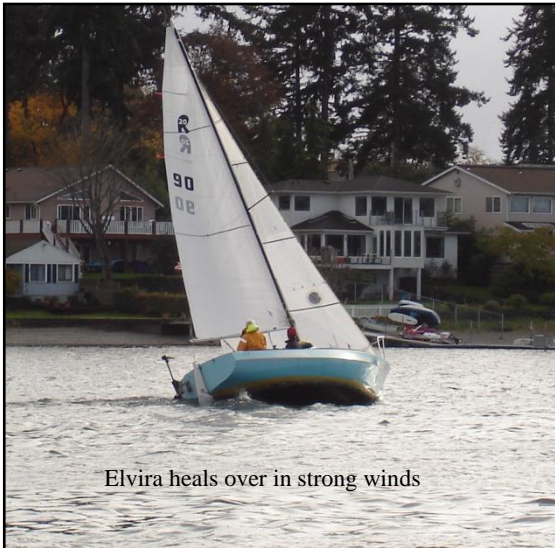


November 2009



Elvira heels over in strong winds

Franks Place

Everyone eagerly anticipated the October 31st racing event and with very windy/rainy conditions in the days prior to Saturday's outing much talk revolved around that days weather. As the a.m. rain/showers abated the breezes built steadily and we all were treated to one of the most enjoyable days of sailing in 2009. Plenty of wind to nearly capsize the dinghys and really make the keel boats heel to 30 degrees and maybe more. Personally, I chose to change head sails on Bye-Gone (for the 3rd race) since that #1 Genny was overpowering. Everyone else used the same sails throughout the day.

For the first race I chose the race to the small island adjacent to the Fish and Game boat launch buoy as our 1st mark then around Silcox Island and finish as usual at the Cap'n Cook float. Race three was the same. However, for #2 we went to that 1st mark and beyond (to a buoy I thought was near Russell Landing) our "normal" sailing/race areas. Each race was good for all and notably during race #1 we had rowing shells to contend with on the South side of Silcox Island. (They were racing too!). Thanks to all for your participation.

Scott also showed up in "Peach Pit", his 'NW Sloop' but just sailed around and then went home early. He still needs help with his rig to improve.

On a different tack, 'Thank You' goes to new members Matthew Steinfeld (recently of Okinawa) and Brad Slayton of Auburn (who's been sailing as crew in Elvira). We'll be seeing more of them in the future I'm sure.

Oh Yeah! It was Halloween! Snacks again appeared on our "buffet" table. Candy, chips, dip, pepperoni, "worms in dirt", and some home made wine. Thanks to all who provided the stuff.

And our impromptu costume sail was enjoyed by everyone. (Some photos are included). Costumes included "Tie-dye Girl", Yoda, Luigi, Chester, UDUH-MAN, Pirate, Elvira, Ninja, "Full Monty", and "Mrs. Doubtfire". That was crazy good fun. Somehow?? UDUH-MAN won the Trader Joes gift certificate and plans to use some of the prize to restock wine and snacks for the final race of 2009 (November 28th). Hope we have a good turnout again.

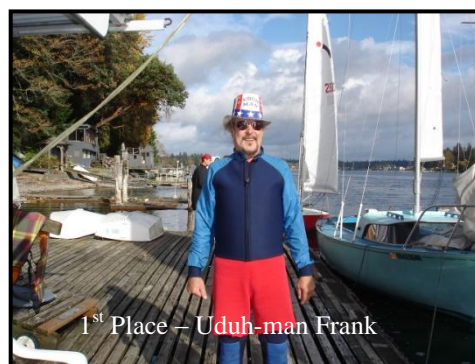


Crazy cast of costumed characters

Costume Contest Winners



2nd Place - Pirate Rod



1st Place - Uduh-man Frank



3rd Place - "Full Monty" Dwaine

Also remember our upcoming yearly Awards/Christmas party is schedule for December 10th (Thursday) @ 7:00 in Bill's Boathouse. Club will provide pizza and the rest is up to the sailors. See you all there. Party's usually over by 9:00-9:30 p.m. Gift exchange is optional and try and keep gift costs to \$15 or less. 2010 dues could be collected from those interested in re-joining early. (Still a bargain at \$20 per year).

Club officers (ie. Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, Race Committee Head, and Newsletter Editor) could be decided that night as well.

Bye
Frank

October Race Results

			Race 1	Race 2	Race 3		Race Day Totals	
	Boat's Name	HCP	Corrected Time/Position	Corrected Time/Position	Corrected Time/Position	Over all Score	Over all Position	Monthly Score
Rod/Brad	Elvira	99.8	35.94 / 5	44.86 / 4	29.59 / 4	13	5	60
Dave	Missfit	99.4	50.54 / 6	38.30 / 6	40.75 / 6	18	6	50
Andy	Rapido	91.0	30.08 / 1	34.93 / 2	25.01 / 2	5	1/2	95
Dwaine	Rusty	91.0	31.75 / 3	34.77 / 1	24.03 / 1	5	1/2	95
Frank	Bye-Gone	101.6	30.94 / 2	48.16 / 5	30.86 / 5	12	4	70
Layne	Firefly	96.4	35.42 / 4	36.78 / 3	26.71 / 3	10	3	80

*Costume Bonuses included in corrected times



Showing some leg

From the Middle of the Pack

When first hearing about wearing costumes during October's races, I thought that there wouldn't be very many people dressing up. To my surprise, when we showed up at the dock, nearly everyone had a costume on. It was fun to see all the other costumes. However, sailing in a costume is very difficult and I heard several complaints. Andy, who was dressed as Luigi said his overalls got wet and the shoulder strap keep falling off and getting caught in the tiller. Frank, dressed as Uduh-man commented that his cape kept on flying over his head blocking his views. Both Dwaine and I gripped about getting our wigs and dresses getting caught in the mainsheet block and tiller. There were a couple of times during the last race where getting my dress caught in the tiller almost caused me to capsize!

In the first race, as usual, Dwaine and Andy in the Lasers took off and lead the whole race. In *Firefly*, we got off to a terrible start and I'm going to blame my watch (you always have to blame someone). I lost

my watch a few months ago and I got a new one but the buttons are so sensitive that I always hit them while sailing and it changes the modes. So I spent most of the pre-start trying to get my watch back in sync. That's my story and I'm sticking with it. Anyhow, for most of the way up to the wind ward mark Frank in *Bye-Gone* was sailing right beside me. Frank and Teri had *Bye-Gone* sailing very fast but I believe I made to the mark first. However, on the



Headed toward windward mark in 1st race



downwind leg, *Bye-Gone* with that huge genoa was able to keep up with *Firefly* even with the kite up. Then we hit the leeward side of Silcox Island. I saw Dwaine and Andy close to the shore and they were struggling in no wind so I decided to keep away from shore. Frank even stayed further away from the island and kept the wind for most of the time. Then trouble started to happen on *Firefly*. I had a terrible spinnaker takedown, shrimping the sail then hitting a dead spot in the lee of the island left us dead in the water. It is very frustrating when you can see the wind just 20 feet ahead and you just can't get to it. *Elvira* was also closing in on us. However, *Bye-Gone* made it through the lee pretty much so un-scathed and ended up almost catching the Lasers and taking second in corrected time. Way to go Frank and Teri!!! Andy in *Rapido* took first place in that race.

In the second race, the course was changed to a long windward-leeward race avoiding the Silcox Island lee and a downwind finish. I love those downwind finishes because I don't have to worry about taking down the spinnaker. If I'm going to blow a race it is usually while taking down the spinnaker. Again in race two, Andy and Dwaine took off and didn't look back. Dwaine in *Rusty* ended up winning this race with Andy not far behind for second. However, in the middle of the pack, there was a race for third place. On the windward leg all the rest of the boats were sailing well. Dave and Rodney had *Missfit* flying...I couldn't believe how high they had that boat pointing. If the up wind ward leg had been much longer *Missfit* would have beaten *Firefly* to the mark. After rounding the mark *Firefly* popped its spinnaker took off downwind for the third place finish.

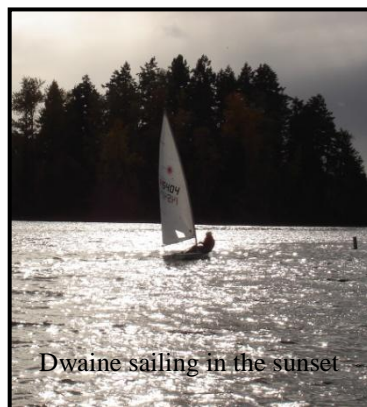
In the final race of the day, things got hairy because the winds pick up. My crew man, James, had to go to another party leaving me to sail *Firefly* single-handed. In the pre-start sequence, I came as close as I've ever come to capsizing. I had just finished a tack, had let go of the mainsheet to trim the jib when suddenly a gust came and I couldn't find the mainsheet to release it. *Firefly* heeled way over and I scrambled up the rail and was just about to swing over to the centerboard when she came back down. *Firefly* was filled with water up to the bottom of the seats. So for the rest of the pre-start I was a little rattled...furling the jib and trying to get the water out of the boat. I got a horrible start...I think I was last across the starting line with the jib furled and a ton of water in the bottom of the boat. Shortly after the start, with confidence building, I unfurled the jib and opened the bailer (which worked very well) and I started to make up for lost time passing both *Missfit* and *Bye-Gone*. *Elvira* was still ahead of me and rounded the windward mark first. On the downwind leg with out the aid of a spinnaker *Firefly* managed to pull slightly ahead of *Elvira*. Both boats were neck and neck as they made around the leeward side of Silcox Island. I believe that *Firefly* was slightly ahead as we headed for the finish line. As we were nearing the layline, *Elvira* suddenly tacked away. *Firefly* kept on the same tack and I probably over stood the layline and thought that I had lost the race. I think Brad's plan on *Elvira* was to get as close to the finish line as possible then shoot head to wind and use their momentum to cross the finish line. However, they didn't have enough momentum to cross the line and ended up just a few feet short. Meanwhile, *Firefly* was headed towards the finish line at full speed. I could see the crew on *Elvira* scrambling to get her moving again as *Firefly* crossed the finish line just a few feet ahead of them. It was a great finish to a tough race. Even though *Elvira* would correct ahead of *Firefly*. Dwaine in *Rusty* took first place, with Andy in *Rapido* taking second, and the crew of *Elvira* ending the third place. Congrats to all.



Elvira breaks for finish line in race 3

This Halloween race was a lot fun even though at times it was difficult to sail in costume. If we ever do this again...I'm going to dress in some kind of tight spandex costume...wait that might be a scary thought. Anyhow, we are ending the 2009 racing year with our last race on November 28th. For those of you who are still in the hunt for boat of the year this will be your last chance to score points. So see ya'll on November 28th and don't forget to put our annual Christmas/Awards party/Gift exchange on December 10th it is always a lot of fun.

October Pictures





Next Race November 28th

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