



**2005**  
**1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL**  
**BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS REGATTA**  
**POST-EVENT SURVEY OF COMPETITORS**

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

- ❖ Congratulations on a job very well done.
- ❖ For someone with limited time and budget, sailing can be a little exclusive. This event was just the opposite. Enjoyed everything about it and thought the organization superb.
- ❖ I am still on a high from this weekend. What Fun! You couldn't have planned a better day and you pulled it off with such class and style! CONGRATS.
- ❖ I certainly had a great time as well as my crew. Thank you.
- ❖ In all respects...GREAT JOB!!!!!!!!!! If you changed nothing, I'd still definitely be there again next incredible that so many boats showed up with what appeared to be little advertising. When word gets out, probably double the numbers in 2006.
- ❖ My first race with the boat and my first official race. The hastily assembled crew met at the Capt's Dinner. Sailed for 1st time at 0930 Sat Morn. Practiced gybes on way to start.
- ❖ Regatta was a great ending to my summer. I loved everything about it. Great to sail in outer harbor many boats enjoying the day. Be glad to help.
- ❖ Thank you for such a fantastic event. Great way to show off the islands.
- ❖ Thank you to the race committee for a very enjoyable regatta.
- ❖ Thanks for a fantastic day!!
- ❖ Thanks for a really fun event.
- ❖ Thanks for putting together such a great race! Overall we were very pleased and impressed and are looking forward to next year's.
- ❖ Thanks for your good leadership.

**WHAT DID YOU PARTICULARLY LIKE ABOUT THE EVENT?**

- ❖ As a non-racing sailor, I liked many things. Inclusiveness and openness to all kinds of sailors and boats was wonderful. Felt very welcome. Hope it turns out to be first of many.
- ❖ Course and post-race party
- ❖ Course layout. Not many races held anymore where local knowledge of currents, reading charts etc. part of mix. Combination of sponsors help generate awareness. Great resources.
- ❖ Course was great, setting and events Friday and Saturday social events were perfect.
- ❖ Course, beautiful being out near Boston Light. Great during Fall- best sailing around here. Great job on photography, Psyched that Wavelength Fotoboat was there.
- ❖ Event very well organized and attended with announced schedule followed precisely
- ❖ Event was open to "non-racers" who don't normally compete in PHRF or evening races. Fun and not blood sport. Interesting course. Daysail route. In my backyard.
- ❖ Event was picture perfect. Course interesting and lots of fun. Idea of social event on Georges Island is a great one.

- ❖ Everything from initial entry process, updates on website, the race, launch service, BBQ, posting results same day, was flawless. One of best run regattas I've attended
- ❖ Excited with thought that anyone could win. Had a great time. Scene tremendous, Georges Island services were great.
- ❖ Finally, there's a hallmark sailing event in Boston. Nice my wife could spend the day with our son on Georges. 1st time to get to the islands.
- ❖ Great event. Loved the venue. Been talking in Hingham about such a thing for years.
- ❖ Great first event. Easy to participate and fun to watch. Very impressive and long overdue beginning to what should be long-standing tradition.
- ❖ I like the cause, liked the course and thought the less than fierce competition was a big plus for a rookie.
- ❖ Large varied fleet, great organization, fun atmosphere
- ❖ Liked the course outside the islands, more fun than just sailing around the bay, have to navigate and avoid current. Launch worked smoothly. Great island party
- ❖ Loved the idea of getting as many boats as possible racing in Boston. Immensity of it was astounding! Thanks for everything. Glad I was in the 1st.
- ❖ Marvelous regatta! Piers Park Group thrilled to be part of the event.
- ❖ Organization, location and the number of boats.
- ❖ Perfect weather. Course was good, interesting, challenging and a good length for the conditions. Post race party, launches, bbq, jazz, variety of trophies, great. Had a wonderful time.
- ❖ Pulled together all the wonderful parts of being a sailor in Boston, involving all different people and boats.
- ❖ Relaxed, family-style event which promotes newcomers to racing. Sponsors. Nobody out of control. Convince Redbones to return. Way better than caterers at other events. Like the jazz band
- ❖ Spirit of competition rather than mere competition for a 1st time racer like myself. Web updates and email notifications. Attention to detail was superb. Having RJ as Regatta Director.
- ❖ The race format using the harbor islands and navigational marks was great. An excellent turnout and the weather.
- ❖ The weather
- ❖ Weather, course around the outer islands.
- ❖ A race course that gets outside the harbor. Party venue was excellent. Mooring/launch service good.
- ❖ The whole event was well done. Congrats to the committee and volunteers. Having suffered through some misguided ones, I really appreciated the race management.
- ❖ Thought the regatta was EXCELLENT! All aspects of the race from race management (started on time, good instructions, plenty of chase boats, etc.)
- ❖ Very easy for competitors to get information and the course was made safe. Post activities great, getting ashore quickly, everybody friendly and welcoming. A+!!!
- ❖ Very well organized - especially the cookout and the easy on and off in the courtesy boats.
- ❖ Well organized. Great course. Excellent pre-race meeting and dinner.
- ❖ Well, everything. I liked the inclusive nature and multiplicity of events. Well done.

## **ARE YOU PLANNING TO PARTICIPATE AGAIN IN 2006?**

Yes – 97%

If I can get the right boat – 3%

## **DID BHIR CHANGE YOUR PERCEPTION OF IA AND ITS MISSION, OR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT ITS GOALS?**

- ❖ Absolutely. Crew was bummed to leave so early. Promote IA with info in bags on how boaters can enjoy islands. 2nd Day event with camping on island/moorings Sat PM for extra donation.
- ❖ Good fundraiser and awareness creator for the IA.
- ❖ Good thing. Certainly has awareness now and full support.
- ❖ I already support IA, makes people more aware of islands. Good Globe articles.
- ❖ I think the IA is great. Keep up the good work. No LNG!
- ❖ I was not familiar with IA. Great way to get people involved.
- ❖ Impressed with what IA has done. Reorients my sailing perimeter back to Boston away from Maine/Marblehead/Newport. Regatta important to island usership.
- ❖ Never knew IA existed and I'm glad I do now.
- ❖ Nope, Tom did that all by himself.
- ❖ Great way of introducing people to the islands, made me want to explore more of them.
- ❖ Since I didn't know anything about IA, it was a good learning experience. I have a great fondness for the harbor and islands so will definitely support future efforts on their behalf.
- ❖ The regatta reinforced my willingness to support the BHI Alliance.
- ❖ This event made me aware of the Island Alliance for the first time and also that the islands were a national park, so you hit your goals with this.
- ❖ This further supported my positive perception of IA
- ❖ Yes it did. I didn't know anything about it till I found out about the event. I've already jumped on board as a Sponsor. This is my sailing back yard!
- ❖ Yes, because I did not know about them. Who were all those kids staffing the events?
- ❖ Yes, I had joined Boston Harbor Association but have heard nothing back from them. Will now look at the Alliance.
- ❖ Yes, I had limited knowledge of the IA and am now enthusiastic about its mission.
- ❖ Yes, I hardly knew anything about the Alliance before. That's changed. Great to learn about them and I signed on as a Sponsor.
- ❖ Yes, the cooperation was great to see. I would be happy to volunteer if I could be of use in some way
- ❖ Yes, what better way than a spectacular event attended by people who can have a good time offshore. On the islands or sailing around them.