

## 2013 Frers 33 North American Championship



Congratulations to Bob and Sue Connell and the crew of Black Hawk for capturing the North American Championship trophy this weekend, July 12-13, in Branford, CT.

In a weekend that featured a somewhat breezy Saturday and sunny, moderate conditions Sunday, plus a bit of carnage courtesy of your truly, the crew of Black Hawk hung in there and posted two bullets on Sunday to win their first Frers 33 North American Championship.

Congratulations also to Edgar Smith and Margaret Jones of 2011 winner Pachyderm, who finished second overall with a first on Saturday and third on Sunday, and Art Kelley and crew aboard the tenacious Brilliant who finished third on Saturday and second Sunday for third overall.

<u>Results</u>			<u>R1</u>	<u>R2</u>	<u>R3</u>	<u>R4</u>	<u>Total</u>
Black Hawk	41609	Bob Connell	2	2RDG	1	1	6
Pachyderm	42451	Edgar Smith	3	1	2	3	9
Brilliant	42833	Art Kelley	4	2	3	2	11
Sling Shot	41213	Jack Greifzu	5	3	5	5	18
Audacious	40852	Bob Farnum	DNF	4	4	4	19
Wolverine	41354	Dave Nauber	1	DNF	DNS	DNS	22

As always, this weekend's one design racing featured races within each race, with boats battling to catch, pass or hold onto their lead relative to the closest competitor. I think everyone who raced would tell you they had a good time, but we would like to see more than six boats total for next year. Consequently, our intention is to organize the North American event for Newport next summer, so boats from the RI and MA waters can more easily come join the fun. Art Kelley came all the way from Centerport, NY for the Branford/Pine Orchard event and he's committed to another trip to Newport next year. Rod Stright has indicated interest in coming down with Equinox from Nova Scotia, so if these guys can get to Newport, there should be enough of us in between to get a good class together and see how we do. Put it in your plans for next year and we'll work out the dates as soon as possible.

If you feel you missed out this weekend or you can't get enough and want more one design racing, we are planning to put a Frers 33 class together for the North Cove Yacht Club Leukemia Cup Regatta on August 24<sup>th</sup>. This will be the 2013 Frers 33 Long Island Sound Championship. Racing is in the vicinity of Long Sand Shoal and the mouth of the Connecticut river, so you can keep your boats in Westbrook. Bob Connell has offered special docking (possibly free!—Bob to confirm) at Pilot's Point North for Frers 33s participating in the event. Please mark it down and start locking in your crew while there's time.

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