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Amorita's Unique Significance to the New York Yacht Club

In her 102 year history, and specifically as an enrolled yacht from 1905 - 1930's, and again from 1994-2007, it is estimated that she has participated in over 500 NYYC sponsored races, likely among the highest of any member yacht.

She maintains the longest history of enrollment in the club of any NY-30, and possibly any yacht, with nearly 50 years on record.

Her early years represent consistent participation and accolades including:

1906 - Winner of the NYYC Spring Regatta

1907- Winner of the NYYC Spring Regatta and the NYYC Glen Cove Cup Regatta.

Her years following, up until 1934, are filled with accounts, too many to list, of races and awards, with her owners consistently demonstrating a true dedication to the continued mission of the NYYC for over 25 years, unlike most of her sister-ships.

More recently, her NYYC achievements since re-joining the rolls in 1996, include:

(7 time) Winner – The NYYC Annual Regatta, First in Class

(18 time) Winner – Squadron Runs, The NYYC Annual Cruise (Including):

Winner – The Royal Bermuda Yacht Club Trophy

Winner – The Royal Perth Yacht Club Trophy

Winner – The Titania Cup

(4 time) Winner – The United States Navy Challenge Cup

(3 time) Winner - The New York Yacht Club Race Committee Trophy

(2 time) Winner – The Cruising Rule Cup

She is, in fact, the only two-time winner of the Cruising Rule Cup (1997 & 2004) (Awarded at the discretion of the Flag Officers to a member owned and sailed yacht in the Cruising Rule Classes which best exemplifies the traditions of yachting by her upkeep and appearance, and performs admirably on the cruise.

(July-2007), Amorita was the oldest active yacht enrolled in the NYYC.

Her significant achievements and accompanying media attention surrounding her successes were instrumental in the renascence and preservation of the NY-30 Class as a whole, as at least 5 other NY-30's were restored in the past decade specifically to emulate the success of *Amorita*, and join her in the Club's official celebration of the class's 100th Anniversary.

While other NY-30's have recently been restored to a very high quality and level of authenticity, *Amorita* is still considered the "Flagship" of the NY-30 Class with more awards and recognition than all other NY-30's combined.

Amorita's continued presence on the NYYC race courses since 1995 helped to lead to the acceptance and establishment of designated classes specifically to recognize classic yachts.

Amorita was the inaugural winner of the NYYC Series for Vintage and Classic Yachts (2004), now named the Corinthian Cup.

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January, 2003 – Amorita was selected by *Sail* magazine as one of the 100 Greatest Yachts in North America. The only NY-30 to be so recognized.

Amorita's Significance to the State of RI

For many years, she has consistently been the **oldest commissioned boat in Newport**, and possibly the state.

She was, prior to the incident, the **earliest commissioned example of authentic Rhode Island boat-building craftsmanship**, designed and built by the legendary Herreshoff Manufacturing Company, in Bristol RI. They were the first of many companies that demonstrate RI's world leadership in the design and construction of fine yachts. *Amorita* **is historic** in that she is / was RI's earliest commissioned example of this continuing tradition.

The significance of Herreshoff designed and built yachts are so integral to the identity of the state, an example of one of these fine yachts, long since lost, is represented on the RI State Quarter. And while the scale is different, *Amorita* is currently the state's closest commissioned representative (or "relative") of the featured yacht in terms of look, design, era, and craftsmanship *(Turn of the century, gaff rigged Herreshoff)*. This makes her unique in that she most closely emulates, and can therefore best represent live, the depicted scene, among all RI yachts.

Amorita holds the record for the oldest boat to compete in one of the longest continually run regatta in the country (RI's CYC Around the Island Race), **twice** winning first overall.

In addition to hundreds of national and international renowned magazines, calendars, and artworks, *Amorita* is / has been the "poster" boat, depicted in numerous more local publications and stories, is often selected as the ideal representation to the world and to the region, of what this state has to offer.

Specifically, *Amorita* was uniquely selected to:

- Represent the **Newport International Boat Show** on all marketing materials, including posters, tickets, advertisements, programs, and billboards, since 2005.
- Represent Newport on its annual "Summer Guide" on two occasions.
- Be featured in the catalog for **Jamestown Distributors**
- Represent **Newport Vineyards** for a campaign titled "Taste the local flavor"
- Be considered by the **National Parks Service** for her historical significance
- Be featured on the cover of **West Marine's** worldwide, annual catalog
- Be featured often in Newport Life, Newport Daily News, and the Providence Journal