

# Scotch Bonnet Light Race 2023 Review

## Vibrant

This year's race showed how refreshing and Vibrant the Scotch Bonnet Light Race is. 29 registrations included 7 first time skippers. Enthusiasm continues to be strong with 22 returning skippers and great club representation from Pultneyville, RYC, Sodus Bay, Fair Haven and Newport Yacht club. The new event date and the Trackers have changed the event from some of its historic traditions, but all seem to agree that the changes are for the better.

This year's event could not have gone better. We would not dare to hope for better weather. It was warm and dry with water temperature around 70. Winds were from the west and north west from 5 to 15 knots. Seemed to vary all the time. It was beautiful sailing the entire race.

At night there was some star viewing at times through windows in the clouds.

Thanks to the generous support from Bob Johnson Auto Group, people from around the world were able to watch the boats positions as they made their way around the course, using satellite based YB tracking. This is free to view and no cost to competitors. The number of people viewing it is in the thousands. The race may be reviewed here: <https://cf.yb.tl/scotb12023>

The results show a very competitive race.

All division winners were from Pultneyville Yacht Club or Fair Haven Yacht Club.

Eric Matteson from PYC returned with Dulcinea to give us a Multihull division this year and promises there will be more Multihulls next year!

Mike Bianchi from PYC won GO-B division on Rocinante, a Freedom 30.

Phillip MacArthur from FHYC won GO-A on Barrel of Monkeys, a J27. They also won the Stewart Trophy for the *Best Corrected Time of the entire Non-Spinnaker Fleet*, as well as the Warren Miller "New Issue" Trophy *First new skipper to finish on corrected time, Genoa Only course*.

Alex LaRue with WAAHUU, a CS-30 returned from PYC to win Spinnaker-B.

The Founder's Cup for *the first GYC yacht under 30' LOA on the Spinnaker course* went to Nicholas Lang on Siren, a Catalina 270.

Morley Flynn and Lauren Crossett from FHYC and the Sterling Sailing Association are our big winners. After winning at the LO-300 and LYRA this year, they brought their J-92, J-Hawk to win Spinnaker-A, take Line Honors (the Giambra Trophy) as well as best overall time on the Spinnaker Course, the Allen Trophy.

So, two boats from Fair Haven Yacht Club took home 4 of the 6 Scotch Bonnet perpetual Trophies this year!

Pultneyville Yacht Club decisively won the 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*. No other club even came close.

The SBLR remains Vibrant. Awesome weather, great racing, incredible performances from visiting racers. The trackers continue to be a huge hit. Everyone had a great time. We hope everyone can join us again August 23, 2024 for the 53rd Scotch Bonnet Light Race.

Historical Notes:

The Allen Trophy is named after the late Peter Allen the founder of the Scotch Bonnet Light Race. Winner of this trophy is considered the overall winner of the SBLR.

Ray Howe passed away. Ray was a legendary GYC racer who campaigned Earth Voyager, a 60 ft trimaran he built, all around the Great Lakes and set a number of records. He Raced many SBLRs and encouraged others to do the same.

One of our good friends from RYC, Bob Fields, has retired from the Scotch Bonnet. Bob may have sailed in more Scotch Bonnets than anyone. Bob recently wrote to us and said the following...

*Rob, I wanted to thank the Genesee Yacht Club for many years of great sailing in the SBLR.*

*I have lost track of how many I've done, but we have a lot of good memories. The extremes of weather and wind, max wind 44 knots the year of The Big Thunderstorm to swatting green flies, crystal clear night skies; looking for freighters in the fog; now electronics do the looking; dead reckoning with compass, radio direction finder, and paper charts to LORAN, to GPS; very competitive races, some finishes decided by minutes. We have always had great sailors and food so no matter how we did they were all memorable experiences. I estimate we have sailed 2000 nm give or take, all good. Thanks so much for running a great event! Fair Winds!*

*Bob Fields*

*Vitesse, Viking 28*

*Vitesse, Express 30*

*Grande Vitesse, Sabre 42*

# Race Results

Race: Scotch Bonnet 2023 Wind spd: 5-15 Date: 08/26/23  
 Delegate: Reisch Wind dir: 270-300 Course: SBLR  
 Handicap: T Length: 88.00

## -- DIVISION SCORE --

Plc	Boat Name	Sail #	Club	Boat Type	ASP	Mult.	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected
** Div. 1 B GO	-Start 19:35:00								
1	Rocinante	40	PYC	FREEDOM 30 SD	190	0.9577	10:51:05	15:16:05	14:37:20
2	Esprit	104	PYC	NIAGARA 31	178	0.9776	10:40:06	15:05:06	14:44:50
3	Harmony	460	NYCR	Beneteau 1st 3	179	0.9759	11:25:15	15:50:15	15:27:21
4	Persephone II	400	GYC	HUNTER 31	192	0.9545	13:13:38	17:38:38	16:50:28
5	Windwalker	310	GYC	Hunter 310	216	0.9174	13:59:32	18:24:32	16:53:18
6	Talisman	261	GYC	PEARSON 303	219	0.9130	14:23:30	18:48:30	17:10:19

** Div. 2 A GO	-Start 19:40:00								
1	Barrel of Monk	100	FHYC	J 27	131	1.0639	08:15:40	12:35:40	13:23:57
2	Vita	11174	GYC	CAL 30-3	176	0.9810	10:11:05	14:31:05	14:14:32
3	Flying Cloud	40123	SBYC	EVELYN 32-2	139	1.0481	09:22:05	13:42:05	14:21:38
4	Promise	jeanneau	CYC	Jeanneau Sun O	90	1.1526	08:57:40	13:17:40	15:19:23
5	Boat	C&C38-I	none	C&C 38-I	117	1.0926	10:11:08	14:31:08	15:51:48
6	Cora Sue	33	GYC	J 34C SD	139	1.0481	10:53:38	15:13:38	15:57:35
7	Toole N Around	16	GYC	CATALINA 380 W	165	1.0000	13:11:38	17:31:38	17:31:38

** Div. 3 B SP	-Start 19:45:00								
1	Waahuu	4471	PYC	CS 30	152	1.0235	10:58:04	15:13:04	15:34:31
2	Zest	4692	PYC	TARTAN 34 >200	184	0.9675	12:15:46	16:30:46	15:58:34
3	Siren	494	GYC	CATALINA 270 W	237	0.8872	13:55:21	18:10:21	16:07:22
4	More Practice	888	PYC	BENETEAU 1ST 2	145	1.0366	11:53:19	16:08:19	16:43:45
5	More Second Ch	261	GYC	BENETEAU OCEAN	160	1.0089	12:40:23	16:55:23	17:04:25
6	Stiletto	15176	GYC	WAVELENGTH 24	183	0.9692	13:31:30	17:46:30	17:13:39

** Div. 4 A SP	-Start 19:50:00								
1	J Hawk	42	FHYC	J 92 -SB	100	1.1296	08:40:55	12:50:55	14:30:50
2	Epic Circus	636	RYC	J 105 -SB	88	1.1573	08:56:15	13:06:15	15:09:56
3	Cygnus	35	GYC	SABRE 38-1	122	1.0822	10:06:04	14:16:04	15:26:26
4	Pole Dancer	107	RYC	J 35	72	1.1964	08:50:11	13:00:11	15:33:25
5	Dirty Thirty	23949	SBYC	SOVEREL 30-4	124	1.0780	10:23:05	14:33:05	15:41:11
6	Ravage	USA61271	SBYC	BENETEAU 1ST 3	77	1.1839	09:08:22	13:18:22	15:45:11
7	Shoot The Bree	17	none	Freedom 29	123	1.0801	14:26:20	18:36:20	20:05:45

** Div. 5 MH	-Start 19:50:00								
1	Dulcinea	73	PYC	Macgregor	40	1.2832	07:15:39	11:25:39	14:39:50

## -- FLEET (OVERALL) SCORE --

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6	Promise	jeanneau	CYC	Jeanneau Sun O	90	1.1526	08:57:40	13:17:40	15:19:23
7	Harmony	460	NYCR	Beneteau 1st 3	179	0.9759	11:25:15	15:50:15	15:27:21
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# Perpetual Trophy Winners

## **Allen Trophy**

for the Best Corrected Time of the entire Spinnaker Flee

**J Hawk – J Boats J92 – Morley Flynn / Lauren Crossett – FHYC**

## **Stewart Trophy**

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

**Barrel of Monkeys – J-Boats J/27 – Phillip MacArthur – FHYC**

## **Founder's Cup**

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

**Siren – Catalina 270 – Nicholas Lang – GYC**

## **Giambra Trophy**

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

**J Hawk – J Boats J92 – Morley Flynn / Lauren Crossett – FHYC**

## **Warren Miller “New Issue” Trophy**

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

**Barrel of Monkeys – J-Boats J/27 – Phillip MacArthur – FHYC**

## **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**

# 2023 GYC Scotch Bonnet Light Race – Divisions

## Multihull (spinnaker) Division 5

Boat Name	Sail #	First_name	Last_name	Rating	Make	Model	Club	1st
Dulcinea	73	Eric	Matteson	40	Macgregor	Catamaran	PYC	No

## Spinnaker A Division 4

Chippewa	39539	Ron	Clarridge	45	Farr	395	RYC	No
Pole Dancer	107	Michael	Mincher	72	J boats	J 35	RYC	no
Ravage	USA61271	Christopher	Hubbell	77	Beneteau	First 36.7	SBYC	No
Epic Circus	636	Matthew	Richter	88	J Boats	J105	RYC	Yes
Flying Cloud	40123	Chris	Bowne	100	C&C	Evelyn 32	SBYC	No
J Hawk	42	Morley	Flynn	100	J Boats	J92	FHYC	No
Cygnus	35	Doug	Beaudet	122	Sabre	Sabre 38	GYC	No
Shoot The Breeze	17	Michael	Maher	123	Freedom	29	None	No
Dirty Thirty	23949	Dave	Will	124	Soverel	Soverel 30	SBYC	Yes

## Spinnaker B Division 3

More Practice	USA888	Scott	Nichols	145	Beneteau	First 27.7	PYC	No
WAAHUU	4471	Alex	LaRue	152	CS	CS30	PYC	No
More Second Chances	261	Kevin	Dudarchik	160	Beneteau	Oceanis 411	GYC	Yes
stiletto	15176	christopher	cotton	183	Santana	Wavelength 24	GYC	no
Zest	4692	Larry	Rice	184	Tartan	Sloop	PYC	No
Siren	494	Nicholas	Lang	237	Catalina	270	GYC	no

## Genoa Only A Division 2

promise	jeanneau	Kenneth	A Block	90	jeanneau	sun odessey	none	no
BOAT	C&C38	William	Bulger	117	C&C	38-1	None	No
Barrel of Monkeys	100	Phillip	MacArthur	131	J-Boats	J/27	FHYC	Yes
Cora Sue	33	John	Cake	139	Jboats	J34C	GYC	no
Toole'n Around	16	Christopher	Toole	165	Catalina	380	None	No
Vita	11174	John	Liberatore	176	CAL	3-30	GYC	NO

## Genoa Only B Division 1

Esprit	104	Jonathan	Simmonds	178	Hinterhoeler	Niagara 31	PYC	Yes
Harmony	460	WILLIAM	LABINE	179	Beneteau	First 305	NYC	Yes
Rocinante	40	Mike	Bianchi	190	Freedom	30	PYC	no
Persephone II	400	Michael	Stokes	192	Hunter	H31	GYC	No
WindWalker	NY1878UV	Todd	Reed	216	Hunter	310	none	Yes
Talisman	261	Gary	Leary	219	Pearson	Pearson 303	GYC	No
Little Wing	107	Peter	Lawrence	238	Sam Morse	Bristol Channel Cutter	RYC	No

Genesee Yacht Club	GYC	8
Pultneyville Yacht Club	PYC	6
Rochester Yacht Club	RYC	4
Sodus Bay Yacht Club	SBYC	3
Fair Haven Yacht Club	FHYC	2
Newport Yacht Club	NYC	1
No affiliation		5