



2017 Edgartown Yacht Club Race Weekend

Challenge of Light Air Marks 79th Edition

EDGARTOWN, MASS., (July 24, 2017) — [Edgartown Yacht Club's Race Weekend](#) was dealt a light-air hand during its 79th running over July 20-22. The event has two parts: two days (Thursday and Friday) of 'Round-the-Buoy racing and one day (Saturday) dedicated to a traditional and historic 'Round-the-Island Race.

Diccy" conditions on Thursday left two of three classes with only two races when they couldn't meet the time limit for finishing the first of a total of three races held. On Friday, Edgartown Yacht Club's Principal Race Officer for the buoy races, Ned Brooks, and his team practiced patience, waiting with the sailors on the water for four hours after sailing a morning race that had started in 6-10 knots and ended with almost no wind at all. At 2:30, zephyrs on the water lightened the hearts of some extremely hot sailors, and the Race Committee started the final race of the 'Round-the-Buoy series in six knots of westerly breeze that held steady.

"The Edgartown Yacht Club Race Weekend is always fun to do, but I would not say this was our best year for buoy races," said Brooks.



Clockwise from left: PHRF A Class 3 winner SPOOKIE; PHRF B Class 2 winner Dark 'n Stormy; PHRF N/S Class 1 winner Caneel; PHRF Double-Handed Class 4 Atalanta (credit Stephen Cloutier)

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2017 Edgartown Yacht Club 'Round-the-Buoy Race Results

Class 1 – PHRF N/S

1. CANEEL, Chip Hawkins, Barrington YC
2. FIDELIS, Brian Crowley, Megansett YC
3. FIRST LIGHT, Robert Ryan, Mattapoissett YC

Class 2 – PHRF B

1. DARK 'N STORMY, Joyce/Reservitz/Wagner, Plymouth YC/Buzzards Bay YC
2. BLUE NOTE, Gary Nacikman, Raritan YC

Class 3 – PHRF A

1. SPOOKIE, Steve & Heidi Benjamin, Seawanhaka/Corinthian/Noroton YCs
2. TEMPTATION OAKCLIFF, Arthur Santry, Oakcliff Sailing/NYYC/Ida Lewis YC
3. WHITE RHINO 2, Todd Stuart, NYYC

Class 4 – Double-Handed

1. Atalanta, Richard Sides, Eastern YC