

## Hull #21, Alliance-John Bonds demonstrates J40 Power at the 2009 NYYC Cruise

"I thought you might be interested in this picture of our prizes from the NYYC cruise. First in two races, second in two races, won the series and awarded the Cygnet Cup for most outstanding performance on the cruise. This in a 23 year old boat that is lived aboard in the summer, and crewed in this series by two couples in their 60s. Sail inventory was a 135% genoa, and main. :) We sailed with the big dodger up, the plow in the bow roller, the outboard on the stern rail, all sails in the locker (with the inflatable dinghy), showers every night from the tanks, food and drink for a week (12 bottles of wine). Civilized racing for seniors. Gotta love it. Terrific boat! JB

P.S. Competition included three J/42s, one with full racing outfit, a well-sailed NY40, a Bermuda 40, Sabre 38 and a couple of smaller boats. We got the gun three times, but were beaten on corrected time by the Bermuda 40 in a very light air beat that filled in toward the end."



Note from Al S. : The J40 is a very capable race boat and can be a killer in distance races as it tracks extremely well. John Bonds was no average sailor, as he was US-Sailing President for a time. The J40 is a very versatile boat, attracts some very boat-knowledgeable owners, and John was certainly among them.