

Northeast Harbor IOD Fleet
2018 Fleet Report

The NEH IOD Class is just about to conclude a very successful 2018 season. We had 23 boats participate in the July series which totaled 12 races and, to date, we have had 19 boats participate in the August series which will conclude on Saturday August 25th. The winner of a hard fought July series that had four boats within two points of each other going into the final race was John Henry on Gambler. The current leader in the August series is David Rockefeller Jr. on Caribou.

One of the highlights of the NEH IOD Class and the NEH Fleet this year was the return of the August Cruise. The Cruise was a great tradition for many decades from the 1960s through 1990 but has been largely inactive for the last ~30 years. This year's format was two days of racing with a fabulous night's party after the first day race in beautiful Brooklin Maine. We had four IODs participate in the Cruise. The winners of both days races were Danielle, Jeff and Team Lawson visiting from the SF IOD Fleet!

Another highlight of our season has been the return of #4 Silver Spray which has been out of action for several years. She is skippered by Peter III. We have also added a new boat to the Class - #19 Freyja – captained by Mia Thompson. Our Class is very fortunate to be expanding and continuing to attract new racers. Once again, we have seen many younger sailors (several skippering) out on the race course this season. Our younger sailors hail from the local high school team, the numerous summer sailing schools and colleges from near and far. This bodes very well for the future health of our Class.

The NEH IOD Class is also excited about post season racing this year. We will have two boats racing in the World Championships in Sweden. The first is John Henry and his team from Gambler. The second boat will be David Schoeder and his team from Dakota. In addition, John Roberts and Team Woodie will be representing the NEH IOD Class at the IOD North American Championships in Chester.

Respectfully submitted,
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2018 NEH IOD Captain