

CHESTER IOD FLEET ANNUAL REPORT 2018

This has been another good year for the Chester IOD fleet. Lots of good things have happened over the past 12 months. Over the winter, Shawn Mulrooney and South Shore Marine boat works completed 2 new fiberglass IOD using the class molds. They were built in tandem and completed this spring. The first was “Sterling” which was purchased by Todd Murphy of the Manhattan Yacht Club. She has been shipped to New York and is a proud member of the Manhattan Yacht Club emerging IOD fleet. The second new build is the beautiful red boat called “Coachman” She joins the Chester fleet and gives us 12 boats and will form the basis for Chester hosting the IOD Championship in 2020. “Zephyr II” was purchased by a syndicate at the Manhattan Yacht Club and left our Chester fleet.



The Spring means sailing in Bermuda at the Bermuda International Invitational Race Week. This year Peter Wickwire returned to the Island to represent the Chester Fleet. Despite a slow start, he once again dominated the racing and won the “Vrengen Cup” for the 3rd time. The Chester Fleet seems to be dominating this event: last year Ted Murphy also won the event for us.

The next major regatta on the agenda for Chester skippers was the Nantucket Invitational in late June. Ted Murphy once again represented Chester. Ted enjoyed a successful weekend in Nantucket and finished in a 3-way-tie for first place which was ultimately won by Nantucket’s Chris Gould in the tie breaker.

Local racing is now underway for our fleet with Thursday night white sail racing and a full weekend program. In July, we held our first weekend regatta which we used as

part of our 'Worlds' qualification series. Six of our fleet participated. Ted Murphy prevailed and won the weekend series. We have welcomed two new young skippers to the fleet. David Mosher is racing our new build "Coachman" and loving it! The second young skipper is Caisey LeBlanc who is sailing "Ibis" for the season.

August brings out the biggest participation for us. First is the Indian Point Regatta at followed by the Chester Classics weekend and finally Chester Race Week. There will be 10 boats on the One Design course for Chester Race Week and the regatta will be keenly contested as it represents the major component to our IOD worlds qualification series. Additionally, this year, from August 30 to September 02 we are hosting the IOD North Americans for the second time. We have 10 participants from the North America IOD fleets. Evan Petley-Jones will be representing Chester in this regatta. At the time of writing, preparations are going well and we are looking forward to welcoming our guests and showing them our Nova Scotia hospitality.



The IOD World Championships are not until late August and Ted Murphy will be flying the flag for us at this regatta. Please visit Chester IOD Fleet on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ChesterIODFleet/> for pictures and articles on the regattas mentioned above. Our thanks to all our members and supporters in Chester and Indian Point.

Respectfully submitted,
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