

MARION BERMUDA



2023 MARION-BERMUDA YACHT RACE

TROPHY PRESENTATION CEREMONY SCRIPT

COMMODORE JOHN NICHOLLS AND CHAIR OF THE MBR
BOARD OF TRUSTEES RAY CULLUM

UNDER THE

DISTINGUISHED patronage of

HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR of BERMUDA
MS RENA LALGIE

JOHN NICHOLLS:

Good Evening.

Welcome to the 2023 Marion Bermuda prizegiving. I'd like to begin by introducing our honored guests:

- Her Excellency The Governor of Bermuda, Ms. Rena Lalgie and her Husband Jacob Hawkins
- The United States Consul General, Karen Grissette will be joining us during the ceremony she has kindly rushed from a previous engagement.

- I'm also delighted to welcome Commodore Len Thibodeau of the Blue Water Sailing Club and Commodore Debra Gayle-Malone of The Beverly Yacht Club
- And finally, my fellow Flag officers, here at RHADC VC Roger Beach, and RC's Patrick Cooper and Ron Hook, without whom we could not do any of this...
- And of course, you, the sailors. It's great to see so many familiar faces, and many new friends out there too
- From all accounts, this was a challenging race given the unseasonal light and varied conditions. My congratulations to all who have participated and completed the journey particularly those who stuck to the wicket and completed the course under their own steam
- Hello to the crew of _____ who were forced to retire but then got on a plane to come and join us.

A big thank you to our sponsors, Bda Tourism authority, Goslings and Bad Ass Coffee.

Also a big thank you to Dock Manager Andrew Lake assisted by our Sailing Director Nico Stefany and their team made up of our senior sailors who are also our junior coaches.

Finally the team here at the Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club lead by GM Cassius Favriere, his senior team of Tristane and Remey and all the wait and support staff. Bartenders Lee and Archer

Big thank you to chef Luca and his team in the kitchen, whose delights you will have the pleasure of sampling shortly.

And of course the club administrator Wendy Augustus who is the first port of call for most people visiting the Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club.

- I'd like to introduce H.E. The Governor of Bermuda, Rena Lalgie for a few remarks.

Remarks Rena Lalgie

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Now I'd like to introduce Ray Cullum, The Chair of the M2B Trustees.

There is a lot that could be said about this year's race, and I am sure it will be discussed among you all for the foreseeable future. But I just want to say congratulations to all the skippers and crews that participated as it showed the importance of preparation, patience and tenacity.

As we reflect on the past week, we are reminded of the enduring spirit of adventure in sailors. The Marion Bermuda Race has always embodied the essence of Corinthian sailing, pushing boundaries, and embracing whatever comes with that pursuit. This year's race has been no exception, as it brought forth a remarkable display of skill and determination.

Today, we gather not only to honor the winners who will receive well-deserved recognition for their extraordinary performance but also to celebrate the Corinthian spirit. The Marion Bermuda Race is about more than victory; it is about fostering a community of like-minded individuals who share a passion.

I extend my sincerest gratitude to the race organizers, volunteers, and sponsors whose unwavering support has made this event possible. That dedication and tireless efforts behind the scenes have ensured the smooth execution of this race, enabling sailors to come together and compete in the spirit of friendly competition.

To the families and friends who have supported and encouraged the sailors, both during the race and throughout the arduous preparation, we commend you. Your unwavering support and belief have been instrumental in their success.

So congratulations to all the participants, and we look forward to seeing you again on the start line in Marion on June 13, 2025.

3. Turn over ceremony to John Nicholls and Her Excellency, the Governor.

4. John - Describe "award-giving procedure" to the attendees:

- Announce trophy
- Announce prize winner
- Ask winner to come forward to accept the trophy from and have picture taken with the Governor

5. Karen Grissette will now say a few words and present the remaining trophies.

This concludes our ceremony

Colors will be presented in roughly 15 minutes and following colours you may make your way towards your tables.

FOUNDERS DIVISION CLASS TROPHIES

CLASS C

3rd place winner is:

Yankee Girl, a Morris Justine, skippered by Thomas Vander Salm and Jonathan Bixby from Portsmouth, RI.

2nd place winner is:

Wind Chime, a Bristol 35.5CB, skippered by Thomas Greaves from North Andover, MA.

First Place Trophy presented by Maximum: The 1st place winner is:

Silhouette, a Cherubini 44, skippered by David Caso from Duxbury, MA.

To the cook of the last yacht in each starting class to physically finish:

Yankee Girl, a Morris Justine, skippered by Thomas Vander Salm and Jonathan Bixby from Portsmouth, RI.

FOUNDERS DIVISION CLASS TROPHIES

CLASS B

3rd place winner is:

Integrity, a Navy 44 MK II STC, skippered by Aidan Johnson and 1/C Jaden Tabak from Amherst, NH.

2nd place winner is:

Yaquina, a Beneteau F1rst 42, skippered by Charles Samuelson from Cohasset, MA.

FIRST PLACE TROPHY PRESENTED BY MAXIMUM: The 1st place winner is:

Defiance, a Pierson Composites Navy 44 MKII, skippered by Phillip Pacheco and 1/C Dylan Medina from Annapolis, MD.

To the cook of the last yacht in each starting class to physically finish:

Serena, a Hinckley Sou'wester 42, skippered by Brian Johnson from New York, NY.

FOUNDERS DIVISION CLASS TROPHIES

CLASS A

3rd place winner is:

Arkana, a Jeanneau SunFast 3300, skippered by Bradford Gibbs from Providence, RI.

2nd place winner is:

The Rover, a Nautor Swan Swan 44 MKII, skippered by S. Steven Yang from New York, NY.

First Place Trophy presented by Maximum: The 1st place winner is:

Mara, a Able Apogee 50, skippered by Alex Tarakhovsky from New York, NY.

To the cook of the last yacht in each starting class to physically finish:

Inisharon, a Lyman Morse Seguin 49, skippered by James Murphy from Rye, NY.

FOUNDERS DIVISION CLASS TROPHIES

CLASS PERFORMANCE

3rd place winner is:

Scylla, a Sirena Marine Azuree 46, skippered by Aeneas Dodd-Noble from Andover, MA.

2nd place winner is:

Lyric, a X-Yachts X 49, skippered by Jay Hansen from Jamestown , RI.

First Place Trophy presented by Maximum: The 1st place winner is:

Boudicca, a King Marine Reichel-Pugh 66, skippered by Richard Moody from Jamestown, RI.

To the cook of the last yacht in each starting class to physically finish:

Scylla, a Sirena Marine Azuree 46, skippered by Aeneas Dodd-Noble from Andover, MA.

FOUNDERS DIVISION OVERALL TROPHIES

GOSLINGS FOUNDERS TROPHY: The yacht with the best overall corrected time. The winner is:

Boudicca, a King Marine Reichel-Pugh 66, skippered by Richard Moody from Jamestown, RI.

BWSC BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S TROPHY: A Coming Home pennant is awarded to the yacht with the shortest elapsed time. The winner is:

Boudicca, a King Marine Reichel-Pugh 66, skippered by Richard Moody from Jamestown, RI.

BYC POLARIS TROPHY: A Coming Home pennant is awarded to the first celestially navigated yacht. The winner is:

Defiance, a Pierson Composites Navy 44 MKII, skippered by Phillip Pacheco and 1/C Dylan Medina from Annapolis, MD.

NAVIGATOR'S TROPHY: The Navigator of the first celestially navigated yacht. The winner is:

Defiance, skippered by Phillip Pacheco and 1/C Dylan Medina, MD on Defiance from from Annapolis, MD.

SAIL TRAINING VESSEL DIVISION CLASS TROPHIES

No Entrants or Finishers

FOUNDERS DIVISION SPECIAL PRIZES AND TROPHIES

L. BRYON KINGERY JR. MEMORIAL TROPHY: is awarded for the best performance by a short-handed yacht with a three or four person crew. The winner is:

Silhouette, a Cherubini 44, skippered by David Caso from Duxbury, MA.

Will the entire crew please come forward for the award.

DOUBLE-HANDED TROPHY: is awarded to the first yacht to finish with a two person crew. The winner is:

Ventus, a Hanse 415, skippered by Henri Brink and Leon Brink-Bredella from Boston, MA.

Will the two sailors please come forward for the award.

BEVERLY FAMILY TROPHY: is award to the "family" yacht finishing first. A "family" yacht is defined as one with a crew of five or more members with all or all-but-one member from a single household or a single family. Persons related to a common grandparent and spouses of these persons will be considered "family." The winner is:

Leviathan, a Queen Long Stevens Custom 47, skippered by Dennis Walsh from Mattapoisett, MA.

COMMODORE FAITH PAULSEN TROPHY: is awarded to the yacht crewed entirely by females finishing first. The winner is:

Not awarded

OFFSHORE YOUTH CHALLENGE TROPHY: is awarded to the first "youth" yacht. The winner is:

Defiance, a Pierson Composites Navy 44 MKII, skippered by Phillip Pacheco and 1/C Dylan Medina from Annapolis, MD.

R+W ROPES RIGGING SOLUTIONS TEAM TROPHY: is awarded to a team of three yachts from one club or association with the lowest combined corrected time. This year we had three teams in competition. The winner is team *no teams* with the combined time of 26104 days 10 hours 0 minutes and 0 seconds. Will the skippers of the following yachts please come forward for the trophy:

Not awarded Not awarded Not awarded

"MINI-CLASS" TROPHY: is awarded for the best performance by a yacht manufactured by Hinckley/Morris. The winner is:

Yankee Girl, a Morris Justine, skippered by Thomas Vander Salm and Jonathan Bixby from Portsmouth, RI.

BARTRAM TROPHY: is awarded to a Service Academy or an ROTC yacht. The winner is:

Integrity, a Navy 44 MK II STC, skippered by Aidan Johnson and 1/C Jaden Tabak from Amherst, NH.

ANCIENT MARINERS GOLDEN TEAPOT TROPHY: is awarded to the crew having the highest average age that finishes the race. The winner is:

Yankee Girl, a Morris Justine, skippered by Thomas Vander Salm and Jonathan Bixby from Portsmouth, RI.

Their average age is 73 years and 9 months.

BERMUDA OCEAN CRUISING YACHT TROPHY: is awarded to Sponsored by Sail Magazine and awarded to the skipper who has the best finish in consecutive Marion-Bermuda and Newport-Bermuda Finisterre Division Races. The winner is:

Pinnacle, a Tartan 4100, skippered by Peter Torosian from Atkinson, NH.

REGIONAL AND CLUB TROPHIES

Awarded to yachts that have not received an Overall Trophy. Only one Regional or Club trophy will be awarded per yacht.

CORPORATION OF HAMILTON TROPHY: is awarded for the best performance by a yacht from Bermuda. The winner is:

Not awarded

COMMODORE'S CUP: is awarded for the best performance by a yacht from the Blue Water Sailing Yacht Club. The winner is:

Not awarded

BERMUDA LONGTAIL TROPHY: is awarded for the best performance by a yacht from the Beverly Yacht Club. The winner is:

Not awarded

EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE TROPHY

ROBERT N. BAVIER, JR. SEAMANSHIP-SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHY: may be or is awarded to any registered yacht at the discretion of the MBCYRA Trustees in recognition of truly outstanding seamanship or sportsmanship, independent of a yacht's finishing position. The winner is:

Not awarded

MBR LONGTAIL PINS

Offshore racing and offshore sailing can be addictive. Of the 207 participants in this year's race, 33% are back for more a second, third or more races and 12.5% have sailed at least 5 races. For those who also make the round trip that's 1290 miles per race. To be sure many of these people have also sailed the "other race" as well indicating a serious addiction.

We would like to recognize those who are addicted to the point that they have sailed this race 5 or more times by presenting them with Marion Bermuda Race Longtail pins. If you look around, you will, I hope, see 20 people wearing red 5 race pins signifying that they have sailed this race 5 or more times. There are 6 individuals present who have sailed this race 10 times or more. I'd like to call them forward now to receive their 10 race pins:

10 races: Andy Howe, Bob Kostyla

11 races: Dan Cooney, Debra Gayle, R Davis Webb

13 races: Sam Vineyard

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ALL YACHTS

CELESTIAL TROPHY PRESENTED BY CELESTAIRES: The celestial navigator who is judged "best" according to the panel of Celestaire judges. The winner is:

Pinnacle, a Tartan 4100, navigated by Theodore von Rosenvinge from Atkinson, NH.

CELESTIAL NAVIGATION SUCCESS

Celestial navigators: having successfully completed the race are awarded a lapel pin in recognition. Would Ron Wisner step forward to say a few words about the celestial navigators.

1/C Dylan Medina (Co-Skipper) and Phillip Pacheco (Skipper) on DEFIANCE
Andrew Howe (Navigator) on FROLIC
Ronald Wisner (Skipper) on HOTSPUR II
1/C Jaden Tabak (Co-Skipper) and Aidan Johnson (Skipper) on INTEGRITY
Murray Beach (Skipper) on MERIDIAN
Eric Grubman (Co-Skipper) and Robert Grubman (Co-Skipper) on MOJO
Theodore von Rosenvinge (Navigator) on PINNACLE
Paul Kamen (Navigator) on SERENA
John Ring (Skipper) on TIARA
Thomas Vander Salm (Co-Skipper) and Jonathan Bixby (Co-Skipper) on
YANKEE GIRL
Dimitri Antoniadis (Navigator) on YAQUINA