

Wednesday Night August 28 Race and Results Written by Tony Brogan

I do not have a lot to say as it was a plebeian event.

Notable at the skippers meeting was the general noise of the laughter and greetings as people accosted those not recently acquainted. There were skippers and crew from nine boats, a few more than of late.

FCR call all to order with the buzzer and we were delivered the course. A simple start, port rounding at Ganges Shoals and finish. If completed before 6 pm then there would be a second circuit.

Looking at the wind and reminded of the forecast the second circuit seemed unlikely and thus it proved to be.

The start was orderly in 4-5 knots of wind and most boats managed a starboard hand start. The "big" boats took the quick lead as they tacked up the harbour. In the lead was Caliente, quickly followed by SorceryX, and Shingebiss with Imp shadowing them in 3rd or 4th place.

Radiant Heat was moving, but not well, as we seemed slow. The second shadow was Skeena Cloud, who matched RH tack for tack the first 20 minutes.

There seemed more wind on the right side and we managed a long port tack to slide by Boulder Bay. Skeena Cloud to leeward was forced to tack away from Boulder Bay only to catch the edge of the lighter breeze and rapidly fall back.

Caliente was already rounding but light air was there too and their spinnaker did not readily fill.

Caliente was followed by SorceryX and then Imp, who despite looking as if she was in light air, continued to move. Shingebiss having fallen afoul of the lighter air on the left side was coming along fine, and needing a shorter tack to the mark, was still boat lengths ahead of Radiant Heat.

However, we had shrugged off whatever was hounding us earlier and rounded in good speed and set a deep reach with the skipper crewing while the crew helming. In reasonable time the spinnaker was deep reached and pulling, if not with conviction.

All boats struggled to keep their sails full and all were reduced to a crawl. Half way home there was no change in the order and Radiant Heat found a sudden switch in the wind. Either a change to the NW or a hole run into. Waiting a little produced no results. Not a breath to fill the sail, so we took it down. Then a breathe resumed and it was now from the west. The main drove us and the genoa barely filled. We tried to relaunch the spinnaker but fate would deny us and we finally crossed the line with the spin

draped for and aft along the deck. Caliente, Shingebiss, SorceryX, and Imp were already over the line and crews headed to the dockside tables. The boats behind us suffered from near zero wind. We watched from the dock as first Kay D, then Skeena Cloud, and finally, in a burst of speed from a reborn breeze, came Battle Axe

Thus we had little wind to welcome the enlarged fleet . The last wed sail is a rerun on the Sept 4th Please come again!!

Next Sunday is the Wise Guy K series race.

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Start: Start 1, Finishes: Place

Rank	Boat	SailNo	NHC3	Start	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	BCR	Points
1	Radiant Heat	67901	0.909	17:00	18:37:28	01:37:28	01:28:36	0.909	100
2	IMP	2107	0.996	17:00	18:31:50	01:31:50	01:31:28	0.965	88
3	CALIENTE	CAN45	1.047	17:00	18:29:10	01:29:10	01:33:21	0.994	75
4	Shingebiss	49077	1.03	17:00	18:30:41	01:30:41	01:33:24	0.977	63
5	Sorcery X	CAN32	1.058	17:00	18:31:38	01:31:38	01:36:57	0.967	50
6	Kay D		0.854	17:00	19:19:50	02:19:50	01:59:25	0.634	38
7	Skeena Cloud	121	0.799	17:00	19:45:53	02:45:53	02:12:32	0.534	25
8	Battle Axe		0.817	17:00	19:53:49	02:53:49	02:22:00	0.51	13