

SCHOCK 35 ARTICLES

Schock 35 #83 "Schock Therapy" Travels to 2005 Block Island Race Week

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Block Island Race Week sponsored by Storm Trysail this year was held June 20-24. The new IRC rating format was used for all boats slower than 90 this year. "Schock Therapy", built in 2003 and hull number 83 made the trip north from the Chesapeake Bay to compete out of its own waters for the first time. We learned early that the Schock 35 has a very competitive rating. We received a rating of 1.025, which made us the slowest boat in the fleet at BIRW by rating standards. If we were racing PHRF, we would have been even or owed boats that owed us time under IRC anywhere from 3 to 12 seconds a mile.

The race conditions were beautiful for all 5 days but less than favorable for the Schock 35. If you were an Express 37 you loved the conditions. On average it blew 12-16 knots but on 2 of the five days we saw 25 knots with 6-8 foot seas. Day one we had two races and finished 3 and 3 placing us solidly in 3rd place after the 1st day. Day two we had the 19-mile around Block Island Race. The breeze started at 16 knots and quickly grew to 22 knots by the time that we finished. The race had a very short upwind leg followed by a lot of reaching and running with a short upwind finish in the end. Considering the Schock 35's short waterline, we still managed to hold our own against the Express 37's by placing 4th and staying 3rd overall.



The next 2 days we had varied finishes which placed us 1½ points out of 3rd overall going into the last day. The top 3 boats were all very well sailed Express 37's. As we entered the last day and race one, we needed to regain the 1 ½ points we lost to get back into 3rd. The boat we needed to beat was an Express 37 named "Cabady". This boat was very well sailed and we seemed to be battling them the whole week. The conditions started out 18-20 knots and we managed to still stay close to Cabady and we managed to finish 4th to their 7th in the first race the last day placing us back in 3rd overall. Then the race committee decided to have one last race that day. All we had to do was beat

Cabady and we had 3rd wrapped up. The conditions built to 25 knots for the last race and we seemed to have our hands full. The seas were 6-8 feet and we saw terrible cross-seas. Were going for it all and as a result wiped out on the 1st down wind leg losing a crewmember overboard. We managed to get him back on board and continued racing. There were no injuries or damage to the boat. As a result, we were passed by 4 boats putting Cabady at 2nd for that race leaving us at 6th.

You could say that the podium was lost due to the last race. That one race put us 2 1/2 points out of 3rd for the week! All in all we saw conditions that week out of the ideal range for the Schock 35 yet we still managed to hang tough with a very competitive fleet of bigger and faster boats. We consistently beat many boats over the line boat for boat when they owed us time. The next Storm Trysail BIRW is in 2007 and we definitely plan to make it a regular away event for us. Looking toward the rest of 2005 we are very excited about upcoming IRC events this fall. Annapolis is hosting the East Coast IRC Championship in Nov. In addition, the 2006 Key West Race Week will be the IRC National Championship and we hope to have "Schock Therapy" chartered for that regatta.

Schock 35 Wins IRC H Class

2005 Bacardi Bayview Mackinac Race

This annual race from Port Huron to Mackinac Island was a great event for Big Schock, a Schock 35 sailed by Bob Sheppard of Loudon, Ohio.

The 2005 Bacardi Bayview Mackinac Race was the first major race in the Midwest to offer racing under IRC. A total of 130 boats and 11 classes sailed IRC, which meant nearly half of the fleet sailed under this relatively new rating rule. The S35 was issued an IRC rating of 1.018 and competed in the 14-boat H Class. They started in light air, then got into some pretty heavy weather conditions, and finished in light air. After an inverted start, with the smallest boats starting first, it took nine hours for the big boats to catch the Schock 35. The S35 finished the event 1st in their Division and corrected to 40th Overall in IRC. Falling in behind them was a J36, a Frers 36, a Cayenne 41, a Cal 39, an Express 35, a C&C 39, two Farr 37s, a Cat 42, a Peterson 37, a C&C 110, a Bianca 111, and an Islander 40. Not bad company!

Elsewhere in the IRC fleet, the Nelson/Marek Schock 55 Geronimo, owned by Henry and Sally Ubik, finished the race 5th in the IRC E division and 34th Overall in IRC. And while the Schock 35 and Schock 55 were sailing fast on the Southampton Course, a group of eight Santana 35s were having a great regatta over on the Shore Course. The Santana 35s sailed in PHRF J and finished second, third, and fourth. The first boat in their fleet was a C&C Mark II.

Complete details can be found on the Bayview Yacht Club web site – www.byc.com/mack05.

Team Piranha Realizes 14-Year Pursuit of Schock 35 Champs

San Diego Yacht Club hosted the 2003 Schock 35 Nationals – a regatta noted for excellent winds, superb tactics, and menacing kelp. Muggy weather and challenging wind shifts characterized Day 1 in the South Bay. *Piranha* took Race 1 in 8 to 12 knot winds. Race 2 started after the first of three general recalls during the regatta. *Ripple* lead throughout the race, protecting the lead as the wind dropped below 5 knots. *Whiplash* took a quick lead in Race 3 and was first to round the windward mark. They couldn't hold on, though, and let *Outlier* sneak by before the second windward mark. *Outlier* held on to the end to take first place in Race 3.

The racecourse was moved to the ocean for the second day of sailing. Light air and heavy kelp plagued most of the fleet, but *Whiplash's* crew had a great day. They won both races! A foggy morning with visibility under six boat lengths presented a challenge as the fleet sailed through the bay entrance for the third day of sailing. The fog lifted for an on-time start of Race 6, but a sudden wind shift one minute before the starting gun gave the race committee no choice but to postpone the start. Once underway, it turned into a great day of racing, with close competition throughout the fleet. At the end of the day, Dave Voss and the crew of *Piranha* edged out *Whiplash* to take the 2003 Schock 35 National Championship. It was their first championship victory in fourteen years of sailing the Schock 35, and about the only trophy they hadn't captured.

Schock 35's 1, 2, 3 in PHRF B – Seal Beach to Dana Point

The Schock 35s finished first, second and third in their 11-boat division in the Seal Beach to Dana Point race on July 19. It was a 28-mile reach down the coast, with the wind getting lighter and lighter as the fleet approached the finish. The three Schock 35s finished within a minute of each other. First was Sal Pestritto in "Xylocaine," second was "Mischief," third was the current national champion, "Whiplash."
