

SPRING SERIES

SHIELDS FLEET 9 MAY 24

Partly cloudy day, with a low pressure southeast moving to the east, which created the east southeast wind of the day. Air temperature was in the high 60's at the dock and low 60's on the water. , water temperature in the mid 50's. The wind was from the southeast 10 to 14mph. Newport Yacht Club set up a start line between Rose and Goat, as usual. Robin Wallace was PRO with Dan Eardley as driver, timer. Phyllis Detwiler and the Hilton team from Shields 217. Socrates Vavalotis Jamie Hilton from boat 217 and Bill O'Hanley manned Limerock.

Wind readings were 135 to 120 from the Jamestown shore area. Robin set up the starting line just east of Foxtrot with the wind axis as 130. The course was set as Y to port, F to port, twice around. The tide was flooding with high tide at 1932. The tide did not have any effect with the start. The wind was consistent for the start with little variance between 125 and 130. The wind did not change for the first windward but there were signs of left shifts as the fleet headed to the leeward mark. 226 was the first around Y. Robin notified Limerock of a possible course change to SRM1 (now labeled A) from Foxtrot.

Limerock set up at F (Foxtrot) with #1 on the course board, starboard rounding, because it looked as though Newport Yacht Club was using that mark as well and rounding starboard. Newport Yacht Club was not answering their radio. Robin confirmed the change of course to Limerock, and then announced the change of course on the VHF fleet channel 79. Eventually Newport Yacht Club returned the radio call and informed Robin their boats were turning that mark to port. Robin informed the fleet. The fleet went to race mark #1 and turned to starboard, then back to F.

The committee boat dropped anchor south of Rose. 226 passed Ida heading to West ahead of the Fleet and maintained that lead until the finish for the gun with 254 in second and 33 in third places.

Bill O'Hanley