

New York States

Seneca Y.C., Geneva, NY

July 17-18, 2004

by John "Little Mac" MacCausland

Eighteen boats made the trip to Seneca Yacht Club this year. The weather forecast looked great for the weekend, plenty of sun but not much wind.

Saturday morning did not look too bad, a light southerly which the locals thought would build. As soon as we got on the water the wind started to drop. By the time we arrived at the weather mark there was almost no wind. The race committee shortened the course to finish back at the starting line. Brian Cramer & Brad Nichol took the gun followed by John MacCausland & Bruce Hatfield in second with Jeff Schuchardt & Jim Favaro rounding out the tip three.

That was it for the wind and the racing on Saturday. Saturday we were all invited to Rick & Jan Burgess's home for a steak cook out. Rick & Jan's home is on the shore of Seneca Lake. It was a great setting for the evening. After dining Rick treated us all to our own fire works display.

Sunday was not much better, no wind with rain on the way. By noon the committee called off all racing. Too bad there was not more wind. This is a great lake that could be a lot of fun with a little wind. A good job was done by the fleet members throughout the weekend providing us with breakfast, lunch and dinner each day. Hopefully the wind gods will shine on us next year.

Ben Cesare and Roger Sharp**Win the 2004 Ned Hay Regatta**

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(Photo and information by Jan Walker)

Twenty boats participated in a weekend of challenging sailing, with plenty of talent on the line. This was to be a five race series, but only four races were completed. Two races were run on Saturday, and two on Sunday. Only in the first race was there a good breeze and the rest of the races were run in light conditions. Fresh from winning the 1st District Blue Star event, Ben Cesare, sailing with Roger Sharp, took the Ned Hay Trophy with four bullets, but often with very tight finishes. Five fleets were represented by the top five series finishers!



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Regatta winners Roger Sharp and Ben Cesare
with the Ned Hay Perpetual Trophy

2004 NED HAY RESULTS

Pl.	No.	Yacht	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	R1	R2	R3	R4	Pts.
1	7952	Kimmar	Ben Cesare	Roger Sharp	Mid	1	1	1	1	4
2	8052	Don't Look Back	Ron Sandstrom	Steve Braverman	BH	2	2	3	4	11
3	8063	Grinch	Bert Collins	Guy Avellon	AN	3	4	2	3	12
4	7847	Rosebud Café	John Safford	Patrick Bodden	CA	4	3	4	2	13
5	7628	Newf	Mike Feeney	Rob Bowers	Sun	7	7	10	5	29
6	7265	More Pressure	Josh Phypers	Fritz Koopman	CA	5	12	7	10	34
7	7817	Southern Cross	Jacob Fiumara	Will Christenson	CA	6	13	6	12	37
8	7076	One Plus Gemini	Ted Engel	Steven Engel	CA	10	16	9	6	41
9	7963	It's About Time	Bruce Engel	Adam Drucker	CA	12	11	11	7	41
10	7386	Connection	Jim Kubik	Mason Browne	CA	17	8	5	14	44
11	7498	Team Poseidon	Fotis Boliakis	Apostolus Koutoulas	CLIS	9	18	13	9	49
12	7330	The Continental	Mike Trotsky	Ken Woods	CA	13	5	ocs	11	50
13	7650	Catherine	Carlos Rivero	Brandon Ward	BH	8	15	14	13	50
14	7951	Mona Lisa	Peter Cusick	Serge Leonidov	Mid	15	6	12	dnf	54
15	7565	Telluride	Jack Button	Chris Batchelor	Mid	ocs	17	8	8	54
16	7959	Bel Ami	Thorsten Cook	Mike Young	CLIS	14	10	dnc	dnc	66
17	7567	Mistral	Davis Buckley	Aaron Serinis	CA	16	9	dnc	dnc	67
18	7444	Bibo 7	Fran Charles	Shawn Porter	MIT	11	14	dnc	dnc	67
19	7555	Spunk	Ed Desmarais	Brian Ellis	CA	19	19	ocs	15	74
20	7621	Owl	John Rokosz	Mark Spoerk	BH	18	20	dnc	dnc	80



Photo: 1931 Star Class Log

Hiking, 1911 Style

George Corry and Mat Rock sailing *Little Dipper* in Little Neck Bay in 1911
 (Crews take note: we fully expect that you will wear ties in the upcoming events.)

70th J. Rulon Miller Series
 July 10-11, 2004
 by Johnny MacCausland

Each year this event is sailed at Gibson Island, MD, the first weekend after the fourth of July. This year we had eleven boats participating. Gibson Island is a private island north of the Bay Bridge on the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay. We launch on one side of the island and tow for about one hour out to the racecourse.

On Saturday by the time we were out on the racecourse a light easterly started to fill in. This is not the best direction on the bay but it would have to do. Throughout the day the wind slowly increased and moved to the right. By the end of the third race we had seven to eight knots of wind.

Racing was close throughout the fleet with many places changing hands on each leg. At the end of the day John MacCausland with Scott Leppet were in the lead with Tom Price and Will Wagner second followed by Aaron Serinis and Joe Balderson in third.

We all enjoyed a great dinner Saturday night overlooking the Chesapeake Bay at the Gibson Island Yacht Club.

Sunday's forecast was not too promising. The race committee towed us out to the bay so we that we would be ready if any wind arrived. After two and a half hours of waiting, swimming, and sleeping the race committee towed us back to the club. As it turned out we never had any wind all day. Good job by the committee.

The Gibson Island Yacht Club treated us all to a nice barbecue Sunday afternoon at the trophy presentation. We all had a great time and I would encourage all Star Sailors to give this event a try next year.

Pl.	Skipper	Crew	Fleet	Pts.
1	John MacCausland	Scott Leppet	CR 1-1-1	3
2	Tom Price	Will Wagner	CB 3-3-2	8
3	Aaron Serinis	Joe Balderson	AN 2-5-3	10

TOP MASTER - Tom Price & Will Wagner
 TOP NOVICE - Gunt. Weissenberger & Chris Brown

