

Race Report – SNAME Cup 2012

By Bill Hurley, on Boat 9

The highly successful Annual SNAME meeting culminated in the 4th annual SNAME Sailing Regatta, held out of Newport, Rhode Island on Saturday the 28th of October.

The good weather experienced during the week held on for one last day as storm Sandy was on its way and weather was to deteriorate starting the next day. But on this day the SNAME sailors were greeted with mild temperatures, light winds and partly sunny skies.

The sailors filled seven J-22's out of the Sail Newport organization, and had lively, highly competitive racing filling the day. The excellent sailors were highly competitive with congested starts and tactical mark roundings. The identical boats were evenly matched, with good racing sails on each. We flew spinnakers and typically had 3 sailors per boat, with a couple boats carrying 4. Boat 7 had four University of Michigan schoolmates and took the heavier weight penalty to carry-on with their reunion.

Race 1 got underway in a light northerly and at the first mark some confusion in the course description handicapped Boats 4 and 9. Boat 10 won Race 1 in close competition, and later, in a grand display of sportsmanship, the sailors agreed to allow one race in the day to be thrown out as compensation. .

Races were typical windward-leeward races on a gentle but consistent northerly, until Race 4 when the wind shifted 180 degrees at the turning mark, testing the crew's skills at sail changes in the middle of a crowded mark rounding. Then the wind settled in out of the East, although shifty, and the race committee made the best of it by running a couple of very short up-and-back races that put a premium on the start and the first mark rounding.

Then for Race 7 we went north on a spinnaker start, and then upwind to go home for a finish near the race facility.

After putting the boats away we headed to Bristol for a great dinner in the Herreshoff Marine Museum, where Halsey Herreshoff assisted President Ed Comstock in the awards ceremony.

It was a great event, and many cheers were heard in the group when it was announced that 5th Sname Cup would be planned for Seattle/Bellevue in 2013.

Results are presented below, and we would like to thank the following Sponsors:

- Jamestown Marine Services (JMS), who sponsored both dinner and a boat
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2012 SNAME Cup - Regatta Results			Newport, RI	28 October 2012						
Boat	Skipper	Place	Total Score	Races						
			after 1 Throwout	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10	Grant Brandlmayr	1	13	1	2	1	3	2	4	5
4	Ben Capuco	2	14	7	1	2	2	3	2	4
2	Jim Mackey	3	16	4	5	4	1	1	7	1
9	Jay Edgar	4	21	3	3	3	5	4	3	6
3	Alan Bomar	5	23	5	4	7	6	5	1	2
1	Gary Van Tassel	6	26	2	6	6	4	6	5	3
7	Todd Grove	7	38	6	7	5	7	7	6	7