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### INDIAN HARBOR YACHT CLUB HOSTS THIRD CLASSIC YACHT REGATTA SEPTEMBER 13-15, 2012

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**Weekend of activities celebrates classic yachts and is highlighted by a Saturday race on Long Island Sound**

**Race two of the new Long Island Sound Classic Regatta Series and the WoodenBoat Series**

GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT – (SEPT 18, 2012) – Indian Harbor Yacht Club was once again the setting for a festive weekend with the largest classic fleet yet to Captain Harbor. In addition to the regatta for classics, spirit of tradition and one-design boats, the weekend of activities included a lively history talk and plein aire artists in residence who painted the bustling scene overlooking Captain Harbor.

The regatta is race two of the new Long Island Sound Classic Yacht Regatta Series that includes races at the yacht clubs of Larchmont, Indian Harbor, American and Hempstead Harbor. The regatta is also part of the popular WoodenBoat Series.

Commodore Susan Fisher said "We are thrilled to have the fleet back. It is wonderful to see so many beautiful wooden boats in our harbor representing the best of American yacht design in addition to the competitors' passion for preservation."

By Thursday afternoon the docks and moorings were brimming with classics including the 1932 8-Meter Olympic Gold Medal Winner, ANGELITA, the 1926 Q-Class NOR'EASTER and the 1958 William Hand motor sailor BURMA. The latter was the tender for the recently restored 1913 built New York 50 SPARTAN that was returning to IHYC which was her home port for much of the 1920s-30s. This stunning tableau outlined in glossy varnished mahogany set a welcome backdrop for fifty Greenwich Historical Society members who were entertained in the ballroom with a lively Secrets of the Red book history talk given by club members Shelia and Ted Graves and Chris Fey.

Friday's official Skipper's Reception was followed by an authentic Texas BBQ for dinner and included line dancing to the country music of Gunsmoke.

Saturday's racing conditions included flat water and a blustery nor'wester with winds in the high teens gusting to 20+. The first three classes raced a 19-mile course from Greenwich to Eaton's Neck and back across the Sound to the finish line. Spirited, but Corinthian-natured, racing included a duel between SPARTAN and TICONDEROGA while NOR'EASTER and ANGELITA changed leads several times in another classic race-off between the two well-matched boats.

In the Spirit of Tradition class, the Buzzards Bay 25 WIZARD, the 50ft long WATER WITCH and the W-Boat RACE HORSE were in hot pursuit along with six 1920s built Herreshoff S-Boats also determined to chase down the leaders.

BLACK WATCH once again prevailed to win the overall Frank Bowne Jones 'Founder's Cup'. RACE HORSE, owned by Donald Tofias, won the newly dedicated 1858 silver Spartan Trophy as the second place overall winner.

The smaller classics fleet of twelve included Peter Arguimbau's catboat MARY ROSE, the Friendship sloop NATANYA and the Rozinante CADENZA who all raced a 10-mile course.

Finally, three races were run in the inner harbor on the Shields' course. Fred Werblow's CHEKMATE and Justin Gibbon's SANDPIPER took 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and Rick Hendee's Hooke took 3<sup>rd</sup> out of a fleet of six.

Indian Harbor Yacht Club's Classic Yacht Regatta is generously sponsored by Atlantis WeatherGear, Gosling's Rum, Vineyard Vines and WoodenBoat Magazine.

For additional information, please visit the [www.indianharboryc.com](http://www.indianharboryc.com) or contact event chairs Ted and Shelia Graves via [classic.yachting@yahoo.com](mailto:classic.yachting@yahoo.com).

**About the Frank Bowne Jones "Founder's Cup":** The FBJ was established in honor of Jones, a noted yachtsman who was the first member of Indian Harbor Yacht Club and a founding member of the Yacht Racing Union of Long Island Sound, the US Power Squadron and the North American Yacht Racing Union, which is known today as US Sailing. He is a candidate for inclusion in the National Sailing Hall of Fame.

**About IHYC:** Indian Harbor Yacht Club was founded in 1889 by a group of dedicated sailors intent on being part of the thriving sailing community on Long Island Sound. The 1919 clubhouse is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The clubhouse was designed by noted architect Henry Pelton, known for New York City's Riverside Cathedral and built by Commodore Charles Wills whose firm also built the New York Stock Exchange.

For over 12 decades, IHYC sailors have been well-regarded for their success on the water in one-design, fleet and ocean racing with over 300 boats entered in the historic Newport to Bermuda Race resulting in 4 overall winners. They have also won the Transatlantic Race, the Fastnet Race and the Southern Ocean Racing Circuit. IHYC is proud to be a founding member of the National Sailing Hall of Fame.

