



CHALLENGED BY WINDS — BOTH LIGHT AND GUSTING
— DEDICATED SAILORS COMPETE IN THE FINAL RACE
OF THE PCYC NORTH AMERICAN CIRCUIT:

NEWPORT'S 37TH ANNUAL NEWPORT CLASSIC
YACHT REGATTA

THE 2016 PCYC NA CIRCUIT WINNERS ALSO
CLAIMED THEIR PRIZES AND TROPHIES

1905 HERRESHOFF **AMORITA** WINS NEWPORT CYR BEST OVERALL PERFORMANCE AND
TOOK HOME THE PANERAI TIMEPIECE

PCYC NA CIRCUIT TROPHY FOR BEST OVERALL VINTAGE DIVISION IS AWARDED TO 1938 S&S
YAWL **BLACK WATCH**; NEWPORT'S OWN 37' W-CLASS **RACE HORSE** SAILS AWAY WITH THE
OVERALL GRAND PRIX TROPHY

Newport, RI, September 5, 2016 – The 2016 Newport Classic Yacht Regatta hosted by IYRS School of Technology & Trades, the circuit-closer for the North American Panerai Classic Yachts Challenge, wrapped up on Sunday night after two days of extremely variant wind conditions, thanks to the slow arrival of Hurricane Hermine which was traveling up the east coast of the U.S. over the weekend and is expected to hit the northeastern shore today. Despite some nervous expectations due to the age and fragility of many of these historically-significant classic yachting vessels, skies were

sunny and dry all weekend long, however winds from the southeast (Saturday) and northeast (Sunday) were extremely light or gusting, causing both challenges and exciting conditions for these veteran sailors.

Officine Panerai, an Italian-designed, Swiss-made high-end sports watch has been the title sponsor of the Panerai Classic Yachts Challenge in North America for 11 years. The competitive classic yachting event is the U.S. extension the other international regattas and circuit the company

hosts in the Mediterranean, Antigua and the Isle of Wight, U.K. The Newport Classic Yacht Regatta (NCYR), formerly named the Museum of Yachting CYR, is now in its 37th year and is the season closer for the 4-part North American Circuit. The other New England-based Panerai regattas were held in Marblehead and Nantucket, Massachusetts in mid-August. Forty-seven racing yachts representing both Vintage, Modern Classic and Spirit of Tradition divisions competed in the NCYR this year. Seventy-four yachts participated in the Panerai competitions across the 4 regattas, with 22 of them qualifying for Series' prizes.

The Newport CYR is affiliated with IYRS School of Technology and Trades and the official organizing authority is Sail Newport, New England's largest and highly respected public sailing center. For the first time this year, Panerai's beautiful and welcoming Hospitality Lounge, which evokes a wooden boat, was positioned on the grounds of IYRS, enabling the competitors to participate in more of the on-shore events surrounding the highly-anticipated classic sailing weekend.

Racing Conditions

Saturday's conditions on Narragansett Bay brought almost no winds to the extent that several race classes were not able to finish the race after nearly 7 hours of tepid competition which took them due north under the Newport-Pell Bridge. The lack of wind fuel on Saturday forced an earlier start for Sunday's race day in order to allow for more racing to take place and to further allow for fair scoring across the smaller, middle and larger classes of Vintage, Modern Classic and Spirit of Tradition sailing vessels which participated in the 2-day regatta. Sunday's winds gusting over 22 mph from the northeast renewed the spirit of the highly competitive sailors enabling some exciting match racing at the marks and finish line.

Special Mentions

Before the Newport CYR and PCYC Circuit prizes were announced, a long time classic sailing enthusiast, and owner of several beautiful sailing yachts including the 50' schooner **FORTUNE**, Newport's own John Taft addressed the crowd of several hundred people with an elegant tribute to the great names and colorful personalities in Newport's recent history who have doggedly fed the spirit of the classic sailing tradition. Following, IYRS Board Members presented several awards that deserve special recognition. **AMORITA**, owned by long-time Newport residents Jed Pearsall and Bill Doyle, were presented three gleaming silver trophies prior to the racing awards, including the "Sappho Award"

for Best Corrected Time Overall which was their third time accepting this award. **GLEAM**, a local 12 metre, helmed by Kip Curren, also brought lots of silver home to keep polished for posterity.

The famous **Clingstone Cannon** – the award for "Best Corinthian Spirit" – was fired off for **RUNE**, a 38.6' custom yawl, and called out its owner David Luce, for helping out another smaller boat, **ADAMANT** (the smallest of the fleet) when a tanker came a bit too close during racing.

The Tom Benson Restoration Award, named after one of the earliest founders of the Museum of Yachting, was presented to NY-40 **MARILEE** and her owner Tim Rutter. Of special note in terms of exquisite restoration was **SANTANA**, a recently restored yacht that was formerly owned by Humphrey Bogart, which also deserved special mention at the podium.

The NCYR Classic Yacht Regatta Prize Giving

For the first time this year, race guidelines allowed competitors to fly spinnakers if they chose to and the Race Committee subdivided the scoring, using CRF guidelines, into 'spinnaker' and 'non-spinnaker' subclasses. In order to engender the fairest competition possible among these very diverse but equally deserving sailing vessels, the PCYC Prizes are divided into two major divisions with five subclasses: the Grand Prix Division (subdivided into Grand Prix Classic and Grand Prix Day Racer) and the Vintage Division (Grand Classic, Corinthian Classic and Day Racer).

Winning first place in their classes were:

Grand Prix Day Racer 37' W-class	RACE HORSE Donald Tofias
Grand Prix Yacht 76' W-class	WILD HORSES Donald Tofias
Vintage Day Racer R-class	RUWEIDA V38.8' Joseph Huber
Vintage Corinthian Classic 43' NY-30	AMORITA Jed Pearsall
Vintage Grand Classic 68' 12-Metre	GLEAM Kip Curre

Winner of Panerai timepiece (**Luminor 1950 3 Days GMT Power Reserve -47 mm [PAM 00347]**) with the lowest combined scores of its class and the lowest normalized score across all five classes was **AMORITA** for Best Overall Performance.

PaneraI NA Circuit Prizes

For the finale awards, PaneraI NA President Giovanni Carestia and PCYC Chair Susan Wayne took the podium to announce the final prizes. Wayne first thanked those dedicated competitors who competed in all seven race days (across the 4 regattas) and noted that 4 of the 5 Series winners competed in all four regattas, proving that the more they participate, the better their chances of winning the elegant sail-inspired titanium and wood PaneraI trophy.

Once again W-class founder and owner Donald Tofias took the stage to accept the PaneraI Awards in both the Grand Prix and GP Day Racer Divisions (**WILD HORSES** and **RACE HORSE**, respectively), and took home the Grand Prix trophy for best normalized score across all regattas for **RACE HORSE**.

The Vintage Division Overall prizes went to the German Sonderklasse boat **TILLY XV** (which incidentally came all the way from Germany to compete in the 4 PaneraI regattas, plus one other classic yacht race this season) in the Vintage Day Racer class. In the end, **DORADE**, helmed by Pam Rorke Levy, won the Corinthian Classic Division nosing out **SANTANA**, in a tiebreaker. Throughout the series both boats competed head on in the Vintage Corinthian Class; **DORADE** in the non-spinnaker subclass and **SANTANA** in the spinnaker class. The racing was so close, the tie was not broken until the fifth Series' score with **DORADE** winning. **BLACK WATCH**, a 1938 Sparkman & Stephens yawl helmed by John Melvin, won the Vintage Grand Classic Award and brought home the PaneraI Trophy in the Vintage Division for best normalized score. They competed in five out of seven race days.

PaneraI and Healing Sails

PaneraI has dedicated at least one day of classic sailing, before or after each regatta during the PCYC North American Circuit, to sponsoring patient and caregiver sails for the community residents who live in the vicinity of the racing. Again this year, PaneraI partnered with **Sailing Heals**, a Massachusetts-based non-profit sailing organization, along with their dedicated Host Captains to host nearly 20 local 'VIP Guests' – including Newport's mayor Jeanne-Marie Napolitano, for a beautiful Italian-inspired lunch catered by Belle's Café in Newport Shipyard, followed by a rejuvenating sail on four separate classic boating vessels: **THE BLUE PETER, WILD HORSES, GALAVANT** and **TOBIAS** on beautiful Narragansett Bay. Over the past five years, Sailing Heals has provided nearly 2,500 sails to VIP guests (mostly cancer patients and their caregivers). For more information, visit sailingheals.org.

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IYRS provides world-class experiential education, preparing students to enter a global manufacturing and maker workforce. IYRS teaches the art and science of making, building, restoring and maintaining, and in the process, helps its graduates build both careers and more meaningful lives – inspired by the knowledge that in their hands and through the use of technology, they have the power to build almost anything.

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