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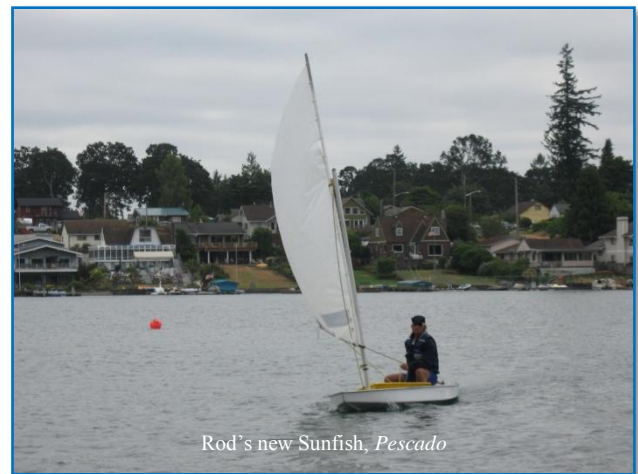
Start of race #1

Franks Place

As July's event approached most participants eyed the weather...hoping to see some upcoming weather shift with potential breezes. And, voila! We got our wishes fulfilled. Nice 6-10 mph wind from the south proved to be the norm on the 31st of July. Three San Juan 21's, a Ranger 20, a Mutineer, my Totem-craft and Rod's newly restored Sunfish named *Pescado* (Spanish for fish). Pretty boat!

A good fleet and some close finishes. I extended the start/finish line this time which did ease the traffic congestion at the start.

With the steady breezes and no real breaks between races we were able to have four races with three different race courses. Race numbers 1 and 2 were both...headed south around Silcox Island...back to the finish line. At about a half hour for each race, that left room for our "usual long course to the small island adjacent to the fish and game launch then downwind to the willow tree buoy and back. Then since there seemed to be some time left and the racers wanting more, I chose a short race course between Silcox island and mainland shore. It was a triangular course and proved that a good start is essential on a shortened course. (Oops! My start was not good). The results were:



Rod's new Sunfish, *Pescado*

July Race Results

			Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4		Race Day Totals	
<i>Skipper's/Crew's Name</i>	<i>Boat's Name</i>	<i>HCP</i>	<i>Corrected Time/Position</i>	<i>Corrected Time/Position</i>	<i>Corrected Time/Position</i>	<i>Corrected Time/Position</i>	<i>Over all Score</i>	<i>Over all Position</i>	<i>Monthly Score</i>
Rod	<i>Pescado</i>	100.3	24.90 / 7	29.81 / 7	44.64 / 7	18.44 / 7	28	7	40
Clifford	<i>Oasis</i>	97	19.87 / 5	19.71 / 3	32.40 / 4	10.29 / 3	15	3/4	75
Layne/James	<i>Firefly</i>	96.1	19.77 / 4	19.88 / 4	31.97 / 3	10.75 / 4	15	3/4	75
Andy	<i>MDB</i>	97	17.19 / 2	19.26 / 2	31.82 / 2	9.69 / 2	8	1/2	95
Frank/ Jimmy	<i>Bye-Gone</i>	102	17.79 / 3	19.19 / 1	44.28 / 6	13.50 / 6	16	5	60
Scott	<i>Wild Juan</i>	97	14.26 / 1	20.21 / 5	29.67 / 1	9.51 / 1	8	1/2	95
Brad/Debbie	<i>Elvira</i>	100.9	22.58 / 6/	22.38 / 6	34.69 / 5	13.38 / 5	22	6	50

On a more serious note: There were a few instances of one boat fouling another either at the start or at buoy roundings. No 360's were demanded or done out of courtesy. Still next month I hope to see the race rules more closely adhered to. Remember to bring a small red flag aboard your boat. If someone fouls you attach that flag to your shroud or back stay to protest their action after the race or do the gentlemanly thing, comment about the infraction immediately after it was committed and hopefully the offending boat will do its 360° turn and avoid a DQ. Any questions, lets discuss it at the next skipper's meetings August 28th. OK.

There is only one more BBQ this summer. We decided on a seafood extravaganza. Be creative. Choices: shellfish, marine or freshwater fare, tinned seafood, seafood salads, clams, oysters, calamari...you get the idea.

Thanks again to Carolyn for you assistance.

Frank



MDB and Oasis battle at the start



Firefly chasing down Wild Juan during race #1

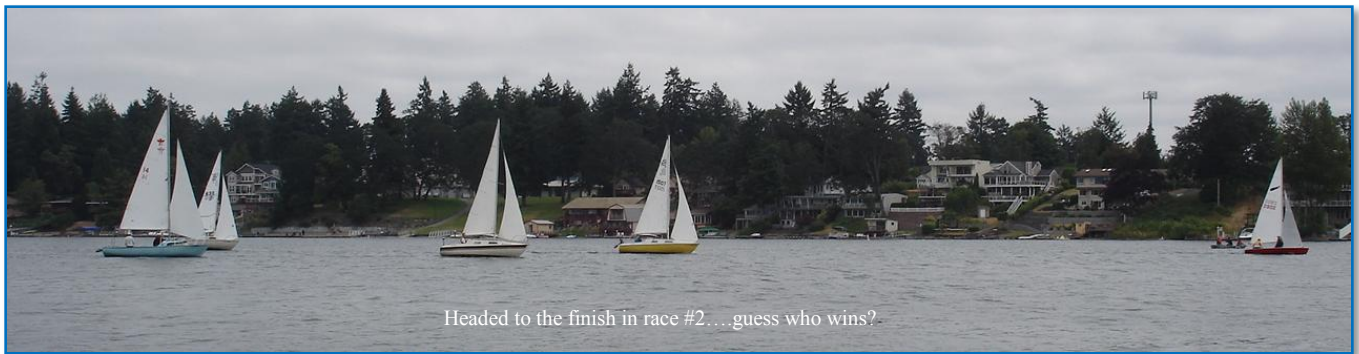
From the Editor

Good starts makes for good finishes! During last July's races I could never get a good start. On board *Firefly* we were always in the wrong position at the starting and several times forced to make extra 360° turn to avoid being force over the line our to the outside of the pin. It seems that the competition is getting fiercer at the starts. But other than my bad starts it was a great day of racing with near perfect wind conditions and great summer time weather.

In the first race, I was waiting for James to show up (he had an errand to run before coming sailing). He was suppose to call and I was going to run over and pick him up at over at Bill's Boathouse.

Well, he called 1:30 before the start of the first race. I figured since the first race was a short course just around Silcox Island I would finish the race then go pick him up. In the first race I was following closely behind Scott in *Wild Juan*. Scott who was sailing solo that day had *Wild Juan* sailing very well all day long. I jokingly asked him if he had taken all the extra beer out of because his boat was going so fast. During the race I had to make an extra tack to make around the end of one of the docks. Then we had to sail through the dreaded lee side of the island where both Andy in *MDB* and Frank on *Bye-Gone* passed me. *Wild Juan* ended up taking first place in race 1 with *MDB* and *Bye-Gone* taking second and third place.

In the second race, the only race where we got a decent start on *Firefly*, which was again around Silcox Island and I was sailing well and had the lead all the way until the we reached the lee side of the island. I had made a decision to sail out away from the island in this race hoping to avoid any dead spots. Well, I hit a spot and was going nowhere fast. From behind Andy on *MDB*, Frank on *Bye-Gone*, and Clifford on *Oasis* all caught a puff near the island and were catching up to me.



Headed to the finish in race #2...guess who wins?

I really hate that leeward side of the island!!! We finally made it back to the wind after *MDB* and *Oasis* were close to overtaking *Firefly* and it was a race to finish and what a close finish it was. Andy in *MDB* crossed the line first ahead by about 15 seconds. *Firefly* managed to just squeak past *Oasis* beating her by just 1 second. Finally, *Bye-Gone* finished about 25 seconds later. However, in corrected time *Bye-Gone* was the winner with *MDB* taking second, *Oasis* coming in third and *Firefly* taking fourth place. To top it all off Ramie caught this exciting finish on a video clip which is now posted on youtube.com at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hzY1Bp00-fl>



Firefly with spinnaker pulls ahead of *Wild Juan* in race #3

In the third race, the course was changed to avoid the leeward dead zone. It was our standard windward/leeward course. On the start as we were our final approach to the line *MDB* was leeward of *Firefly* and he forced us to the outside of the pin buoy. Having to make an extra tack to cross the starting line put us way behind. *MDB* was first to windward mark with *Wild Juan* close behind. After *Firefly* rounded the windward mark we put up the spinnaker for the downwind run. With the kite up *Firefly* managed to pass the other boats by the time we reached the leeward mark. However, I took the spinnaker down one buoy too soon. That error was costly. *Firefly* was first around the leeward mark with *Wild Juan* following close behind. On the final leg to the finish both *Wild Juan* and *MDB* were pointing better in the conditions than *Firefly*. Scott on *Wild Juan*

took first place in this race with Andy in *MDB* taking second and *Firefly* coming in third.

For the final race the day, the course was shortened to a small triangle close to Capt-n-Cook. Once again I got a bad start. This time both *Firefly* and *Bye-Gone* headed down the line with about 10 seconds to go until the start and *Firefly* was the leeward boat and tried luffing up on *Bye-Gone*. However, Frank would move and we were running out of starting line and approaching the pin buoy...so I bailed and spun around while the rest of the fleet was headed to first mark. On that short course there isn't much time to make up for a bad start. It did look cool to see those three San Juan 21's fighting it out going around the first mark! Once again Scott in *Wild Juan* proves that he was the man to beat take first place again with Andy in *MDB* coming in second place and Clifford in *Oasis* taking third.



Three San Juan 21's at the windward mark in race #4

Overall it was a great day of racing and I had a lot of fun.

Congratulations to Scott on *Wild Juan* for being our overall winner of the day...he had his boat sailing well all day long. Also, Rod was there with his newly restored Sunfish, named *Pescado*, which was sporting a pretty paint job. I guess that Brad, who was sailing in *Elvira*, did the paint job where he works and it looks great. The next time I need *Firefly* painted I might just have to give Brad a call.



We also had a great post race BBQ with tons of food. Thanks to Debbie for being our grill master of the day and cooking all the food. Also, a big thank you goes out to Carolyn and Ramie for taking the pictures and video clips for the newsletter. The newsletter would be really boring without the pictures. Finally, our ever growing lawn chair fleet of family members coming out to cheer the racers on. I know that my wife, Gena, enjoys coming out each month just to chat with those staying on Capt-n-Cook during the races.

I'm looking forward to next month's race on August 28th. At first I thought that I was not going to be able to make it because my mother scheduled a family reunion on the same day. You see, on that side of the family, we don't get together very often...usually only for funerals and no one has died

lately. So when my mother asked if my family could make it on August 28th I said "sure" not thinking about races. When I came to my senses are realized that the reunion was on the same day of ALSC race I quickly called my mother to see if we could move the reunion on the next day. She checked and everyone was available the next day and now I able to attend both activities. Yeah!!!

Finally, I would like to say welcome back to Matt who has just returned from serving our country in Afghanistan. The last time, he e-mailed me saying that he should be at our races on August 28th. Also, don't forget that our BBQ is going to be seafood themed....so get the fish out. I remember last year when we did the fish fry it was some the best fish and chips I've ever tasted. So see everyone on August 28th.

Layne

July's Photos





Brad and Debbie on Elvira running downwind on race #3



Pescado's spiffy new paint job



Scott in Wild Juan enjoying the windy day



Making a splash after the BBQ!!!

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Next Race August 28th