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## Commodore Hull Thanksgiving Day 5K Road Race "Crew" Named Honorary Starters of 2017 Road Race

**Shelton, CT, May 19, 2017** – The Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley is pleased to announce that the Commodore Hull "crew" members have been named official starters for the 2017 Commodore Hull Thanksgiving Day 5k Road Race. The Boys & Girls Club, long-time beneficiary of the race, officially took over production of the 5k this year.

Most of the crew hail from Derby High School: Jack Walsh (1964); Nick and Diana Serednitsky (1969); Glenn Gaetano, Dave Grant, and John Saccu (1970); and Markanthony Izzo (1976). Shelton High School alum include Pam Petro and John Pawlowski (1981) and Carl Sylvester (1951). Tom Wilson (1981) and Laura Wilson (1984) represent St. Joseph's High School, and Vera Gaetano (1979) attended Byron-Bergen High School in New York.

The crew has great pride in the Valley, and it was a natural choice to tap them as the starters of this year's race. For the past 15 years, these volunteers have worked nearly year round to ensure the success of the 5K, which has become a noted and looked for Valley event every Thanksgiving. The popularity of the race spurred the organizers to expand the number of timed runners several times; the current cap is 750.

Race registration will open in late summer. If you'd like to be notified of the registration opening and any other information related to the race, visit our website at www.BGC-LNV.org/commodore-hull-5k and sign up for our newsletter, or contact Ann Wheeler at 203-924-7462, AnnWheeler@BGC-LNV.org. The original race website is still active, and will remain available until all the information, dating back to the first race in 2002, is brought over. You can find this treasure trove of race history at www.electronicvalley.org/derby/HullRace/index.htm.

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