

Week 3 saw additional boats in the water to take advantage of the sunshine and steady 10 knot breeze out of 230. This vector is one of the few without a good windward mark and so an orange tet was dropped between SRM 4 and Quebec at the bottom of the harbor. The first attempted start saw a number of boats pushed over by the tide and saw a general recall was issued and a black flag raised for the second start. That pushed everyone back and the second start went off cleanly with 15 boats on the line. There was a good split up the bay with both sides arriving at the pin in close succession. The first leeward beat also saw a good spread of boats as the wind stayed true.

The second start was an 'i' flag start and that the pin was favored with the boats starting there being able to port tack and cross the boat end starters. With the flood current being a part of the decision process of which side to take and the starting line being so close to the cone off rose island made for a split fleet with middle left doing well up the first beat. The first run was fairly simple on the way to mark 6. The second upwind saw a few boats going deep into the mouth of the harbor trying to maximize the current ride across the bay while the majority stayed middle right trying to take the righty off clingstone mixed with the side current exiting Jamestown harbor towards the windward mark. At the second rounding there was a Charlie flag indicating a different leeward mark. Due to the very close quarters for the majority of the fleet none of us were able to see the flag nor hear the radio call over the chatter amongst boats. We on 33 only noticed the leeward mark was now an orange tet two minutes prior to rounding. We were the first of the pack to notice this on the eastern side of the all starboard run. We trimmed the main to break overlap of the leeward boats so we could gybe to port crossing the entire group to get to the new mark. As we hoisted our jib 3 lengths out, there was a fair number of boats screaming for room or no room at the mark. We rounded right behind 254 & 226 and kept clean as we sailed to the finish line. We didn't see the battle behind us that shook up the finishing order for the boats behind.