

# PASSAGE NOTES

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## WIN A MUSTO JACKET

Have a great cruising shot to share? Enter it in the Living the Cruising Life 2015 photo contest for a chance to win a Musto Evolution Sardinia Gore-Tex jacket!

What we're looking for are great shots that capture all aspects of life on board — the sailing, the fun, even the chores.



Enter your photo on the contest app on *Cruising World's* Facebook page by May 15, 2015, and then check back and vote for your favorite finalist from May 20 to June 3. The winner will be announced on June 4. Good luck! [cruisingworld.com/1504contest](http://cruisingworld.com/1504contest)

## AWARD WINNERS

The Cruising Club of America is dedicated to offshore voyaging, and every year the club recognizes meritorious seaman-

ship and adventures at sea. This year, Jim and Jean Foley (below) have been selected to receive the Far Horizons Award for their over 100,000 miles of cruising over the last 12 years. Their adventures have included a circumnavigation and the southern high latitudes.

Skip Novak has been selected to receive the Blue Water Medal in recognition of his many years of cruising and exploring the Antarctic. Since 1987, Novak has taken adventurous sailors, scientists and film crews to explore the extreme southern latitudes aboard his boats, *Pelagic* and *Pelagic Australis*.

The Rod Stephens Trophy for Outstanding Seamanhip was awarded to Sean McCarter, who as captain of *Derry-Londonderry-Doire* in the Clipper Round of the World Race retrieved a crew overboard in 35-knot winds with 13- to 20-foot seas. [cruisingworld.com/1504awards](http://cruisingworld.com/1504awards)



# The Leukemia Cup Succeeds Again

Over a sunny November weekend in Savannah, Georgia, top fundraisers from the Leukemia Cup Regattas held throughout 2014 gathered to celebrate a successful year of fundraising. The Fantasy Sail with Gary Jobson, which this year included cocktails, dinner and informal PHRF racing on Savannah's Wilmington River, was created to honor the top fundraising individuals, teams and yacht clubs from throughout North America.

The centerpiece of the event was Jobson himself, who came on as the national chairman of the Leukemia Cup in 1994 and has been heavily involved ever since, even through his own diagnosis of, and recovery from, lymphoma in 2003. "We build on the event year after year," said Jobson. "We offer incentives to fundraisers and take all contributions from small to big. The key is to get a lot of participation in our events, and each event has a personality based on the local sailing preferences. But overall they all follow the same basic mission: to raise funds to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and to improve the quality of life for patients and their families."

The San Francisco Yacht Club, the Columbia Yacht Club and the Savannah Yacht Club were the three highest fundraising clubs in 2014.

Together, these three clubs raised nearly \$1.5 million for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in just one year. The goal for 2015? To raise even more to further accelerate cures. Participants who raise \$12,000 through participation at a 2015 Leukemia Cup Regatta can qualify to participate in the 2015 Fantasy Sail with Gary Jobson in Bermuda.

The weekend culminated in an awards dinner, at the end of which Southern Yacht Club's Guy Brierre stood up at the podium.

"I'm issuing a challenge," he hollered into the microphone, pointing his finger around the room of 150 participants and their guests.

"Whoever beats me fundraising next year, I'll give you a bottle of rum!"

The crowd cheered as Brierre, who raised over \$31,000 individually in 2014, stepped down from the stage. Before he had even taken his seat, the couple next to me, from St. Clair, Michigan, leaned their heads together.

"We can do this," Trey Rose said to his girlfriend, Allison. "We're going to beat Guy next year."

More than 40 Leukemia Cup Regattas are planned for 2015. To find an event near you, visit the website ([leukemicup.org](http://leukemicup.org)).

Lisa Gabrielson



Amy Kleinschrodt waves from the rail of *Gazaway* during the 2014 Fantasy Sail. Skipper Pete O'Neal was one of the top individual fundraisers.

COURTESY OF JOHN ALEXANDER/LEUKEMIA CUP REGATTA; COURTESY OF THE CRUISING CLUB OF AMERICA (LEFT)