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Sixteen yachts participated in this year's Newport Bucket Regatta, which was sailed (yes, actually sailed – with wind), 21-23 July in Rhode Island Sound, off Newport. Saturday's race served up 20+ knots of wind for some very exciting sailing and remarkably close finishes among this fleet ranging from *Mishcheivous*, a custom 66' IMS Racer, to the Swan 68, *Chippewa*, and newly restored wooden beauty *Van Ki Pass*. The larger end of the fleet comprised the *J-Boat*, *Ranger*, 118' Holland Jachtbouw/Fontaine Design, *Whisper*, the magnificent Bruce King design *Whitehawk* and the Swan 112', *Highland Breeze*. Sunday's race was sailed in 15 knots of breeze and relatively sloppy leftover seas, which presented a good test for the heavier displacement end of the fleet.

As usual, the great sailing by day was outshone by the Bucket festivities. On Friday night, Hap Fauth, the crew of *Whisper* and Churchill Yacht Partners put on a great Country Western party following the Captain's Meeting at which many present were well roasted in song, by Western Balladeer Lloyd Maybrey. After the Open House among the fleet on Saturday night, all Bucket Sponsors put on great dinner and dance ashore at the Newport Shipyard. Prizes for Saturday's race were presented by Bank of America's Lisa Verbit, with Third Place awarded to *Whitehawk* and Second Place to the Swan 112', *Highland Breeze*. First Place for the Bank of America Cup was won by the Alloy Yachts 108' Ketch, *Avalon*, crewed by the Taylor Family and a cast of Bucket Regulars going back to the origin of the event in Nantucket!



After racing, Sunday Night the fleet moved up Narragansett Bay to Carnegie Abbey, for a magnificent awards dinner sponsored by the owner of *Whitehawk*, Brian O'Neill, and Carnegie Abbey. The awards were launched with a brilliant sunset, then a double rainbow (great special effects, Brian!), a sumptuous feast and dancing to live music. The awards for Sunday's racing for the Carnegie Cup were presented by Brian O'Neill to Third Place winner, the 95' Frers Sloop, *Sorcerer II*. Placing Second for the Carnegie Cup was the Swan 80', *Seleni*. First Place for Sunday's racing and the winner of the Carnegie Cup was the Swan 112', *Highland Breeze*.



IN THE COMBINED RESULTS FOR THE NEWPORT BUCKET:

- Third Place was awarded to Craig Venter and the Crew of *Sorcerer II*
- Second Place was won by Duke Steineman and the crew of *Seleni*.
- This years winner of the Newport Bucket was Irvine Laidlaw and Chris Maybury, owners of *Highland Breeze* and their outstanding crew.



ADDITIONAL AWARDS:

- The coveted Newport Bone (for last place) was awarded to the 105' Hoek/Holland Jachtbouw, *Sapphire*.
- The crew of *Whisper*, were voted by their peers as the Cool Crew – who made off with several well chilled bottles of French Champagne, presented by The Yacht Report and Holland Jachtbouw.
- The Churchill Corinthian Trophy, for the best seamanship and Corinthian effort was awarded to Joe Hoopes and the crew of *Palawan*.

This year, a new award comprised of a perfectly tied and framed Admiralty Bosun's Noose, named the "Skullduggery Tie", was presented to the yacht that out-pranked the other yachts and the Race Committee. The uncontested winners were the crew of *Chippewa* – who among other tasks:

1. Loaded the mainsails of their competition with *Chippewa* t-shirts, which created a rain of shirts en route to Sunday's starting line
2. Sewed the mainsail ties together on their arch-rival *Mischevious*, which left them nonplussed when the main was set
3. Presented the Race Committee with a WW2 Bomb during Saturday's Award Ceremonies in recognition of their aBOMBInable rating (the bomb had quite a future, simply un-mentionable. . .)
4. Threatened to start the race an hour early, and then accept the five minute penalty for being over early
5. Had Castle Hill staff serve the Race Committee a round of Bloody Marys during Sunday's starting sequence – with no message other than a *Chippewa* war cry!

Well Won Chippie, you helped to put the Bucket back in the Bucket!!!



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