

## Frostbite Challenge 2012

On April 14<sup>th</sup> eight Frostbite teams (four from Essex, and four teams from Manhasset) competed in the Frostbite challenge throw down. Both clubs claim the name FROSTBITE YACHT CLUB, so this was like two polar bears, wrestling on the ice. The morning started with a light Northerly and bright skies. Tom Carse, our PRO set a windward leeward course once around. With an outgoing current, all boats worked to get up to the starting line. It was a clean close start and boats headed up the river. At the top mark, a slight westerly gave the boats went left an advantage. FBYC Essex went one two at the top mark, with Manhasset packing at places 3, 4, and 5. As expected tight competitive racing. Ed Birch and Robert Reichart took the first race, and Jeff Going and Matt Rennie placed second. Manhasset skipper Peter Beardsley placed third.

After wind delay and numerous changes in velocity, the second morning race was abandoned and sailors were treated to lunch courtesy of Essex Yacht Club. While in the club house, the expected Sea Breeze kicked in, and the match was on. The wind continued to build during the day as did the competition. The second race of the day got off to a rough start as Jeff Going got pushed over the line early. Manhasset Bay's Peter Beardsley, sailing world author and viper sailor won the race. Essex Frostbite managed to go second and third with Eddie Birch and Peter Harding.

The third race of the day saw some aggressive sailing with Peter Beardsley closing the door at the start. The course was a windward leeward into the blow hole. It was tight racing all around the course, with four ideals crossing the finish line in rapid succession. Manhasset went one two, Essex three four.

Jeff Going won the start for the fourth race, and played the right side of the course. A westerly shift came in favoring the boats that went right. Interclub champion Pedro Larson etched out the win and Jeff Going placed second.

At the start of the 5<sup>th</sup> race the score was tight. Essex led Manhasset by 6 points (87 to 93). The course was windward leeward twice around. The breeze was up to about 18 knots, but and the strong ebb was starting to wane. As the boats came down the run, there were a couple of spin outs in the squirrelly conditions. The team of Ed Birch and Robert Reichart won the race with Manhasset going second and third.

After six races Essex was up by two points. The final race was windward leeward with all one the line. The Race committee watched the boats bunch up to round the leeward mark. After 7 races it came down to the last beat. Working the right side Peter Harding was in a tacking duel with a Manhasset boat. After a few tacks, Peter threw in a false tack to shake loose and head for the finish line. With a won two finish, Manhasset was able to top Essex by a narrow 2 point lead. With the racing done, all the sailors and volunteers retired to Essex Yacht club for hot soup and libation.

The final point score was Manhasset 125, and Essex Frostbite 127.

1 <sup>st</sup> Peter Beardsley	18 points	Manhasset
2 <sup>nd</sup> Ed Birch	18 points	Essex
3 <sup>rd</sup> Pedro Larson	23 points	Manhasset
4 <sup>th</sup> Peter Harding	29 points	Essex
5 <sup>th</sup> R. Browning	30 point	Manhasset
6 <sup>th</sup> Jeff Going	32 points	Essex
7 <sup>th</sup> Frank Flores	48 points	Essex
8 <sup>th</sup> Ted Toombs	54 points	Manhasset

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