



**2017 MARION-BERMUDA YACHT RACE**

**TROPHY PRESENTATION CEREMONY SCRIPT**

**MBCYR CHAIRMAN DAVID PATTON**

**AND**

**RHADC COMMODORE NEIL REBURN PRESIDING**

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Mr. John Rankin**

## 1. Neil Redburn – Opening remarks and welcome

Good Evening.

Welcome to the 2017 Marion Bermuda prizegiving. I'd like to begin by introducing our honoured guests:

- His Excellency The Governor of Bermuda, Mr. John Rankin and his ADC
- The United States Consul General, Mary Ellen Koenig
- Mayor Charles & Mrs. Gosling:
- Kevin Dallas – CEO, Bda Tourism Authority
- Patricia Phillip-Fairn, Bda Tourism Authority
- Daniel Johnson, Bda Tourism Authority
  
- I am especially pleased to also welcome Vice Commodore Nigel Hamilton of The Royal Ulster Yacht Club (to be confirmed) and Commodore Norbert Bajurin of The Golden Gate Yacht Club and trustee of The America's Cup.
  
- And finally, my fellow Flag officers, here at RHADC without whom we could not do any of this...

And of course, you, the sailors. It's great to see so many familiar faces, and there are some new friends out there too. I hope I've been able to talk to most of you over the last few days.

Gosh, it was slow wasn't it?! Painful at times...even...but we are here now.

I'm going to repeat some remarks I made in Marion 10 days ago. Families around Marion have hosted Bermuda crews, including our own, for many years, friendships have been formed, and we have been the recipients of wonderful hospitality. Thank you. I hope, therefore, that we have gone some way to return that hospitality and friendship this week.

Welcome and thank you.

I'd like to introduce H.E. The Governor of Bermuda, John Rankin for a few remarks

I'd like to introduce David Patton, MBR Chairman for a few remarks:

## 2. David Patton: Welcome Remarks

Welcome to the Prize Giving and final official events

of the 2017 Marion Bermuda Race. Trust that whether you were the Captain, crew, family, or guests that you have enjoyed the Race and the events leading up the Race such as the S@S Seminar; Marion events last week and of course the Dinghy Club events this week as much as the three contributing clubs – BWSC; Beverly Yacht Club and the Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club and their members have had in planning, organizing and bringing to you the 2015 Race. In particular, our Executive Director of the Marion Bermuda Race Allen McLean. Additional, I'm delighted to welcome the commodore's - Aedan Gleeson, of the The Blue Water Sailing Club and Dan Cooney, Commodore of The Beverly Yacht Club, and Neil Redburn, RHADC.

But without a doubt you are the ones that make this Race so special and what it is. As a matter of fact, the boats were so well prepared and sailed by competitors that there were no compliance or protest issues. We appreciate your participation and support and look forward to seeing you and others that you know here for the 2019 Race. For your planning purposes, the start of the 2019 Marion Bermuda Race will be Friday June 14, 2019. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you there at the starting line.

## Bavier Recognition:

The Robert N. Bavier Junior Seamanship-Sportsmanship Trophy may be awarded to any registered yacht in any Division at the discretion of the Trustees in recognition of truly outstanding seamanship or sportsmanship, independent of a yacht's finishing position.

The rescue of five crew members from the foundering yacht Restive by captain and crew of the yacht, Sparky, during the return to North America following participation by both yachts in the 2015 Marion Bermuda Race:

Yacht: Sparky

Captain/Owner: Rob McAlpine

Restives's Skipper, George Denny

## Trustee Recognition:

Three of the Marion Bermuda Trustees, after many years of service to the Race, have left the Board of Trustees this past year.

Longtime active contributors to the MB Race are:

-Charlie Bascom from Marion, who for many years was responsible for trophies and prizes.

-John Carey from Bermuda, who for many years ran the compliance committee in Bermuda.

-Jack Braitmier – involved since 1979. Jack raced his own sailboat until 1993; he became involved with the Race Committee and joined the Board of Trustees in the early 80's.

Jack was chairman of the board of Trustees for 10 years. With possibly the exception of the Race founders, I believe, that no single individual has impacted and done more for the MB Race than Jack. The Board of Trustees have unanimously voted to confer Jack as a Trustee Emeritus of the Marion Bermuda Race.

3. David Patton: Turn over ceremony to Neil Redburn.

4. Neil Redburn: Describe “award-giving procedure” to the attendees:

- Announce trophy
- Announce prize winner
- Ask winner to come forward for the trophy and have picture taken with the Governor

Neil Redburn: Conduct Award Presentations.

**FOUNDERS DIVISION  
CLASS TROPHIES**

**CLASS D**

3<sup>rd</sup> place

CYNOSURE, a Pearson Rhodes 41' Yawl, skippered by Logan Greenlee from Hingham, MA.

2<sup>nd</sup> place

TIARA, a Cape Dory 36, skippered by John Ring from Beverly, MA.

1<sup>st</sup> place

SELKIE, a Morris Yachts Ocean, skippered by G.J. "Chip" Bradish from Jamaica Plain, MA.

Class D Cook's Trophy

HOTSPUR II, a Columbia Columbia 50, skippered by Ron Wisner from Marion, MA.

**CLASS C**

3<sup>rd</sup> place

BERMUDA OYSTER, a Oyster 435, skippered by Paul Hubbard from

2<sup>nd</sup> place

JOVINI, a Little Harbor 46, skippered by John Rizzi from Carlisle, MA.

1<sup>st</sup> place

ESCAPADE II, a Morris Morris 46 Ocean Series, skippered by Tom Bowler from Palm Beach, FL.

Class C Cook's Trophy

MERIDIAN, a Tartan 4600, skippered by Murray Beach from Westwood, MA.

## **CLASS B**

3<sup>rd</sup> place

LEGACY II, a Beneteau First 42, skippered by Tom Denney from Marion, MA.

2<sup>nd</sup> place

YAQUINA, a Beneteau First 42, skippered by Charles Samuelson from Cohasset, MA.

1<sup>st</sup> place

INTEGRITY, a Navy 44 MK II STC, skippered by Christopher Cantillo from Annapolis, MD.

Class B Cook's Trophy

EARENDIL, a Nautor Swan 441, skippered by Gary Wenger from Harvard, MA.

## **CLASS A**

3<sup>rd</sup> place

SCARLET, a Baltic B47, skippered by Barry Feldman from Newton Centre, MA.

2<sup>nd</sup> place

PESCATORE, a Hinckley SW 59, skippered by George Tougas from Marion, MA.

1<sup>st</sup> place:

CYNTHIA, a Grand Soleil 46.3, skippered by Steven Landis from Rowayton, CT.

Class A Cook's Trophy

PESCATORE, a Hinckley SW 59, skippered by George Tougas from Marion, MA.



## **FOUNDERS DIVISION SPECIAL TROPHIES**

The **L. BRYON KINGERY JR. MEMORIAL TROPHY** is awarded for the best performance by a short-handed yacht with a three or four person crew.

SELKIE, a Morris Yachts Ocean, skippered by G.J. "Chip" Bradish from Jamaica Plain, MA.

The **DOUBLE-HANDED TROPHY** is awarded to the first yacht to finish with a two person crew.

SPIRIT, a Nautor Swan Swan 38, skippered by Manny Hontoria and Tim Harris from Medford, MA.

The **BEVERLY FAMILY TROPHY** is award to the "family" yacht finishing first. A "family" yacht is defined as one with a crew of five or more members with all or all-but-one member from a single household or a single family. Persons related to a common grandparent and spouses of these persons will be considered "family."

FAITH AND HOPE, a Le Compte Northeast 38 MkII, skippered by James Putnam and Frank Putnam from Hanahan, SC.

The **COMMODORE FAITH PAULSEN TROPHY** is awarded to the yacht crewed entirely by females finishing first.

ETOILE, a Stellar Sloop, skippered by Anne Kolker from New York, NY.

The **OFFSHORE YOUTH CHALLENGE TROPHY** is awarded to the first "youth" yacht.

INTEGRITY, a Navy 44 MK II STC, skippered by Christopher Cantillo from Annapolis, MD.

## **FOUNDERS DIVISION SPECIAL TROPHIES**

The **KINGMAN YACHT CENTER MARION BERMUDA TEAM TROPHY** is awarded to a team of three yachts from one club or association with the lowest combined corrected time. This year we had eight teams in competition. The winner is team *BWSC A*. Will the skippers of the following yachts please come forward for the trophy:

JOVINI, a Little Harbor 46, skippered by John Rizzi

POUCHY, a Hallberg-Rassy 43 Mk II, skippered by Stephen Ricci

SPIRIT, a Nautor Swan Swan 38, skippered by Manny Hontoria and Tim Harris

The **BARTRAM TROPHY** is awarded to a Service Academy or an ROTC yacht.

INTEGRITY, a Navy 44 MK II STC, skippered by Christopher Cantillo from Annapolis, MD.

The **ANCIENT MARINERS GOLDEN TEAPOT TROPHY** is awarded to the crew having the highest average age that finishes the race.

KIVA, a Hinckley Southwestern 51 centerboard, skippered by Mark Stevens and Hank Halsted from Newport, RI.

Their average age is 68 years and 0 months.

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

KIVA, a Hinckley Southwestern 51 centerboard, skippered by Mark Stevens and Hank Halsted from Newport, RI.

## **FOUNDERS DIVISION "MINI-CLASS" TROPHIES**

The **BENETEAU CLASS TROPHY** is awarded for the best performance by a yacht manufactured by Beneteau.

YAQUINA, a Beneteau First 42, skippered by Charles Samuelson from Cohasset, MA.

The **HINCKLEY/MORRIS CLASS TROPHY** is awarded for the best performance by a yacht manufactured by Hinckley/Morris.

SELKIE, a Morris Yachts Ocean, skippered by G.J. "Chip" Bradish from Jamaica Plain, MA.

The **SWAN CLASS TROPHY** is awarded for the best performance by a yacht manufactured by Nautor's Swan.

SPIRIT, a Nautor Swan Swan 38, skippered by Manny Hontoria and Tim Harris from Medford, MA.

The **OYSTER CLASS TROPHY** is awarded for the best performance by a yacht manufactured by Oyster.

BERMUDA OYSTER, a Oyster 435, skippered by Paul Hubbard from Pembroke, Bermuda.

## **FOUNDERS DIVISION REGIONAL AND CLUB TROPHIES**

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

The **ADAMS BOWL** is awarded for the best performance by a New England yacht.

TIARA, a Cape Dory 36, skippered by John Ring from Beverly, MA.

The **DEBORAH ANNE DOMENIE MEMORIAL TROPHY** is awarded for the best performance by a yacht from New York, New Jersey or Connecticut.

AMETHYST, a Hinckley Bermuda 40 MKIII Sloop, skippered by Kelly Shackelford from New Canaan, CT.

The **NAVAL ACADEMY TROPHY** is awarded for the best performance by a yacht from Chesapeake Bay.

GALLANT, a Pearson Composites Navy 44, skippered by Robert LaGuardia from Annapolis, MD.

The **CORPORATION OF HAMILTON TROPHY** is awarded for the best performance by a yacht from Bermuda.

BERMUDA OYSTER, a Oyster 435, skippered by Paul Hubbard from Pembroke, Bermuda.

The **TOWN OF MARION TROPHY** is awarded for the best performance by a yacht from Buzzards Bay.

SPARKY, a Hinckley SW-42, skippered by Rob McAlpine from Midland, TX.

The **COMMODORE'S CUP** is awarded for the best performance by a yacht from the Blue Water Sailing Yacht Club.

SPIRIT, a Nautor Swan Swan 38, skippered by Manny Hontoria and Tim Harris from Medford, MA.

The **BERMUDA LONGTAIL TROPHY** is awarded for the best performance by a yacht from the Beverly Yacht Club.

HOTSPUR II, a Columbia Columbia 50, skippered by Ron Wisner from Marion, MA.

## **FOUNDERS DIVISION OVERALL TROPHIES**

The **BYC POLARIS TROPHY** is awarded to the yacht with the best celestially-navigated performance.

SELKIE, a Morris Yachts Ocean, skippered by G.J. "Chip" Bradish from Jamaica Plain, MA.

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

The **NAVIGATOR'S TROPHY** is awarded to the Navigator of the yacht with the best celestially-navigated performance.

Max Mulhern on SELKIE from Cambridge, MA.

**Celestial navigators** having successfully completed the race are awarded a lapel pin in recognition.

Viktor Turner (Navigator) on GALLANT

Ron Wisner (Skipper) on HOTSPUR II

Joshua Corbett (Navigator) on INTEGRITY

Mark Gabrielson (Navigator) on POUCHY

Max Mulhern (Navigator) on SELKIE

David Risch (Navigator) on SPARKY

Bob Dugan (Navigator) on TIARA

## **OVERALL TROPHIES**

The **BWSC BOARD OF GOVERNORS TROPHY** is awarded to the yacht with the shortest-elapsed time. This year she was also the first to finish.

JAMBI, a Hinckley Bermuda 50, skippered by John Levinson from Westport, CT.

The **FOUNDERS TROPHY** is awarded to the yacht with the best overall corrected time.

SELKIE, a Morris Yachts Ocean, skippered by G.J. "Chip" Bradish from Jamaica Plain, MA.

## Neil Redburn: Closing Remarks

For those of you leaving Bermuda in the next day or so, I would like to wish you a safe and uneventful voyage home. For those staying a few extra days to enjoy the America's Cup, we'll have some more fun tomorrow! Monday is a Public Holiday here, and there is, if you are interested in seeing something a little different, Bermuda Fitted Dinghy Racing in Mangrove Bay at noon.

Finally - A date for your diary, then, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Sunset is at 8:28 this evening for colours.

Thank you.

The **21<sup>th</sup> MARION-BERMUDA CRUISING YACHT RACE** awards ceremony has now concluded.