



Fleet Captain Report to the STC Annual Meeting

Jan 13, 2024

I am writing this report in haste as I am leaving for the Nassau Cup 2024 in eight hours. The weather is less than agreeable on Long Island and I am hoping my flight doesn't include one of the recently grounded aircraft with door bolt problems. That said ... how fun was 2023! We had many great regattas, both Jr and adult Safety at Sea events, and many social gatherings throughout the year. Being an odd year, STC hosted the Block Island Race Week. Vice Commodore Weiss, with the help of many STC volunteers (too many to list but I'll give a shout out to Whitney and Kate), put on a great event. The weather wasn't totally cooperative, but I still had a great time at the Regatta.

2023 saw the venerable St. Petersburg to Ft. Lauderdale Race back in the list of events for the SORC. Our own Chris Lewis made a Herculean effort to get this race back on the schedule. With 21 boats competing I think it is safe to say the event was a great success. As in the past, STC sponsored or co-sponsored many prestigious events around the country. A few of the events include:

- Key West Race – Co-sponsored with Lauderdale YC, Coral Reef YC, and Nassau YC
- Block Island Race – 76th
- Mills Trophy Race – Co-sponsored with Toledo Yacht Club)
- Block Island Race Week – STC
- Ted Hood Regatta – Partnered with Eastern YC, Boston, YC, and Corinthian YC
- STC Commodore's Cup
- Shearwater Regatta (formerly Long Island Sound Championship) STC & Riverside YC
- Great Lakes Intercollegiate Regatta (GLIOR) – Co-sponsored event in the Chicago area
- Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta (IOR) – Co-sponsored with Larchmont YC
- Fall Series for the Astor Trophy – Co-sponsored with Seawanhaka Corinthian YC
- Wirth M. Munroe – Co-sponsored with Sailfish Club of Florida and Biscayne Bay YC

The two Intercollegiate Regattas were successful as usual with both events over-subscribed. STC partnered with Chicago area clubs for the GLIOR and continued the legacy of partnership with Larchmont Yacht Club on Long Island Sound (IOR). Planning for the 2024 IOR events are well underway along with an overall winner for the combined events. These events would not be possible without partner clubs, sponsors, owners donating their boats, volunteers, and the committees that do all the leg work to pull the events together. THANKS TO ALL!

The club helped run several Safety at Sea (SaS) events, for both juniors and adults, in 2023. STC, along with partner clubs held events in the following stations/clubs:

- LIS – SUNY Maritime and Larchmont YC
- Maine – Maine Maritime

- New Jersey/Sandy Hook – Raritan YC
- Marblehead – Eastern YC
- Chesapeake – Severn Sailing Association

STC continued to hold quarterly Station Captain meetings in conjunction with the Governing Committee meetings. The meetings provide an opportunity for the stations to learn about club initiatives directly from Flag Officers and special guests. Further they offer a forum for information to flow from the stations to the Flag Officers. I think all involved find them very useful.

The following is a brief list of the more notable happenings for 2023.

Maine Station: Bob Scott

- Cruisers are always welcome to come to Maine and visit Maine Maritime
- Jr SaS revitalized in 2023, July
- Station Captain Scott experienced rescue assistance from Maine Maritime instructors 1st had.

Marblehead Station: Clarke Smith

- Hosting 2024 annual meeting at Eastern YC
- Hosted a discussion of rating rules in February
- Adult SaS with Eastern YC, June
- Jr. SaS with Eastern YC, June
- Ted Hood Regatta (THR) 2023 was a success, 38 boats, August

Newport Station: Jesse Fielding and Patrick Kennedy

- Staffed Annapolis to Newport finish line
- Plenty of fun racing with NYYC, Safe Harbor Race Weekend, Ida Lewis, Newport Cup, and IYAC Sport Boat Series

Long Island Sound Station: Jonathan Asch

- Hosted 2023 annual meeting at Stamford YC
- Adult SaS with SUNY Maritime, May
- Block Island Race, June
- Block Island Race Week, June
- Jr. SaS with Larchmont YC, July
- STC Commodore's Cup, September
- Shearwater Regatta (STC and Riverside YC), September
- IOR at LYC, 35 boats – 28 colleges/universities, Oct
- 2nd annual Fall Series for the Astor Trophy (SCYC co-sponsor), 12 boats, November

New Jersey/Sandy Hook Station: Ann Myer

- Many station members participated in STC SaS at SUNY Maritime, May
- Jr. SaS at Raritan YC, July
- Station Captain, Ann Myer was co-chair of IOR event, October

Chesapeake: Jeff Goldring

- Plenty of social events filled the calendar in 2023.
- Jr. SaS at Severn Sailing Association, August
 - Annapolis Sailing Center – June, 25 juniors participated
 - Looking to expand to two events; one at Annapolis Sailing Center, one at Hampton YC

Southern: Shari Vaughan

- Etchells Worlds, April
- SORC events, varied
 - Ft. Lauderdale to Key West race
 - Port Canaveral race
 - St Petersburg to Ft. Lauderdale race
 - Wirth M. Munroe race

Gulf Coast: Farley Fontenot

- Little to report

Western Great Lakes: Michael Hettel

- Jr SaS at Chicago YC, July
- GLIOR, 21 colleges/university, September

Eastern Great Lakes: Vacant

- Mills Trophy Race (June) was a success. Thanks to Ray Redniss and event Chair Ron Soka

Northern California: Steve Taft

- Nothing new to report for this period

Southern California: Ian Vickers

- Nothing new to report for this period

This wraps up my report for 2023. I am looking forward to another great year of sailing in 2024 and the Bermuda Race in particular. I am signing off and headed to bed. 0345 comes way too early!

Respectfully submitted,



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