

SUMMER SERIES

SHIELDS FLEET 9 AUGUST 9

Another beautiful evening for racing. A solid south Breeze 200 to 210 with an occasional lefty and righty as last week. Low tide at 3:07 with 13 boats on the line. The signal boat has Bill O'Hanley as Pro, Dan Eardley as timer, Mike Murray as driver, Betsy Reed, and Patricia Connerney from boat 59. Lime Rock has Phyllis Detwiler as driver and Stubby from boat 59. Captain Hosea has Socrates Vavolotis as driver and Bill from boat 59.

The wind was consistently 210 at the starting line just south of Gould and was 200 at the Newport bridge. The course was set as T to port to an orange Tet set up in front of the start line. The wind across for the starting line was 210. The start had one over early, 181 which cleared. All the fleet went left with the strong incoming tide.

The wind switched to 210 at Tango after the start and was 210 at the leeward mark. For the second upwind leg 5 boat went to the right or up the middle and 8 boats went to the left. Those that went to left lost positions. Those that went to the right caught the right-hand wind shift.

The wind shifted to 220 at Tango and we called a change of course to Victor. As the fleet was heading to Victor the wind shifted to the right again. The finish was set south of Victor

Bill O'Hanley