

FALL SERIES

SHIELDS FLEET 9 AUGUST 23

The weather forecast showed a west wind eventually going northwest then dropping in intensity. Once we north of the bridge the wind was 310 to 320 with occasional 345 and 290. The strength was 8 to 10.

Ida had Michael Connelly from shields #29 with John Bagwill Phyllis Detwiler Dan Eardley as driver and timer and myself as PRO. Capt. Hosea had William Connelly from #29 and Socrates Vavolotis. Limerock had Garret Connelly with David Gray and Ross Cann. Limerock handled the start and Leeward mark. Capt. Hosea handled the windward mark and finish. The course was set as Orange Tet at 325 to port, then to X-ray to port, once around. The course length was 2.9 nm

Before the race started the winds were anywhere from 310 to 340. An orange Tet was set 1.3 nm from the start at 325. The starting line was set for 340 at 950 lft. There were 16 boats on the line. The tide was incoming. Sunset was 1932. The only commercial traffic was a car carrier that went by just before the start.

The start had no over earlyies. The wind was 8 to 9. It took the fleet 20 minutes to go 1.3 nm. The wind was 4 knots at the windward mark causing the fleet to bunch up. The wind dropped to 5 and 6 for the downwind leg, giving thoughts of setting up S with two sound signals.

Ida dropped anchor about ¼ mile off X down tide by 10 degrees. Just as the fleet finished the wind increased to 10 to 12. Making it an easy sail home against the tide.

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