

# NY-30

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## NEW YORK THIRTY CLASS

May 12, 2005  
Presentation and Dinner  
New York Yacht Club  
34<sup>th</sup> Street, NY, NY

### Famous New York Thirties Turn 100

As directed by the New York Yacht Club, one-hundred years ago, the Herreshoff Manufacturing Company (HMC) launched eighteen identical one-design yachts at Bristol, Rhode Island. Thirty feet exactly on the waterline, they were designated the New York Yacht Club Thirty Foot Class, and were the first one-design class built to the then new Universal Rule. Designed by Captain Nathanael Greene Herreshoff (1848-1938) in the fall of 1904, they were built over the winter of 1904-05, just in time for the NYYC Spring Regatta.

These yachts went on to become a cornerstone of NYYC racing for nearly thirty years among owners that represented many of our most esteemed members of the time, including E.D. Morgan, J.P. Morgan, Alfred G. Vanderbilt, C. Oliver Iselin, August Belmont Jr., Harry L. Maxwell, and Hendon Chubb.

Although these yachts were modest at the time, their never before policies of strict one-design rules established the benchmarks in which all other one-design classes now model. Their racing was keen, and their owners' commitments to club regattas and Annual Cruise's was unrivaled.

Over the past decade or so, there has been a resurgence in the class with as many as five yachts completely restored, and several more in the process. One of which, Amorita (NY-9, pictured above) has returned to the club roles over the past decade, and has been a consistent participant, and often very successful competitor in club events ever since.

Join us for an exciting evening that recounts their illustrious history, amazing stories of survival, and current resurgence with as many as 13 of the original 18 yachts still in existence. Through the presentation of rarely seen early photographs and documents, contemporary images from famed marine photographers, and a short movie that recounts their noted history, this evening will be hosted by noted historians, authors, as well as past and current owners of class yachts. All to set the stage for the grand, on water, Centennial Celebration and Regatta to be held on July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> on the docks of HarborCourt, in Newport RI.

For more information about the class or events, you can visit [www.NY30.org](http://www.NY30.org) or contact the New York Yacht Club [www.NYYC.org](http://www.NYYC.org)