

Bay Head Skippers Win 5 Races

LAVALLETTE — Bay Head Yacht Club skippers took top honors yesterday at the ninth championship regatta of the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association by winning races in five classes including two trophy races.

Sailors of the host Lavallette club accounted for victories in four classes including two trophy events.

Bay Head's John Schenk topped the Jet fleet for the Admiral Eli La Vallette trophy.

Clubmate Tad La Fountain captured the George Hoffman trophy for Junior Comets.

Bill Bonn of the host club sailed one of the oldest Sneakboxes on Barnegat Bay to win the B Sneakbox Leadbitter Trophy. He skippered the Quo Vadis, a 50-year-old Perrine-built craft which has been rebuilt by its present owner Al Naeole.

Lavallette's Gary Watson out-sailed the A Sneakboxes for the fourth time this season and captured the Law Memorial trophy.

Other Bay Head winners were Sandy Wyman in the Finn class, Sam Fortenbaugh in Senior Comets, and Jim Dunn in the Barnegat 17 class.

The Lotus, racing for the second time this season, easily eclipsed the rest of the fleet to win the A Cat race. John Brown was at the helm of the Mantoloking club boat.

Art Lange of the host club, who was in California most of the summer, won the Flying Dutchman race.

The morning races were run in 8-10 knot breezes from the southwest. It veered to the southeast for afternoon racing.

High shifting winds at the close of the day menaced the smaller moored craft and flipped several of them.