

6<sup>th</sup> Annual SNAME Cup Sailing Regatta October 25, 2014

## Setting Sail for Victory at the 6th Annual SNAME Cup Sailing Regatta

The 6th SNAME Cup Sailing Regatta was held on Saturday, October 25, following the inaugural SNAME Maritime Convention at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Houston, Texas. The 2014 Regatta was held on the waters of Galveston Bay with the event launching from the Houston Yacht Club in Shoreacres. The Regatta was chaired by Scott McClure.

With the generous support of the following sponsoring companies, this year's event was a fabulous success.

- Team Alan C. McClure Associates Sponsored by Alan C. McClure Associates, Inc.
  Team InTeRe
- Team JoToRo Sponsored by ABS, Bruce S. Rosenblatt & Associates, LLC, Ship Architects, Inc.
- Team SBM Offshore USA, Inc. Sponsored by SBM Offshore USA, Inc.
- Team Wartsila Sponsored by Wartsila

Eight J-22 owners again donated their personal boats for the regatta. We recognize the significant contributions of the boat owners and thank them for their generosity.

As in previous years, the regatta kicked off with breakfast and coffee in the Houston Yacht Club while the eight skippers attended a skipper's meeting with the Race Committee. We then rigged the boats in preparation for the 10:00am rendezvous on the water. Racing was postponed on the water while we waited for wind, so the group of boats casually sailed around the buoys and one another. Excellent race committee work allowed us to start shortly after the delay. The sailors aggressively raced for a chance to win one of the four coveted SNAME silver cups and for their name to be engraved on the SNAME Cup Regatta silver bowl.

The day's competition ended around 3:00pm, after 5 races.

We finished the day with a Texas BBQ style buffet at the Houston Yacht Club. Non sailors also joined the festivities, including Mr. Petros Lalangas and his wife Cleopatra, honored guests of the Society from the SERO European SNAME office in Greece.

Congratulations to Team SBM Offshore USA, Inc. for placing first for the overall regatta, led by Skipper Todd Carrico and teammates, Julien Odorico and Bruce Martin.

Second place went to Team Wartsila, sailed by Skipper Gary van Tassel and sailors Mark Donahue and HQ's own Carole Herzog, Membership Coordinator.

Third place went to Team Alan C. McClure Associates and was led by the regatta Chair himself, Scott McClure, with teammates Jason Bundoff and Nick Barczak.

Fourth place, winning the last of the coveted silver cup trophies was Skipper Plamen Yanakiev, Austin Swain, one of the three student sailors who participated in the regatta, and Mack Contento.

All proceeds raised will go toward supporting the SNAME Scholarship Fund. Over \$200,000 in scholarship awards for Undergraduate and Graduate SNAME student members have been made by the Society for the 2014-2015 academic year. SNAME has awarded millions of dollars in scholarships to graduate and undergraduate students since 1933.

All participants look forward to the 7th Annual SNAME Cup on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> out of Sail Newport in Newport, Rhode Island. Next year's SNAME Maritime Convention will be held in conjunction with the World Maritime Technology Conference, November 3-7 at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence.

PLACE	BOAT	SPONSOR	SKIPPER	SAILORS
1	877	SBM Offshore USA, Inc	Bruce Martin	Julien Odorico Todd Carrico
2	973	Wartsila	Gary van Tassel	Mark Donahue Carole Herzog
3	35	ACMA	Scott McClure	Jason Bundoff Nick Barczak
4	578	None	Plamen Yanakiev	Austin Swain Mack Contento
5	732	None	Gord Murphy	Gareth Hughes Kevin Doty Pierre-Charles Drapeau
6	918	ABS, BSR, SAi	Todd Grove	Bruce Rosenblatt Joe Comer
7	377	None	Chris McKesson	Ted Dickenson Samantha Adornati
8	863	None	John Dixon	Nilsu Uyguner Mike Webster

## Final Race Results: