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'Sailabration'- Marion Bermuda Style

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RHADC, Bermuda, June 28, 2009: Sailors and guests were certainly in a 'sailabration' spirit last night as His Excellency the Governor of Bermuda Sir Richard Gozney and Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club Commodore David Skinner presented three-deep trophies for each of the four classes, nineteen fleet, special or regional prizes and four seamanship/sportsmanship Awards of Merit.

About two hundred of the guests arrived at the Royal Naval Dockyard after a harbour cruise aboard the excursion boat Elizabeth. But they couldn't see much of Hamilton's waterfront or the usually scenic islands along the way because of a tank filling downpour and driving wind. Everyone was forced inside of the main salon of the vessel, yet spirits were still high when the rain subsided as Elizabeth approached the dock.



Ray Cullum, Marketing Director for the race, said the windy squall during the cruise to the Dockyard was nature's way of letting all the non-sailors get a taste of the conditions that sailors had experienced on the ocean.

The prize giving was held in the main foyer at the historic Commissioners House at Dockyard. The house is now one of Bermuda's main museums that tells the story of Bermuda's colorful four hundred year history much of which focuses on sailing... from

pirating privateers and tall ships to modern cruising and racing yachts of all kinds and sizes.

The prizes that these sailors took home were well deserved for excellent performance in a very tough race. Chris Culver, skipper of **Cetacea** the winner of Class A, the Iboatrack Marion to Bermuda Team Trophy, and the SAIL Magazine Bermuda Ocean Cruising Yacht Trophy and the R H A D C "PAST COMMODORES" Trophy for the best performance by an electronically navigated yacht said, "Winning is a bonus... Arriving was the challenge.



The big winner of the 2009 race had to be Martin Jacobson's **Crescendo**. Jacobson took home the KAPLAN MEMORIAL MIN RON III TROPHY for first place in class B, THE BLUE WATER SAILING CLUB BOARD OF GOVERNORS TROPHY for the first yacht to finish, THE BEVERLY "POLARIS" TROPHY for best performance by a celestially navigated yacht, THE NAVIGATOR'S TROPHY to the Navigator, Jeremy Whitty, of the first celestially navigated yacht, and the Gosling's Rum FOUNDERS TROPHY for the monohull yacht with the best overall corrected time.

The Robert N. Bavier, Jr. Seamanship – Sportsmanship Trophy

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However, Tom Farquhar, Chairman of the MBCYRA, presented AWARDS OF MERIT to Craig Slater skipper of



Phantom, Philip Clorite skipper of Lucky Dog, David Risch skipper of Corsair, and George Denny skipper of Restive. These four crews suspended racing and diverted in response to an emergency flare they sighted. They took time from the race searching for its source, a single handed sailor later rescued by a cruise ship.

Skies cleared during the ceremony and once all of the prizes were awarded and photos taken with the perpetual trophies, sailors, guests and the many volunteers who make this race possible enjoyed a gala banquet in the Keep, the parade ground below the Commissioner's House. The party spirit continued with dancing after dinner and the starlight harbour cruise back to the Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club.

The next Marion to Bermuda Cruising Yacht Race will be held in June 2011 with the exact date to be announced following meetings in Marion.

Race and activity information for the 2009 Marion to Bermuda Cruising Yacht Race is on-line at <http://www.marionbermuda.com>.

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2009 MARION-BERMUDA CRUISING YACHT RACE

TROPHY PRESENTATION LIST

R H A D C COMMODORE DAVID F. SKINNER
presiding

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF BERMUDA
SIR RICHARD GOZNEY

RACING CLASS TROPHIES:

CLASS D

3rd in D – THAI HOT, a Island Packet 40, skippered by Robert Fleno from Sterling, NJ.

2nd in D – WINDSONG II a Hallberg Rassy 352, skippered by Lou Roberts from Woodbridge ,CT

THE JOEL B. SYKES MEMORIAL TROPHY awarded to the winner of class D:

1st in D – SILHOUETTE, a Cherubini 44, skippered by David Caso from Duxbury, Massachusetts

COOK's in D: The COOK of HOTSPUR, a Rhodes 41, the last yacht to finish overall.

CLASS C

3rd in C – KATRINKA, a custom Yawl, skippered by Noah Evans from New York City.

2nd in C – AVALON, a Baltic 43, skippered by Barry Feldman from Newton, Massachusetts

“THE GIBSON MEMORIAL BLUE WATER TROPHY” awarded to the winner of class C:

1st in C, SEEADLER a Tartan 37, skippered by Bill Read from Gladwyne Pennsylvania.

COOK's in C: The COOK of EXPERIENCE, a custom Alden Schooner.

CLASS B

3rd in B – TRIPLE LINDY, a Swan 44, skippered by Joseph Mele from New York City

2nd in B – DEFIANCE, a Navy 44, skippered by Robert King from Annapolis, MD.

“THE KAPLAN MEMORIAL MIN RON III TROPHY” awarded to the winner of class B:

1st in B - CRESCENDO, a Swan 44, skippered by Martin Jacobson from Greenwich, CT.

COOK's in B: The COOK of VOYAGER, an Oceanis 461.

CLASS A

3rd in A – SIRENA BELLA, a J44, skippered by Joe Murli from Mystic, CT

2nd in A – WHISPER, a Canning 48, skippered by Sheldon Brotman from Pittsfield, MA

1st in A – CETACEA, a Hinckley 59, skippered by Christopher Culver from New York City

COOK's in A: The cook of OCEAN JASPER, a Sundeer 60.

REGIONAL AND CLUB TROPHIES:

Race rules specify that a yacht may only be awarded one Regional or Club Trophy, and cannot be awarded one if she is receiving one of the Fleet or Special Trophies.

THE ADAMS BOWL – For the best performance by a New England yacht:

WHISPER, skippered by Sheldon Brotman, from Pittsfield, MA

THE TOWN OF MARION TROPHY – For the best performance by a Buzzards Bay yacht:

AVALON, skippered by Barry Feldman from Newton, MA

THE DEBORAH ANNE DOMENIE MEMORIAL TROPHY – For the best performance by a yacht from the New York area, including Long Island Sound and New Jersey:

TRIPLE LINDY, skippered by Joseph Mele from New York City

THE NAVAL ACADEMY TROPHY - For the best performance by a Chesapeake Bay yacht:

SEEADLER, skippered by Bill Read from Gladwyne, PA

THE BERMUDA LONGTAIL TROPHY – For the best performance by a Beverly Yacht Club yacht:

VIVALDI, skippered by Gian Luca Fiori from Brookline, Massachusetts

SPECIAL TROPHIES:

THE L. BYRON KINGERY SHORT-HANDED TROPHY (crews of four):

A trophy for the best performance by a short-handed yacht:

WINDSONG II skippered by Lou Roberts from Woodbridge, CT

THE IRC TROPHY – Yachts that elected to race for this trophy are scored under the IRC rule.

WHISPER, skippered by Sheldon Brotman from Pittsfield, Massachusetts

THE BARTRAM TROPHY – For the best performance by a Service Academy or an ROTC yacht:

DEFIANCE Skippered by Robert King from Annapolis, Maryland

THE I-BOAT TRACK MARION-BERMUDA TEAM TROPHY to a team of three yachts from one club or association with the lowest combined corrected time. Six teams in competition. Presented by James Feeney, the developer of I-Boat Track.

New York YC Team with a combined time of 13 days 7 hours 3 minutes.

CRESCENDO – skippered by Martin Jacobson

CETACEA – skippered by Christopher Culver

DRAGON – skippered by Hugh Balloch

MINI-CLASSES: The best corrected time by a yacht in a “mini-class” of three or more yachts of the same design

HINCKLEY YACHTS

Hinckley Sou’wester 51

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THE BENETEAU TROPHY – As described by the deed of gift: For the first Beneteau yacht to properly finish.

ATTITUDE, skippered by Shawn Dahlen from Duxbury, Massachusetts

BERMUDA OCEAN CRUISING YACHT TROPHY presented by SAIL Magazine to the skipper with the best combined performance in consecutive Marion to Bermuda and the Cruiser Division of the Newport Bermuda Race.

Christopher Culver from New York City skipper of CETACEA, a Hinckley 59.

FLEET TROPHIES:

THE BLUE WATER SAILING CLUB BOARD OF GOVERNORS TROPHY FOR THE FIRST YACHT TO FINISH "LINE HONOURS" :

CRESCENDO, a Swan 44, skippered by Martin Jacobson from
Greenwich, CT.

This trophy also includes a Coming Home Pennant to be proudly
displayed. This Pennant has already been presented.

THE R H A D C "PAST COMMODORES" TROPHY for best performance by an electronically navigated yacht:

CETACEA, a Hinckley 59, skippered by Christopher Culver from New
York City

This trophy also includes a Coming Home Pennant to be proudly
displayed. This Pennant has already been presented.

THE BEVERLY "POLARIS" TROPHY for best performance by a celestially navigated yacht:

CRESCENDO, a Swan 44, skippered by Martin Jacobson from
Greenwich, CT.

This trophy also includes a Coming Home Pennant to be proudly
displayed.

THE NAVIGATOR'S TROPHY to the Navigator of the first celestially navigated yacht:

The Navigator of CRESCENDO, Jeremy Whitty from Sydney, Australia

THE ANCIENT MARINER'S GOLDEN TEAPOT TROPHY– Awarded to the crew having the highest average age that finishes the race.

THAI HOT, an Island Packet 40, skippered by Robert Pleno, from
Sterling, NJ. Their average age is 60 years and nearly 5 months

THE FOUNDERS TROPHY – For the monohull yacht with the best overall corrected time.

CRESCENDO, a Swan 44, skippered by Martin Jacobson, Greenwich,
CT.

THE ROBERT N. BAVIER SEAMANSHIP/SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHY (optional)

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About Marion to Bermuda 2009

Since its inception in 1977, the Marion – Bermuda Race has been a Corinthian event and yachts are accepted by invitation. The spirit of the race is that all yachts and crew are participating for the joy and pleasure of sailing, competition, and the camaraderie that accompanies such an offshore event.

The race provides an opportunity for cruising yachts and amateur crews to participate in an ocean race and a rendezvous in Bermuda. It encourages the development of blue water sailing skills on seaworthy yachts that can be handled safely offshore with limited crew. Yachts may not be entered with an intention of furthering a commercial or trade purpose for captain, crew or sponsor.

The Marion to Bermuda Cruising Yacht Race is organized by The Beverly Yacht Club, The Blue Water Sailing Club and The Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club for the Marion Bermuda Cruising Yacht Race Association.