

**Newspaper article** in the Providence Journal August 9, 1992 by Dave Philips - "Manchester's sail Wildfire to Class A win - Newport - Wildfire, a Tripp 37 sailed by Bob and Rob Manchester, was the apparent winner in Class A, the doublehanded monohull class, after many hours of sailing in the wind-starved New England Solo/Twin Championship yesterday.

Sandpiper, co-skipped by Bob Johnstone and Max Williamson, took second place. Moderation, sailed by Scott and Gregg Ferguson, was third.

Smiles, with Richard Carleton and Lawrence Rutter, was fourth.

Foxtrot with Rod and Jeff Johnstone, was fifth and Banzai, with Russ Cardoza and Tom Pasqual, was sixth.

Halcyon, a Beneteau sailed by Dimitri Antoniadis, had been the only finisher in the monohull solo spinnaker class as of 7 o'clock and it had taken Antoniadis 28 hours and 40 minutes to make it around the 107.2 mile course

The only finisher in the monohull doublehanded cruising class had been Velejar, a J-30 co-skipped by Joe Sousa and Mark Quigley.

Most of the other sailors in the race had dropped out by 7 o'clock last night, frustrated by the lack of wind and strong currents.

"It was a very frustrating race," said Peter McCrae, who said he had given up off southwest bell Block Island when the wind died and he found his Freedom 32, Panacea, being swept sideways in the wrong direction past the buoy he'd just rounded. "It took me 12 hours to get there from Newport and I had to hand steer all the way," McCrae said. "I decided I wasn't going to punish myself for 36 hours to finish the race.

The long course was 107.2 miles but the boats going that way had to sail a much longer distance because they were hard on the wind all the way to Block Island, then hard on the wind all the way from Block Island to Nomans Land.

One of the larger boats in the fleet reportedly took 14 hours to cover the distance from Block Island to Noman's Land at an average speed of 2.5 knots."