

November 2010



Franks Place

As the October races approached any potential participants were eyeing the weather forecast as usual with the added interest created because of the Halloween costume factor. Plenty of rain came down on the Monday before race day and Tuesday... with more predicted for the weekend. With that in mind, bringing along some sort of rain gear seemed logical. And Mother Nature delivered. Drizzle, showers, rain all day long on race day and no wind to speak of made tough going on the race course. Since everyone (skippers) wore costumes we all got one minute off our time and Clifford came in 'drag' so he got two minutes off his time (All of which did not affect the finishing order after all). There were times when we did not know for sure if we would be able to finish the race. After my alter ego, Richard Pryor, chose a

triangular race course between Silcox Island and Bill's Boat House (our usual course for light winds) I/he promptly lost sight of the 2nd mark and sailed from 2nd to last place and ended up withdrawing because in that light air... and with last place secured what else could be done?

Our other three skippers did better at navigation and finished respectfully under 45 minutes. Back at the Cap'n Cook float Carolyn, (dressed as American Lake) and Janet (as pirate woman) kept the heater going and hung out under our awning. We all enjoyed snacks in the rain and each other's costumed persona. Later 'brats' were served as well as more rain. With no wind no other races were possible. So... wrap up your wet stuff and head home was all that was left to do. Results follow:

Next races are scheduled for November 27th and are the last of the year. Layne in Firefly has secured overall 'Boat of the Year' for the third rear in a row. Way to go Layne.

Our annual Christmas/Awards gala is scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of December (the 9th) @ 7:00 p.m. @ Bill's Boat House. Gift exchange optional, pot luck as usual and award presentation and photo opportunities are on tap.



Thanks to all for a successful 2010 and hope you all re-new your membership and support our club in 2011. Without you all...

Thanks again. Frank.

Layne's Race Report



Start of the first and only race

Once again the weather forecasters lied to us, after having a beautiful day on Friday... the day before the races, they were saying the promised rain would hold off until Saturday afternoon. In reality the rain started just about the time James and I pulled into the fish and game parking lot. And the rains pretty much so hung around all day long. To top it all off Sunday ended up being another beautiful, sunny day...go figure. But despite the drippy weather there were nine costumed sailors out for a fun day of sailing and Halloween partying.

The sailing wasn't great. The winds were so light we were only able to get one race in. Frank picked the short triangle course between Silcox Island and Bill's Boat House. With only four boats and long starting line everyone got off to a clean start. Rod and Brad, sailing on *Elvira*, told me they got a poor start because when the five minute horn went off they went to start their stop watch and realized it was still in the gear bag...oops *Firefly* made to the first mark ahead of the pack with *Bye Gone* rounding second and *Elvira* and *Oasis* following. Because of the direction of the wind we had to sail towards a mark that was directly south of the second mark and Frank was telling us that we were going to the wrong mark. Then for some reason he took off to the third mark missing the second buoy. There must be some kind of "brain cramp" onboard *Bye Gone* or maybe it was all the drugs that Richard Pryor did channeling through.

With *Bye Gone* out of the picture, *Firefly* rounded the second mark first with *Elvira* following. After rounding the second mark wind went from very light to almost non-existent. Rod and Brad made the most of the available wind and had *Elvira* going well. They made James and me really nervous because they were catching up fast despite doing all we could to get *Firefly* going. If the leg had been just another 100 feet longer *Elvira* would beaten *Firefly* to the third mark, but they ended up rounding about 10 feet behind. After rounding the third mark for some reason *Firefly* took off and left *Elvira* in her wake easily winning by several minutes. Race results are as follows:



Bye-Gone and Firefly headed toward 1st mark.

October Race Results

			Race 1		Race Day Totals	
<i>Skipper/Crew's Name</i>	<i>Boat's Name</i>	<i>HCP</i>	<i>Corrected Time*</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Over all Position</i>	<i>Monthly Score</i>
Rod / Brad	<i>Elvira</i>	101.1	35.50	2	2	90
Frank	<i>Bye Gone</i>	103	DNF	4	4	70
Layne / James	<i>Firefly</i>	98.1	29.58	1	1	100
Clifford / Eric	<i>Oasis</i>	99.1	42.06	3	3	80

*Times are corrected for costume bonus



After the first race everyone just hung around trying to keep dry and warm. We were all entertained by Frank who dressed like Richard Pryor and had all the “honky” jokes down pat. At the end of the day we all voted for the best costumes with Frank winning with his Richard Pryor costume. Janet came in second with her pirate outfit. Believe it or not, I came in third with my doctor’s costume. There were other great costumes such as Carolyn as American Lake, Rod a Voo-doo woman (you have to ask him the full name of his character...it’s worth it), Brad as a monster, James reprised “Chester the Molester”, and Clifford dress in drag (complete with lip stick, a bra, a purse with all the necessary feminine hygiene supplies). Once again, I think we all had a good time despite the wet and cold weather.

Our next race, which is the last one of the year, is going to be on November 27th. Let’s hope that the weather will cooperate more. I hate to be a downer, but you know it is November and a holiday weekend so odds are that we will be having another wet race. Everyone should come out on the 27th because we’ll have fun no matter what the weather is like. See you in a few weeks.

Layne.

New Boats in the Club

There have been a couple members who have picks some new boats recently. The new additions may make for some more interesting races in the future. First Dwaine wrote an article about his new project. Then I finally converted James over to the dark side of boat ownership.

IC a Canoe - by Dwaine

Inspired by foiling Moth class sailboats and my short sail on a modern International 14, I've been thinking about sailing a bit 'faster'. If I was to get another boat it needed to fit into a certain 'box' or requirements. It needed to be sail-able single handed, not have a trapeze, have a low enough cost, and have decent performance in the lighter air we generally experience in the Puget Sound region. Neither the I-14 nor the Moth fit the box but an International Canoe did. These boats are rare in this part of the world but one came up for sale recently and I made the drive to Vancouver B.C. to retrieve it.

I've learned a lot about this type of boat in the short time I've owned it. Everything is high tech. There are more sail controls on this IC than some boats twice its length. And it is tippy. For my first outing Frank brought Bye-Gone and his camera out and we chatted and made photographs while we waited for the wind to arrive. (Which it never did).

As a new arrival to the 'Race Garage', this International Canoe will need a proper boat name. I've got a few in mind but need to get to know the boat before settling on anything. If you think you've got that perfect boat name get it to me or the newsletter editor. Maybe we'll have a public boat name brainstorm to get the right name on the stern of that canoe.

Dwaine

Editor's note: I looked up the Portsmouth rating of IC Canoe...which is 79.1 and is just about the fastest boat on the table. We all should hope that Dwaine's new boat has a steep learning curve or we will all be left in the dust





James' New Mutt

A few weeks ago I was contacted by a guy who owns a Mutineer in Kennewick. He was looking to get rid of his boat. I told James about the boat, which was priced very well...free, and asked if he was interested...which he was. The first weekend in November we made the trip to Kennewick, picked the boat up and brought it back to James' house. It is still going to be a while until he gets it on the water. The boat need some work and is missing a major part...the rudder! So James has a new project to keep him busy over the winter and with luck next spring there will be another new boat in our fleet. James is excited to have his own boat and I'm excited to have another Mutineer to race against *Firefly*. The only bummer part is now I'm going to have to find a new crew member. James has been a great asset on *Firefly* for many years now.

October's Race and Costume Photo



Oasis during race 1



Scary cast of characters



Great weather for a duck



Pirate Janet



Voo-doo Rod



"Richard and Carolyn at "American Lake"

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Next Race November 27th