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## **Strong Show of Support for Mill Neck's "Sail the Sound for Deafness"**

Although the winds were not very strong for the evening race, support for the Mill Neck Family of Organizations' 5th annual "Sail the Sound for Deafness" Regatta definitely was. The August 18 event began with a classics regatta, followed by a delightful cocktail party and was held, once again, to benefit the organization that serves individuals who are Deaf, hard of hearing and/or have other special needs. In this year's race, fifteen sailors took to the waters of Oyster Bay Harbor; three aboard their own boats, others on several boats provided by Oakcliff Sailing Center. The WaterFront Center's oyster sloop, Christeen and two vessels from Oyster Bay Marine Center brought a total of 45 spectators out to watch.

Later that evening, nearly 200 guests arrived at the historic Mill Neck Manor House to enjoy tastings and refreshments from some of the area's finest establishments. The Tudor Revival mansion, with its terrace overlooking Long Island Sound, was the perfect venue for the soirée and for catching a magnificent sunset. The party also featured raffles, silent auction items and live music with a Caribbean vibe, generously provided by Fevah Reign & Surefyar Band.

One of the evening's highlights is always the announcement of the regatta winners. Third place went to Blue Sky, an annual participant; Caper took second place and coming in first was Invader. This year, a new award was initiated, the "Golden Galley," presented to the most innovative cuisine among the participating restaurants. The Mill Neck Family was honored to have notable chef/restaurateur Tom Schaudel on hand for the judging and to present the inscribed gold plate to Osteria Leana, a newcomer to the town of Oyster Bay.

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Without an outpouring of support, this wonderful event would not be possible. The Mill Neck Family wishes to thank our co-hosts, Oakcliff Sailing Center, The WaterFront Center and Oyster Bay Marine Center, as well as these generous event sponsors: Toshiba (Commodore Sponsor); BMW of Oyster Bay (Captain Sponsor); Country Plaza Delicatessen & Catering (Skipper Sponsor); Bladykas & Panetta; Core BTS; FJC Security; General; hint; R.S. Abrams & Co. and Stefans Associates, Inc. (Landlubber Sponsors).

We also acknowledge our food and beverage sponsors: Banfi Vintners; Bonanza's; Coach Grill & Tavern; Dunkin Donuts; Gosling's; Greek Cove; hint water; Kind; King Kullen; Mario's; mint; No. Oyster Bay Baymen; Osteria Leana; Oyster Bay Brewing Co.; Rothmann's Steakhouse; Sail Away Coffee Co.; Spinnaker's; Starbuck's; The View Grill and Wild Honey.

Our sincere gratitude goes out to the following for their generosity toward raffles, silent auction items, food, beverages and other contributions: Accent on the Home; Accents et Details: Apple Bank; Vahakn Arslanian; Assouline; Atlantic Blueprint; Best Market; Birch Hill Nails; Birch Lifestyle Boutique; Brighton Collectibles; Cheesecake Factory; Christina's Epicure; Chum's Inc.; Yana Copek; Core BTS; Costco; Deep River Snacks; Dodds & Eder; Fevah Reign & Surefyar Band; Forest Iron Works; G. Willikers; Glen Cove Floors; Green River Gallery; J. McLaughlin; Kirk Larsen; Hunt Lawrence; Le Petite Zebra; Locust Valley Florist; Long Island Picture Frame; Jackie Maloney; Karen Martin; Jillian Michaelson; Ooh La Shoppe; Oyster Bay Fire Co.; Oyster Bay Historical Society; Oyster Bay Yoga; Paddy Bunks; Matt Pomara; Leni Penn; Pure Barre; Sabrina Boutique; Safavieh; Tom Schaudel; Herbert L. Smith; Tessareed; The Hampton Classic Horse Show; The Parrish Art Museum; The Valley Fireplace; Under the Tin Ceiling; Valley Trophy; Vineyard Vines and Carole and George Zivanow.

And last, but by no means least, a world of thanks to all sailors, committee members, volunteers, guests, staff, students and families.

The Mill Neck Family of Organizations is dedicated to serving individuals who are Deaf, hard of hearing and/or have other special needs through educational, vocational and spiritual programs and services. For more information about any of its programs, please call 516-922-4100 or visit [millneck.org](http://millneck.org). To see more photos of this great event, go to [facebook.com/millneck](https://facebook.com/millneck).

*All photos courtesy of Elisa Dragatto*



*A stunning sunset greeted the classic yachts participating in “Sail the Sound for Deafness,” a benefit for the Mill Neck Family of Organizations.*



*Spectators watched the race aboard two boats provided by Oyster Bay Marine Center and the Christeen, seen here, courtesy of The Waterfront Center.*



*At the post-Regatta cocktail party, reggae soul was provided by Fevah Reign & Surefyar Band.*



*Long Island restaurateur Tom Schaudel (right) presented the Golden Galley Award to Peter Van der Mije, an owner and chef of Oyster Bay's Osteria Leana. With them is Samantha Hallman, Mill Neck's Special Events Coordinator.*

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