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INDIAN HARBOR YACHT CLUB TO HOST 6th CLASSIC YACHT REGATTA And 2nd Sailing Heals Outing SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2016

Weekend of activities planned to spotlight classic yachts from across New England highlighted by a Saturday race on Long Island Sound

GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT – (July 1, 2016) – Indian Harbor Yacht Club announces their Classic Yacht Regatta to be held on September 16-17, 2016. Classic yachts of all sizes from across New England will again be competing for the prestigious Frank Bowne Jones “Founder’s Cup” Trophy and the “Spartan Cup”. For the second year, the “Victory Award” for smaller yachts will be among the additional prizes for all classes.

This year's fleet already includes a number of larger entries as the classic momentum continues to build on Long Island Sound. The 100 year-old P Class yacht BERNICE will return this year to celebrate her centennial season. Joining her are the acclaimed TICONDEROGA, winner of last year's SPIRIT AWARD and the classic ocean racer BLACK WATCH, which has recently completed the Newport to Bermuda Race. The ATLANTIC class returns again this year along with Larchmont's 1920s built Herreshoff S-Boat fleet and American's 50ft Q-Class HOPE. IHYC's classic fleet is also ready to sail with CADENZA, a Herreshoff Rozinante, the S&S yacht PUFFIN and the 1926 Q-Class NOR'EASTER.

The on-shore events will be equally festive with a Caribbean themed cocktail party on Friday to welcome the boats as they arrive to the club's new, state of the art docks. The awards party this year will have 'Shipwreck' theme with plenty of awards and dancing to the UNINVITED. For the third year in a row, Indian Harbor members will also host a Sailing Heals lunch followed by an afternoon on the water outing in both sail and power boats. The participants will be cancer patients from Yale-New Haven and their care givers.

This will be race two of the Long Island Sound Classic Yacht Regatta Series that includes races at the yacht clubs of Larchmont, Indian Harbor and Hempstead Harbor. It is also part of the popular WoodenBoat Series.

Commodore Marty Jacobson stated: "We are thrilled to host our 7th Classic Regatta and to welcome the fleet back. The aesthetics of these lovingly restored boats with their graceful lines and interesting histories draws sailors and non-sailors alike."

Last year's regatta included 38 classics with over 100 sailors. Racing conditions included flat water and a blustery nor'wester with winds in the high teens gusting to 20+. The first three classes included larger classics and S Boats that 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 duels between well-matched boats and multiple lead changes in shifty gusts.

About the Frank Bowne Jones “Founder’s Cup”: The FBJ was established in honor this 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 has been a candidate for inclusion in the National Sailing Hall of Fame.

About IHYC: Indian Harbor Yacht Club was founded in 1889 by 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 and was 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 250 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.