

## Fishers Island IOD Fleet 2018 Fleet Report

The biggest news for the Fishers Fleet since the last report is that Jonathan Farrar, Isabelle Farrar, Kevin Wyp, Kevin Gillman and Mike McNamara (Team Zallee) won the 2017 IOD World Championships in Northeast Harbor, just a few points ahead of fellow fleet members John Burnham and Peter Rugg who finished second. Jonathan and his crew sailed consistently over the week and were able to prevail in incredibly challenging conditions and on very difficult courses.



*World Champion Team Zallee - Kevin Wyp, Mike McNamara, Jonathan Farrar, Isabelle Farrar & Kevin Gillman*

In September, just after last year's World Championship, the Fishers Island IOD Fleet was honored to host the North American Championship Regatta, September 14-17, 2017. Teams from all the North American fleets except Bermuda and San Francisco were able to attend, including a representative from the new guys – the Manhattan Yacht Club IOD Fleet. John Roberts (NEH) continued his dominant ways and came away with his third NAs win in a row. Despite wind that at times was nonexistent, we were able to get three races off on Friday and one on Saturday morning. Unfortunately, after a lovely dinner at Lucinda Herrick's house on Saturday night, there was no wind at all on Sunday so racing was cancelled. The regatta was made possible by the hard work and help of many and the gracious generosity and trust of our boat owners. We are all looking forward to the Worlds in 2021, when we will get to host fellow IOD sailors again on our beautiful island.



*Light air racing on Fishers Island Sound at the 2017 IOD North American Championship*

This year, racing at Fishers remains as keen as ever. Though numbers are down slightly (only 9 boats are in the water and racing this year) competition remains fierce. John Burnham, Peter Rugg, Beth Scholle, Jennifer Parsons and Charlton Rugg, aboard FI 50, Norwegian Wood finished off our 2019 Worlds qualifiers with four straight bullets to edge out Charlie Van Voorhis and Jester, FI 14, in the last race of that series. Current World Champion, Jonathan Farrar, rounded out the podium by finishing third in Zallee, FI 5.

Unfortunately, Wes Maxwell and Ginch, FI 17, which showed tremendous boat speed, consistency and skill during the series, could not sail on the last day of the series even though they were tied for first place on points at the time. Despite staying ashore that day, they were able to finish in the middle of the fleet.

Arthur Kuypers, the new owner of FI 15, Celerity (old name Grillo), has also made quite a splash with his recently renovated fiberglass IOD. Combined with good looks and great boat speed he and his team have had several top three finishes and are becoming a force to be reckon with. Celerity finished fourth in our recent Worlds qualifier, tied on points with Team Zallee.

Brad Burnham continues to race FI 35, Sirius, the most beautiful boat in the fleet, regularly and has been responsible for getting our junior boat skippered by his son Matt, Creole, FI 12, onto the race course regularly, as well. Brad and his wife Mary hosted a lovely cocktail party at their spectacular peninsula site Friday night during the NAs complete with delicious Fisher Island Oysters.

FI 7, Golf, owned by Bill Reed, sails sporadically with guest helmspeople, as Bill continues his rehabilitation from a biking injury in Nepal last year. Instead, Bill has puts his talents to work on the RC boat running races for the FIYC.

Kevin Farrar continues to develop his restoration plans for FI 30, Kahoutec, which stands in a shed in his driveway in rural Connecticut. Occasionally, Kevin makes an appearance with

Stewart Cutler, Doug Walker and Scott Reid, who regularly campaign Chip Flower's FI 23, Duchess.

Allegra, FI 13, owned by the Callahan family, has not seen any action this season as they try to wrestle with busy schedules and persistent leaks. The boat had the best finish record in the wind-shortened NAs at Fishers last fall, so she is definitely worth the effort! The fleet is looking for a way to fix and possibly add depth to the syndicate to get Allegra back on the water and racing competitively next year.

It is hard to believe that the end of another season is drawing so close, but the Fishers Island IOD fleet is proud to report that it remains strong, active and competitive. We are looking forward to the last remaining weekends of racing this season and look forward to submitting our next report in Marblehead in 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlie Van Voorhis, Fleet Captain  
Fishers Island IOD Fleet