

Special Edition: CLSC 65th Open Regatta

Carter Lake Sailing Club Newsletter



From the Chair of the Regatta

John Krueger, Vice Commodore

Each year, the Club designates the Vice Commodore as Chair of its annual Regatta. As the Club's Vice Commodore, I automatically became the Chair of the Club's 2024 Regatta. Whether it was a blessing or a curse depends on which day of the week you talked to me.

Work on the Regatta began months before the actual event. The learning curve was steep and challenging at times. But as a racer, I look back and appreciate the efforts previous Vice Commodores did to make for successful regattas.

As with previous regattas, this year's Regatta was open to all Performance Handicap Racing Fleet, commonly referred to as "PHRF," which is pronounced as a word (perf) and not as the initials P-H-R-F. PHRF is a handicapped system that allows classes of sailboats to compete against each other as fairly as possible. (See Page 4 regarding the difference PHRF can make to a race.)

Our Club's 65th Open Regatta had 16 boats registered: 13 Club boats and three out-of-club boats. The 16 boats were divided into five fleets: Santana 20, J22, PHRF A, PHRF B and PHRF C.

The first day of racing on Saturday, June 1, had four races with varying wind. One race had gusts up to 35 knots which made for some exciting racing conditions. The wind forecast for the second day of racing was for light winds with stronger winds in the afternoon. Those stronger winds, however, never materialized. Despite very little wind during one race, two fleets were able to complete three races on Sunday while three fleets completed two races.

Thank you to all racers who participated in the Regatta, the numerous volunteers who gave their time and talent to make for a very fun and successful 65th Regatta and the Club members and out-of-town racers who supported the Regatta by purchasing dinner tickets, attending the Regatta BBQ and contributing to the success of the drawing.

FYI: We are down to just two long-sleeved UPF Regatta shirts. Both XL.\$25 each. Shoot me an email at kruegerjc1@sbcglobal.net if you want one of these shirts.



Three Boats Key to Successful Regatta

A CLSC-sponsored Regatta requires three boats that are on the water but don't compete: Race Committee boat, Finish boat and Chase boat. And each of these three boats require volunteers.

Serving as Principal Race Official on the Club-owned Race Committee boat was Tom Downing, a non-member who has served as PRO for the Club's annual Regatta for many consecutive years and knows the racing rules inside and out. Others volunteering on the Race Committee boat were John Heer and Marcia Marshall, both Club members and Duane Chaloupka, a former Club member.

For those who don't race, the Race Committee boat decides the race course, sounds the warning horn and puts flags up and down in a specific sequence and at a specific time. Timing and precision are critical. Those on the Race Committee boat also watch that no boat crosses the start line before its designated time. If a boat crosses the start line even one second early, it must go across the start line, turn around and start again.

Three Club members worked the Finish boat: Mike McCaul, Linda Kroll and Teres Lambert. These individuals watch as each boat crosses the finish line, sounding an air horn when it does and writing down the finish time. Finish time is written down in hour, minute and seconds. Since the Club owns only two boats, the Finish boat was a Catalina owned by Regatta Chair John Krueger and his wife Teres Lambert.

The third boat on the water, the Chase boat, was the Club-owned "banana boat." Club members Joanne Jarvis and Bridger Parsons worked both Saturday and Sunday on the Chase boat. Completing the team of three on Saturday was Rob Jarvis and on Sunday Maria Cabrera. The Chase boat has two key purposes: 1) to serve as a safety boat in a time of need; and 2) to move the starting line pin and the finish line pin when needed. For non-racers, the pins must be moved when wind direction changes. It is important that the start line be perpendicular to the wind.

The Club-owned "banana boat" served at the Chase boat during the Regatta. Volunteers on the Chase boat, Race Committee boat and Finish boat started Day 1 around 11 a.m. and were off their boat around 4 p.m. On Sunday, Day 2 of the Regatta, their day began around 10 a.m. and wrapped up about 2:30 p.m.





Day 1 of Racing

The first day of racing was a day that started with a bright blue sky that turned dark grey, with winds varying from ideal to “You better know how to sail and don’t mind heeling and having the rail in the water.” A Santana 20 racer said the challenging conditions at one point in the day emphasized the importance of the crew communication and working as a team to stay upright.





Day 2 of Racing

The winds on the second day of racing ranged from virtually non-existent to ideal for racing.

Race 1 started with a bit of breeze, with the wind often too weak to move boats. The “no wind” situation resulted in three fleets being timed out. PHRFs A, B and C received no scores for Race 1 as the three fleets timed out: Each fleet had only 90 minutes from the time the horn sounded at the start line to a boat crossing the finish line. Uncooperative wind resulted in none of the boats among the three fleets crossing the finish line within the 90-minute time frame.

Thankfully, the wind returned so two more races could be conducted.



Left photo: Jordyn Brooke (10) and Knae had a photo finish during Race 2 on Sunday. With only a one-second difference in elapsed time, Jordyn Brooke, the blue No. 10 boat crossing the line behind Knae, ended up beating Knae by one second due to their one-point difference in PHRF.





Regatta Dinner, Racers Award Meal

Racers and Club members gathered at the Clubhouse for social time and dinner on Saturday, June 1. This year's Regatta dinner featured pulled pork, BBQ pulled chicken, baked beans and cornbread muffins from Nordy's--a BBQ restaurant near Loveland-- plus homemade mac 'n' cheese, coleslaw, cookies and beverages. Club volunteers served approximately 90 guests. (Sorry no photos of the BBQ.)

After the Sunday races, the racers gathered at the Clubhouse where they enjoyed beverages, snacks and BBQ dinner leftovers while awaiting final results.



On Sunday, the racers were happy to serve themselves leftover BBQ and sides as they waited for racing results.



Racing Awards

Rather than the typical engraved plaques or trophies, this year's Regatta awards for first, second and third place were etched glassware.

First-place winners in each fleet were awarded two beer mugs while second-place finishers in each fleet received two Pilsners and the third-place finishers were presented with two stemless wine glasses. All glasses featured the 65th Open Regatta logo etched on one side and the placing and the fleet name or fleet logo etched on the opposite side.



"We wanted to give awards that not only could be used by the winners but spark conversation about participating in the Carter Lake Sailing Club 65th Open Regatta," stated Regatta Chair John Krueger.





It Took a Village

A Regatta is a BIG undertaking and its success lies heavily on the dedication of Club members who pitch in. Hats off to the following Club members who tackled various additional but essential tasks during the Regatta:

- Matt Reue & his partner Laurie Nichols--Handled registration on Friday evening and Saturday morning
- Jeanne & Ron Dorr --Prepared and served breakfast for the racers on Saturday and prepared sack lunches for volunteers on the Race Committee boat, Finish boat and Chase boat
- Nina Rogers & Sharon Pinsker--Prepared and served breakfast for the racers on Sunday and prepared sack lunches for volunteers on the Race Committee boat, Finish boat and Chase boat
- Jackie & Mike Gurley--Meal and social hour set-up on Saturday
- Craig & Susan Huey, Tom Mann, Anne & Al Underwood, Teres Lambert, Jackie Gurley--Served Saturday's BBQ dinner
- Anne & Al Underwood--Helped the clean-up crew on Saturday post BBQ.
- Holly Holland--Prepared mac 'n' cheese, served BBQ dinner and cleaned up post BBQ dinner on Saturday evening
- Jenifer Nordstrom--Cleaned up post BBQ dinner on Saturday evening and post event on Sunday
- Kelly Peterson, Megan Ambrose & Teres Lambert--Oversaw Sunday's racers social/award meal from preparation to clean up
- Rob Harris--Loaned coolers to the Club for beverages
- Art Umble--Provided music for Saturday's BBQ dinner
- Nina Rogers, Mike McCaul and Teres Lambert--Took photos of the event
- Mike Glenn--Scored all races to determine placings

(If you helped with the Regatta and weren't acknowledged in this newsletter, please accept apologies from John Krueger and Teres Lambert.)

*Art Umble and a friend
shared their musical talent
during Saturday evening's
BBQ dinner.*





And the Winners of the Regatta Were. . .

J22 Fleet:

1st: I'll Have Another, Mike Glenn & Crew

2nd: CAVU, Nancy VanDeMark & Crew

3rd: Joy, Andrew Watson & Crew



Mike Glenn, far left, and crew

PHRF A Fleet:

1st: Hot Girl Summer, Joss Quarantillo & Crew

2nd: Mucho Gusto, Craig Huey & Crew

3rd: Love Apple, John Krueger & Crew



Joss Quarantillo, center, and crew

PHRF B Fleet:

1st: Knae, John Clarkson & Crew

2nd: Driftwood, Steve Wood & Crew

3rd: Jordyn Brooke, Jeremiah Sailer & Crew

(The Jordyn Brooke had two individuals from the Club's Junior Sailing Program on board as crew.)



John Clarkson and daughter who crewed. Clarkson's son also crewed but was unavailable for the photo.



Additional Fleet Winners

PHRF C Fleet:

1st: Amazing Grace, Jim Foy & Crew

2nd: Rum Down, Bill Fritz & Crew

3rd: Njord, Matthew Reue & Crew

Jim Foy, far left, and crew



Santana 20 Fleet:

1st: Skippy, Jim Bogner & Crew

2nd: Gherkin, Raymond McCleery

Jim Bogner, center, & crew



Off the Water

When racers are on the lake, they are competitive. Off the lake, they are a “help each other” group. Evidence of this occurred on Sunday when one racer found herself locked out of her car. Her keys could be seen through the car windows but that was it.

Fellow racers came to her rescue. Although it took a bit of time, the racer’s keys were retrieved.

