

September 2010



Bye-Gone and Oasis during race #1

Frank's Place

As I write this the first rain in many days is washing down all the trees and gardens and ... cars? Smells nice and looks pretty with all the greens glistening.

Quite a different weather pattern compared to the last ALSC races on 8/28 when the breezes were unexpectedly out of the North and range from 7-12 mph with an occasional puff to 14 mph. A good day for sailing everyone agreed. This gave me the chance to plot our race course to Thorne Castle and around Silcox Island with its dreaded lee side. All was good however as all the boats negotiated the racecourse in 30 minutes or less allowing us to run three consecutive races rather quickly. I added a fourth race with a different course (i.e. a triangular affair between the Cap'n cook and the mainland.)

Some dicey starts led to some close quartered action with Clifford and I bumping boats (see the video clip... link later in newsletter) once but we decided not to play the blame game and discussed it later during the picnic portion of our day. (Which was very nice with seafood and deep fried fish by Scott.) Other minor incidents between various boats also added to the excitement after the races. My take on that was ... don't lose track of proper decorum. Even though one protest was filed I feel each boat had some valid points and therefore, rather than continue the acrimony and controversy, it seems better to foster togetherness and emphasize the use of patience. With such a small club there is no room for over-animation and plenty of room for those with more racing experience to use their mentoring skills for the benefit of all. If anyone still wants to discuss this matter we can do so after the races on September 25th. Nuff said.

Results follow:

August Race Results

			Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4		Race Day Totals	
<i>Skipper/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>
Dwaine	<i>Rusty</i>	92.2	27.03 / 1	28.87 / 1	26.66 / 1	11.46 / 1	4	1	100
Layne/James	<i>Firefly</i>	96.1	30.31 / 3	31.11 / 3	39.05 / 4	17.14 / 4	14	3/4	75
Scott/ Eric	<i>Wild Juan</i>	97.0	28.97 / 2	31.01 / 2	33.56 / 2	14.12 / 2	8	2	90
Clifford	<i>Oasis</i>	97.0	33.68 / 4	33.42 / 4	38.40 / 3	16.91 / 3	14	3/4	75
Frank	<i>Bye Gone</i>	102	35.22 / 5	39.10 / 5	42.48 / 5	18.30 / 5	20	5	60



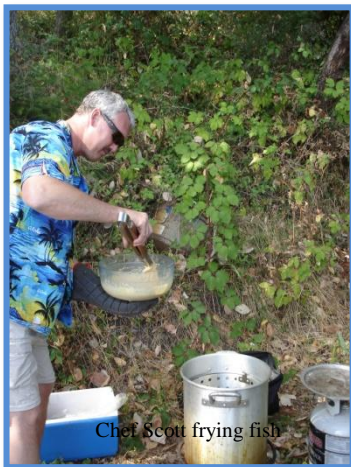
James working on Capt'n Cook

Special thanks to Clifford for his very tasty avocado/salad presentation and Layne for his always excellent blackberry pie. And thanks to Ramie and Carolyn for the work they did as race committee/timers. Also, thank you to James who spearheaded the installation of the new door hasp with new lock. (Combo 14-20-14.)

Question: Where's Rodney Crostin? Will the broken window be replaced? And where's Teri and her Santana 21? We are looking forward to seeing her and Rodney soon.

After checking the ALSC calendar I see the next races are scheduled for September 25th. Hope those who missed August's event can make it to September's. No picnic/BBQ is planned but if the weather is especially nice I'm sure some impromptu after race socializing is bound to take place. Keep sailing! See you soon.

Frank



Chef Scott frying fish

From the Editor

August brought to an end of our summertime sailing activities and what an ending we had. Not only did we have good wind...ok..., in my opinion, perfect wind but we also had a great final BBQ. It was decided in July that we would have a fish theme BBQ for August races and what a feast we had. Frank brought a plate of shrimp and Clifford had yummy fresh avocado shrimp salad. To top it off



Great fish!!!!

Scott brought out his hot oil cooker and cat fish which he deep fried in a beer-battered sauce. This was some of the best fish I've ever tasted. In keeping with the fish theme I brought some fishy crackers which hit the spot between races. For dessert, I also brought a fresh blackberry pie. If you weren't there you missed out on a wonderful feast! What a great way to end our BBQ season.



Shortly after the start of race #1

Now back to the sailing...as I said earlier there were perfect winds even though the temperature was a little cool in the morning and we were wearing coats until afternoon. There were only five boats racing this month. In start of the first race, James and I in *Firefly* got off to an excellent start. Scott in *Wild Juan*, left just enough room inside on the pin end of the line for us to squeeze through and we hit the line at full speed just as the gun went off. This start was welcome relief after all of last month's bad starts. I had *Firefly* pointing really well and for part (a small part) of the first leg we were hanging in there with Dwaine in *Rusty*. Dwaine tacked away, getting out of our bad air and took off easily rounding the windward mark first with Scott in *Wild Juan* rounding second. *Firefly* rounded third and Clifford in *Oasis* surprised me coming out of nowhere and was following close behind. On the downwind leg we were able to set the spinnaker and I was hoping to catch up

to *Wild Juan* who was having some issue getting his spinnaker set. I learned after the race that they had rigged the boat with the spinnaker sideways...Oops! Despite *Wild Juan* having to take the spinnaker and down and re-rig it we never did catch up to them in that race. Dwaine in *Rusty* took first place with Scott on *Wild Juan* came in second with *Firefly* coming in third.



Shortly after the start of race #2

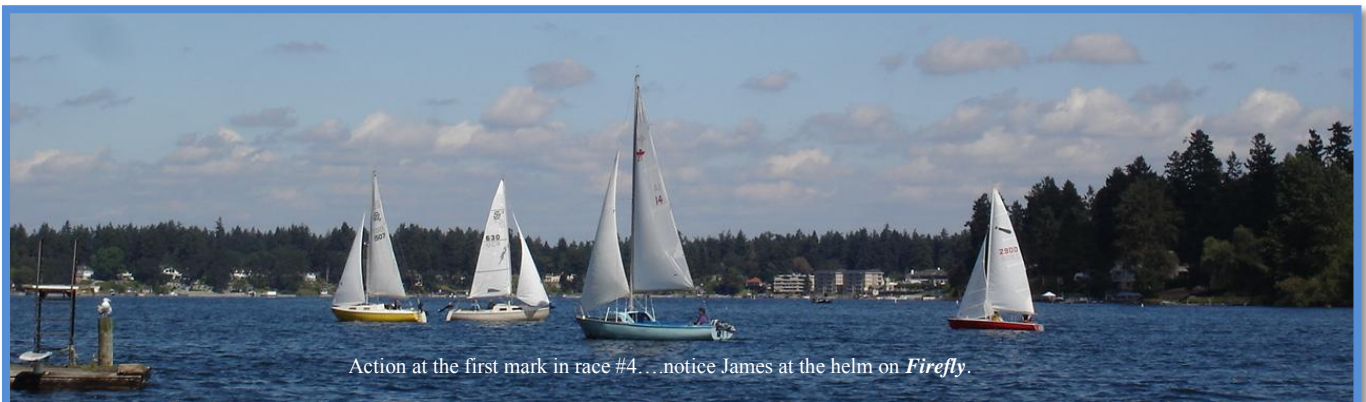
In the second race the start was just crazy. I don't remember all of the details... Firefly started just about in the middle line and shortly after the start there was an incident between a couple boats... I never did see what happened and was just glad that I wasn't in the middle of it. However, that incident put Firefly in a good position for the rest of the race. Dwaine in *Rusty* made it to the windward mark first with Firefly rounding second with a healthy lead over *Wild Juan*. As in the first race we set the spinnaker quickly on *Firefly* then part way down the second leg the wind shifted and all of a sudden the kite was up against the mast acting like a big air brake. We managed to recover quickly, taking the spinnaker down and keeping our lead ahead of *Wild Juan*. Dwaine in *Rusty* took crossed the finish line first. Firefly crossed the finish line second... slightly ahead of *Wild Juan*; however, we lost by just a few seconds in corrected time.

In the third race, again, Dwaine in *Rusty* was first to the windward mark and Scott was second. It was a close race between *Oasis* and *Firefly* to the windward mark... with *Firefly* arriving slightly ahead. As we rounded the mark we put the spinnaker up quickly to try to catch up to *Wild Juan* which was a bad plan because we never checked the wind direction which had shifted making the kite useless. While trying to get the spinnaker and the jib unfurled we got the spinnaker halyard wrapped around the up swivel and couldn't unfurl the jib or the spinnaker the rest of the way down. Finally we just disconnected the head of spinnaker from the halyard and pulled it in and got the jib unfurled. In the meantime Clifford in *Oasis* passed and Frank in *Bye-Gone* was now right on our tail. The lesson learned from that experience is to always check the wind direction before setting the kite!! Now our new goal onboard *Firefly* was to catch up to *Oasis*. As we were passing through the leeward side of the island we manage to catch up to Clifford but I believe that he beat us across the line and in corrected time too. Again Dwaine came in first with Scott taking second place.



Action at the start of race #3

For the fourth race, James took the helm of *Firefly*. I would like him to gain some more experience skippering so we are going to trade positions every other race. James did a good job on his first race and managed to get a decent start on the short course. We were in fourth place going around the first and second marks. By the time we reached the third mark we had caught up to Clifford in *Oasis*. It was another close finish between *Oasis* and *Firefly* with Clifford crossing the line just a few feet ahead and again also correcting ahead of *Firefly*. Dwaine sailing in *Rusty* was the man to beat that day taking first place in the all four races with Scott and Eric onboard *Wild Juan* taking second place in all day long.



Action at the first mark in race #4...notice James at the helm on *Firefly*.



What a wonderful summer we had with great BBQ's and great sailing. Thinking back over the race during the summer season there was good wind every time which always make for fun sailing. We are now entering our fall racing season there are only a few races left for those still in the hunt for Boat of the Year honors. I have a feeling that it is going to be a close race for top boat this year. Next month I will try to get listing of total yearly scores so you can see how your boat is doing. Our next race is on September 25th. Usually autumn brings good winds and nice weather so don't put your boat away for the winter and come out and join us for all the fun. See you on September 25th.

Layne

August Race Photo's



Dwaine in Rusty



Wild Juan showing her bottom side



Carolyn enjoying the day



Bye Gone sailing fast



Wild Juan and Oasis doing race #3



Oasis enjoying the breeze

Carolyn and Ramie usually take close to 100 pictures at each of our races and only a few are used in the newsletter. Some of the extra pictures can be seen at <http://drop.io/ou404uu>

Also there are some new video clips from last month's race on youtube.com show the starts of a couple races.

The link for the start of the second race can be seen at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FcVke83BMPE>

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Next Race September 25th