

THE BONEHEAD

Traditionally given to experienced racers doing really bonehead stuff, very prestigious award, former winners include the likes of Kame Richards, Johnny Walker, Jim Warfield. Most racers want to earn the bonehead because it shows that they are highly active in the racing program – THEY DO A LOT.

Possible Categories:

Beginners, not eligible

- 1) Jessica and Wade Sherman, Ricochet, San Juan 28, hit Buttercup on typical port/starboard crossing, but everyone at one time or another comes close and even “hits” the other boat’s stern.

Perennials’, cumulative, at the present not eligible

- 1) George Sirogianis, Merit 25, Froggy Deux, always an incident, every race, none of which is big enough by itself to earn Bonehead but may be in future eligible for cumulative reasons.
- 2) Wayne Wilson, Jitterbug, Beneteau 310, Sail a Vie, Hunter 30
 - a) And an alleged crew of Blind People, Abe Ayala especially
 - b) Again an incident nearly every race, may be eligible in future for cumulative reasons.

Experienced Racers, truly eligible for Bonehead

- 1) Tom Lueck, Sir Leansalot, Hunter 40
 - a. Crew: Budge, Abe, Dan Dallas, Troy Broderick
 - b. On Upwind leg of South Tower near west end of False River, 15 knots of wind, bow headstay swedge gave way, mast and rig came down, towed back to port, allegedly had been brought to Tom's attention the week before by George Sirogianis, allegedly no pre-race standing rig inspection, true bonehead material.

- 2) Bill Canepa, Russian 5.5, port/starboard Top Gun, Jim Coddington, Larry Burton, 5.5
 - a. Crew: Rick Gibson, Chris Shepherd
 - b. Port crossing over starboard Top Gun, realized too late that they were not going to cross over and decided to take Topgun's stern. Bill Canepa immediately put the helm over turning the bow down but mainsheet was not released, thereby smacking into Top Gun, snapping the backstay and putting Top Gun's rig into jeopardy of falling. On the Russian boat, the story is that everybody blamed everybody, but imagine the conversation with three skippers on board, Bill being the actual skipper. True bonehead material

- 3) Jim Bertalacchi, Buttercup, Columbia Challenger
 - a. Buttercup was an iconic boat, sailed and won championships since 1964, sweet boat that most anybody could sail and the boat would win, sailed in 60's by founding fathers, 70's by Ralph Felten and Tom Nowak, 80's by Jim Warfield, 90' til now by Jim
 - b. After football size hole in the port gunnel was put there by a port boat while Buttercup was on starboard, instead of fixing the boat, giving the boat to the junior program, to another racer, to another club, Jim had the BOAT CRUSHED BY MATT KELLSTROM'S SALVAGE YARD, taking away a boat that could have been sailed far into the future. True bonehead material.