

KNICKERBOCKER CUP CHAMPIONS

1982 Ned Hall, Norwalk Yacht Club	1997 Terry Hutchinson, Annapolis, MD
1983 Chris Pollack, Cedar Point YC	1998 Peter Gilmour, Australia
1984 Rich du Moulin, Knickerbocker YC	1999 Tomislav Basic, Croatia
1985 Dave Dellenbaugh, Cedar Point YC	2000 Ed Baird, St. Petersburg, FL
1986 Ned Hall, Norwalk Yacht Club	2001 Peter Gilmour, Australia
1987 Bill Lynn, American Yacht Club	2002 No Event
1988 Dave Perry, Pequot Yacht Club	2003 Terry McLaughlin, Canada
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1990 Larry Klein, San Diego Yacht Club	2005 Mark Campbell-James, UK
1991 Paul Cayard, St. Francis YC	2006 Martin Angsell, Sweden
1992 Dave Perry, Pequot Yacht Club	2007 Chris Van Tol, USA
1993 Ed Baird, St. Petersburg, FL	2008 Takumi Nakamura, JPN
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1995 Roy Heiner, Netherlands	2010 Phil Robertson, NZL
1996 Russell Coutts, New Zealand	2011 Laurie Jury, NZL



Winning Team: Waka Racing, from left, James Williamson, Garth Ellingham, Phil Robertson with the Cup, Sam Bell

THE HISTORY OF KNICKERBOCKER CUP

In 1977, Edward du Moulin was with his long time friend, the late Arthur Knapp, watching the Congressional Cup in Long Beach. At that time the annual Congressional Cup event was the only match racing event in the US. Ed noted to Arthur that every year the event organizers asked Arthur to find candidates from the East Coast to compete.

"Why not create an East Coast Match Race Series?" asked Ed. "The winner could be given an invitation to the Congressional Cup every year." So the concept of the "Cup" was born. It took five more years before it got off the ground, and in 1982, due to the combined efforts of Ed du Moulin, Herbert Greenberg and Marty Haiken, all past Commodores of Knickerbocker YC, the first Knickerbocker Cup Match Race Series took place outside Manhasset Bay on Long Island Sound. The teams competed in J/36s.

The format was to gather four or five of the best known East Coast skippers, add some up-and-coming stars to open up the field, and to invite the best of the women skippers. The Knickerbocker Cup was a success from the beginning. In 1994, it became part of the Omega Grand Prix of Match Racing, an international match racing series. In 1995, the Knickerbocker Cup became affiliated with the Brut by Faberge Sailing Series, which was held in 5 countries around the world. In 1997, the Knickerbocker Cup became affiliated with the Cigna New York Harbor Series was sailed in New York Harbor in 1997/8. In 1999 racing returned to Manhasset Bay, where it remains today.

In 2008, the World Match Racing Tour accepted the Knickerbocker Cup as a World Tour Qualifier, inviting the winner to compete in the King Edward VII Gold Cup/Argo Group Gold Cup in Bermuda. In 2009, with the closing of Knickerbocker Yacht Club, the event was moved next door to Manhasset Bay Yacht Club which had been involved with and supported the Cup for many years. MBYC is proud to continue the tradition as the host club. Also in 2009, the Knickerbocker Cup allied with two other



The late Ed du Moulin (left), P/C of the Knickerbocker YC, and founder of the Knickerbocker Cup, presents the trophy to the 2001 winner, Peter Gilmour, One World Challenge (USA). Gilmour won World Match Race Tour three consecutive times and has been involved with many America's Cups.

sailing centers to offer a three regatta series in three weeks. In 2010, the series winner was invited to the Congressional Cup, and the winner of this year's four event Grand Slam Series will be invited to the 2012 Congressional Cup. This Eastern US series inspired the California Dreamin' Series, started in 2011.

Great parties have been a tradition of the Knickerbocker Cup for many years, especially the Saturday Night Dinner Dance. Competitors, umpires, volunteers and members dance the night away before the Finals on Sunday. New for this year will be an Opening Ceremony on the lawn by the flag pole, introducing all the teams.

Edward du Moulin passed away March 29, 2006. His support for the Cup was unwavering, and he remained a vital and important force in planning and managing the event. He was proud that the Knickerbocker Cup had gained status as part of the Match Racing Association, of which Ted Weisberg, his nephew, is a past president and current director. Ed and Arthur's dream of an East Coast Match Racing Event has become much more than they expected, with many top ranked ISAF sailors coming from all over the US and the globe to Manhasset Bay to compete in our world class match racing event.