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The Virtual Vineyard Race 2014 for Armchair Sailors Everywhere

<u>Sailonline.org</u> is pleased to announce that it is again partnering with the <u>Stamford Yacht Club</u> for the 5th time to allow armchair sailors everywhere to take part in the Vineyard Race. The 2014 event is the 80th running of the of the famous event known by sailors the world over for it's challenging course, close competition and the friendly atmosphere.

Sailonline is a non-profit, non-commercial sail-racing navigation simulation run entirely by volunteers. All races are free and each Soler (one who sails on Sailonline) gets exactly the same boat. The challenge is navigating through the weather. Sailonline uses almost real-time weather downloaded from NOAA and the boat physics are considered to be the most life-like of any online simulation.

Labor Day weekend's Vineyard Race is a classic American yachting event: a 238-mile course stretching from Shippan Point, through the swirling currents of the Race or Plum Gut, past Block Island, and on to the light tower at the entrance to Buzzard's Bay, to return leaving Block Island to starboard en route to the finish in Stamford Harbor.



For the Vineyard Race 2014, Sailonline is using the polar of a Santa Cruz 52 and will race against the local SC52 *Magic*.

Whether you are a seasoned old salt or a newbie, all are welcome and there is always someone willing to help with questions in the online race chat.

To race, armchair enthusiasts should head to Sailonline to join in the virtual race - it's all free. www.sailonline.org

Official Vineyard Race 2014 website: http://www.stamfordyc.com/node/537

Follow the action on the race's Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/vineyardrace?fref=ts

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