

2017 SAM WETHERILL TROPHY RACE



Cliff Myers presents Sam Wetherill Race, First Place to Past Commodore Frank Flores of Checkmate



Cliff Myers presents Sam Wetherill Race Second Place to Chris Griffin of Kitty Hawk

The long range forecast for this year's Sam Wetherill Race oscillated from fair with no winds to "sporty" with 6' to 10' foot seas, 20-30 knot winds and thunderstorms and every combination in between represented. Tropical storm Gus was wreaking havoc with the weather forecasters. The day before the race the forecasters settled on "snotty" conditions with high winds and seas with attendant thunderstorms. In spite of the forecast three boats took the start line at 1900 on Friday, August 18. While conditions moderated somewhat relative to the forecast the racers experienced exciting racing out to and around Block Island before the winds dropped with the effects of Gus dissipating and winds clocking around from the south to the west.

The order of finish on corrected time was *Checkmate* first with *Kitty Hawk* and *Tesero* following. Congratulations to all the racers for completing a challenging race. A special tip of the hat goes to Chris Griffen of *Kitty Hawk* as he did the race single-handed.

First Place: CHECKMATE, Frank Flores
Second Place: KITTY HAWK, Chris Griffin
Third Place: TESERO, Tim Brewer

--Cliff Myers, Chair
Regatta Committee