

THE BEACON

Babylon Village, West Babylon, North Babylon, Deer Park, Lindenhurst, West Islip and Long Island, New York

Land Ho! Mayor's Cup Making Waves

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It

was a perfectly beautiful day for sailing and enjoying the prestigious 2020 Mayor's Cup Charity Regatta benefitting Save The Great South Bay, which took place on Saturday, September 12. Hosted by the South Bay Cruising Club and run by Race Committee Chair John Davis, the 7.86 nautical mile course was sailed by a total of 18 boats in three classes – Spin, Non Spin and Cruising. The race was captured in awe-inspiring photographs by Michael Busch of Great South Bay Images.

This exciting race was memorialized at the Awards Ceremony held at the stunning Long Island Yacht Club located directly on the Bay in Babylon Village. Sumptuous delicacies were served up by Bill Zeller and the Captree Clam crew including mouthwatering tuna tacos and Bill's tasty pulled pork & cornbread. Omar was on fire at his shucking station serving up Long Island's finest clams and oysters on the half shell all washed down with ice cold Drink the Bay Clean provided by Blue Point Brewing.

A delightful awards ceremony was emceed by race organizer Eric Winberry with Babylon Village Mayor Ralph Scordino presenting the awards. The Hooch, captained by B. Kennedy, took first place in the Spin Class with Aleboat close behind. In the Non-Spin, Dark Star, captained by R. LaTorre, took first followed by the Merry Ann (2nd place) and Shadow (3rd place). The Galatea, captained by Andy Mirchel, took first place in the Cruising Class followed by Sabbatical (2nd place) and Wanderlust (3rd place).

At half past four, little Jack Winberry pulled the winning ticket for the amazing Paddleboard raffle



donated by South Shore Paddleboard. And the winner was.... Todd and Kristin Shaw! Congrats to the Shaw Family; they are sure to enjoy that board out on the Bay.

Event volunteers Karen Marvin, director of events at Save The Great South Bay, Dave Schrader, Lindenhurst Creek Defender, and KK Shaw created a beautiful set up under the LIYC's big top with the dedicated support of LIYC catering manager Diane.



Save The Great South Bay is a local 501(c)3 non-profit that advocates for and implements real solutions that help protect and preserve the bay, and with that, strengthen the South Shore communities. Its volunteer-driven activities include the Creek Defender creek clean up program, the Great South Bay Oyster Project and a multitude of Habitat Restoration programs. It's our bay, our heritage — and our legacy. It is up to all of us to protect it for today and for future generations to enjoy.

To learn more about Save The Great South Bay, visit www.savethegreatsouthbay.org and follow the group on social media.