

History

The Queen of the Bay Race is one of the oldest events on Great South Bay. This traditional GSBYRA event, in which yachts of all classes and sizes all start at a common time and all race together on the same course dates back to a few years after the turn of the 20th century. The boat's owner had to belong to a GSBYRA club and had to race the boat on the bay. Handicaps were calculated by a GSBYRA Handicap Chairman.

An original Queen of the Bay Loving Cup was retired by the Q boat *Constance* when owner Regis Post won it three times against *Eagle*, *Doris*, and *Invader*, several other crack Q boats. The Q boats had been designed by Clinton Crane to race against the Canadians for the Seawanhaka Cup. Yet another sterling silver Queen of the Bay Loving Cup was retired in 1923 by the Q boat *Dixie*, owned by the Luderman brothers of Sayville and skippered by Captain Jim Zegel of West Sayville. Other trophies must have existed but both they and their history are lost.

In 1939, a bowl donated by GSBYRA in memory of Harry Growtage became the first of the present Queen of the Bay perpetual trophies to be awarded to the first yacht to finish. Captain John T. Tuthill, publisher of the Patchogue Advance newspaper donated the second trophy in 1956, the Patchogue Advance Trophy for the first yacht to finish on corrected time. That Patchogue Advance Trophy was eventually retired after being won three times and Tuthill replaced it with the Great South Bay Handicap Bowl. Con-

troversy began when the first multihull boat raced and finished first. To quell the dispute, Ted Everitt, a former Commodore of Bellport Bay Yacht Club and a Past President of GSBYRA donated the third trophy in 1962, the Everitt Trophy to be awarded to the first yacht to finish regardless of type of hull or rig. The Growtage Bowl was redesignated for the first conventional, single hull, yacht to finish. Multihull enthusiasts, the Jerome Laviano family, donated the fourth trophy in 1972, the Gallina Cup to be awarded to the first multihull to finish on corrected time.

Periodic reviews have established changes in how yachts qualify to race in Queen of the Bay. At one time yachts had to compete in a percentage of GSBYRA Invitational Regattas. Portsmouth Numbers eventually replaced local bay handicaps to calculate corrected times.

Traditionally Bellport Bay Yacht Club has hosted Queen of the Bay the most times. During Labor Day weekend the Race Committee for the Queen of the Bay strives to set an extremely long course, about eleven miles in length. The start always provides the most excitement when small boats such as the 29er or 420 vie with larger catamarans and PHRF boats, all looking for the best position. In heavy air the race is gruelling for small boats.

The Notice of Race for Queen of the Bay can be found linked to the race schedule on the home page of the GSBYRA website at gsbyra.org.

Eligibility & Conditions

Yachts and helmsmen, who compete for Queen of the Bay trophies, must comply with the following conditions or be subject to protest. An authorized GSBYRA representative determines whether or not the yacht and helmsman are qualified under these eligibility rules and conditions:

- The helmsman of the yacht must be a member of a GSBYRA Full Member Club.
- The yacht's owner must be a member of a GSBYRA Full Member Club.
- The yacht must have a Portsmouth DPN rating 120 or lower to be eligible. Yachts corrected times are calculated using wind hand-

icaps and the corresponding Portsmouth Numbers from US SAILING.

- All one design yachts must strictly meet class rules regarding sail area, weight, measurement, gear and crew.
- All PHRF yachts must strictly meet and conform to measurements and other data regarding weight, gear and crew, on which their GSBYRA/SBCC rating is calculated. PHRF yacht owners should apply one month in advance of the race to the GSBYRA Handicap Committee Chairman for a Portsmouth DPN rating.

EVERITT TROPHY

2008 Lawrence Deering; MaryAnn Deering - Tornado Bellport Bay Yacht Club



Awarded to the first yacht, regardless of type of hull or rig, to finish the Queen of the Bay Race, the GSBYRA Everitt Trophy, was donated by Theodore T. Everitt, a Past President of GSBYRA 1944-1946. As the Bellport Bay Yacht Club Delegate to GSBYRA in 1962, Everitt recognized the need to resolve controversy caused by multihull boats. A common start for all classes of yachts and helmsmen that meet requirements and sail the same course is tradition. Both the yacht and the helmsman must be from a GSBYRA Full Member Club. The Race Committee strives to set a course about eleven miles long.

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| 2007 | Lawrence Deering | Bellport Bay | Tornado | 1984 | Edmund G. Laviano | Bellport Bay | Hobie 33 |
| 2006 | Lawrence Deering | Bellport Bay | Tornado | 1983 | Lawrence Deering | Bellport Bay | Tornado |
| 2005 | Lawrence Deering | Bellport Bay | Tornado | 1982 | John Everitt | Bellport Bay | Tornado |
| 2004 | Lawrence Deering | Bellport Bay | Tornado | 1981 | Wayne Penello | Bellport Bay | Tornado |
| 2003 | Lawrence Deering | Bellport Bay | Tornado | 1980 | Edmund G. Laviano | Bellport Bay | Tornado |
| 2002 | Lawrence Deering | Bellport Bay | Tornado | 1979 | Kirk Roeser | Bellport Bay | Tornado |
| 2001 | Lawrence Deering | Bellport Bay | Tornado | 1978 | Lawrence Deering | Bellport Bay | Tornado |
| 2000 | Edmund G. Laviano | Bellport Bay | Hobie 33 | 1977 | Edmund G. Laviano | Bellport Bay | Tornado |
| 1999 | Lawrence Deering | Bellport Bay | Tornado | 1976 | Edmund G. Laviano | Bellport Bay | Tornado |
| 1998 | Peter Fraker | Hobie Fleet 124 | Hobie 20 | 1975 | Edmund G. Laviano | Bellport Bay | Tornado |
| 1997 | Lawrence Deering | Bellport Bay | Tornado | 1974 | Edmund G. Laviano | Bellport Bay | Tornado |
| 1996 | Peter Fraker | Hobie Fleet 124 | Hobie 20 | 1973 | Kirk Roeser | Bellport Bay | Tornado |
| 1995 | Peter Fraker | Hobie Fleet 124 | Hobie 20 | 1972 | Edmund G. Laviano | Bellport Bay | Tornado |
| 1994 | Peter Fraker | Hobie Fleet 124 | Hobie 20 | 1971 | Peter Heins | Bellport Bay | Shark |
| 1993 | Alphonse Guardino | Wet Pants | Hobie 20 | 1970 | Ed G. Laviano | Bellport Bay | Pacific Cat |
| 1992 | Daniel Scolnick/John Brewer | Wet Pants | Hobie 20 | 1969 | Ed G. Laviano | Bellport Bay | Pacific Cat |
| 1991 | Daniel Scolnick | Bellport Bay | Hobie 18 SX | 1968 | Robert Locke | Babylon | Pacific Cat |
| 1990 | Lawrence Deering | Bellport Bay | Tornado | 1967 | Ed G. Laviano | Bellport Bay | Pacific Cat |
| 1989 | Jerry Buckman | Bellport Bay | Tornado | 1966 | William Ciocys | Long Island | B Lion |
| 1988 | Peter Fraker | Hobie Fleet 124 | Hobie 18 | 1965 | Ed G. Laviano | Bellport Bay | Pacific Cat |
| 1987 | Lawrence Deering | Bellport Bay | Tornado | 1964 | Dave Fishman | Sayville | Thai |
| 1986 | Kirk Roeser | Bellport Bay | Tornado | 1963 | William Parkes | Point O'Woods | Tiger Cat |
| 1985 | Kirk Roeser | Bellport Bay | Tornado | 1962 | Dave Jess Fishman | Sayville | Thai |

Larry Deering called port end start line from Mike Ferrigno's boat for Race Week in Bellport.



GALLINA TROPHY

2008 Lawrence Deering; MaryAnn Deering - Tornado Bellport Bay Yacht Club

Awarded to the first multihull yacht to finish the Queen of the Bay Race on corrected time, the GSBYRA Gallina Trophy was donated by the Dr. Jerome Laviano family. His son, Edmund G. Laviano became an early multi hull sailor and advocate on Great South Bay. A common start for all yachts and helmsmen that meet requirements and sail the same course is tradition. All yachts are rated using Portsmouth Numbers for the handicap. Both the yacht and the helmsman must be from a GSBYRA Full Member Club. The Race Committee strives to set a course about eleven miles in length.



2007	Lawrence Deering	Bellport Bay	Tornado	1990	Tim Palmer	Sayville/Hobie 124	Hobie 18
2006	Lawrence Deering	Bellport Bay	Tornado	1989	Tim Palmer	Sayville/Hobie 124	Hobie 18
2005	Lawrence Deering	Bellport Bay	Tornado	1988	Peter Fraker	Hobie Fleet 124	Hobie 18
2004	Lawrence Deering	Bellport Bay	Tornado	1987	Peter Fraker	Hobie Fleet 124	Hobie 18
2003	Lawrence Deering	Bellport Bay	Tornado	1986	Al Campbell	Hobie Fleet 124	Hobie 18
2002	Lawrence Deering	Bellport Bay	Tornado	1985	Tim Palmer	Sayville/Hobie 124	Hobie 18
2001	Lawrence Deering	Bellport Bay	Tornado	1984	Tim Palmer	Sayville/Hobie 124	Hobie 18
2000	Lawrence Deering	Bellport Bay	Tornado	1983	Tim Palmer	Sayville/Hobie 124	Hobie 18
1999	Lawrence Deering	Bellport Bay	Tornado	1982	David Becker	Hobie Fleet 124	Hobie 16
1998	Peter Fraker	Hobie Fleet 124	Hobie 20	1981	Edmund G. Laviano	Bellport Bay	Stilleto
1997	Lawrence Deering	Bellport Bay	Tornado	1980	Tim Palmer	Sayville	Hobie 18
1996	Peter Fraker	Hobie Fleet 124	Hobie 20	1979	Brad Carpenter	Sayville	Hobie 16
1995	Peter Fraker	Hobie Fleet 124	Hobie 20	1978	Lawrence Deering	Bellport Bay	Tornado
1994	Peter Fraker	Hobie Fleet 124	Hobie 20	1977	Edmund G. Laviano	Bellport Bay	Tornado
1993	Lee Christofersen	Hobie Fleet 124	Hobie 17	1976	Edmund G. Laviano	Bellport Bay	Tornado
1992	Daniel Scolnick/John Brewer	Wet Pants	Hobie 20	1975	Edmund G. Laviano	Bellport Bay	Tornado
1991	Daniel Scolnick	Bellport Bay	Hobie 18-SX	1974	Edmund G. Laviano	Bellport Bay	Tornado
				1973	Kirk Roeser	Bellport Bay	Tornado
				1972	Edmund G. Laviano	Bellport Bay	Tornado

Kevin Donohue of Bay Shore served as one of the safety patrol members at Race Week in Bellport.



GREAT SOUTH BAY HANDICAP TROPHY

2008 Ali Blumenthal; Sarah Hermus - 420

Bellport Bay Yacht Club



Awarded to the first conventional, single-hull yacht to finish the Queen of the Bay Race on corrected time, the Great South Bay Handicap Trophy was donated by Captain John Tuthill, who published the Patchogue Advance. A common start for all classes of yachts and helmsmen that meet requirements and all sail the same course is tradition. All yachts are rated using Portsmouth Numbers for the handicap. Both the yacht and the helmsman must be from a GSBYRA Full Member Club. The Race Committee strives to set a course about eleven miles in length.

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| 2007 Devin Laviano <i>Bellport Bay</i> 29er | 1980 Frank Atkinson <i>Narrasketuck</i> Lightning |
| 2006 Devin Laviano <i>Bellport Bay</i> 420 | 1979 Frank Marinaccio <i>Narrasketuck</i> Lightning |
| 2005 Devin Laviano <i>Bellport Bay</i> 420 | 1978 Peter Paige <i>Bellport Bay</i> Windmill |
| 2004 Chris Hale <i>Bellport Bay</i> Contender | 1977 William Ludlum <i>Sayville</i> Raven |
| 2003 Peter Ljungqvist <i>Bellport Bay</i> O'Day 272 | 1976 William Ludlum <i>Sayville</i> Raven |
| 2002 Glenn Schmidt <i>Bay Shore</i> Narrasketuck | 1975 Glenn Palmer <i>Moriches</i> Jolly |
| 2001 Ward Brooks <i>South Bay Cruising</i>
Narrasketuck | 1974 Lester Elms <i>Moriches</i> 470 |
| 2000 Dianne Schmidt <i>Bay Shore</i> Narrasketuck | 1973 Ed Haynes <i>Wet Pants</i> Lightning |
| 1999 Jim Koehler <i>Narrasketuck</i> Sunfish | 1972 Mike Gargiolo <i>Wet Pants</i> Lightning |
| 1998 Jim Koehler <i>Narrasketuck</i> Sunfish | 1971 Graham Campbell <i>Bellport Bay</i> Windmill |
| 1997 Jim Koehler <i>Narrasketuck</i> Sunfish | 1970 Sally Laviano <i>Bellport Bay</i> Windmill |
| 1996 Jim Koehler <i>Narrasketuck</i> Sunfish | 1969 Charles Larson <i>Sayville</i> Thistle |
| 1995 Ed Laviano <i>Bellport Bay</i> Hobie 33 | 1968 Susan Haxo <i>Bellport Bay</i> Windmill |
| 1994 Joseph McCann <i>Narrasketuck</i> Mariner | 1967 Robert W. Starke <i>Bellport Bay</i> E Scow |
| 1993 Ralph Coffill <i>Westhampton</i> Flying Scot | 1966 Charles Axtmann <i>Bellport Bay</i>
Narrasketuck |
| 1992 Mark Stang <i>Wet Pants</i> Penguin | 1965 Dick Heidelberg <i>Bellport Bay</i>
Narrasketuck |
| 1991 Joseph McCann <i>Narrasketuck</i> Comet | 1964 Henry Post Jr. <i>Babylon</i> Sunfish |
| 1990 Alan James <i>Bellport Bay</i> O'Day 322 | 1963 Dave Beebe <i>Bay Shore</i> Jet 14 |
| 1989 Alan James <i>Bellport Bay</i> O'Day 322 | 1962 William Bruch <i>Bay Shore</i> Thistle |
| 1988 Joseph McCann <i>Narrasketuck</i> Lightning | 1961 W. Ketcham <i>Narrasketuck</i> Narrasketuck |
| 1987 Joseph McCann <i>Narrasketuck</i> Lightning | 1960 Skip McGuire <i>Point O'Woods</i>
Narrasketuck |
| 1986 Steve Kelley <i>Sayville</i> Raven | 1959 Al Heckel <i>Narrasketuck</i> Narrasketuck |
| 1985 Steve Kelley <i>Sayville</i> Raven | 1958 Not raced for |
| 1984 Ed Laviano <i>Bellport Bay</i> Hobie 33 | 1957 Harold C. Halstead <i>Bellport Bay</i> Star |
| 1983 Adam Koller <i>Narrasketuck</i> Lightning | 1956 Charles Dominy <i>Bellport Bay</i> Star |
| 1982 Frank Atkinson <i>Narrasketuck</i> Lightning | |
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Ali Blumenthal reigned as the first place skipper in the 420 fleet during 2008.



HARRY GROWTAGE BOWL

2008 Steve Kelley; Chris & Lisa Scheuing, Steve Miranda - J 24 Bellport Bay Yacht Club

Awarded to the first conventional, single-hull yacht to finish the Queen of the Bay Race, the Harry Growtage Bowl, donated by GSBYRA to replace a retired Cup, commemorates Harry, a long time Chairman of GSBYRA Race Week. A common start for all classes of yachts and helmsmen that meet requirements and sail the same course is tradition. Both the yacht and the helmsman must be from a GSBYRA Full Member Club. The Race Committee strives to set a course about eleven miles in length.



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| 2007 Devin Laviano <i>Bellport Bay</i> 29er | 1972 Martin Fleisher <i>Narrasketuck</i>
Flying Dutchman |
| 2006 Robbie Pearson <i>Bay Shore</i> Thistle | 1971 Robert W. Stark <i>Bellport Bay</i> E Scow |
| 2005 Ward Brooks <i>Bellport Bay</i> Narrasketuck | 1970 Roger Carlson <i>Bellport Bay</i> E Scow |
| 2004 Chris Hale <i>Bellport Bay</i> Contender | 1969 Charles Larson <i>Sayville</i> Thistle |
| 2003 Peter Ljungqvist <i>Bellport Bay</i> O'Day 272 | 1968 Roger Carlson <i>Bellport Bay</i> E Scow |
| 2002 Glenn Schmidt <i>Bay Shore</i> Narrasketuck | 1967 Robert W. Stark <i>Bellport Bay</i> E Scow |
| 2001 Ed Laviano <i>Bellport Bay</i> Hobie 33 | 1966 Kirk Roeser <i>Bellport Bay</i> Raven |
| 2000 Ed Laviano <i>Bellport Bay</i> Hobie 33 | 1965 Knute Lee <i>Bellport Bay</i> Raven |
| 1999 Ed Laviano <i>Bellport Bay</i> Hobie 33 | 1964 Knute Lee <i>Bellport Bay</i> Raven |
| 1998 Jeff Brous <i>Narrasketuck</i> Narrasketuck | 1963 H. Hastings Reddall <i>Bellport Bay</i> Raven |
| 1997 Ed Laviano <i>Bellport Bay</i> Hobie 33 | 1962 Knute Lee <i>Bellport Bay</i> Raven |
| 1996 Edmund B. Laviano <i>Bellport Bay</i> Hobie 25 | 1961 Jesse Fishman <i>Sayville</i> Catamaran |
| 1995 Ed Laviano <i>Bellport Bay</i> Hobie 33 | 1960 John McInerney <i>Sayville</i> R Class |
| 1994 Ed Laviano <i>Bellport Bay</i> Hobie 33 | 1959 Knute Lee <i>Bellport Bay</i> Raven |
| 1993 Jerry Buckman <i>Bellport Bay</i> Cal/Buck 31 | 1958 <i>Not raced for</i> |
| 1992 Ed Laviano <i>Bellport Bay</i> Hobie 33 | 1957 Harold C. Halstead <i>Bellport Bay</i> Star |
| 1991 Ralph B. Maust <i>Bellport Bay</i> Thistle | 1956 H. Hastings Reddall <i>Bellport Bay</i> Raven |
| 1990 Ed Laviano <i>Bellport Bay</i> Hobie 33 | 1955 David R. Balch <i>Bellport Bay</i> Raven |
| 1989 Ed Laviano <i>Bellport Bay</i> Hobie 33 | 1954 <i>Not raced for</i> |
| 1988 Kevin Donohue <i>Bay Shore</i> Narrasketuck | 1953 Jack Danes <i>Sayville</i> Star |
| 1987 Ed Laviano <i>Bellport Bay</i> Hobie 33 | 1952 M. Ireland <i>Narrasketuck</i> Narrasketuck |
| 1986 Ed Laviano <i>Bellport Bay</i> Hobie 33 | 1951 Douglas Westin <i>Sayville</i> Narrasketuck |
| 1985 Steve Kelley <i>Sayville</i> Raven | 1950 <i>Not raced for</i> |
| 1984 Ed Laviano <i>Bellport Bay</i> Hobie 33 | 1949 W. Ketcham <i>Narrasketuck</i> Narrasketuck |
| 1983 Ed Laviano <i>Bellport Bay</i> Hobie 33 | 1948 McCord and Torrington |
| 1982 Dennis O'Malley <i>Babylon</i> Raven | 1947 Charles Axtmann <i>Bellport Bay</i>
Narrasketuck |
| 1981 Bob Panico <i>Wet Pants</i> Raven | 1946 Lispernard Suydam <i>Bellport Bay</i> R Class |
| 1980 William Ludlum <i>Sayville</i> Raven | 1943-45 <i>Not raced for</i> |
| 1979 William Ludlum <i>Sayville</i> Raven | 1942 Duncan C. Arnold <i>Babylon</i> R Class |
| 1978 Peter Paige <i>Bellport Bay</i> Windmill | 1941 James D. Topping <i>Point O'Woods</i> R Class |
| 1977 John H. Libaire <i>Bayberry</i> A Scow | 1940 Duncan C. Arnold <i>Babylon</i> R Class |
| 1976 William Ludlum <i>Sayville</i> Raven | 1939 Duncan C. Arnold <i>Babylon</i> R Class |
| 1975 Glenn Palmer <i>Moriches</i> Jolly | |
| 1974 William Ludlum <i>Sayville</i> Raven | |
| 1973 William Larson <i>Babylon</i> Raven | |