



Edgartown Race Weekend Pleases with Challenging Winds

Rick Egan's Corbeau Wins Venona Trophy; Chip Hawkins' Caneel Collects Three Trophies

MARTHA'S VINEYARD, EDGARTOWN, MASS. (June 23, 2025) – It looked as if the M32 multihull *Yonder*, sailing in this year's 'Round-the-Island ('RTI) race at [Edgartown Race Weekend](#), might set a record, but a large wind hole near the finish of the 55-mile circumnavigation of Martha's Vineyard put a decisive end to that possibility. Nevertheless, *Yonder* won its Multihull Class and took line honors at the June 21 event. Finishing the course in just under five hours and 54



Clockwise from top right: VENONA Trophy winner *Corbeau*, *Caneel*, *Yonder*, and *Temptation/Oakcliff* take on Edgartown Race Weekend's 2025 'Round-the-Island Race. (photos by Miste Photography)

minutes, it validated the 'RTI's 88th edition as one of the nicer, windier editions in recent memory.

"The wind was light from the southwest at the 8 a.m. start, but then clocked to the northwest before the last four (of the seven) racing classes started," said Co-Chair Cindy Alten-DeLotto. "It continued all over the map in direction and strength throughout the race, but the sailors took that on as a challenge and were so grateful and thankful to be here."

The J/V 66 ***Temptation/Oakcliff***, which finished fifth in PHRF Spinnaker Class 1, was the first monohull to finish in just under six hours and 24 minutes, but it was the Farr 400 ***Corbeau***, which won that class with **Rick Egan** (Osterville, Mass.) at the helm, that further stole the show by posting the best corrected time of all Spinnaker Division boats to win the coveted **VENONA Trophy**.



Clockwise from top right: class winners *Gut Feeling*, *Apres*, *Virgo*, and *Southern Cross* (red spinnaker) at Edgartown Race Weekend's 2025 'Round-the-Island Race. (photos by Miste Photography)

"It was the perfect day, with a couple of soft spots, but we had just the right current and wind with us all the way around," said Egan who says *Corbeau* is new to him; however, he is the

second of three generations in his family that have sailed this event. (Among his crew this year were his son and two nephews.)

“There were some very fast boats in our class out ahead of us, but we figured as long as we could see them, we’d be okay (to win on corrected time).” He added that he was pleased to finish the race in a quick seven hours, and his team was surprised to win the VENONA Trophy. “We are happy as clams at how everything went,” he said, “and kudos to the Race Committee and the Edgartown Yacht Club. We look forward to this event every year; it’s one of our highlights.”

Taking home three trophies was **Chip Hawkins** (Barrington, R.I.) and his team – including his wife, son and daughter – aboard the C&C 41 ***Caneel***. One was for winning his **PHRF Non-Spinnaker Class 7**, while another was for turning in the best corrected time in the non-spinnaker division for the **UPBEAT CUP**.

“We, too, had ups and downs on wind velocity and all different conditions,” said Hawkins, who has sailed this event nine or 10 times and has impressive results to show for it. “Off Wasque Point, we actually put our bow under water twice, because of the confused sea state. It was like a washing machine.”

Caneel’s third takeaway was the **INCOGNITO Award** for the crew that exhibits passion, perseverance and commitment to the sport of sailing during the course of Edgartown Race Weekend.

“We’ve been fortunate to have good results over the years,” said Hawkins. “One of the trophies at the Club has our name on it five times but getting the INCOGNITO Award...I was shocked by that. That’s not winning something, that’s getting voted to receive something by the Race Committiee, and that’s really special. Even my family went, ‘Wow!’”

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(Top-Three Results Follow)

Edgartown Race Weekend 'RTI Top Three Results, June 21, 2025

Class 1 PHRF Spinnaker A (PHRF - 5 Boats)

1. CORBEAU, FARR 400, Richard Egan, United States of America, 1 ; 1
2. PUGILIST, R/P Marten 49, Dudley Johnson, United States of America, 2 ; 2
3. Crazy Horse, Baltic, CBC Youth Offshore Team, United States of America, 3 ; 3

Class 2 PHRF Spinnaker B (PHRF - 5 Boats)

1. Apres, J/120, Stephen Besse, United States of America, 1 ; 1
2. Orion, J/122, Greg Morse, United States of America, 2 ; 2
3. Hamburglar, Mills MAT 1180, James E Barnes, United States of America, 3 ; 3

Class 3 PHRF Spinnaker C (PHRF - 5 Boats)

1. Gut Feeling, J 109, Ted Herlihy, United States of America, 1 ; 1
2. Lyric, J/109, Bart Massucco, United States of America, 2 ; 2
3. Campana, Pogo 30, Eric Widra, United States of America, 3 ; 3

Class 4 PHRF Spinnaker D (PHRF - 5 Boats)

1. Virgo, Salona 33, Dan Rabin, United States of America, 1 ; 1
2. Hardtack, J 105, Matthew & Lisa Schmitt, United States of America, 2 ; 2
3. Zebra, W Class 46, Frank Sutula, United States of America, 3 ; 3

Class 5 PHRF Spinnaker E (PHRF - 5 Boats)

1. Shannon, Cal 33, william brossi, United States of America, 1 ; 1
2. Artful Dodger, Tartan 3500, Michael Powers, United States of America, 2 ; 2
3. EAGLE, Najad 380, Vivjan Myrto, United States of America, 3 ; 3

Class 6 PHRF Spinnaker Double-handed (PHRF - 2 Boats)

1. Ruse, Beneteau First 36, William Marsh, United States of America, 1 ; 1
2. Good Night Moon, Southwester 42, Brien O'Brien, United States of America, 2 ; 2

Class 7 PHRF Non-spinnaker (PHRF - 5 Boats)

1. Caneel, C&C 41, Chip Hawkins, United States of America, 1 ; 1
2. Saylavee, Beneteau 311, Peter Soule, United States of America, 2 ; 2
3. Jayhawk, J/130 SD, Nathan W Ray, United States of America, 3 ; 3

Class 8 Multi-hull (ToT - 3 Boats)

1. Yonder, M32, Doug Newhouse, United States of America, 1 ; 1
2. Midtown Racing, M32, Sam Hallowell, United States of America, 2 ; 2
3. Daffodil, Corsair F31R, Alex Watson, United States of America, 3 ; 3

Class 9 Schooner - Exhibition (PHRF - 1 Boats)

1. Arabella, Schooner, Michael Fortenbaugh, United States of America, 2/RET ; 2