

Marionette's Log – 2018 (S&S Design #1497)



Marionette on her mooring, Brooklin, Maine

I would be remiss if I failed to mention that *Marionette's* 2018 season started on a high note. She won her 3rd S&S Association Global Challenge award – this for winning the Dolphin 24 New England Championships at the Camden Classic Cup regatta in Camden, Maine. (A low note was being advised by the S&S Assoc. board that she would no longer be eligible to compete for this award in future.)

The good news is that *Marionette* got a new dress as a reward for her performance winning the Dolphin 24 New England Championships. A new dress, in her lingo, means professionally redone topsides (sanded down to gelcoat, minor repair touch-ups and Awlgrip - 2 coats),

stripped deck, recoated, and all wood sanded, rewooded as necessary and 7 coats of varnish.

She decided to go to Camden, Maine again to defend her Dolphin 24 New England Championship. She finished 2nd to Kevin McManus' *Little Haste*, hull #188 <http://dolphin24.org/littlehaste.html>. *Little Haste* had a 1st and a 2nd in the 2-race regatta. *Marionette* had a RET (retired) in race 1 (retired because we could not find the downwind mark in heavy fog!!!) and a 1st in race 2. She finished in a 3-way tie for 2nd with the other 2 boats but won the tie breaker because of her 1st place finish in the 2nd race. The 2nd place trophy is pretty neat!



Little Haste



Lost in the fog



The Dolphins trophy - 2nd place



At the shellfish tub

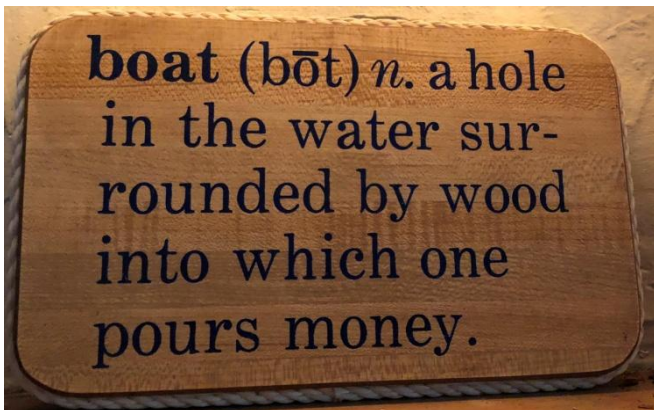
Again, great shore parties at this 3rd running of the Camden Classic cup – 67 entries, 4 Dolphins.

Following the regatta *Marionette* spent the next 6 weeks up in Maine, based at the Brooklin Boatyard (BBY) at Center Harbor, Eggemoggin Reach. There were periodic trips back home to mow the lawn. BBY is a mecca of beautiful boats where she got to show off her new dress.

A popular gathering place for cruisers is the Pub downstairs at the Brooklin Inn, a short walk into town. As webmaster for the Dolphin 24 fleet it's important to update and stay in touch - beers, nachos, pizza - and webmaster work (note the laptop on the bar!). And the plaque on the wall helps maintain perspective



Keeping the website up to date



Says it all...

In late September we cruised back to Camden - up Eggemoggin Reach and across Penobscot Bay. Heavy fog closed in but not before we got another keeper photo – the lighthouse on Pumpkin Island just off the north shore of Deer Island.



Home safe and sound...wait 'til next year

She was hauled on October 5 for the 5-hour trip back home to Old Lyme, Connecticut.

Ron Breault

Marionette

Old Lyme, USA