

Independence Cup Regatta

This regatta has gone through several name changes. It has been the Blue Chip Regatta, Logan's Island Regatta and the New Wave Regatta. It was first included in the Club Championship Series in 2005. In 2009 the regatta was moved to July 4th, to coordinate with the Club's Fourth of July barbecue, and SFYC members were asked to suggest ideas for a new name. From the suggestions, the Race Council selected 'Independence Cup,' which will continue as one of the Club Championship Series regattas. The option to run two races, weather permitting, was also begun in 2009.

In 2010, Chris Dawson donated two beautiful crystal trophies. Chris is the owner of "Veronese" and has participated for many years in the Non-Spinnaker Division of the Club Championship Series. In fact he won that division in 2009. This was certainly a very generous gift to the Club Championship Series!

Here is a summary of Chris's description of the trophies and the history of the area in England where they were crafted:

These crystal pieces were crafted by the talented Marc Tranner of "Our Glass" in a village called Cockington, located near the South West coast of the English Channel in Devon. Marc works with his sister Patricia ("Trish") and good friend, Lee. Assisted by two dogs :^) They craft in the converted stables of Cockington Manor along with an iron worker, an artist, a leather worker and a soap maker. Once the Manor was donated to the National Trust, it was decided to help traditional crafts maintain their gifts in this thousand year old (or more) village. The Church there was built in 1069!

