

Holmes Hole Sailing Association
Moffett Race 2005, 28th Annual

Saturday, September 10th was another great day on the waters of Vineyard and Nantucket Sounds. Wind was north (& NE) 10 to 15 knots and variable. 53 boats were entered plus 2 boats with late entries and, therefore unofficial, made 55 total potential starters. This is down a little from the recent past. Seven boats were DNC so there were 48 starters; 28 finished.

The course went to Mo "A", mid channel off VH harbor then east to the NS whistle, thence to Cape Pogue C 1 and home regarding Edgartown Bell 2 and Bell 23 off East Chop, nominal length 19.8nm. The intent of using the first mark was to make the course more interesting since the eastern part had been used several times in prior years. However, as can be seen from the results sheets some 20 boats had difficulty getting by this buoy. They underestimated the tide effect, i.e. current, but also the drop in wind velocity that often occurs. After the race a number of crews mentioned that they badly underestimated the tide effect even in the face of GPS warnings.

Attached are two Excel worksheets. One is a Summary of Finish showing finishes sorted by Corrected Time. The other is a Summary sorted Elapsed Time. The only windward work was on the first leg, and, as might be expected, the fast downwind yachts did well, provided they got by the first mark efficiently. Arion, a light weight ketch, was first, followed by Celeste, a G&B sloop.

The handicaps look fairly good. The first 10 boats were within 20 minutes+ of each other on corrected time. There many close finishes both on elapsed and corrected time. The Elapsed Time Summary indicates that there were some handicaps that don't seem to relate properly to the apparent boat speed. Again, the first leg had an impact. It will be interesting to see how Roger Becker's analysis comes out.

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