

# IOD FLEET REPORT

by Ian McNeice, IOD Fleet Captain



**T**he IOD sailing season got underway July 3rd, on a glorious sun filled day bringing with it a 14-16 knot breeze from the WSW. We returned to what used to be our regular racing area off the Dionis shore to minimize the sea chop that had built up further out in Nantucket Sound. This area can be one dimensional, in that the left side is often favored but, this proved not to be the case this day. The fleet soon showed that they had not lost their boat handling skills over a long winter as three races were completed using spinnakers at the upper end of their wind range with little incident. It was obvious, however, that the two teams, Bravo and People's, that had competed in the most recent World Championship the over previous two weeks were well practiced, as they quickly moved to the front end of the fleet. The People's Syndicate helmed by Geoff Verney, won the day in a tiebreaker over Hotel followed by Bravo. The following Sunday was quite the opposite with light shifty winds allowing only one race to be completed.

July 17<sup>th</sup> was the first day of our two-day World Championship Qualifier Series to determine who would represent the NIODFA in the 2012 World Championship to be held in Bermuda. The fleet faced a steady 20 knot breeze gusting up to 26 knots on occasion. Fourteen boats battled each other and the conditions over four races that afternoon with little incident. The very intense sailing was enjoyed by all and it was gratifying to see how far the boat handling skills of the fleet have improved in the last ten years. The World Qualifiers were completed the following weekend under the threat of thunder storms that thankfully didn't materialize. Wind conditions were variable but allowed for good racing. The series was a nail biter to the end with the Hotel Syndicate edging out

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People's Syndicate by one point. Of the seven races, there were five different winners, further illustrating the depth of competitive talent in our fleet.

As August approaches, our attention will shift to the Nantucket Race Week and the IOD Celebrity Invitational where crews of mere mortals have the opportunity to sail with Celebrity/Professional sailors in up to eight races over two days. This event has moved from strength to strength over the last six years. In this year's event, racing promises to be more competitive than ever.

Finally, the Nantucket IOD fleet is hosting the 2011 North American Invitational this September 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. This event includes competitors from Bermuda, Nova Scotia, Northeast Harbor, Maine, Marblehead, Nantucket, Fishers Island, Long Island Sound and San Francisco.

At this time, we are still in need of housing for off shore competitors. Anyone who can help in this capacity is urged to contact me, Ian McNeice.



## **IOD NORTH AMERICAN INVITATIONAL**

*Schedule of Events September 15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>*

### **Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**

Registration NYC Ballroom: 1600 – 1800 hrs

### **Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**

Registration NYC Ballroom: 0800 – 0900 hrs

Competitors Meeting NYC Ballroom: 0900 hrs

Practice Race First Warning: 1130 hrs

Invitational Racing To Follow

Dinner Nantucket Yacht Club (*Jacket Requested*) 1900 hrs

### **Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

Competitor's Meeting Great Harbor Yacht Club: 0815 hrs

Invitational Racing First Warning: 1030 hrs

Dinner Great Harbor Yacht Club: 1830 hrs

### **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

Invitational Racing First Warning: 1030 hrs

Closing Awards Ceremony GHYC: 1500 hrs