

Hello Castaways Racing Sailors!

One can always find excitement in Castaways Races and the start of Saturday's race was certainly exciting as Namu vied for line honors with a Tropical Freighter coming in to port. With three participants (well, four if you count the freighter) and light winds, the racers all agreed to sail from the starting line (between R2 and the pump house) to the clock tower at Worth Ave. in Palm Beach and back. Just as the clock wound down to the designated starting time, a Tropical freighter on his way into port barged the starting line on a collision course with Namu. Fiercely competitive sailor that he is, Gordon Rowse, Namu's skipper, challenged the interloper to the last minute, and finally ceded line honors to the new participant after the freighter blew his horn twice to claim victory. Fortunately, Namu was able to duck behind her competitor and get a reasonable start anyway, as the freighter dropped out of the race and continued on his course into the Port of Palm Beach.

On the other hand, with only 14 seconds in the finish times between Sirocco and Namu, who can say what impact the freighter had on boat-to-boat finishing honors? As nearly as this observer could tell from his helm seat on Damn Yankee far behind Namu and Sirocco, both PHRF boats duked it out throughout the race. Sirocco finished first, but only 14 seconds ahead of Namu, which won the match adjusted on handicap ratings. The freighter had to settle for a DNF (Did not Finish).

Here are the results.

									<u>17-Feb-18</u>
									<u>Date</u>
<u>Start Time</u>		12:55:00		<u>PHRF FLEET</u>					
<u>Distance</u>		8.7 nm							
<u>COURSE</u>		0							Race Officer _
<u>PLACE</u>	<u>SAIL NO.</u>	<u>BOAT NAME</u>	<u>BOAT</u>	<u>SKIPPER</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>RATING</u>	<u>FINISH</u>	
1	88	Sirocco	Oceanis 46	Olivier Pouille		PHRF	126	2:21:20	
2	23109	Namu	Ranger 33	Gordon Rowse		PHRF	162	2:21:34	
	None	Tropical Freighter	Island Freight	Unknown		COMMERCIAL	None	DNF	
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1	57	Damn Yankee	C&C 34+	Hank Copeland		JAM	132	2:47:30	

Join us March 17 for the Palm Beach Sailing Club's Blue Regatta. Starting times and entry information can be obtained from PBSC's website. And don't forget to put on your calendars April 28-29 for the Castaways annual Fellowship Regatta. Starting times for these races will likely be 1PM on Saturday and Sunday with the Awards Event to be held the evening of the 29th. This is always a fun event so be sure to get a crew together and watch for more information from the Castaways Club as the event draws near.

Happy sailing everyone, and get out there and race with us!

Best,

Hank Copeland
Race Chair, Castaways Sailing, Inc.