

# New York Classic Week 2007 Daily Bulletin

## Thursday, October 4

Dear Classic Week Participants,

**Racing will begin today at 12 noon** with the "Introduction to the Harbor Race" which will be combined into the "Corporate Day."

As a first year event, we have provided many opportunities for yachts to sail but also allowed yachts to enter just one race if that is all their schedule allows. A total of 14 yachts are now entered and will compete in the "Statue of Liberty Race" on Saturday. For the races today and tomorrow, there will only be us - **the happy, the few and the fortunate**. Over the years, we hope more sailors will have the fortune of racing on more of these days as a type of season finale!

Expected to be on the water today at 12 noon are **America II, Blackwatch, White Wings and Wild Horses**. To make the sailing more enjoyable for all today and tomorrow, the Race Committee may decide to start all classes together. Please listen before the start to **VHF CH 69** for this information. If the Race Committee makes this change, it will request acknowledgment by VHF CH 69 from all yachts. If the RC does not get this from any specific yacht, they will send their Race Manager boat "Greyhound" to deliver the information in person.

Thank you to all of the sailors who rode out to the Honorable William Wall, the clubhouse in the harbor, for Mount Gay Rum & tonics yesterday evening. There was a **great spirit**, the views of the skyline were magnificent and the spirit of our regatta and classic yacht gathering has begun to grow.

This evening will be the show case event for New York Classic Week. This will be the judging of the **Concours d'Elegance**. It will begin at 5 p.m. when the judges gather on the Tall Ship Pride of Baltimore II for their instructions. From there, this is how the competition will unfold:

- 1) Judges will walk together from yacht to yacht.
- 2) When they approach a yacht, they will call out for a yacht representative.
- 3) They will explain who they are and what is their purpose.
- 4) Then they will the yacht representative to provide background on their yacht.
- 5) After this briefing, the judges will turn themselves over to the yacht representative who is invited to lead them in any way he or she desires. This may include a tour of the yacht, introductions to the crew, expanded descriptions of the yacht including restorations, ambitions and successes.
- 6) After viewing all yachts, the judges will gather again on the Pride of Baltimore II for a private discussion to decide the winners.

The announcement of the Concours d'Elegance winners and presentation of trophies including for today's race will take place at 9 p.m. at the Bubble Lounge, a fashionable champagne lounge at 226 West Broadway between White and Franklin Streets in Tribeca.

Sincerely, Commodore Michael W. Fortenbaugh