

Ida Lewis Distance Race

Shortened Courses Deliver Overnight Challenges, Satisfaction

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Rambler: George David's (Hartford, Conn.) 90-foot *Rambler* won the Ida Lewis Distance Race IRC Division.

Photo: Amory Ross

NEWPORT, R.I. (August 22, 2010)—George David (Hartford, Conn.) was shocked at how much wind there was during the sixth annual Ida Lewis Distance Race, even if 17 knots is nothing compared to what his crack crew aboard the 90-foot *Rambler* has endured before on its many race outings around the world. When Friday's (August 20) 1p.m. start had to be delayed an hour due to a dying gradient wind, David wasn't hopeful that the shortened 122-nm course set for his IRC class would offer much in the way of thrilling winds, but *Rambler* wound up averaging an impressive 10 ½ knots of speed throughout 12-plus

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hours of racing, finishing at 2:18 the next morning and correcting out two hours ahead of Ron O'Hanley's (Boston, Mass.) *Privateer*.

"We put ourselves in the right places most of the time," said David, explaining that wind in the teens appeared mostly between turning marks at Montauk and Noman's Land, and the rest of the legs had navigator Matt Wachowicz and tactician Peter Isler collaborating doggedly on weather transitions, avoiding light spots and determining whether going north of Block Island rather than south had its benefits. Turns out it did—*Rambler* and a few others in the 36-boat fleet that chose that route gained considerably—and for its spot-on decisions *Rambler* received the event's Navigator's Award in addition to trophies for best elapsed and best corrected time in the five-boat IRC class.



Shindig: Arthur Burke (Dartmouth, Mass.) at the helm of *Shindig*, winner in PHRF Division 1 at the Ida Lewis Distance Race Photo: Amory Ross

Arthur Burke's (Dartmouth, Mass.) Andrews 70 *Shindig* also took home three trophies, one each for best corrected and elapsed time in PHRF Division 1--in which 11 boats sailed--and one for overall best corrected time in PHRF (a second division hosted 12 boats). Organizers chose a 104-nm course for PHRF and Double-handed boats to sail, and *Shindig* made it home in just under 15 and ½ hours, with Robert MacMillan's Class 40 *Cutlass* taking second, behind by just over nine minutes on corrected time.

"Like everyone else, we were searching for wind," said Burke, who literally drifted right after the PHRF start, which was combined for both classes. "But when we found it, then we really started to move." Burke said his crew, which has countless Newport to Bermuda races under their belts, changed sails 17 times during the race and the boat was becalmed at multiple times during the race. "We just kept pressing."

Within the PHRF division there were six Youth Challenge teams that proved the concept's inaugural push was a popular one that will have legs for the future. Teams comprised of at least 40 percent junior sailors between the ages of 14 and 18 qualified and sailed in the PHRF Division--scored as such but then also scored separately for the new Arent H. Kits van Heyningen Trophy provided by Finish Line sponsor KVH Industries. To present the trophy at



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Ida Lewis Yacht Club on Saturday night was Mr. Kits van Heyningen himself, who at age 94, competed in the event and remains an inspiration to all sailing generations. The proud recipient was the crew aboard the X-41 *Sarah*, owned by Greg Manning (Warwick, R.I.) and representing East Greenwich Yacht Club, which also finished third in PHRF Division 1. The top Youth finisher in Division 2 was Tom Rich's (Middletown, R.I.) second-place finisher *Settler*.

Act One (on left), a Summit 35 skippered by Bill Titus (Newport, R.I.) and representing Ida Lewis Yacht Club, was one of six Youth Challenge entries in the Ida Lewis Distance Race.

To qualify for the Youth Challenge, 40% of a crew had to be junior sailors between the ages of 14 and 18;

Act One's were from junior sailing programs in Newport and Nantucket.

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In the Doublehanded Class, sailing under PHRF, Michael Hennessy's (New York, N.Y.) Class 40 *Dragon* took top spot, sailing the course in just under 19 and ½ hours, while Teri and Pete Binkley's (Branford, Conn.) Quest 33 *Wildeyes* finished in just under 24 hours for second. Frank Atkinson's (Coconut Grove, Fla.) Cape Bay Fast 40 *Different Drummer* won PHRF Division 2.

The Ida Lewis Distance Race is the only distance race that starts and finishes in Newport, R.I. It features a signature champagne finish inside Newport Harbor and was named one of *Sailing World* magazine's "14 great events" in its guide for "The Ultimate Summer." It is also a qualifier for the 2010 New England Lighthouse Series; Northern and Double-Handed Ocean Racing Trophies; and the US-IRC Gulf Stream Series.

For the first time ever, fans were able to follow real-time race tracking through [Kattack LIVE](#). [KVH Industries](#) (which made possible the tracking and the new trophy for the Youth Challenge) was the lead Finish Line Sponsor while [ATC Tech](#) joined veteran Starting Line sponsors [North Sails](#) and [New England Boatworks](#). Contributing sponsors were [Dockwise Yacht Transport](#), [Gosling's Rum](#), [Mac Designs](#), [Narragansett Beer](#), [Newport Shipyard](#), [Newport Tent Company](#), [Rig Pro Southern Spars](#), [Sea Gear Uniforms](#), and [Z Blok](#).

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Friday, August 20, 2010
Top-five Results

Place, Yacht Name, Type, Owner/Skipper, Hometown, Results, Total Points

Class 1 - IRC (IRC - 5 Boats)

1. Rambler, RP 90 W B 90, George David, Hartford, Conn.
2. Privateer, Cookson 50 50, Ron O'Hanley, Boston, Mass.
3. Rocket Science, J 120 40, Rick Oricchio, Fairfield, Conn.
4. Barleycorn, NYYC Swan 42 42.5, Brendan Brownyard, Bay Shore, N.Y.
5. Fearless, Farr 395 39.4, Shaun Ensor, East Haven, Conn.

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Class 2 - PHRF Division 1 (PHRF - 11 Boats)

1. Shindig, Andrews 70, Arthur Burke, Dartmouth, Mass.
2. Cutlass, Class 40, Robert MacMillan, Newport, R.I.
3. Sarah (Youth), X-41, Greg Manning, Warwick, R.I.
4. Eagle, J 120, Steven Levy, Greenwich, Conn.
5. Toothface, Akilaria Class 40, Mike Dreese, West Newton, Mass.

Class 2 - PHRF Division 2 (PHRF - 12 Boats)

1. Different Drummer, Cape Bay Fast 40 39.6, Frank Atkinson, Coconut Grove, Fla.
2. Settler (Youth), Peterson 42, Tom Rich, Middletown, R.I.
3. Act One (Youth), Summit 35, Bill Titus, Newport, R.I.
4. Lark, Beneteau First 40.7, Edmund Flynn, Marlborough, Mass.
5. Coco, Swan 36, Ian Scott, Newport, R.I.

Class 3 - PHRF - Double-Handed (PHRF - 8 Boats)

1. Dragon, Class 40, Michael Hennessy, New York, N.Y.
2. Wildeyes, Quest 33', Teri & Pete Binkley, Branford, Conn.
3. Samba, Quest 30, Tristan Mouligne, Boston, Mass.
4. Dark 'n Stormy, J 105, Michael Lachance, Wolcott, Conn.
5. Paladin, J 35, Jason Richter, Mt Sinai, N.Y.