

Extended season Race 1 October 10, 2017

Last Tuesday night was one of the rare, extremely light wind races of the season. Fortunately it was a beautiful night on the bay with 13 boats racing in the first race of the extended season. We actually held three races tonight. Here is how I'm going to score them and I'll let you decide for yourself who won. Sorry these results are getting to you so late. I've been waiting for a couple of the boats to finish. 😊 There may actually be a few more still out there bobbing around.

Race #1: We decided to run course #2 because the forecast was calling for light wind and it was the shortest course available. (Start at buoy #1, first mark was buoy #3 then to buoy #10 and finish at buoy #1) JV Phillips and crew sailing a Rhodes 22 killed the fleet going to the first mark. He was so far ahead that most of the fleet couldn't see his stern light. We all knew it was JV because after rounding the first mark he passed the entire fleet going in the opposite direction as he sailed to the second mark. The rest of us were struggling to get to the first mark. Half way down the second leg of the course we decided to shorten the course at buoy #10 because of the lack of wind. Things started to get interesting as JV Phillips, Bill Cook and Harry Manko approached the second mark. Bill and Harry did a tag team job and smothered JV and stole what little wind filled his sails just before they crossed the new finish line at buoy #10. Bill and Harry left JV dead in the water as they both passed him just a few feet before buoy #10. Harry passed buoy #10 ahead of Bill but admitted that he didn't give Bill enough room at the mark and told us to give the win to Bill. JV was the third boat to pass #10. Here are the finish results to Race #1 (the shortened race)

1. Merry Ann (Bill Cook)
2. Full Circle (Harry Manko)
3. Rhodes 22 (JV Phillips)
4. Lady in Red (Ted Drossos)
5. Pandemonium (Gary Sebouhian)
6. Aleboat (Eric Winberry)

7. Southern Accent (Jim Gathard)
8. Integrity (Bob Figueroa)
- DNF Fancy Nancy (Lenny Feldman)
- DNF Bonked Out (John Mendolia)
- DNF Pelagic (Frank Gagliardi)
- DNF Czech Mate (James Dennerlein)
- DNF Papilon (Nick Loretta)

Race #2: This was the David and Goliath match up of the evening. JV Phillips sailing a Rhodes 22 versus Jim Gathard's Tartan 37. (Sorry for the spoiler) Apparently JV did not know that the original race was shortened at buoy #10 and sailed the entire course. JV doesn't have a VHF radio and didn't hear the announcement. Jim Gathard also completed sailing the original course after sailing the 2.91 mile course in approximately 3 hours. Jim knows that you can't shorten a Pursuit race fairly so he decided to continue racing. Smart move as the wind filled in slightly after they rounded the second mark. The winner of Race #2 is JV and everyone who started their engines after rounding buoy #10 is disqualified. LOL Congratulations on your win JV. Hope you add a VHF radio to your holiday wish list.

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Race #3: In my opinion Race #3 was the best race of the evening. It was a race that started at buoy #1 and finished under the gazebo at Long Island Yacht Sales (Cook's Marina) where we shared good food, funny stories and lots of laughs. It did not matter how you got there whether by sailing, motoring or driving your car. The winner of this race was the entire fleet of Bay Shore racers. Congratulations to all who participated.