

SANTANA 35 ARTICLES

2003 Santana 35 National Championship

San Francisco Yacht Club

October 11 & 12

Congratulations to Bill Keller and his crew of Carnival for winning the Championship and taking home the Perpetual Trophy to Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club.

Bill has brought Carnival up from the light winds of Monterey to compete for many years. This year he took home the Trophy with 1 bullet and 3 seconds in 5 races.

For those of you who missed it, The San Francisco Yacht Club were perfect hosts with an excellent Race Committee who gave us 5 excellent races like we wanted in steady winds and a clear course. When the wind did not cooperate for one race the Committee abandoned it and gave us a new race, Thanks.

Our Fleet extends a hardy Thank You to SFYC and ask them to consider a similar venue for the same weekend in 2004.

We want to thank Tom Schock and W.D. Schock Inc. for hosting us and ask them to come again next year.

The racing stayed very close with a tight fleet with full Start Lines and busy mark rounding. Four different boats got bullets and going into the last race any one of three boats could have taken the Trophy- that would have been 5 boats in the heat if it were not for 2 protests and ensuing DSQ's. We need more of this kind of racing.

The balance of the finishes was:

1 st	Bill Smith and Kyle Elliott	Fast Friends
2 nd	Jack Feller	Maguro
3 rd	Doug Storkovich	Dance Away
4 th	Guy Benjamin	Bluefin
5 th	Jeff Christie	At Ease
6 th	Lloyd Ritchey and Steve Hixon	Breakout
7 th	Leighton Quon	Flexible Flyer

Maguro, Bluefin, At Ease and Flexible Flyer are first year S35 owners!

Plan on being in the S35 National Championship next year.
