

Bay Shore Invitational Race Results

**Event: Fall #4, Date: October 3, 2017, Course: #7,
Wind: SE 5-9**

1. Merry Ann (Bill Cook)
2. Full Circle (Harry Manko)
3. Lady in Red (Ted Drossos)
4. Southern Accent (Jim Gathard)
5. Pandemonium (Gary Sebouhian)
6. Aleboat (Eric Winberry)
7. Integrity (Bob Figueroa)
8. Jolly Mon (Dennis Ahern)
9. Cayene (Jay Pizer)
10. Fancy Nancy (Lenny Feldman)
11. Indigo (David O'donnell)
12. Noddy (Jim Papa)
13. Papilon (Nick Loretta)
14. Rhodes 22 (JV Phillips)

OCS. Watercolor (Christy Edwards)
DNF. Bonked Out (John Mendolia)
DNF. Czech Mate (James Dennerlein)

OCS: On Course Side
DNF: Did Not Finish
DNS: Did Not Start

Crisp fall temperatures and a light but steady southeast wind greeted the 17 boats that participated in the last scheduled Tuesday night race of the season. The nearly full moon that lit up the bay put the exclamation point on a beautiful evening of racing.

The finish was the closest of the season between the third, fourth and fifth place boats (Lady in Red, Southern Accent & Pandemonium) who were so tightly overlapped that we could have jumped from boat to boat as we crossed the finish line. Following close behind in sixth place was the crew aboard Aleboat yelling and screaming encouragement to the three boats immediately in front of them. It was such a heart-warming experience to hear a competitor getting excited to witness what was unfolding at the finish. Thank you Eric and crew for your enthusiasm.

The downside of close finishes like this was that some of the boats further back in the fleet couldn't see the flashing green finish buoy because of the congestion at the mark. On the bright side, close racing like this adds to the excitement of pursuit racing.

It was great to see Jay Pizer racing Cayene again last night. The first time he was out racing with us, I thought that he either made a mistake or was crazy. Apparently, I was wrong on both counts because Jay was out there racing again last night so it wasn't a mistake. Then I thought, who in their right mind would sail from Massapequa to Bay Shore, do the race, attend the after party, then sail back to Massapequa. The only reason I could come up with is that he must be someone who really liked the Bay Shore venue the first time. Jay, thanks for making the trip.....again!

The official season of the Bay Shore Invitational Races is over. The success of the Tuesday night venue is largely attributed to the willingness of like-minded sailors to make an effort to come together once a week to enjoy an evening of racing, fun and camaraderie. We are sincerely thankful to our fellow racers for making the weekly commitment. Without that, this venue would not have been as successful as it was. We are thrilled to have been part of it. Thank you all for your continued participation and support.

Ted and Gary