

2010 IOD FLEET NEWS

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12TH ANNUAL NANTUCKET IOD INVITATIONAL

It is hard to believe we are into our thirteenth season of IOD racing on Nantucket. That first season of racing with just five boats, often finishing at large intervals, seems so long ago. We have grown to a fleet of fifteen almost identical boats of which twelve to fifteen are on the line any Sunday afternoon, many times finishing within seconds of one another.

During the winter/spring 2010 much effort was spent upgrading the problematic booms to increase strength by sleeving them and developing an outhaul system that worked in all conditions. The ever problematic chain plates were redesigned completely so hopefully unannounced failures will be an occurrence of the past.

Racing for the 2010 season opened with the three day Nantucket IOD Invitational co-chaired by Burges Green, Colin Sykes and Roy Weedon. Visiting teams from Fishers Island, San Francisco, Maryland, Marblehead, Maine, and Rhode Island were joined by nine Nantucket IOD teams for an extremely competitive seven race series in a wide variety of conditions not typical for Nantucket; hence removing any home port advantage. Four points separated first to fourth place with Fishers Island taking overall honors. Their team, including, helmsman Kevin Far-

rar and tactician Charles Van Voorhis have four world championships between them! Next were Ida Lewis, then Nantucket duo Yankee and Hotel. This event, due to Nantucket's superb sailing conditions and equally matched boats, is rapidly gaining a reputation as one of the premier IOD regattas.

IOD JULY SERIES

July 4th series was won by Juliet syndicate (Burgess Green) in a tie breaker over Hotel.

The two day Worlds Qualifier was won by the relatively new Bravo syndicate with David Poor on the helm. Three points separated the next three boats so one can see a pattern of extremely close racing this season which all points to a strong future for the fleet.

Peter McCausland (Golf) and Ian McNeice (Hotel) both travel to Northeast Harbor, Maine to represent the Nantucket fleet in this year's World Championship as deadline for this article approaches.

Finally, I would like to welcome Peter Thomas (Victor) and Tara Vittone (Echo) to our fleet. Peter has an extensive history in sailing Down Under while Tara has been sailing Saturday One Design for some time.