

# July 2010



## Frank's Place

Thanks to everyone for the nice turnout for our June races/BBQ. Everyone had plenty to eat and there was enough breeze to have two races. There was some good competition at the top of the pack and not so much in the bottom, but no real mishaps. (I did manage to bump Elvira at the start of the first race...oops!) Sorry Rod! As for the race course, I asked around and everyone seemed to want the usual course from Silcox Island to the buoy adjacent to the island near the fish and game launch then downwind to the "willow tree" buoy and back. Although it seemed kind of breezy each race took more than an hour for the last boat to finish. Hence there were only two races.

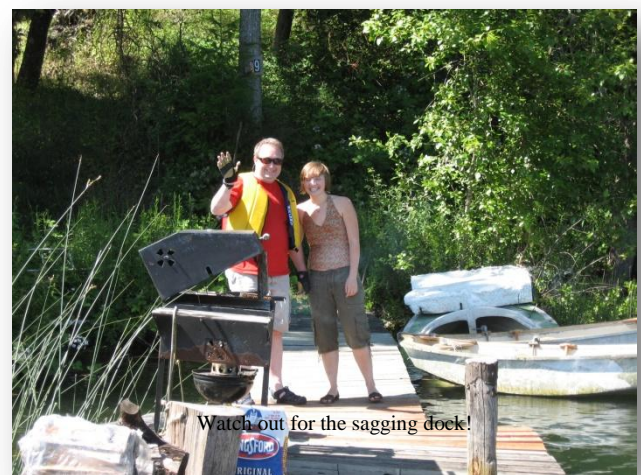
The BBQ went off well. Good kabobs, 'brats' and burgers, as well as sweets, fruit, nuts, chips, with homemade mango wine and mimosa's as beverages. Thanks Scott for being our BBQ chef master...job well done. Next month's race/BBQ is scheduled for July 31<sup>st</sup>. Any creative ideas for food are well appreciated. (Seafood anyone?)

**On a serious note:** A sagging dock walkway reminds us of the ongoing maintenance required on the Cap'n Cook. Remember there is brand new gallon of white paint and new brushes in the building awaiting volunteers. Who'll be "Tom Sawyer" and "Huck Finn"? Who'll be AWOL? It looks as if Rod will help me prop up the sagging dock if that's possible. There may be weight restrictions in that area in the future. And...Andy is going to provide a piece of plexi-glass to replace the broken window and the poor sailor who's boat caused the damage will, no doubt, want to install it once it's cut to size.

Remember, anyone wanting to do something to the Cap'n Cook but at a loss as to what to do just ask me. I'm sure I can find something to do on the "to do" list for any skill level.

See you on the water in July.

Frank



## June Race Results

			Race 1	Race 2		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>Over all Score</i>	<i>Over all Position</i>	<i>Monthly Score</i>
Rodney	<i>Missfit</i>	101.6	70.65 / 5	DNF / 7	12	6	50
Clifford	<i>Oasis</i>	97	36.27 / 2	40.80 / 3	5	2/3	85
Rod/ Alex/Taylor	<i>Elvira</i>	100.9	81.39 / 7	65.39 / 6	13	7	40
Frank	<i>Bye Gone</i>	102	77.77 / 6	64.26 / 5	11	5	60
Scott/ Eric/John	<i>Wild Juan</i>	97	40.10/ 3	38.85 / 2	5	2/3	85
Layne/Bre	<i>Firefly</i>	96.1	35.19 / 1	35.92 / 1	2	1	100
Andy/Carlo/ Cora	<i>MDB</i>	97	68.23 / 4	42.35 / 4	8	4	70



The fleet after the start of Race 1

### From the Editor



Riley goes down the slide

Well, I finally got my wish from last month's races...the summer weather has returned and I was finally able to ditch the wet suit for shorts. It was a beautiful day and a great day for sailboat racing. Also, being the first of the summer barbeques, there was big turnout (total of 21 people) with Andy, Rod, and Rodney bringing their entire families out to enjoy the day. My whole family was there too...it has been several years since we have all been at an ALSC race together. My daughter, Breanna, was going to be my crew for the day. She loves going sailing but doesn't get to very often because she lives Seattle and is so busy with her own life. My son, Riley, also had a good time which surprised me because he hates going out on my sailboat, and is at the age where family just isn't "cool". I was glad to see Riley helping Frank set the pin buoy. It was really surprising to see Riley going down the

waterslide. Thanks to Rod who was supervising Riley out there because he isn't a strong swimmer. For some reason when Riley went out to the slide he grabbed the extra large life jacket and the first time sliding into the water slipped half way out the life jacket. I thought he was going to drown! But Rod was there to help Riley back to the dock. It was a little scary though, when we watched Riley on top of Rod's shoulder climbing up the slide's ladder...the whole slide was swaying...I was just hoping the everyone made down without hurting themselves, which they did.



We were only able to get in two races that day because of a couple of dock problems that need some attention. In my book it was a perfect day for sailing with SW breezes at about 8mph. The starting line was in the lee of the island which always makes for some interesting starts. Our course, which is becoming our “standard course”, was up to the little island then back downwind to the willow tree then back to the start/finish line.

In the first race, the strategy for the start on board *Firefly* was to stay way outside the pin end buoy and approach the start on a port tack near the pin end, avoiding the dead spots near the dock. On our final approach, *Firefly* had to give way to a couple of starboard tack boats and ended up more toward the middle of the line than I wanted. However, the pin end became very crowded and there was some touching between *Elvira* and *Bye-Gone*. After the start, *Firefly* was in the middle of the pack and after the few tacks the fleet was on the lay and it became a drag race to windward mark. *Firefly* made it to the mark first with *Oasis* and *Wild Juan* following close behind.

On the downwind leg both *Wild Juan* and *Firefly* set their spinnakers but the wind wasn't coming from behind enough to make the kites effective. Clifford on *Oasis* kept his jib up and was pulling way ahead of everyone. Finally, I got a clue and decided to take the spinnaker down and unfurl the jib. Scott on *Wild Juan* hung in there with spinnaker for awhile longer. *Oasis* was the first boat to reach the “willow tree” mark with *Firefly* close behind. On the final leg *Firefly* manage to overtake *Oasis*, for the win. *Oasis* took second place with *Wild Juan* coming in third.

After the top three boats finished something funky happened to the wind. It couldn't decide which way to blow... coming from all directions. The first three boats finished in around 35 minutes; however the rest of the fleet struggled in the weird winds finishing with times all over the 1 hour mark. Go figure.



*Oasis* chasing down *Missfit* in Race 1



*Firefly* turns toward the line in Race 2

In the second race, I wanted to use the same starting strategy as the first race. However as we came in to the dock with about 2 minutes to the start we hit one of these dreaded dead spots and by the time we got *Firefly* going again it was just 10 seconds before the start. By sheer luck *Firefly* got an excellent start! We were on the starboard tack, windward of the rest of the fleet and a full speed when the horn blew and we crossed the line. After a couple of tacks we hit the lay line to the first mark and easily made to mark in first place. Learning from the first race we decided not to set the spinnaker on the downwind leg of this race. At one point during the downwind leg we hit a dead spot and were starting to get worried as *Wild Juan* and *Oasis* were closing the gap fast. Rounding the leeward mark first *Firefly* held off *Wild Juan* taking the win.



Rodney and Heather enjoying a burger

After the second race it was time for the much anticipated barbeque. There was tons of great food and good company on the dock. It was great having my family together and seeing many other families enjoying time together. That is what this club is all about have a good time sailing, eating, and enjoying time together.

A big round of applause needs to go out to Ramie who filled in for an ailing Carolyn (get better for next month's races) as our time keeper and photographer. She did a great job!!! Our next races are on July 31<sup>st</sup>. So let's all come out to our next race and you too can be part of fun, food and exciting times the ALSC provides.

Layne

### June's Photo's



Elvira's crew bringing her in



Frank relaxing in Bye-Gone



Wild Juan arrives at Cap'n Cook



Lawn chair fleet watching the races



Andy and his family enjoying the day on *MDB*

### **ALSC Information**

Commodore	Dave Burnett	(253) 926-5366
Treasure	Frank Abrams	(253) 843-1882
Newsletter Editor	Layne Snodgrass	(253) 639-7706 <a href="mailto:lgsnodgrass@msn.com">lgsnodgrass@msn.com</a>

*Any articles, pictures, or ideas of any sailing activities you are involved in that you would like to contribute to the newsletter are welcome.*

Website <http://www.sailnut.com/american-lake-sailing-club>

**Next Race July 31<sup>st</sup>**