

SAPPHIRE TAKES MICHAEL JORDAN CASTINE CUP

On August 16th the New York 32 *Sapphire* out-dueled her sistership *Falcon* to take the nineteenth annual Michael Jordan Castine Cup Race sponsored by the Castine Yacht Club.

The Castine Cup Race was started in 1991 by Castine sailor Michael Jordan and is continued in his memory.

Sapphire, owned by Jeffrey and Sheri Coombs, edged out *Falcon* by 44 seconds on corrected time. Bob Scott, owner of *Falcon*, and his wife Pam sailed aboard *Sapphire*, one of *Sapphire's* first races following two years of restoration by Rosebud Boat Company in Penobscot. *Falcon* was sailed by a crew including Ed and Ginger Miller and their sons Ted and Chris, along with Greg Smith, Brooke Lawsing and Coombs' daughter Katy and niece Ariela.

The New York 32s are a one-design class designed by Olin Stephens in 1935, measuring 45 feet overall and 32 feet on the waterline. Twenty NY 32s were launched in 1936 by the Henry B. Nevins Yard in City Island, New York. Almost 75 years later, more than a dozen of these bluewater yachts are still sailing. Last summer the Castine Yacht Club feted Olin Stephens on his 100th birthday.

Cats Paw, a Lindenberg 28 sailed by Butch Minson, took third place, almost five minutes behind the leaders on corrected time.

The fleet sailed a 12.8nm course down East Penobscot Bay to Green Ledge under clear skies and a light and fickle southwest breeze.

MICHAEL JORDAN CASTINE CUP RESULTS

Boat	Skipper	Corrected Time
1. Sapphire	Bob Scott	2:35:29
2. Falcon	Ed Miller	2:36:13
3. Cats Paw	Butch Minson	2:40:01
4. Revolution	MMA	3:01:30
5. Harvest	Peter Roessiger	3:17:39
6. Seven	Tom Pedersen	DNF



Jeffrey and Sheri Coombs accept The Castine Cup from Race Committee Chairman David Bicks



Sapphire