



2013 Indian Harbor Regatta Events Descriptions

Twilight Series - The Captain Harbor Wednesday Night Series (or CHWNS). The Club's twilight racing is for the **Rodman B. Doremus Trophy**, with handicap-only racing every Wednesday evening from mid-May through the last Wednesday in August. As a rule, racing is casual but intense, with large crews, no spinnakers, and races last about 1 to 1 1/2 hours, followed by a barbecue on the lawn. Boats from Old Greenwich YC (and a few from Belle Haven) join the racing. Indian Harbor and Old Greenwich each provide their Committee Boat and one mark boat for one-half of the season. Prizes are awarded at the Annual Prize Dinner.

Time Commitment: report time 1745 – Sachem usually is docked by 2030 and the fun continues on the seawall

Race Committee: usually 3 or 4 persons are assigned to the RC for each date.

Indian Harbor YC Spring Sprint - This one-day event is for Double-Handed yachts, and is a medium distance sprint of about 20 miles, held on a Saturday in mid-May. This event is becoming a signature event for Indian Harbor YC. The courses are pre-set and described in the SI's, with suitably shorter distances if the wind is not strong on race day. The fleet is divided into two or three divisions, depending on numbers of entries. The event can be also used as an invitational for a one-design class, or other homogenous group that does not need to race DH -- in 2010, the first year of the event, the Swan 42 Class was invited to race. This event was created to replace the Greenwich Cup Spring Weekend. 2012 and the event held its own. Prizes are awarded Annual Prize Dinner.

Time Commitment: report time 1030, Sachem usually docked after 1200 starts by 1300. Finishing 1500 – 1700.

Race Committee: about 4 to 6 people are needed.

YRA Racing - The YRA of Long Island Sound sponsors one-design racing on most Sundays from May to October. In the past few years, the first race day has hardened into being the Sunday after Mothers' Day Sunday. The clubs in Captain Harbor divide up the RC's between them. Belle Haven usually does 4 dates, and Indian Harbor, Riverside, and OGYC evenly split up the rest of the dates. Any one-design fleet can race, but the participants are usually Etchells, Ideal 18's, and Lasers. The Vipers and Shields have not yet made any YRA appearances. In 2012 the Sunday YRAs were expanded to give PHRF boats a start in advance of the one-design starts, on selected Sundays. Prizes for the best Indian Harbor boat in each one design fleet are awarded at the Annual Prize Dinner. The YRA of LIS also gives awards for each qualifying fleet at the YRA of LIS Annual Meeting in December.

Time Commitment: report time 1300 – Sachem usually is docked by 1700.

Race Committee: 4 or 5 persons are assigned to the RC for each date.

Captain Harbor Friday Night Series - (or CHFNS) . There are four Friday nights in this annual series, two in June and two in July, each hosted by one of the large clubs in Captain Harbor -- Indian Harbor, Riverside, Old Greenwich, and Belle Haven. The event used to be called the Tri-Club Twilight Series before OGYC became involved. The host club provides the RC, and a massive barbecue lawn party after sailing. Prizes are awarded at the Event: 1st, 2d & 3d for each of the 3 Divisions. The Protest Chair needs to be prepared to resolve protests that affect the prizes on the spot.

Time Commitment: report time 1745 – Sachem usually is docked by 2030 and the fun continues on the seawall

Race Committee: usually 4 - 5 persons are needed for IHYC's date.

Law Trophy - The Junior YRA of Long Island Sound (JYRA-LIS) sponsors this event, which is hosted annually by Indian Harbor YC. It is one of the Club's signature events. The **Commodore Law Trophy** was donated by Indian Harbor Commodore Robert Law for this purpose many years ago. The event is usually run on the first Monday and Tuesday of July. Monday morning is devoted to on-shore training, and racing follows in the afternoon and on Tuesday. The event is open to junior sailors from all YRA of LIS clubs. There are several divisions and about 50 sailors. Prizes are awarded at the event

Time Commitment: report time usually 0830 each day – two full day.

Race Committee: usually 8 or 10 persons are assigned to the RC for each date.

Go-Your-Own-Way Races - Indian Harbor YC inaugurated this series a few years ago, open to all yachts - all Clubs - no entry fee. It is popular with some, but should be more heavily promoted. It's fun. It is scheduled for at least 2 Saturdays, one in July and one in August. From the start south of Red Rock at 1600 hours, boats sail around the Captain Islands whichever way they want to go; and finish at Greenwich Harbor Channel Buoy 2. The race takes about 2 hours. Up to now, prizes have been awarded after racing, at an informal barbecue - cum - Sunfish Bar get-together, and have tended to be bottles of rum. A minimum 2-person Race Committee.

YRA of LIS Championships - About 10 years ago, the YRA of Long Island Sound inaugurated this popular annual 2-day championship weekend, usually on the first full weekend of August. There are both handicap and one-design starts. Racing occurs on 3 circles: PHRF south of Captain Harbor (RC is Riverside YC); small one-designs off Blue Fish Shoal (RC is Indian Harbor YC); and large one-designs off American YC (RC is AYC). All participants come together at Riverside YC after racing, for food, libations and daily prizes. Prizes are taken care-of by YRA-LIS. The Indian Harbor RC for this event is for the Vipers, Ideal 18 and Lasers.

Time Commitment: report time usually 1030 each day – two full day.

Race Committee: usually 6 or 8 persons are assigned to the RC for each date.

Annual Cruise - Each year, four perpetual trophies are available on the Indian Harbor Annual Cruise, held the first or second week of August, but there needs to be more than a few boats participating for all prizes to be awarded. The Race Committee that accompanies the Fleet on Sachem (usually only one couple -- bunk space is limited!) assigns the divisions, and sets the courses each day, which are enroute to the next

harbor stop. There are 3 division trophies, and there should be about 4 boats per division (not less than 3 though). The **Austin L Smithers Trophy** is for the PHRF Division I winner; and the Division II winner gets the **Commodore Agnew Fisher Trophy**. Formerly, Division III was assigned the **Commodore J. Burr Bartram Trophy**, but with fewer boats opting to "race," this perpetual has more recently been awarded to the yacht that had the most outstanding overall performance during the cruise. The Race Committee decides this prize, and there is no second/third. If there is a cruise, whether or not there is racing, there should always be a winner for Outstanding Crew Member, which is the **Gregg Britton Memorial Trophy**. The Cruise Chair selects the Britton winner. These prizes are all awarded at the Annual Prize Dinner.

Annual Mini Cruise - Held annually on Labor Day Weekend. The race goes out to a nearby rendezvous on Saturday; and returns on Sunday, leaving Monday for family. Like the Annual Cruise, arm twisting is usually needed: after all, the boats are going the way of the course anyhow to the evening lay-over, so why not "race"? The Race Committee that accompanies the Fleet on Sachem (usually only one couple -- bunk space is limited!) should organize the Start and Finish lines; and the appropriate exit from Captain Harbor. Otherwise, it's a straight-shot race. The **Peter Ornstein Memorial Trophy** is the perpetual trophy for the race. Prizes are awarded at the Annual Prize Dinner.

The Classic Yacht Regatta - Only a couple of years old, and it's already well on its' way to becoming one of Indian Harbor YC's signature events. Due to the untiring efforts of Ted and Sheila Graves, this event, held in mid-September, is now a fixture on the Long Island Sound Classic Yacht Circuit. A Club perpetual trophy dating from 1909, the **Frank Bowne Jones Founder's Cup** is presented to the winner; and second place gains the **Spartan Trophy**. Some years ago, the LIS Catboat Association held a one-day event at Indian Harbor every year. You can see the mementos on the back of the Club Bar. That event is now rolled into this regatta. Due to the unique racing rules for catboats, which have a start in this event, even if not for sheer spectacle, RC for this event has become very popular and nostalgic, a favorite among Commodores.

The "Gearbuster" - This is the Club's long distance race, and is the Club's primary "signature event." It is run annually in early October, on the Saturday of Columbus Day Weekend. The event was historically and is more formally known as the Indian Harbor Stratford Shoal Race; but it has acquired the nick-name "Gearbuster" due to its (usually) boisterous weather, which can and sometimes does cause unforeseen damage. Not surprisingly, the race starts off Flat Neck Point, goes around Stratford Shoal, and returns to the finish inside Captain Harbor, about 60 miles. There is a shorter course for the non-spinnaker division. The majority of entries are from other Long Island Sound Clubs. At stake are two of the Club's finest perpetual prizes: the **Windward Trophy**, and **The William H. Todd Trophy**, which are on display in the arches above the Main Dining Room. Up to 1999, the race was an over-night affair; now, the RC starts the race at 1100 hours, and then retires to the Club for lunch, and splits up the finishing line duties into two-person, 2-hour watches. Most boats finish in the 5 pm to 9 pm time band. Prizes are awarded at the Annual Prize Dinner. Usually, 8 people are needed for the RC so that the finish line can be

manned in 2-person shifts.

Time Commitment: report time usually 0930 for the morning start, finishing usually begins around 1800 with 2 hour 2-people shifts. (Dedication has taking the last shift well into the early next morning!)

Race Committee: 8 people

Club Championship - Each year, those Club Members who have distinguished themselves during the prior year in their individual regattas such as Ladies, Frostbite, Etchells, Handicap, Focus on Sailing, Twilight, Club Cruise, and so on, are invited by the Fleet Captain to compete for the **G. Gordon Fisher Trophy**. This should be a one-day event; the Fleet Captain is the organizer. Historically the boat used was rotated annually through Luders 16's, Etchells, Dyers, Sunfish, etc., but since the late 1990's the event has rightfully and properly used the Club's Ideal 18 fleet, even though this does give an advantage to FOS sailors. Prizes are awarded at the Annual Prize Dinner. Usually, 6 people are needed for the RC to run this event.

Club Match Racing Championship - This event also uses the Club's Ideal 18 Fleet. Any Club Member is eligible to sign up for the event, and it is the Fleet Captain's responsibility to organize the event and get some entries signed up. Each entry races at least once against each other entry. Depending on the number of entries, there could be more than one round of races. **The Higgins Cup** is awarded to the winner. The racing may or may not be umpired. Prizes are awarded at the Annual Prize Dinner. Usually, 6 people are needed to run this event.

Ladies Sailing - The ladies sail most Tuesday afternoons in the summer. The boat of choice is the standard Sunfish. The Marine Staff helps them with the starting line, and there is no RC involvement. The **Chaperone Trophy** is awarded to the season winner. There is also the **Loomis Trophy** for Most Improved in her First Season. Prizes are awarded at the Annual Prize Dinner.

Frostbite Sailing - The Indian Harbor Frost Bite Yacht Club (IHFBYC) races from the first Sunday in November through the first Sunday in April; plus New Year's Day. Over the last 8 to 10 years, the first Sunday in November has included Saturday to form The All Souls' Invitational Regatta. The Sunday of President's Day Weekend is a morning and afternoon regatta for the **Pierson Trophy**. On all the other Sundays and New Year's Day, racing runs from 2 to 4 pm. The New Years Day Regatta is for the **Van Waveren Trophy**. The **Millard Trophy** (or Holiday Bowl), is awarded for the best combined score in the All Souls, New Year's and Presidents' Day events. The best ladies' season score attracts the **Cunningham Trophy**. The **Harry L Moore Frostbite Trophy** is for the best Fall / Spring series combined champion. The Season Championship is the **William Dyer Trophy**. The first weekend in April is a fun "race" out to Little Captain Island for the **Brignoli Trophy**. Two persons are needed for the Race Committee each Sunday.