

RACING REPORT—MAY 2024

Since last month we have had some exciting races. The annual St. Martins race is our longest race of about 20 miles. Conditions were excellent and the first boat over the line was Paper Moon skippered by Captain Shawn Rodel in an elapsed time of 3 hours and 16 minutes some 23 minutes in front of the fleet. After handicaps were applied, the finishing order was Fine Alee, skippered by Dean Perry, sailing a masterful race to finish ahead of Paper Moon by 1 second on corrected time. Second. Place went to Paper Moon, with Airbourne sailed by Steve Polk in third. The multihull winner was Captain Dan Wallace sailing cool Breeze. The after-race party was held at GHYC where a nice dinner and good time was had by all.

HBYC boats also participated in the GHYC spring regatta where points were scored for the racer of the year. We managed to get in 2 races that day under difficult conditions. Boats on the course saw 17 to 20 knots of wind with reports of gusts over 30 knots. Several boats had to retire. A fabulous awards ceremony was held that evening. For the first race the HBYC podium was Paper Moon, followed by Fine Alee and Ventolara, captained by Roger Massicotte. In the second race, Fine Alee took the win followed by Inspiration, captained by Guy Colson, and Paper Moon to round out the HBYC podium. Cool Breeze, captained by Dan Wallace, finished first in the multihull class in the first race and retired due to rudder issues in the second race.

Congratulations to all those participating.

Our next race is scheduled for June 8 for the Scandia Cup. Hope to see everyone there.

The women at the helm, WATH, race has been postponed till fall as Paper Moon and StarGazer are competing in the annual Bone Island race to Key West

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