

MOFFETT RACE--9/12/99

Ranked on Elapsed time

Course:R22 etc. Length:12.9nm Wind:NW-NE 5+ Sea:1-2 Tide:E then W

OWNER	YACHT NAME	ELAP TIME	ALLOWANCE 3	COR TIME2	APPARENT SPBBD
Beverly, C.	Moondance	227.93	11.4	216.53	3.4
Bassett/Taylor	Magic Carpet	231.17	6.3	224.87	3.35
Delaney, G.	Ardent	231.33	11.4	219.93	3.35
Underwood, W.	Naiad	233.77	7.0	226.77	3.31
Heil, D.	Pearly Baker	234.65	12.6	222.05	3.3
Duane, H.	Andiamo II	235.57	3.8	231.77	3.29
Berardi, G.	Ayejuna	235.82	10.1	225.72	3.28
Gates, I.	King Kiwi	240.78	15.8	224.98	3.21
Coe, J.	Indian Summer	240.95	4.4	236.55	3.21
Brush, G.	Hot Foot	242.28	14.5	227.78	3.19
Goodale, J.	Stormalong	243.72	22.1	221.62	3.18
Amabile, J.	Solitude	246.42	15.8	230.62	3.14
Churchill, J.	Taygeta	257.00	0.0	257	3.01
Franklin, J.T.	Westray	258.48	17.1	241.38	2.99
Lobdell, J.	Malabar II	261.22	17.7	243.52	2.96
MacPhail, A	Reliance	262.87	28.5	234.37	2.94
Becker, R.	Gloria	263.08	27.2	235.88	2.94
Jones, Mal	Sanderling	263.38	27.8	235.58	2.94
Benjamin, N.	When & If	264.57	3.2	261.37	2.93
Mendenhall, E.	Rocinante III	267.32	27.8	239.52	2.9
Robinson, R.	Phalarope	269.23	27.8	241.43	2.87
Blum, R.	Music Street	273.20	22.1	251.1	2.83
Zell, P.	Lapwing	279.48	27.2	252.28	2.77
Culkin, D.	Magic Time	287.50	39.8	247.7	2.69
Rappaport, D.	Jullani	293.92	15.8	278.12	2.63
Weisman, J.	Latonka	293.93	27.2	266.73	2.63
Canfield, C.	Kestrel	298.93	42.4	256.53	2.59
Reeve, B.	Andiamo	301.62	37.9	263.72	2.57
Slater, B.	Shy Fox	302.53	25.3	277.23	2.56
Turnell, D.	Druid	303.65	36.7	266.95	2.55
Axinn, S.	Tashmoo Travlr	306.90	43.6	263.3	2.52
Cabral/Oberfest	Liberty	320.77	17.7	303.07	2.41
Farland, B.	Onward	322.68	32.9	289.78	2.4
Hawkins, H	Vela	324.18	14.5	309.68	2.39
Craig, J.	Canapitsit	324.30	47.4	276.9	2.39
Stimson, D.	Venture	328.27	27.2	301.07	2.36
Pepin, R.	Spray	330.92	46.2	284.72	2.34
Davies, B.	Estrela	335.45	34.1	301.35	2.31
Ochs, P.	Sowsear	336.47	42.4	294.07	2.3
Popenoe, H.	Raven	336.62	31.6	305.02	2.3
Robinson, J.	Phra Luang	341.75	27.2	314.55	2.26
Edey, M.	Dakini	345.00	36.7	308.3	2.24
Wilson, T.	Netcher	365.52	31.6	333.92	2.12
Nevin, J.	Anoa	372.52	34.8	337.72	2.08
Loberg, M.	Candle in Wind	373.00	39.8	333.2	2.08
Bresson, J.	Tomahawk	382.08	39.8	342.28	2.03
Michaud, N.	Serenity	384.17	31.6	352.57	2.01
Mossey, E.	Shearwater	385.50	37.9	347.6	2.01
Wilson, A.	Chantey	417.00	47.4	369.6	1.86
Pringle, J.	Moocusser	424.00	46.2	377.8	1.83

22nd ANNUAL MOFFETT RACE 1999-SUMMARY

Sunday 9/12/99

The 1999 Moffett Race was held under frustrating conditions for skippers. Winds were light and variable. The start was postponed and the Race Committee elected to sail the Alternate Course to R22 Hedge Fence, C3 Cape Pogue and home-12.9nm. A light northwesterly set in around 12:40 and Division II (starting first) went off at 12:51 an hour and 20 minutes later than planned.

62 boats entered, 55 started and 50 finished all in all a good record. The results are shown in the attached listings of rank by Corrected Time and Elapsed Time (with apparent speed). About a half hour after the start the NW wind died and many boats anchored. After some time the wind filled in from the NE. The boats on the north side of the course appeared to get this earlier and also held a more favorable slant. Although the tide tables indicated favorable tide up to 14:30, it appeared that it turned a little earlier and the fleet was fighting some unfavorable tide as they approached R22. The order at R22 was:

Pearly Baker
Ayejuna
Moondance
Ardent
Andiamo II
Magic Carpet
Naiad

At Can 3 the order was:

Moondance
Pearly Baker
Ardent
Ayejuna
Magic Carpet
Andiamo II
Naiad

At the finish (see Elapsed Time) Magic Carpet had moved up to second and Naiad was 4th to finish. As the Corrected Time sheet indicates, Moondance was the overall winner with the best corrected and elapsed times.

The apparent speeds are 2 knots slower than usual and the slower boats took six to seven hours to finish. During the early part of the race, the Race Committee debated whether to abandon the event but felt that this should not be done until it was obvious the time limit would run out. As it turned out the first boat finished in 3.8 hours well within the 5 hour time limit.

It's apparent that the policy of subtracting time from the allowances of past winners is wise. Without this either Naiad and Andiamo II might have won. Moondance's handicap was too high. Although the entry sheet indicated that Moondance was an exact sister ship to Ardent, she was noticeably faster. At one point on the first leg both yachts were close together, but when the wind filled in Moondance began to pull away and was 3.4 minutes (elapsed time) ahead of Ardent at the finish.


A listing of Common Finish by Handicap Difference, Exhibit B, is also attached. This uses Hot Foot's corrected time and calculates the handicaps for all yachts based on this. Hot Foot was 9th on corrected time and 10th on elapsed

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time. The grouping isn't too bad for the first 20 or so boats. Beyond this the vagaries of location on the course as to tide and wind in the early part of the race creates large differences.

Jerry Goodale filed a verbal protest at the finish against Magic Carpet for failing to respond to the rights of a leeward overtaken yacht. Other skip-pers have also complained of this. Although a formal written protest has not been received, one suggestion is to write Todd Bassett/Lee Taylor and explain the appropriate conduct.

Do we want to hold a review meeting?



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Memorable Moffett

The 1999 Moffett race presented lots of surprises to the 62 entries.

To begin with, the air was light and northwest before the start which, along with a fast flooding eastbound tide, would have made the first leg to the Falmouth bell difficult, if not impossible for many boats.

The committee boat first raised the "A" flag signalling the alternate course....a 12.9 mile trip to the east then down to Cape Pogue and back to Vineyard Haven.

The next surprise was the death of the wind which militated the firing of 2 guns to signal a delayed start. The fleet drifted about in the warmth of a sunny late summer day. Some crews went swimming....one skipper went over with a brush and cleaned his bottom. Many enjoyed lunch. A northwest breeze freshened at 1240PM and the start sequence resumed. The wind was fickle and moved gradually to northeast and the first hour of the race saw some very good boats seriously disadvantaged by the disparate effects of light air and strong tide. Taygeta, the Moffett scratch boat, had to drop anchor briefly to wait out a wind shift at East Chop.

The first mark was the red gong "22" at the east end of Hedge Fence, only about 4 miles from the start but oh, how hard it was to get there. Some boats headed for Woods Hole seeking good air out in the sound and they were not seen again for some time. Most boats sailed toward Falmouth and those who were patient and sailed far enough north, i.e. to L'Hommedieu Shoal before trying to fetch "22" did the best by far. Those whose hopes exceeded the tyrannical rules of the sea paid a price. King Kiwi, for example, recovered from a bad start by choosing the less traveled road of "22" and skipper Gates earned himself a sixth place finish.

After passing "22" the race was easy....a reach to Cape Pogue, a run to the Edgartown bell "2" then on to East Chop and the finish line. Along this route some faster boats caught up....Taygeta sailed by as did When and If with Nat Benjamin at the helm and a large crew that included Holmes Hole Commodore Pat West.

At the finish, a few fast boats completed the course in less than 4 hours. Two Avance sloops, 33.6 feet, both from Woods Hole, placed first and second. The winner was Moondance sailed by Carl Beverly. Second was sister ship Ardent sailed by George Delaney.

A Holmes Hole notable, Jerry Goodale, was third in Stormalong, a Kirby 25. Another Islander, Doug Heil, who coaches the High School racers, was fourth in a J24, Pearly Baker. Next were T. Bassett in Magic Carpet, Irving Gates in King Kiwi, Gene Berardi in Ayejuna W. Underwood in Naiad, George Brush in Hot Foot and John Amabile in Solitude. Last year's winner, Harry Duane, sailed this year with the impaired handicap that is the burden of a past winner but still was sixth to finish, eleventh corrected.

The post race party at Owen Park served chowder and other nutrition for a lon time as the committee waited for late finishers some of whom took almost 7 hours to return. It was long after dark when Race Chairman Hugh Schwarz and Holmes Hole Vice Commodore Harry Duane announced the results and presented the Moffett Trophy to Carl Beverly. It was a memorable Moffett.

Prepared by Dan Culkin...693-8944.....sept 13, 1999

1999 Alt Course

GEORGE MOFFETT RACE 1999-ALTERNATE COURSE
Race Results-Time in minutes

Date: 9/12/99 Course: 12.9nm Wind: Sunday

OWNER	COURSE TYPE/COLOR	LOA	TIDE: SAIL NO	SEA:	YACHT NAME	ST	ELAP TIME	ALLOWANCE 3	COR TIME	PLACE
Churchill, J.	Slp/wh	49.9	R 10		Taygeta	✓	4:27:00	257.0 0.0	257.00	
Benjamin, N.	sch/blk	63.0			When & If	✓	4:34:34	264.59 3.2	261.37	
Duane, H.	Slp/red	26.8	US 510		Andiamo II	✓	4:05:34	235.59 3.8	231.77	(11)
Coe, J.	Slp/grn	39.5	40013		Indian Summer	✓	4:10:57	240.95 4.4	236.55	(13)
Bassett/Taylor	Ywl/white	56.0	587		Magic Carpet	✓	4:01:11	231.17 6.3	224.87	(5)
Underwood, W.	Gslp/white	32.2			Naiad	✓	4:03:46	233.97 7.0	226.77	(4)
Berardi, G.	slp/white		US 729		Ayejuna	✓	4:05:29	235.82 10.1	225.72	(7)
Beverly, C.	slp/dkblue	33.6	33542		Moondance	✓	3:57:56 3:47:50	227.93 11.4	216.53	(1)
Delaney, G.	Slp/wh	33.6	33524		Ardent	✓	4:01:20	231.33 11.4	219.93	(2)
Heil, D.	slp/whte	24.0	1063		Pearly Baker	✓	4:04:39	231.65 12.6	222.05	(4)
Brush, G.	Slp/wh	32.8	1779		Hot Foot	✓	4:12:17	242.28 14.5	227.78	(9)
Hawkins, H	Gslp/black	52.0			Vela	✓	5:34:11	324.18 14.5	309.68	
Parks, S.	slp/white	46.0			Viva	?		15.2	DNS	
Amabile, J.	Slp/white	36.0	4358	4588	Solitude	✓	4:16:25	246.42 15.8	230.62	(10)
Gates, I.	Slp/black	38.0			King Kiwi	✓	4:10:47	240.78 15.8	224.98	(6)
Rappaport, D.	Slp/dkbl	35.0	J 35		Jullani	✓	5:07:55	293.92 15.8	278.12	
Franklin, J.T.	Ywl/ltgr	39.8	754		Westray	✓	4:28:29	258.48 17.1	241.38	(19)
Cabral/Oberfest	Gslp/white	40.0			Liberty	✓	5:30:46	320.97 17.7	302.90	30
Lobdell, J.	Sch/blk	42.0			Malabar II	✓	4:31:13	261.22 17.7	243.52	
Palmieri, M.	slp/white	28.3			Arion	DNS	DNS	19.0	DNS	
Stewart, J.	slp/grn	28.2	19		Aria	DNS	DNS	19.0	DNS	
Blum, R.	Slp/white	31.3	16		Music Street	✓	4:43:12	273.20 22.1	251.10	
Goodale, J.	Slp/blue	25.0	22699		Stormalong	✓	4:13:43	249.72 22.1	226.62	(3) P
Slater, B.	Slp/teal	34.0			Shy Fox	✓	5:12:32	302.53 25.3	277.23	
Becker, R.	Slp/red	24.0	229		Gloria	✓	4:33:05	263.08 27.2	235.88	(14)
Robinson, J.	Gsch/green	42.0			Phra Luang	✓	5:51:45	344.95 27.2	314.55	
Stimson, D.	Gslp/wh	37.0	998		Venture	✓	5:38:16	328.22 27.2	301.07	
Weisman, J.	Slp/white	33.8	11		Latonka	✓	5:03:56	293.93 27.2	266.73	
Zell, P.	Slp/ltgr	35.0	1031		Lapwing	✓	4:49:29	279.48 27.2	252.28	
Jones, Mal	slp/tan	33.3			Sanderling	✓	4:35:23	263.38 27.8	235.58	(13)
Mendenhall, E.	Slp/dkblue	34.4	191		Rocinante III	✓	4:37:19	267.32 27.8	239.52	(16) 2

Division I

Division II

Robinson, R.	Ketch/white	28.0		Phalarope	✓ 4:39:14	269.23	27.8	✓ 241.43	(18)
MacPhail, A.	Ktch/white	36.5	3	Reliance	✓ 4:32:52	262.87	28.5	✓ 234.37	(17)
Michaud, N.	slp/	30.0	C 30	Serenity	✓ 6:24:10	384.17	31.6	✓ 352.57	✓
Popenoe, H.	slp/yellow	26.3	L 16	Raven	✓ 5:36:37	336.62	31.6	✓ 305.02	✓
Wilson, T.	slp/white	26.3	711	Netcher	✓ 6:05:31	365.52	31.6	✓ 333.92	6
Farland, B.	Slp/ltgblue	29.0	543	Onward	✓ 5:22:41	322.68	32.9	✓ 289.78	
Davies, B.	Gsch/drkgren	44.0		Estrela	✓ 5:35:27	335.45	34.1	✓ 301.35	
Nevin, J.	Ktch/blue	35.0	7	Anoa	✓ 6:12:31	372.52	34.8	✓ 327.72	
Edey, M.	ywl/green	34		Dakini	✓ 5:45:00	345.00	36.7	✓ 306.30	
Turnell, D.	slp/white	28.0	V 10	Druid	✓ 5:03:39	303.65	36.7	✓ 266.95	
Gannon, R.	Gslp/white	25.0		Sally May	✓ DNF		37.9	✓ DNF	
Mossey, E.	Slp/white	27.0	180	Shearwater	✓ 6:25:30	385.50	37.9	✓ 341.60	
Reeve, B.	slp/white	21.0	VH 44	Andiamo	✓ 5:01:37	301.62	37.9	✓ 263.72	
Alexander, S.	Gslp/white	23.0		Swallows&Amazn	DNF DNF		39.8	✓ DNF	
Bresson, J.	slp/white	25.0		Tomahawk	✓ 6:22:05 352.08	352.08	39.8	✓ 342.28	✓
Culkin, D.	Slp/blue	29.6	13	Magic Time	✓ 4:47:30	287.50	39.8	✓ 247.70	(20) 4:1
Loberg, M.	Gywl/white	30.0		Candle in Wind	✓ 6:13:00	373.00	39.8	✓ 333.20	
Okie, T.	Slp/blk	26.5	8	Latona	✓		41.1	DNF?	
Canfield, C.	Slp/wh	24.0	110	Kestrel	✓ 4:58:56	298.93	42.4	✓ 256.53	
Murphy, B.	Slp/white	21.8		Windhover	DNF DNF		42.4	✓ DNF	
Ochs, P.	Slp/grn	23.0		Sowsear	✓ 5:36:28 336.47	336.47	42.4	✓ 294.07	
Axinn, S.	Slp/white	31.2	N 31	Tashmo Travlr	✓ 5:06:54	306.90	43.6	✓ 263.30	
Dunkley, M.	Slp/ltbl	22.0	S-22	Myfanwy	✓ DNF		46.2	✓ DNF	
Kiesewetter, G	catbt/buff	22.2		Josephine E.	DNF DNF		46.2	✓ DNF	
Nagle, K.	slp/llcrme	22.0	180	Dawn Treader	✓ DNF		46.2	✓ DNF	
Pepin, R.	Gcat/wh	24.0	A/C 154	Spray	✓ 5:30:55	330.92	46.2	✓ 284.72	
Pringle, J.	slp/white	22.0	S 22	Mooncusser	✓ 7:04	424.0	46.2	✓ 377.80	T.
Coogan, E.	Gslp/wh	30.0		Welwyn	✓ DNF		47.4	✓ DNF	
Craig, J.	Gcat/white	18.2	MP25	Catapitsit	✓ 5:24:18	324.30	47.4	✓ 26.90	5:2
Welch, J	Slp/blue	25.6		Valnia	DNF DNF		47.4	✓ DNF	
Wilson, A.	Gsch/blk	38		Chantey	✓ 6:59:00	417	47.4	✓ 369.60	7

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