

I want to share the Region 1 Championship experience this past weekend. I could go on forever, but I will make it short. We sailed out of the Miramar Yacht Club on Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, NY. Our sailing venue was off Coney Island and Brighton Beach, and it was beautiful. While the venue was wonderful and the location incredible, as Ensign sailors we are spoiled with such things.

What set this venue apart was the host club's members. They were the most incredibly diverse mix of humanity I have ever witnessed. They were born here from many origins, immigrants born elsewhere, blue collar, professional, many religions, many colors, many sizes, and many ages, all were sailors and most of them Ensign sailors. Most incredible, each and every one made me and all that traveled there feel truly welcome. Never would I have thought that I would say our southern club is going to have to 'up' its game with regard to hospitality to even come close to these wonderful "Yankees". This Brooklyn, New York club exuded grace and class and a genuine love for the sport. I hope they will invite me back. I will most certainly accept that invitation should I be so fortunate as to receive one.

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