



An Event like no other

Martha's Vineyard is in full swing this time of year and it's not just the Island that has been hot. On July 10-12 the waters off Martha's Vineyard played host to one of the most unique Regatta's to ever take place. When 88 boats ranging in size from 12 feet to 81 feet shared the water with 30 Foiling Kiteboards competing for \$10,000 in the cash purse compliments of Lynch and Associates.

Sustainability for the Future

For 2015 the Vineyard Cup is building on its sustainable roots. For the past three years Sail Martha's Vineyard has been moving up the ranks in the Sailors for the Sea Clean Regatta initiative but this year decided to go a step further by committing to serve all Local food, which was either grown, raised or landed on Martha's Vineyard. This included greens and tomatoes from Island Grown Initiative, Chickens from Morning Glory Farm, Oysters from Honeysuckle Oysters and Pigs from The Good Farm among other Island purveyors.

In addition the event attempted to be a Zero Waste event, meaning that all food would be composted, all containers recycled and anything that can be reused will be reused. In the end we had 1 yard of trash, 90% of which was from the packaging of materials provided to us by outside companies.

Maritime Heritage with a Progressive Thought Process

While Sail Martha's Vineyard started with simple boat building and learn to sail programs back in 1992 it has grown immensely with classes ranging from Coastal Navigation to High School Vocational to Rowing to Captains License Testing. At the heart the organization still offers Island Children the opportunity to learn the skills of sailing for free. This in itself is a huge undertaking with 400 children taking to the water this summer alone.

Everyone Wins

While it's nice to think that everyone who participated was a winner we can't help the top finishers. Full Results Here:

<http://www.yachtscoring.com/mobile/cumulative.cfm?eID=1264>

Foiling Kiteboard

1. Nico Landauer
2. Jon Modica
3. Ty Reed

PHRF Spinnaker

1. Stephen Besee – Apres
2. Tom Tertault – Facet
3. Mark Scheffer – Legacy

PHRF Classics

1. Matthew Barker – The Blue Peter
2. Jeffrey Robinson – Phra Luang
3. Jim Malabar – Malabar

More Information on Sail Martha's Vineyard

<http://www.sailmv.com>

MEDIA:**Vineyard Cup 2015 Film**

<https://vimeo.com/134252436>

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<https://karenryan.smugmug.com/Sports/Vineyard-Cup-Foiling-Kiteboard/>