

Scotch Bonnet Light Race 2022 Review

9/1/2022 Tony Gambacurta, revised to include Nick Lang's story. Scoring correction.

This was the second year that the Scotch Bonnet Light Race was held in late August. No one complains about temperatures this time of year. By all accounts it was gorgeous.

From Nicholas (Nick) Lang, Siren:

"..we saw two flairs off to our starboard side...turns out it was A meteor shower and shortly after that we saw another very long orange streak go across the sky."

He also said: *"..around 5 in the morning we got to see the ISS go across the sky, with all the stars in the sky it was a beautiful sight."*

The winds were 20 to 0 knots. Boats had to deal with stiff NW wind and waves at the start and through most of the night, winds clocked around to the north, then winds lightened in the morning. The wind Gods are not always kind to racers. The two slower rated divisions, Spinnaker and Genoa Only did not meet a time limit rule, so, those divisions were scored using Island times.

The Tracker's were a big hit, It allowed those on shore to follow the race. It was great to see people at the club engaged in the race by viewing the trackers and watching the weather. The viewer at <https://yb.tl/ScotBL2022> allows zooming in on the course and scrolling through time.

Thank you Bob Johnson's Auto Group for sponsoring this so the trackers from YB tracking could be provided at no additional cost to skippers.

24 boats registered for the event including 9 new skippers. We sold out all of the regalia. We had a lot of compliments on Julie Blakely's painting used on the poster and on t-shirts.

Tom Beach, First Today won the Founder's cup for the forth time and second year in a row. A new skipper, Arthur Jurczuk, Stardust won the Stewart Trophy and the Warren Miller "New Issue" Trophy. The overall winner of this years Scotch Bonnet Light Race is Mike Mincher on his J 35, Pole Dancer (RYC) for the second year in a row.

GYC is very proud of our friends to the east, Pultneyville Yacht Club, For winning the SBLR Ernie Coleman Memorial Trophy. Its the first time it has gone to a club other than GYC.

Thanks to all the skippers and crew for their continuing enthusiasm for this event. It is what drives all the volunteers of GYC to put it on each year. Please join us August 25th 2023 for the 52nd Scotch Bonnet Light Race.

At the end of this document is Nick Lang's entire story.

---GYC Race Results---

Race: Scotch Bonnet 2022 Wind spd: 3-20 Date: 06/26/22
 Delegate: Topping Wind dir: 20 Course: SBLR
 Handicap: T Length: 84.00

-- DIVISION SCORE --

Plc	Boat Name	Sail #	Club Boat Type	ASP	Mult.	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected
** Div. 1 B GO -Start 19:35:00 (Scored with Island Times)								
1	High Life	148	PYC SABRE 28-1	218	0.9144	07:53:09	12:18:09	11:14:58
2	Talisman	261	GYC PEARSON 303	219	0.9130	08:11:04	12:36:04	11:30:17
3	Persephone II	400	GYC HUNTER 31	214	0.9204	08:57:32	13:22:32	12:18:39
4	Toole N Around	16	GYC CATALINA 380 W	165	1.0000	08:26:38	12:51:38	12:51:38
7	Little Wing	107	RYC BRISTOL CHANNE	238	0.8858	RET		
7	Sans Souci	316	SBYC Tayana 37	216	0.9174	RET		
** Div. 2 A GO -Start 19:40:00 (Scored with Finish Times)								
1	Stardust	458	none HANSE 458 SD	87	1.1597	11:45:52	16:05:52	18:40:07
2	Second Wind	752	GYC HUNTER 35.5 LE	145	1.0366	17:04:56	21:24:56	22:11:58
3	Boat	20138	none C&C 38-1	129	1.0679	16:27:34	20:47:34	22:12:17
4	Cora Sue	33	GYC J 34C SD	145	1.0366	17:12:12	21:32:12	22:19:30
5	Promise	none	none Jeanneau 50	90	1.1526	15:41:20	20:01:20	23:04:39
7	Lucina	1388	none F&C 40	118	1.0905	RET		
** Div. 3 B SP -Start 19:45:00 (Scored with Island Times)								
1	First Today	661	GYC C&C 29	177	0.9793	08:08:00	12:23:00	12:07:37
2	Waahuu	4471	PYC CS 30	152	1.0235	07:36:12	11:51:12	12:07:55
3	More Practice	888	PYC BENETEAU 1ST 2	145	1.0366	08:50:50	13:05:50	13:34:36
4	Rocinante	40	PYC FREEDOM 30 SD	171	0.9895	13:20:20	17:35:20	17:24:15
6	Siren	495	GYC COLUMBIA 28-2	246	0.8749	RET		
** Div. 4 A SP -Start 19:50:00 (Scored with Finish Times)								
1	Pole Dancer	107	RYC J 35	72	1.1964	12:12:54	16:22:54	19:35:56
2	Flying Cloud	40123	SBYC EVELYN 32-2	100	1.1296	15:19:40	19:29:40	22:01:15
3	Ravage	USA61271	SBYC BENETEAU 1ST 3	77	1.1839	15:09:10	19:19:10	22:52:20
4	Cygnus	35	GYC SABRE 38-1	122	1.0822	19:34:50	23:44:50	25:41:57
8	Unleashed	26	OSWG FLYING TIGER 1	72	1.1964	DNS		
8	Shoot the Bree	17	none Freedom 29	123	1.0801	RET		
8	Grande Vitesse	42073	RYC SABRE 42	100	1.1296	RET		

Note: No boats in div. 1 or div. 3 finished by Sat. 6PM
 so island rounding times were used for finish times for
 these divisions.

08/31/22 Correct error in "Boat" handicap. Second Wind now 2nd, Boat now 3rd

Perpetual Trophy Winners

Founder's Cup

The first GYC yacht under 30' LOA to finish the regular course of the Scotch Bonnet Light Race

First Today – C&C 29-1 – Tom Beach

Stewart Trophy

for the Best Corrected Time of the entire Non-Spinnaker Fleet:

Stardust – Hanse 458 – Arthur Jurczuk

Giambra Trophy

for the First Mono-Hull to Finish, Elapsed Time:

Pole Dancer – J 35 – Mike Mincher

Allen Trophy

for the Best Corrected Time of the entire Spinnaker Fleet:

Pole Dancer – J 35 – Mike Mincher

Warren Miller “New Issue” Trophy

First new skipper to finish on corrected time, Genoa Only course.

Stardust – Hanse 458 – Arthur Jurczuk

SBLR Ernie Coleman Memorial Trophy

to the best performing yacht club in the Scotch Bonnet Light Race based on each club's top 3 finishing sailboats.

Pultneyville Yacht Club

2022 Scotch Bonnet Light Race – DIVISIONS

Boat name	Sail #	First Name	Last Name	rating	Make	Model	Yacht club	first time?
Spinnaker A Div 4								
Poledancer	107	Michael	Mincher	72	J boats	J 35	RYC	no
Unleashed	26	Brian	Sturges	72	Flying Tiger	FT 10M	FHYC & OYC	No
Ravage	USA61271	Christopher	Hubbell	77	Beneteau	First 36.7	SBYC	No
Flying Cloud	US 40123	Chris	Bowne	100	C&C	Evelyn 32	SBYC	Yes
Grande Vitesse	42073	Robert	Fields	100	Sabre	Sabre 42	RYC	no
Cygnus	35	Doug	Beaudet	122	Sabre	Sabre 38	GYC	Yes
Shoot The Breeze	17	Michael	Maher	123	Freedom	29	None	Yes

Spinnaker B Div 3

More Practice	USA888	Scott	Nichols	145	Beneteau	First 27.7	PYC	No
WaaHuu	4471	Alex	LaRue	150	Sailcraft	CS30	PYC	Yes
Rocinante	40	Mike	Bianchi	171	Freedom	30	PYC	Yes
First Today	661	tom	beach	177	C&C	29 mk1	GYC	no
Siren	495	Nicholas	Lang	246	Columbia	28	GYC	No

Genoa Only A Div 2

Stardust	458	Arthur	Jurczuk	87	Hanse	458	none	yes
Promise	none	Kenneth	Block	90	Jeanneau	Sun oddesy	None	Yes
Lucina	1388	john	Williamson	118	f+c	40	none	no
BOAT	20138	William	Bulger	141	C&C	Sloop	None	Yes
Cora Sue	33	John	Cake	145	J boats	J34C	GYC	no
Second Wind	752	David	Keller	145	Hunter	Legend 35.5	GYC	No

Genoa Only B Div 1

Toole'n Around	16	Christopher	Toole	165	Catalina	380	None	No
Persephone II	400	Michael	Stokes	214	Hunter	H31/Sloop	GYC	Yes
Sans Souci	316	Peter	Walsh	216	Ta Shing	Tayana 37 cutter	SBYC	no
High Life	148	WALTER	NEW	218	Sabre	Saber28	PYC	No
Talisman	261	Gary	Leary	219	Pearson	303	GYC	No
Little Wing	107	Peter	Lawrence	238	Sam L Morse	Bristol Cutter	RYC	No

from Nicholas (Nick) Lang, Skipper of Siren, as posted on Facebook.

How our night went. We started off with 13kts of wind, a night normally siren is in her glory. We normally race full Main with our 155 jib up to 17kts and do great but I was overpowered right off the start. The waves were just beating us and I couldn't point right, so we reefed the main, this was a little better but the full jib was still over powering us, now with wind creeping up to 19kts just before sunset we went to our 135 jib, should of started with this set up. Right around then is when I started to get very sea sick, pat took over helming and I sat back for a bit (or so I thought it would be a bit). closer to the first rounding mark we saw two flars off to our starboard side, but I wasn't sure they were so we continued to watch, another spin boat contacted coast guard about what they saw, about an hr later the coast guard vessel was coming up behind us maybe only a few boat lengths away to investigate, the lights on the coast guard ship were overpowering lighting up our sails making it so we could not see. I contacted them and directed them further out to the location we saw the light and they went off searching, turns out it was A meteor shower and shortly after that we saw another very long orange streak go across the sky at this point I had been getting sick for a few hrs and now my father started to get sick as well, pat still comfortable at the helm we continued. The waves were so big that when they hit us anyone on the rail was soaked and then anyone in the cockpit was flooded, the design of our boat with the outboard in the cubby made it so the waves could splash in the back and fill the floor with about an inch of water, the drain was Working but struggled to keep up so everything in the cockpit was soaked, the crew was cold and tired as we rounded our first mark and headed back north east at the light house. I was trying to stay awake but was so tired from getting sick for so long and nobody was able to get comfortable in our small cockpit, around 2am we discussed returning to Rochester after a wave forced us into a tack and the waves some so big had me worried about safety to continue, but I would ask pat if he was comfortable and he would say let do it. the crew said let's do it we pushed on, around 5 in the morning we got to see the ISS go across the sky, with all the stars in the sky it was a beautiful sight. the sun started to come up and the smell of the island was near but we just couldn't get the boat to point as high as we needed and with what little help I could offer it was all on pat, so we tried a different tack that seemed to work for a while but the wind quickly dropped from 14 down to 5 down to 2, and we started to struggle to move in the direction we needed to. We were about 7 miles from the island for about four hours straight. Around noon we did some math and if we turned the motor on at full speed we could be home by 7pm just before dark, and we would never make it with the current wind if we sailed, with the lighthouse in sight we put our sails down put up the Bimini and motored home, it was not until this morning did I know we had second place at the time of our retirement and with the course shortened to the light house due to light wind we were even closer to placement but we are still happy with what we did and will need to try different things next year with our new boat. We should be a lot more comfortable, less wet, less heeling and having a place to sit down would be nice. [Scotch Bonnet Light Race](#) [Genesee Yacht Club](#) [Bob Johnson Auto Group](#)