

What's In A Name:

How did we, Edna (deceased) and Paul Sanroma, arrive at the name MAGIC DRAGON? Well it started back earlier when we named a smaller boat HARBOUR POINT, which is a Herreshoff Gauntlet . We were given a dinghy that was in need of fixing up and a good cleaning. Edna was cleaning the dinghy with scouring powder when she poured some of the powdered cleaner on the dinghy while the wind gave a sharp puff and at the same time Edna happened to inhale. The result was a chemical burn in the throat and down to the lungs. She recovered but she decided to call the dinghy PUFF.

When we got our new boat, a Pearson 26, we named it MAGIC DRAGON to go along with PUFF. That Pearson 26 joined nine other Pearson 26's to be a class of 10 boats to race in the BYC Wednesday night races until I sold it to a new member by the name of Mark Johnson.

The Pearson 26 class was a great racing class and also a great party class. Those members still in the BYC will remember the GREAT SCAVENGER HUNTS on Narragansett Bay by boat that used to be held once a year for a few years. It was started by Ruth Souto (PSEUDO SAILOR) and Paul Sanroma (MAGIC DRAGON).

Ask Paul about the fiery dragon that was to be painted on MAGIC DRAGON, starting up at the bow and going aft on either side, one male and one female.

MAGIC DRAGON won many races over the years but the classic nail biting race was the last one of the season in the Wednesday night series in 1988.

FYSTERIOUS and MAGIC DRAGON were in first place coming into the last race. It was a squeaker at the finish line with FYSTERIOUS coming over the line by just a few seconds. FYSTERIOUS won the summer series by one tenth of a point with MAGIC DRAGON coming in second! What a race! My heart rate increases just a bit, recalling that last race. Congratulations to Jim Dollins.

Paul Sanroma