

## 2011 KIRBY CUP Team Race at Noroton Yacht Club – September 17-18

### **NYYC team:**

John Fallon, Erin Maxwell, Leo Schlinkert, Jan Raymond  
Brit Bischoff, Morgan Connor, Jason Walsh  
Stu Saffer, Warren Costikyan, Cathy Hoyt, Dick Hoyt

### **The final results (points may not be exact):**

1. NYYC 17
2. Marblehead 11 3/4
3. Texas Corinthian YC 11
4. Noroton YC 6 3/4
5. Vineyard Haven YC 6

### **The summary:**

We had four round robins with escalating point values in each round. After a splitting two wins and two losses in round 1, the NYYC team started to find our way. In round 2 we were able to manage 3 wins before the wind died. Unfortunately our last race and only loss in the second rotation was to the Marblehead team.

Every race in this regatta was contested to the last leg and the teams were very evenly matched. The close racing resulted in some spirited off the water debate and a fun dinner for competitors and volunteers held at Noroton YC on Saturday night.

Sunday morning brought a very strong ENE breeze with Long Island Sound swells. The team got off to a strong start with a win over Marblehead followed up with three more to complete a sweep of round robin 3. After winning the first two races of round robin 3 and dropping the third to TCYC, it set up a final race against Marblehead. The race was confused by a couple of traps and fouls around the windward mark, but NYYC emerged with a 1,4,5 on the run with large gaps between 4, 5 and 6. Stu Saffer and crew in the lead boat trapped perfectly at the leeward mark and turned the race into a 1,2 situation for a straightforward beat to the finish.

All competitors had a great time. Special thanks to event coordinator Lee Morrison, Noroton YC - especially the boat owners that provided all of the equipment, and all of the judges, RC, and volunteers.



*Kirby Cup winning team (l to r): Back row - Warren Costikyan, Erin Maxwell, Brit Bischoff, Jan Raymond, Dick Hoyt; Front row - Lea Schlinkert, Cathy Hoyt, John Fallon, Stu Saffer, Jason Walsh, Morgan Connor*