

# IOD Fleet Report



The unusual weather patterns of the 2013 sailing season continued throughout August to include the Labor Day series. Of the 31 races scheduled for the season, only 17 were completed.

The wind plagued us all summer: some days too much, some not enough, and some that might or might not develop into

a reasonable breeze late in the day. This made life difficult for our Principle Race Officer Eric Robbins in his third season running our races as the decision to cancel a day's racing does not please everyone!

However the quality of racing throughout the fleet was excellent, and I feel of the highest standard yet, with seven boats winning at least one race. Turnout

was very good this season with many days seeing at least thirteen boats on the line. This year we instituted a season long qualifier series to decide who will represent the Nantucket IOD Fleet in the four premier IOD events. These events are the

World Championships, North Americans, Bermuda Race Week and the Nantucket Invitational. The top four qualifiers were DELTA, PAPA, GOLF, and MIKE syndicates respectively. In addition Pierre Crosby, the skipper of DELTA was awarded the Commodore's Cup for his excellent performance throughout the season. This is a first for the IOD Fleet.

I must thank our PRO Eric Robbins and his Nantucket Yacht Club staff for their efforts during a very trying season wind-wise. Eric is ably supported by regular volunteers: Jud Judson, Judy Zurheide and Rebecca Bent, and we must thank them for without them Eric could not run the races at the level of professionalism he does. This offseason the boats will continue to be upgraded, and I look forward to more of the great competition we had in 2014.

**Ian McNeice, Fleet Captain**

