

SPRING SERIES

SHIELDS FLEET 9 MAY 31

Foggy start with even more fog as the day continued. Air temperature was in the low 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 4 to 6 mph Robin Wallace was PRO with Dan Eardley as driver, timer. David Brown was with Betsy Reed and a member of Shields 14 of Fleet 17 CHI. Socrates Vavalotis Dean, also from boat 14 and Bill O'Hanley manned Capt. Hosea. Limerock was manned and mentored by Ross Cann, Phyllis Detwiler, Alyce Wright and Bill from Shields 14. Socrates implemented his new change of course board to Limerock, with a quick training to Alyce Wright. We did not get a chance to use it today. Commercial freighter called RC to let us know that they were heading north from Brenton Reef to drop anchor just West of Goat, but North of where our racing was taking place.

Wind readings were 135 to 140 from the Jamestown shore area. Robin set up the starting line just North of Foxtrot with the wind axis as 135 in 90 feet of water. The course was set as 2 to port, F to port, once around. It was a very strong Ebb tide. Low tide was at 1730. The wind was consistent for the start with little variance between 145 and 135. 158 and 17 were over early. The wind did not change for the first windward, although the fog increased significantly, reducing visibility. We were not able to see the commercial ship as it approached Goat. Robin notified Capt. Hosea to abandon the race with N over A. At mark 2 Capt. Hosea showed flags N over A with three sound signals.

Two races will be run next week to make up for this race.

Bill O'Hanley