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The Newsletter of the Lloyd Harbor Yacht Club

You would think that summertime would bring a lot of material for this newsletter, and it does. Of course, getting articles submitted, and pulling it together represents a different challenge.

Members Racing Outside of LIS

I had been holding this issue hoping to get more information to share but here is the brief, and perhaps we can get more of the stories for a future issue.

Newport to Bermuda Race

June and Amanda Kendrick raced their J/44 Palantir 5 from Newport to Bermuda in June, finishing second in Class 14 against mostly J/44, J120, and J/122. Congratulations to the team! [Results here.](#)

J/24 Worlds

Past Commodore Aiden Glackin travelled to Corpus Christi for the J/24 Worlds with his boat Mental Floss. In a division of 38 boats they finished 8th. I understand that in Race 6 they suffered a rudder failure forcing them to use their throw out on that race. Great work Aiden! [Results here.](#)

Club Racing

Spring Series – The Race for the Case

This year we had a strong showing of ten 105s (four from outside of the Huntington), five other spinnaker boats and three JAM boats.

Saturday dawned sunny, hot, and windless. Our PRO Steve O'Reilly and his team tried several times to get a course set and a race started but each time they almost had the marks laid, the wind died and shifted. At 14:30 we finally called it a day and retired to HYC where we were welcomed with air conditioning(!), a great spread of food, a keg of beer and spirits provided by Montauk Distilling Company. Montauk not only provided two kinds of rum, a gin and a vodka for the party, they also provided the rum for each boat, hats, and will provide the case of rum for the overall winner!

Sunday provided us just about 7-10 kts of breeze allowing PRO Charlie Powers assisted by Steve O'Reilly on the mark boat to set a three mile course and get three races in before the wind began to get fickle again. Winning the J/105 division was Paul Beaudin on "loulou" from Harlem YC, followed by Solution and Trifecta who were separated by only one point. Winning the Spinnaker division was Dan Corcoran on "Strider". There was a three-way tie for second with it breaking to Brilliant followed by Resolute and Blur. In the JAM division, Larry Murphy in "Lunacy" came up with the win.

Many thanks again to our sponsor, Montauk Distilling Company for their support. Check them out if you get a chance, they are right here on Long Island.



Commodore's Cup

Our annual Commodore's Cup race was sailed in a pretty good breeze with more than half of the fleet finishing the 3.4 mile course in under 40 minutes. The counterclockwise course on a Southerly gave us a

reach, nearly dead run, and a beat to the finish. Coming out on top was Dave Willis and the team of Solution.

Stratford Shoal

We had 19 boats registered although two decided not to compete. The day started with little breeze but the race committee selected the shortest of the courses we offer and started on time. After a drifting, downwind start on a Southerly, the breeze finally settled in to a Westerly. This produced a somewhat unsettled and variable beam reach both ways across the sound to roughly Greenwich and back. The winners were Spinnaker 1- John Greifzu in Growth Spurt (Stamford YC) – First Home, Spinnaker 2 – Erik & John Storch Jr in Jonrob (LHYC) – Best Corrected, JAM – Chris Schneider in Rascal (LHYC), and Double Handed – Barry Purcell in Lucida. Congratulations to everyone.

Summer Series

The series has just concluded. We had 23 boats racing this year. Two races were abandoned due to insufficient wind but otherwise had a nice mix of conditions across the series. Division winners: J/105 – Dave Willis in Solution, J/80 - The John Storch family in Rumor, Spinnaker – Art Kelley in Brilliant, and in JAM, Arnie Lesser in Bon Coeurs. There were some hard fought battles in the fleet including the in the Spinnaker division which was decided by 0.2 points, so congratulations are due to all.

Clash of the Champs

Always a fun mix of boats from multiple divisions racing against each other, this year back to (as I understand it) the roots of the event, with everyone competing on a level footing in Jib and Main configuration. This is a simpler format than the mixed Spinnaker & JAM fleets that we've had for the past few years. Perhaps it made more sense before the age of asym designs, but the asym boats still came out on top. We had a good breeze in the 10+ kts range for much of the evening making it a very competitive race with the top three boats in each division finishing within about 30 seconds corrected of each other. Trifecta (Hering, Scarpulla, Simpkins) came out on top of the Champions division, and J-Gro (Grover, Rubel) took the Challengers division.

We still need Race Committee volunteers for our September events, so please reach out to rc@lhyc.org and we will get you scheduled.

We would love to hear from our cruising members. Where have you been, who have you met, and what have you done?

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