and right of the barrel are circular logos for the Storm Trysail Club. Above the barrel, the text reads "Storm Trysail Club LIS Station Rendezvous and Cocktail Party", "October 7, 2017 1730-1930", "Linda & Andrew Weiss's Home", and "1308 Grecian Point Road, Mamaroneck, NY". To the right of the barrel, there is a handwritten-style note that says "Pour me some more Grog, Mate!". Below the barrel, the text reads "Complementary hors d'ourves and an open bar", "Members, STC Candidates, IOR boat owners, Coaches, and Race Committee.", "To RSVP, click on the link below or call 914-834-8857.", "GETTING THERE:", "Parking at the house is limited and only for those unable to take the launch.", "Launch service to/from the Weiss's from Larchmont YC Front Deck.", and "There also will be limited dock space available for small power boats."

Rendezvous & Cocktail Party

Commodore Langone promises to make the Monte-Sano Coolers better than ever - don't miss 'em!

Linda & Andrew Weiss' Home

1308 Grecian Point Road, Mamaroneck NY

October 7, 2017 1730-1930

RSVP - Click here: [Register](#)

Call Whitney Kneisley

STC Office

(914) 834-8857

Launch Service Will Be Available From LYC.

Southern Station

SORC "*Islands In The Stream*" Series

Reviving A Winter Tradition

STC is actively supporting the efforts of the SORC in promoting offshore sailing in South Florida along with Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, Coral Reef Yacht Club, Lauderdale Yacht Club and Sailfish Club of Palm Beach.

Many STC members remember fondly the halcyon days of ocean racing in the old SORC. The STC Southern Station invites you to relive the days of your youth!

The first race in the SORC Islands in The Stream Series is the Nassau Cup, a tradition dating back to 1934.

Along with the Sailfish Club of Florida and the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, STC is a member of the Organizing Authority for the annual Wirth Munroe Race from Miami to Palm Beach. The Sailfish Club of Florida has made a special effort this year to assist skippers with dockage in Miami and, of course, the Sailfish Club preparing its customary Rum Punch and extraordinary seafood buffet for the finish.

STC is also a member of the Organizing Authority of the Ft. Lauderdale to Key West Race, along with the Ft. Lauderdale Yacht Club. This annual classic down the Florida Keys presents unique challenges to navigators and crews. As Key West recovers from Hurricane Irma, we can expect an extra-special welcome in the Conch Republic.

The newly revived Miami to Cuba Race, the final and deciding event of the series, provides a most appropriate and fitting venue for the overall awards ceremony. The word is that inspite of Hurricane Irma, plans are well underway for a great race in 2018.

The Storm Trysail Club would like to commend the SORC and its Chair, Carol Ewing, for all they are doing to promote offshore sailing in South Florida. Such

developments as the inclusion of the East Coast Racer/Cruisers Association (ECRCA) are helping to build the fleet once again into an avid group of boats and skippers.

Bill Moriarty, STC

Southern Station Fleet Captain

Marblehead Station

STC Ted Hood Regatta

Marblehead,
Mass.
September
3, 2017 -
Last
weekend
marked the
return of an
end of

Ted Hood Regatta



Marblehead 2017

summer tradition, the newly named Storm Trysail Ted Hood Regatta, featuring 76 boats that not only encouraged the participation of the most advanced and innovative yachts, like the TP 52 *Denali*, but it also included the challenges of a nighttime double-handed race, a family pursuit race on Sunday and the return of the STC Jazz Band to awaken the fleet Saturday morning.

Jamie Noyes with the Riverboat Stompers Jazz band on his Little Harbor for the Saturday morning wake up. (Note: Click [here](#) or on photo below for a video of the Riverboat Stompers playing.)



The aptly named regatta featured all things Ted Hood would have enjoyed, and would have approved of, because he both loved innovation, technology and close yacht racing, as well as pursuing family sailing and racing opportunities with his own children and grandchildren throughout his lifetime.

"The Marblehead station of the Storm Trysail Club took on this regatta, and hoped to put our own flavor on it by encouraging offshore sailing, as well as fleet races," said Storm Trysail Club Marblehead Fleet Captain and event organizer **Clarke Smith**.

Smith, who felt that honoring **Ted Hood** remains an important component of the regatta, also spoke of his good friend and internationally renowned sailor **Steve Cruse**, who passed away in 2015.

"We also wanted to present an inaugural Steve Cruse trophy from the Marblehead station, as Steve's passion for racing was phenomenal and his friendship and camaraderie was unsurpassed. Many of us organizing this event today raced with Steve for nearly 25 years, and we are still friends and still sailing together."

On Sunday afternoon, the Steve Cruse trophy was presented to Betsy McCombs and the Farr 395 *Scheherazade* for its remarkable performance with eight first-place finishes, and one third-place finish throughout the three days of racing.

"I think the secret to our win this weekend was light air and great crew work," said McCombs. "We also had fun, and that is what it is all about. Steve Cruse was also a very special friend to us, and it is an honor to receive this award."

The Ted Hood Regatta is named in honor of the late, great Ted Hood, a sailor who could build boats, design boats, build sails, create Hood Sails, and skipper an America's Cup winner, all in addition to being a complete gentleman.

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The awards ceremony also offered a great opportunity for **Bob Hood**, Ted Hood's youngest son, to present the awards to top finishers like Tyler Doyle in the J/70s fleet, and Rick Williams, who placed first in his PHRF Division on *Chariad*.

"Ted Hood is a hallmark of Marblehead, and it is a great honor to have a regatta named after someone who gave so much to sailing," said Williams.

"My dad would be humbled and honored that the regatta is named after him," Bob Hood said. "What was interesting about my dad is that his hobby was also his work. In Marblehead throughout his career, he was involved in sailmaking, design, Marblehead manufacturing, Hood Yacht Systems and more. Ted hired good people, too, many whom have remained in Marblehead and done so much in the industry. He was very roped up into his businesses, but he was always able to find time for his family, and sailing as a family."

J.B. Braun, an America's Cup veteran who placed first in the double-handed race on Friday and first in the pursuit race on Sunday, also remarked, "one of the first big boats I ever sailed or raced on was with Bob Hood and his dad and his family."

One of the highlights of the regatta was the presence of the high performance TP52 *Denali*, owned by Michael D'Amelio, who raced in its own division.

The hope is to attract more state-of-the-art boats like *Denali* in future races.

"It is a new boat in Marblehead, and we were all happy to get a chance to sail with the new owner," said Glenn Walker of Marblehead.

The regatta was eventful, with even one sailor going overboard, while flying the spinnaker. But he was brought back onboard after a bit of a Nantucket sleigh ride. The team onboard the boat *Extreme Velocity* performed well in retrieving the sailor, and continuing on to finish the final race of the regatta as the first one over the line.

It also marked the inaugural race for newcomer Ben and Shelly Chigier, who participated in their first-ever sailing regatta onboard their J/122 *Escape Velocity*. They

placed fifth in their division.

"I had a great time out there - it was terrific - and I would definitely do it again," Ben said.

Laurie Fullerton, Correspondent, Marblehead Reporter

Junior Safety at Sea



Promoting Entrées on the Adult Menu

It's not so much thinking out of the box; it's realizing that we built the box and that we must climb out of it. That's the scenario with introducing young people to keelboat sailing.

The growth of organized youth sailing in the USA has kept the focus on small age-based dinghies, with attempts to introduce alternatives often halted by fears of getting left behind. While participation in youth-type dinghies has seen tremendous growth, it has come at the expense of everything else.

Prior to building the structure of youth sailing, young people had freer reign at all the types of boat that were in their harbor. But now, once young people age-out of youth sailing, they are less likely to have experienced these alternatives, and certainly less skilled once they do.

Keelboat sailing is one of the logical entrées on the adult menu, particularly since it can cost nothing. With the 20-somethings now off the 'parental dole' and on their own, the 'cost nothing' is a price they can afford.

But keelboat racing requires skills that go beyond reading the course chart and trimming the sails. It requires seamanship... the kind of stuff kids once picked up as kids. In the absence of organic learning, a solution has been the Storm Trysail Foundation's Junior Safety-At-Sea seminars.

The Little Traverse Yacht Club (Harbor Springs, MI) hosted Storm Trysail Club's and Lake Michigan Sail Racing Federation's first Junior Safety at Sea Seminar last month. It was the first Junior Safety at Sea program held on the Great Lakes. Irish Boat Shop offered its classroom, docks, and treated the juniors and coaches to breakfast, snacks, lunch and post seminar pizza.

Fourteen members of the Little Traverse racing team attended the seminar. Their head coach, **Dan Thompson**, worked with Storm Trysail moderator **Rich du Moulin** to organize the agenda and required equipment. Morning activities included Rich's presentation of *Carina's* 2011-2012 circumnavigation, a session on Heavy Weather Preparations, the viewing of the Storm Trysail Club's Man Overboard movie, and dockside drills on Dave Irish's J/111, *No Surprise*.

After lunch the juniors went sailing in the J/111 and **Carter Williams'** J/105, *Creative Destruction*. After three hours of upwind QuickStops and downwind QuickStops, the final evolution was a Lifesling recovery with a swimmer. The final hour ashore included discussions of Abandon Ship in case of severe flooding or fire, and live, in-water demonstrations with an inflatable liferaft (courtesy of Carter Williams) and PFDs.

Everyone had a great time, the hospitality was over the top, and planning is underway for 2018.

Reprinted from Scuttlebutt, September 25, 2017

Tom Whidden

2017 National Sailing Hall of Fame Inductee

"My business is sailmaking, and my passion is sailing."



Pragmatist

Describing Tom's career as "remarkable" is really an understatement. He has raced in eight America's Cup campaigns (winning three), built North Sails into the largest sailmaking company in the world, has received countless awards, is constantly on the water serving as tactician on the most competitive yachts in the world, and is the past Commodore of the Essex Yacht Club.

Thomas A. Whidden grew up sailing out of the Cedar Point Yacht Club in southern Connecticut. His father helped him buy a Blue Jay at the age of 10. Tom reflects

on his early time on the water, "I loved the ability to go out and make decisions on your own. I loved the forces around you: the water, the air, the wind and the currents."

During the summers, while attending Colby College, he worked at the Alcott Company promoting the sale of their boats, which included the Sunfish, "I ran their regatta programs and sort of slowly eased into a selling role. After graduating (1970), I went to work for Alcott. In 1972 he and partner Peter Conrad pinpointed Sobstad Sails as a good candidate to acquire and built Sobstad into a thriving business.

In 1979 Dennis Conner approached Whidden. "Hi I'm Dennis Conner. You are kicking my butt." Whidden thanked him for the compliment and told Conner that he was heading to the airport to return home. Conner then said, "Good, I'll go with you." "He tells me his whole plan for the 1980 America's Cup and invites me to be the tune-up boat skipper." After a year Dennis Conner moved Tom over to the varsity crew as a trimmer. Conner and crew, aboard the latest Olin Stephens design, *Freedom*, easily defended the Cup in 1980. Three years later their fortunes changed when Alan Bond's 12 Meter, *Australia II*, featuring a secret wing keel, looked to be a formidable threat. It was a very controversial summer. *Australia II* won 4-3 in the most exciting Cup in history. The defeat was devastating for Conner, and by extension Whidden and the rest of the crew. But Conner, Whidden and a new *Stars & Stripes* team went to Australia and beat the Aussies to bring the Cup back to the USA.

Conner, Whidden and the rest of the crew became national heroes. They were feted at the White House by President Reagan and even received a parade down Broadway in New York City, courtesy of Donald Trump. After the Cup victory in 1987, Whidden was hired to run North Sails, and he built the company into the largest sailmaker in the world.

- Gary Jobson