



USS America Race Summary

By Jim Weil, Race Director

Despite some intermittent showers and the threat of a thunderstorm, competitors in the USS America were treated to some good wind with a generally east/northeast breeze of about 10kts.

The Ideal 18s were able to get in five races giving them one throw-out. This year's winners were Karen Lau and Michelle Brindel. In second were Alan Chidsey and Skip Skowron, and in third place was the team of Cynny Smith and Anne Munkenbeck.

The PHRF boats were treated to a 15 mile course up to the Cows in Stamford then out to 32a in the middle of the sound followed by a run down to Bluefish Shoal and back to the finish near G1 outside Greenwich Harbor.

In the non-spinnaker division, the winner was Michael Burke on his boat Hawkeye with Dan Dobryn, Robin Liotta and Heidi Matonis aboard.

In the spinnaker division Vixen had line honors but had to settle for second overall as she was beaten on corrected time by Nemesis, owned by Jonathan Krumeich of IHYC. Aboard Vixen were EJ Haskell, Jim Weil, Shane Bouslough, Peter Koncz and Adam Worobec. In third place was Stampede with owner/skipper Karen Varbaro and Sonya Keshwani and Sahil Navodia.

A special thanks to Alan Chidsey who served up a wonderful barbeque after the racing, and Laurens Van De Rotte who so graciously donated the Heineken beer.