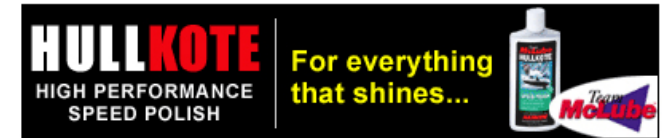


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## Robert H. Tiedemann Regatta 2011

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During this past Fourth of July weekend, the New York Yacht Club hosted what is quickly becoming the most heartfelt gatherings of classic boat owners from around the world. First started over 30 years ago as a casual, early season regatta for classic yachts by Newport sailor Don Glassie and his friend, local bar owner David Kilroy. The Landing Regatta immediately took off in popularity, and through several name and venue changes over the years, continued to represent the best of camaraderie among those sailors that prefer classic style made with wood and varnish, over the latest craze in sailboat designs. Eventually the regatta was re-named, to honor the loss of prominent yachtsman Robert Tiedemann, best known for establishing a new life for post America's Cup career 12mR yachts by starting a charter business allowing everyday people to feel the thrill of competition aboard his two classic 12's, GLEAM & NORTHERN LIGHT.

But there is more to the story as this past December, the sailing community lost another one of their finest classic yachtsmen, the original event's founder, and successful entrepreneur, Don Glassie. His passion for classic yachting extended beyond competing on his personal yacht, the 1926 racing schooner FORTUNE, as over the past decade he established a business as well that allowed sailors and non-sailors alike to experience Narragansett Bay aboard one of his two classic vessels, the 1930's powerboat, RUMRUNNER II and the traditional wooden schooner, MADELEINE. In his honor, one of his favorite traditions of past events was resurrected and a bottle of Black Duck Rum was awarded to each of the winning yachts in this year's regatta.

Speaking of classic yachts, as many might recall, it was during this same event, back in 2007, where one of the most well-known classic racers in the U.S., the 1905 Herreshoff NY-30 class yacht, AMORITA, was run down and sunk by a much larger, 94' ketch. It took four years of dedication by her owners, Jed Pearsall and Bill Doyle to persevere through the long process of insurance wrangling and boat re-building, but in celebration of the Robert H. Tiedemann Classic Yachting Weekend, the recently re-launched AMORITA proudly made her return home to Narragansett Bay. And she did it in style. Followed by a helicopter and support boats filming her every move, she went out and promptly won her first race -- which just happened to be the exact same race around Jamestown where she was struck down four years ago. Unfinished business indeed!

All in all, it turned out to be a fantastic weekend and wonderful celebration of classic yachting for all those that appreciate the beauty and grace of these wonderful vessels.

For full results: <http://www.nyyc.org/tiedemannclassics/>

For information about AMORITA's accident and amazing recovery: [http://www.ny30.org/amorita\\_accident.htm](http://www.ny30.org/amorita_accident.htm)

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