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### ***Bella Mente* nips NYYC Trophy in Anniversary Regatta Win**

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Hap Fauth's Reichel/Pugh 69 *Bella Mente* took the top individual prize today [Friday] in the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club Anniversary Regatta. Fauth (Minneapolis, MN) had a battle on his hands from start to finish in both races with class 1 British rival *Ran*, a hot JV 72 sailed by Niklas Zennstrom, and from the Newport Bermuda Race St. Davis's Lighthouse winner *Carina* sailed by Rives Potts (Westbrook, CT).

Fauth took first place with a 2-1 for a 3 point score, Potts had a 1-3 for 4 points and Zennstrom was third with 3-2 for 5 points. Fauth and crew have won the New York Yacht Club Trophy for the top boat in this 2-race regatta.

The RBYC Anniversary Regatta is the third event of the Onion Patch Series. The series began with racing in the 156<sup>th</sup> New York Yacht Club Annual Regatta presented by Rolex on June 13-14 in Newport Rhode Island, included the Newport Bermuda Race that started June 18<sup>th</sup> from Newport, and concluded today in a brilliant finish off the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club Marina in Hamilton Harbour.

### ***Ran* takes Onion Patch Series with better Newport Bermuda score**

*Ran* was the individual winner of the Onion Patch Series in results posted today [Friday]. Niklas Zennstrom scored 2-1 in the New York YC Regatta, 10 in the Newport Bermuda Race. and 3-2 in the RBYC Anniversary Regatta for a total of 18 points and wins the **Henry B. du Pont Trophy** for the best scoring individual yacht participating in the series.

*Bella Mente* came second with 1-2-13.75-2-1 and was only 1.75 out of 1<sup>st</sup> place with 19.75 total points. Third place went to Newport's Clayton Deutsch and his Ker 55 *Sforzando* with 26.5 total points in the subset of boats entered in the Onion Patch Series.

Five 3-boat teams were formed to compete for the **Onion Patch Trophy**. Coming first was the New York Yacht club team of *Sforzando*, *Rambler* sailed by George David (Hartford, CT) and *Bella Mente*. The Naval Academy Sailing Squadron... *Flirt*, *Swift* and *Invictus*... came second. The Storm Trysail Club Red Team... *Carina*, *High Noon* and *Gold Digger*... was third.

The **Catherine Hollis Memorial Trophy** goes to *Carina* the yacht entered in the Onion Patch Series that had the lowest corrected time in the Newport Bermuda Race.